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Elena transforms furniture into art



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Home décor is also part of Elena's gallery; there is lots to enjoy.

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Brush In Hand Creates Art

Local artist, Elena Dickman of Sarsfield, is an award-winning artist with over 30 years experience as a painter, potter and more recently, furniture artist.

Elena grew up in East Gippsland and started painting with her mother (the artist Nancy Cosh), at the age of 10. From this early age, her pursuit of creative expression led to a professional life as artist and gallery owner. She moved to Bruthen in 2001 and with her husband Trevor, opened the Bruthen Pottery Shop in the Main Street.

This business was very successful and complemented the expanding image of Bruthen as an artistic community.

Elena and the family moved to Sarsfield some 15 years ago to pursue other business opportunities but ultimately the art world drew Elena back.

She opened Brush in Hand Creations shop at her home and works as a decorative furniture painter - upcycling vintage and 'boho' furniture specialising in, but not limited to, styles such as French provincial and French Farmhouse. She specialises in custom furniture painting made to order and transforms old pre-loved pieces into a modern style or will freshen them up in their current style.

She likes using different methods of creative decoration, uses decoupage, painting and stencilling, and she makes her own mouldings.

After the bushfires, with the loss of personal property and road closures, then Covid, it's been an up and down couple of years with no visitors to Brush in Hand Creations, but it is running again and open to everyone.

"Home décor is also one of my passions," said Elena.

"As well as furniture, I have beautiful painted candle sticks, trays, jewellery boxes, and many other items."

"I am very happy to have visitors, everyone is welcome to come out and have a look, there is no obligation to buy." Elena said.

Brush in Hand Creations, Raintree Court Sarsfield is open five days a week From 10 to 5pm (closed Tues day and Sunday).

You can see Elena's beautiful work on:

<https://brushinhandcreations.com.au/>

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Artist

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Local military history - The 13th Australian Light Horse Regiment

“The Devil’s Own”

Prior to WW1 many country towns had Militia units. Bruthen had a rifle club and upon the outbreak of war men from that club (and others who were not part of it), joined various units. One of those units which has a link to East Gippsland was the 13th Light Horse Regiment (being sub-units of that Regiment).

(Source: the following article is drawn entirely from the Australian War Memorial online files).

The 13th Light Horse Regiment was formed at Broadmeadows in Victoria in March 1915; it was the third light horse regiment to have been raised in that state. Its regimental number quickly led to it becoming known as the “Devil’s Own” regiment.

The Light Horse were considered unsuitable for the initial operations at Gallipoli, but were subsequently deployed without their horses. The 13th Light Horse landed on 11 September 1915. For most of its time at Gallipoli the regiment manned the trenches at Lone Pine, one of the most heavily contested parts of the ANZAC front line. The regiment left Gallipoli on 20 December 1915.

On the Western Front, it was most active during the more mobile phases of the war, which included the follow-up of the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line in early 1917, the stemming of the German Spring Offensive of 1918, and the allied offensive of August and September 1918. The regiment’s largest engagement was during the operations to capture the Hindenburg “outpost line” between September 5 to 9, 1918 when it provided the advance guard, along a front of 13.5 kilometres, for the advance of the Australian Corps.

After the armistice its personnel were



13th Australian Light Horse “Dancing Devil” hat badge. These were made in either England or Egypt and were purchased via regimental funds.

progressively returned to Australia for discharge. The regiment was disbanded on 30 April 1919.

The Regiment numbered just under 500 Officers and Troopers. Their total casualties during the war were 57 killed, and 328 wounded.

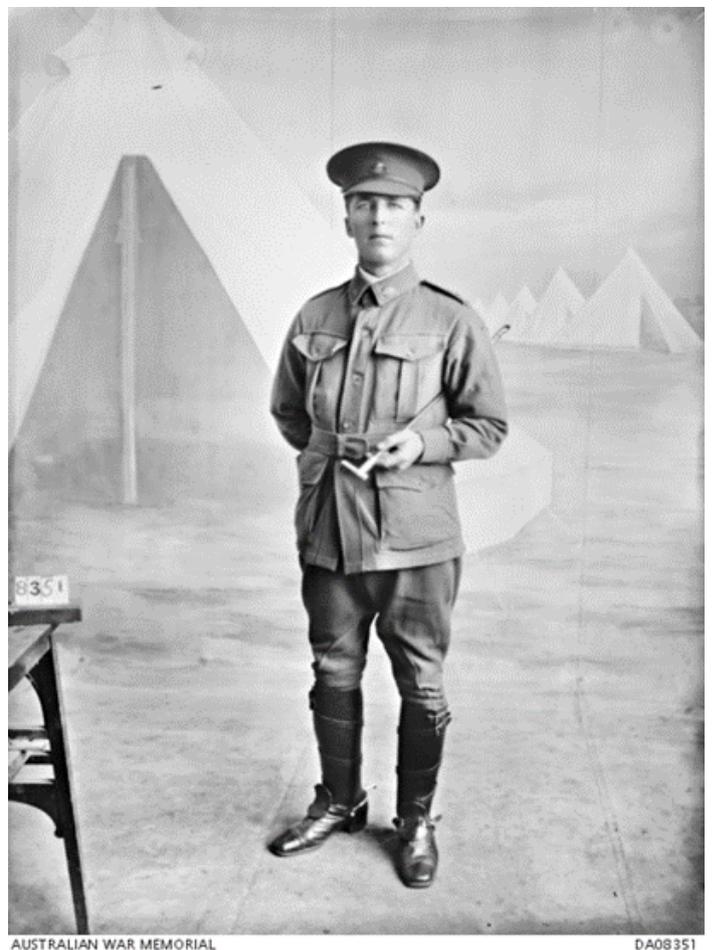
So what is the possible link between the Regiment and Bruthen? Well...we know that there were individual soldiers from Bruthen who enlisted in that Regiment (in sub-units – or just smaller units). One of those soldiers was 334 Private James Morgan. (pictured right).



Australian Light Horse – Members mounted in Bruthen (date & exact location unknown).

Private (Pte) James Patrick Morgan commenced service with 13th Light Horse Regiment from Bruthen, Victoria. A 28 year old labourer prior to enlisting on in 1914. He returned to Australia on 7 May 1919. (Source: AWM online files)

The photo above is of members of the 13th Light Horse Regiment – prior to WW2, circa 1939. The officer second from left is Lieutenant John Harold Donelly (#1) from Bruthen. The two white horses side by side (hard to identify due to the quality of the picture), are the Donelly farm horses named “Hector”(#2) and “Snowy” (#3), who were taken into service for Troopers who at the time did not have a mount.





Bruthen & District Citizens' Association

Whether you are a long-time resident or a newcomer, you would have seen this logo, or the acronym, **BDCA**, either in the Tambo Rambler, on posters, flyers, or just mentioned in conversation.

Many would not have any idea of what this Association is about, what it is or does within the community.

Hopefully, once you have read this you will have a better understanding and may decide to become a member and even take an active part.

An official statement indicates:

“The BDCA is an a-political organisation, designed to represent the community across a multitude of fields. The BDCA serves to nurture and support not-for-profit organisations within local community.

In-particular the BDCA auspices sub-committees whose existence provides benefit to the community across the four pillars of operation, Community Resilience, Wellbeing, Education & Development.”

What is that all about you may ask? Let’s break this jargon down to everyday words we can understand.

The actual purpose of the BDCA is to serve the needs of Bruthen and surrounding districts.

Its members are local residents and interested people who believe in the community as a whole and want the best outcomes for all.

At present, under its control and guidance, there are several subgroups.

Neighbourhood House – which is set up to ensure that our residents, both young, old and in between, can partake in a variety of activities as well as provide mental and personal support.

The Information Centre- this small centre caters for the tourists who visit the town, sharing and giving information about our region.

Tambo Rambler- one of the only “local” papers still in existence and one we are very proud of.

Community Recovery Committee (CRC)- this committee was set up under Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV), to enable the Bruthen Community to have representation throughout the recovery process and provide support,

where appropriate, to those within the community making grant applications to various agencies in support of the 2019/2020 Bushfire Recovery.

All of these have a huge part to play in the functioning and wellbeing of the community and many benefits have come into the town.

One large one at present is the Streetscape Project which, after much consultation with the local residents, is well on the way to being realised later this year.

This will only be the traffic flow plan in the main town.

In a few months the landscape plan will be put out to the community for feedback before becoming implemented.

I am sure you have all seen the colourful water tank on the western approach to the town. This was also instigated by the BDCA. This ensures that the town has a water supply when we are under fire threat again.

Both the community halls, Mechanics and Mossiface, will be having large alterations done over the coming year thanks to BRV grants obtained via CRC.

The BDCA can only be guided by what the community wants and that comes from you, the residents, having your say, and telling us what you feel is needed. This can be done by either speaking to a member, by attending a meeting as a concerned resident or actually becoming a member and part of the BDCA.

If you would like more information, feel free to contact one of the Executive or another member. Better still, come along to our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30pm in the Supper Room, Mechanics Hall.

**Executive President: Marj Jones
0427284236.**

Secretary: Kelsey Schueler 0400311904.

Treasurer: James Nicholas 0418349698.



Come celebrate ANZAC Day this April 25 in Bruthen

Monday 25th April 2022 – ANZAC Day in Bruthen

You are invited to participate in Bruthen’s ANZAC Day – proudly led by the 13th Gippsland Light Horse Troop Contingent, followed by Veterans, War Widows, Cadets, Community & Service Organisations and Local Primary Schools.

Assemble Bruthen Corner Garage at 08:30am & march step off at 08:45am

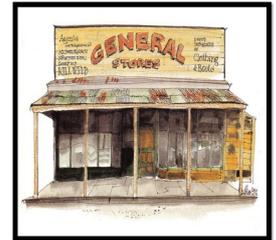
(Wet Weather plan: assemble Music Store verandah, quick march & service in hall).

(Children are encouraged to march with relatives medals - on the right hand side) There will be an opportunity for children (and the public) to meet with the 13th Light Horse Troop after the Ceremony

Volunteers are needed for this event to go ahead.

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Ben Rankin celebrates 50 years



Ben Rankin is an institution within the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), having this month celebrated his 50th anniversary of public service within Gippsland forestry and emergency management.

With local knowledge of East Gippsland unrivalled and sound leadership in emergency management, Ben is highly respected by his peers, managers and colleagues, across agencies both local and further afield.

It all began on February 2, 1972 when a half-century ago, Ben commenced employment, almost straight out of school, with the Forests Commission in Bruthen, as part a 20 person Rural Relief Scheme crew. His first jobs included ring barking trees in Colquhoun Forest and hand clearing the scrub from roadsides. In the years since, Ben has been stationed in East Gippsland with 39 years at Swifts Creek working in logging supervision, Fire Management and as District Manager.

In the 70's, Ben assisted with bombardier-type roles, where he recalls hand striking and dropping Delayed Aerial Ignition Devices (DAIDs) from helicopters for fuel reduction burning.

"We used to strike the DAIDs on a strike pad on the door of the helicopter and throw them out by hand," he said.

"Your arm would all go yellow from the phosphorous of the striker after doing it for a few hours."

As a Bombardier, Ben also fondly remembers

working on an early prototype of a CSIRO incendiary machine mounted in a twin engine, fixed wing aircraft.

"A lot of people used to get airsick trying to operate that one," he said.

"I was lucky, but I didn't know if I was up or down. It was only when I was reaching for another handful of capsules that I'd notice out the window whether I was looking at trees or the sky, but I'd just go back to feeding the machine."

Ben has been involved in Fire Management each year of his career and soon moved into operational leadership roles, culminating in accreditation as a Level 3 Incident Controller. Ben has performed this role for many years to a standard that has seen him deploy to incidents across Victoria, Australia and the world. International deployments to Canada and USA are amongst a long list of highlights for Ben.

"In 2014 I got the opportunity to take over a fire as the incident controller in British Columbia with our Australian team and supported by the Canadians. That was a great experience too."

When reflecting upon a long career of fire and emergency management, Ben says the 2003 Alpine fires presented an unfamiliar challenge.

"It was a very steep learning curve. While I was a Level 3 Incident Controller, I had not seen anything of that scope, size, complexity or impact."

"There were approximately 85 lightning strikes in one night and some couldn't be controlled. It burnt

on the job

1.1 million hectares in the north-east and Gippsland, including a lot of stock, fencing and houses. Just a massive impact.”

Ben is wary of the cumulative impact of emergency work, both upon his own wellbeing and that of his family. It's part of the reason Ben places psychological and emotional safety as paramount on the job.

“I'm mindful that you pick up some baggage along the way, and also that your family carries the weight too,” he said.

“We had a hard time in '03, but then there was 2006 -7, then 2009, then 2014, 2018-19 and 2019-20 – we have been through some big years recently with very little rest.”

Ben was awarded the Australia Fire Service Medal in 2004 for his contribution to Fire Management and Fire Training and he has continued to contribute in both these areas throughout his career.

Despite the challenges, Ben considers himself lucky to have enjoyed every one of the 50 years on the job.

“From the perspective of job satisfaction and working towards community protection - I find it a very satisfying and rewarding job,” he said.

“There are a lot of good days that I wouldn't swap for much. I'd encourage people to do it, yeah.”

Drawing upon a half-century of experience, Ben credits his longevity at DELWP to a range of great mentors who he describes as 'some of the best'. Over time, he himself has taken on the role of an esteemed mentor for DELWP and Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) staff across Gippsland.

“Positive relationships developed with people in a wide range of departments, agencies and communities is one of the most important and rewarding parts of the job,” he said.

“I like to think I'm a fair and equitable person I like to give people a chance, make sure they're clear on what their role is and support them through it.

Ben has seen massive positive change occur, including more women in operations and a substantial shift in the importance of workplace safety. Ben was instrumental in developing relationships between DELWP and the Swifts Creek community over his 30 years of leading the depot and district. The construction of the depot and office on McMillan Street is another career high for Ben.

“I consider myself to be very lucky. I've been extremely fortunate to be around the people involved in public land and fire management. Terrific people to work with and that's why I'm still here 50 years later. I've had a great 50 years,” he said.

“I've seen all of the department name and structural changes from Forests Commission to DELWP and my advice to those starting out is don't be afraid of change, embrace it”.

St Matthew's Anglican Church Bruthen

Services every Sunday at 9.30am except the fifth Sunday.

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Get involved with the Bruthen Arts & Events Council

Bruthen Arts and Events Council (BAEC) aims to support the arts in Bruthen whilst also encouraging community participation and input. Their big event, and all-out effort, is the Blues and Arts Festival but there is a lot more to this group. They love bringing some top notch shows to town as well as producing some community based events, and this year is no exception with some exciting opportunities coming up. They also like to have some fun along the way.

2022 Events

- May 21st the Bruthen Hall is turning into a fabulous Jazz Supper Hall for the night.
- July 2nd the Winter Festival is back and this year there will be a medieval theme.
- October look forward to a Zombie-focused event to align with Halloween.
- The amazing Finucane and Smith theatre group is coming to town as well. Dates to be confirmed.

Get involved

More helpers are needed to make these events successful so if you would like to be part of creating some fun for Bruthen please get in touch. You might even have another exciting idea that you would like to see in Bruthen as well. BAEC is a very welcoming group of people with a lot of experience in running events. They would love to hear about your ideas and help bring them to fruition. The BAEC carries its own Public Liability insurance which is often a huge barrier when planning an event.

New rooms

The group now has its own space. Last year the Bruthen Mechanics Hall management committee agreed to BAEC taking over the two front rooms in the hall. One room is being used



as an office/ store room and the other as a meeting room. The group is enjoying having their own rooms.

Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival desperate for more help.

BAEC is taking a short break from festival planning but it will all start again in May or June. Unless more people help out the festival is at risk of not going ahead. A lot more people are needed to make it all happen again for 2023. The plan is to have smaller working groups with specific roles, eg street decorations group, marketing group, music selection group, duck race planning group etc.

These groups will be supported by an experienced advisory group and a paid festival coordinator. Guidelines are also available for specific roles.

Contacts: Email bruthenaande@gmail.com Ph Joy Manley, President: 0490819507

NEXT BAEC meeting – Monday 11th April 7 pm at the hall. Zoom or a phone link will be available.

BRUTHEN REMEMBERS

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

Community Hub 36 Main Street, Bruthen.

**All Welcome.
Next meeting 10:30am
Tuesday 12th April**

Tambo Upper Primary School Garden & Kitchen Program

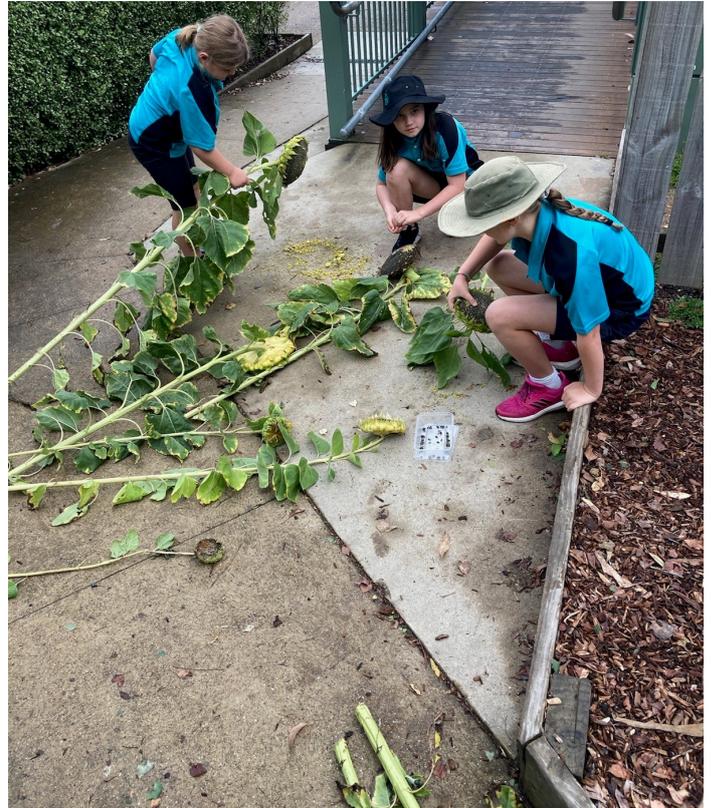
When Tambo Rambler representative, Ros, visits the Tambo Upper Primary School kitchen/garden Program on a Friday mornings, she participates in weeding, watering and kitchen tasks while chatting with students and staff about the fun Friday 'Rotation Activities'.

The students know their garden well and work enthusiastically to maintain garden beds and plant new Autumn/Winter vegetables. The copious weeds that have grown in the wet summer are piled into containers and deposited into the compost bins or fed to the school chooks. Kids share their enthusiasm for gardening and the outdoors in the fresh air. Even kids who profess to not like gardening much show are great glee when doing tasks such as watering the new seedlings and ensuring all garden beds were well watered for the week ahead. It is a real treat to observe the collaborative tasks done with cheery enthusiasm and lots of laughing. The children 'learn by doing' and go home with new knowledge and enthusiasm to share with family and friends. Staff oversee the raucous activity with patience and flexibility, guiding the kids towards educational and life skill goals.

The kitchen activities are guided by the principles of the highly regarded Stephanie Alexander program. The kitchen planning is linked to the seasonal gardening and this Friday the students were busily preparing a Spanish Omelette with a green garden salad. They were pleased to point out that the eggs for the omelette were from the school chooks, and the omelette was very tasty indeed. This was followed by a yummy Nashi pear crumble which was polished off in no time. Then the cooks banded together to clean up the kitchen for the next group. Cleaning up is a crucial life skill, the staff ensure this is also completed with good cheer and team cooperation.

Students enjoy being outdoors doing fun stuff, learning about growing vegetables as well as plants to attract bees and insects, and on kitchen days cooking up recipes they can share at home.

Teaching and support staff are enthusiastic about how the kitchen/garden Program is developing and noted the enjoyable teaching/learning environment a program like this provides.



Sarsfield community 'ecstatic' after government pivot on bushfire funding



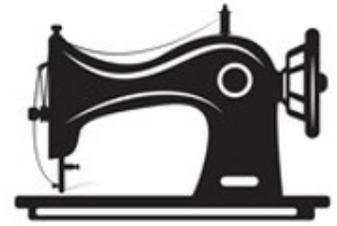
The East Gippsland community of Sarsfield, which was badly impacted by the Black Summer bushfires, is celebrating today following an announcement from the Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce that they will receive funds under the Community Development Grants Program to construct a new community hall, playground and other infrastructure.

“We are incredibly grateful to Darren Chester, our local MP, who worked tirelessly behind the

scenes to achieve this result,” said Simon Hof, President of the Sarsfield Community Association.

“We know that East Gippsland Shire Council and Bushfire Recovery Victoria staff were also busy advocating for us and the other affected communities, and we can’t thank them enough for their support. Most importantly, we want to thank the entire community, who sent many messages of support. It was awesome to see so many people advocating for us on an

Saturday Sewing



In the month of March we only met a few times, as we decided to enjoy the wonderful Blues Festival! What a great festival it was. We did meet the other weekends and had fun with toddler

cross-back pinafores, denim feathers, and kitchen aprons.

For the month of April, we are planning to cover teddy bear design and construction.]



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.



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individual level.”
Simon expressed concern for other bushfire impacted communities, who haven’t yet been approved for funding.

“We are really concerned for our friends in areas such as Buchan and Wairewa, who have been struggling to find funds for vital bushfire recovery projects. We want them to know that we’ll keep fighting for them to have the support that they so desperately need.”

Sarsfield has submitted a complaint to the Commonwealth Ombudsman about the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants process, which saw a number of communities deemed to be ineligible for funding due to their facilities being managed by volunteer committees for the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Simon explained that this has been a very difficult time for the Sarsfield community.

“We’re grateful for this announcement, but this funding situation simply should never have happened. The grants process has further traumatised a community which still has a long way to go in our recovery journey. We want to make sure this never happens to anyone else, so we’re eagerly awaiting the outcome of the Ombudsman’s process.”

“We’re delighted that we can now move on with building our new hall, which will enable our community to come together for essential recovery activities, and we want to express our thanks to everyone who has stood by us and supported our hardworking volunteers and community members. We’re looking forward to moving on to the next stage, and will be great to celebrate this outcome with our friends from the neighbouring community of Clifton Creek at our annual friendly cricket match ‘The Sandhill Ashes’ on Sunday, April 10.”

Youth Mural Project 2020/21/22

If someone had told me in June 2020 that this project would take almost 2 years to complete I would not have considered it. After the first Covid lockdown of 2020 we emerged with a clear intent to get interested young people working together on a mural for the Bruthen Township. It was a great way to step out of lockdown and bushfire recovery and into a fun and creative project to remember these crazy times and pay tribute to Bruthen & District and all we love about it.

Our first meeting was a solitary planning and get to know you session where our young people talked about what was important to them in our community and what they envisaged a big mural like this to include. They chose a list of values by consensus and they identified these shared values as a basis for how they wanted the project to work. The young people then chatted and sketched and coloured and relaxed and dreamed. The passion for the project was energetic and hopeful. Then after just this one session...lockdown 2.0.

It's hard to remember how many times we tried to come back together as a group. Planning and cancelling, meeting when we could. Some young people from the first year came back and new young people joined in as we moved along. The group came from different schools, different age groups, different locations within the district, different interests and experiences, and definitely different diets. Some came almost every week, some less often. It didn't matter. They worked together seamlessly, artistically and respectfully. They accepted each others differences and developed friendships and skills.

Under the creative direction of our facilitator, Rachael Pollac, the murals took shape. First by choosing their landmarks and other features to include, then mapping these out on smaller boards to scale and finally the graphing onto the larger sign boards. It was an exciting moment when the paint brushes and cans emerged and off we went. There were stops and starts with long and short lockdowns and other commitments the young people had.

Getting the finished panels up in their final display place also proved difficult as rain became the obstacle to installing them. It is so fulfilling to see these up now and a testament to the determination and passion of the whole group including parents, volunteers and mostly the young people themselves. This project and the sheer optimism and joy of working with this diverse group of local young people has given me a new and fresh outlook for our future and highlighted the importance of supporting and listening to their ideas and thoughts after such a difficult few years.

There are many people to thank of course and I sure hope I don't forget anyone here: Rachael Pollac for your committed preparation, open vision and gentle guidance steering the group with such clarity and grace.

Sharon Clerke from Bairnsdale Paint Shop for your patience and advice and great deals on materials.

Jane Cooper for your calm dedication and support every week working harmoniously with our young people .

Reverend Brian Norris and the Anglican Parish of Tambo for trusting us and accepting our idea and providing a space for the group to work and store it all and a final prime position to display it.

Connect-Well for financial support and sticking with us over such a prolonged period.

BDNH Committee of Management for patience, support and encouragement when the going got tough.

Matthew Pearce for your support, assistance and technical know-how, for lending us anything we needed and getting us over the line on the installation.

The parents and caregivers for the drop offs and pick ups in all manner of weather.

Mostly of course a huge thanks to our young people. Matilda, Keara, Jai, Oscar, Charm, Meghan, Rosalie, Elouise, Ishta, Shannyn, Florence, Zali and Jarrah. Thank you for reminding me how much can be created and achieved by working together, accepting our differences, finding common ground, being kind and respectful and most of all being full of hope, enjoying life, learning and having lots of fun. Thanks for being our future: we are in good hands. I am forever grateful for taking this journey with you all because it is important that young people are invited to contribute and have a voice in our community.





"Everyone put everything into it"



"I got to let my art flow and diversify"



"I've never seen anything like it"

"It looks way bigger on the wall"



"I made new friends"



"It was a lot of fun"



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We would like to gratefully acknowledge Windermere for funding our new Friday Community Lounge and Lunch.

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Tuesday 13th April 10:30am



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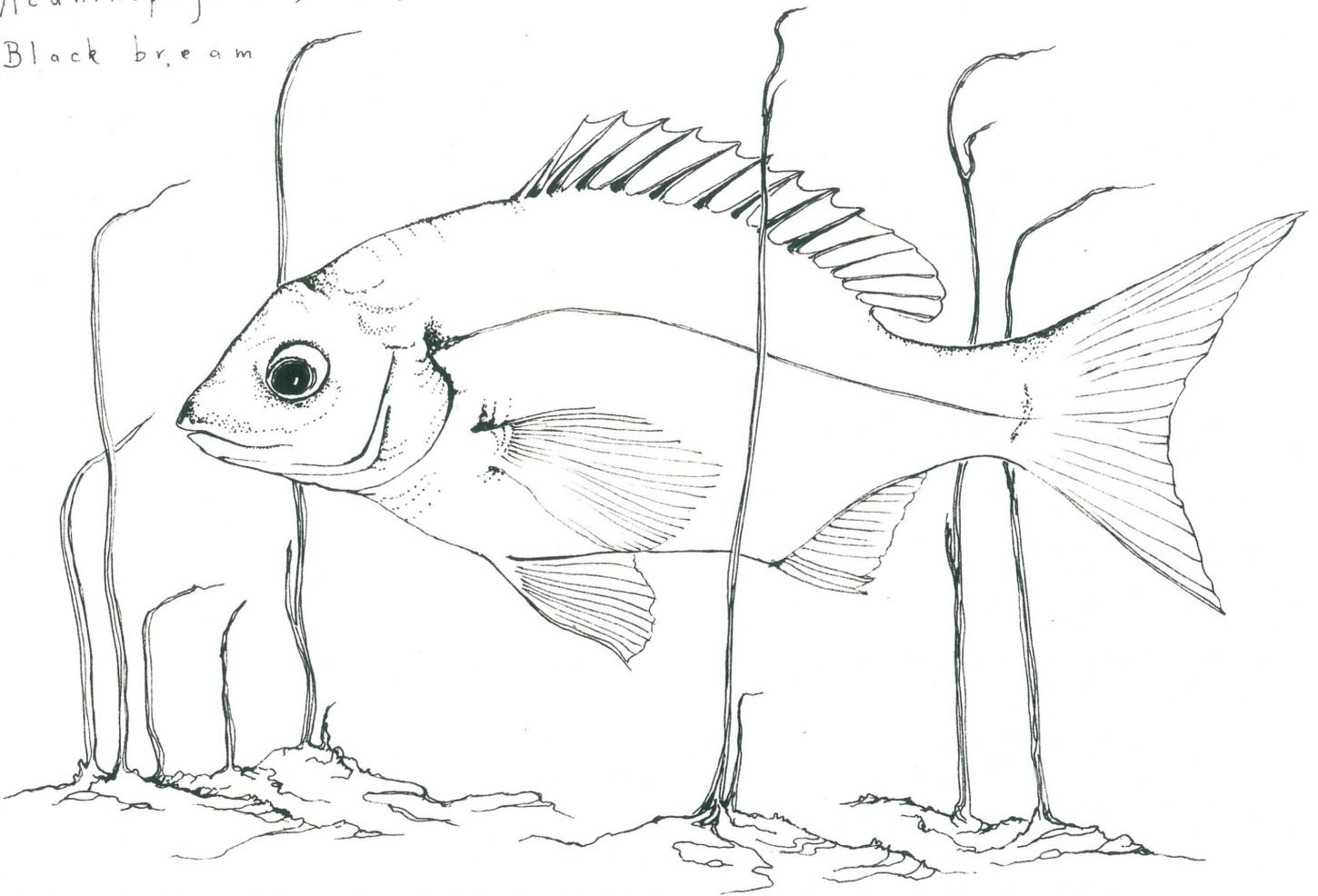


Illustration by Josephine Jakobi

The Black Bream can be found in rivers and estuaries across southern Australia ... including in our Tambo River. They can tolerate quite varying levels of salinity, though they will usually move upstream in drier conditions and back downstream when rains bring more freshwater into the river system.

These bream are usually silvery-olive to golden brown on the tops and sides, and white underneath. As they mature to over 1 kg in weight, they often develop a blue tinge on their snout (hence one of their other names, the Blue-Nosed Bream).

The adult fish prefer to live near structures such as roots and fallen trees, rocky ledges, piers and among seagrass. Their diet consists of a range of prey such as small fish, crustaceans and insect larvae as well as vegetation. Their peg-like teeth help them to prise mussels and barnacles off rocks and jetties.

Spawning occurs during spring and summer, when females produce tens of thousands of eggs in several batches. Not all of the eggs, or the larvae that hatch from them, will survive however. The larvae develop into juvenile fish which mature at two to five years of age. Black Bream can grow to over 50 cm long and over 4 kg, though a much more common size is 15-35 cm. And they can live about 29 years! It takes about 9 years for bream to reach the legal minimum length of 28 cm that anglers are able to take.

And why the Latin name *Acanthopagrus butcheri*? This particular species was named in honour of Alfred D Butcher, founder of the Society for Fish Biology, Director of Fisheries and Game in Victoria, prominent in a number of public roles, author of a key publication on the bream of the Gippsland Lakes, and well-known to local fishermen in the area.

U3A Kingwalkers' Group visit Bruthen

Last month 20 members of the U3A Kingwalkers' Group descended upon Bruthen to take up the challenge set by Alan and Marj Jones to "walk the walk", through the Bruthen Bush Walking trails and forest roads.

All started off from the Rotunda in the Main Street and walked up the Alpine Highway until they reached the start of the walking trails.

We all set off down the Plane Crash Loop trail, allowing those who hadn't been before, to check out the Explosives Magazine. The 'long' hill up to Town Boundary Road made its mark by giving the members a bit of a challenge before they could sit and enjoy their morning tea.

Some then set off down the Town Boundary Road,



U3A Kingwalkers take a break on the Bruthen Bush Walking Trails.

onto Deep Creek Road, continued to Mossiface and then along the rail trail back to town.

A few took the easier run and walked down Brookes Road and onto the Rail Trail.

Many then indulged in the cuisine of our town's great eateries and enjoyed a group lunch in the park before heading home.

A great day and a fantastic way to show off what Bruthen can offer.

Coming Soon, Jazz Supper Club

Featuring special guest and divine melody maker Tamara Kuldin, Jazz Supper Club is an elegant, relaxing and fun excuse to indulge in a delicious supper accompanied by a glass of wine and some of Australia's finest jazz performers. Since 2001, award winning Producer Linda Catalano has been combining her love of food and music by curating these indulgent events, so get your friends together and surround yourself with some good company, excellent music and tasty treats.

DRESS: 1920's Jazz Age theme. Great Gatsby style.

TICKET PRICE: \$30
Watch the Bruthen Presents Facebook page for more details including booking info.



Birds on Farms helps people learn about birds

At the recent Birdlife East Gippsland AGM, members were treated to a presentation by Chris Timewell, Birds on Farms Program Manager - BirdLife Australia.

The Birds on Farms Program began in the late 1990s as a multi-year project, undertaking systematic bird-monitoring with teams of volunteers

across a wide range of private rural properties. It was relaunched in the second half of 2017.

Its overall aim is "for farmers and other landholders, scientists, bird-lovers and the general public to learn more about birds and their habitats on private rural properties – and to use this information in woodland bird conservation and protection".

One key result of the original program was the production of a booklet which listed 10 priority actions by which landholders could improve bird habitat on their properties. This booklet can be downloaded here: <https://birdlife.org.au/documents/OTHPUB-BirdsOnFarms.pdf>

While these 10 actions remain relevant today, there are new threats that have emerged with regard to native bird populations and diversity, and a range of new management approaches and support networks that have developed.

All aspects of involvement in the program are entirely voluntary. Anyone who is interested in participating in the program, either as a landholder or in another role, will find a wealth of information on this Birdlife Australia site: <https://birdlife.org.au/projects/woodland-birds-for-biodiversity/birds-on-farms-wl>



Chris Timewell, Birds on Farms Program Manager - BirdLife Australia.

Jenny Carter

What is happening at the Bruthen Info Centre?

Have you ever wondered why people go into the Art and Information Centre? Well for lots of reasons really. Some just want to ask questions such as 'What is the Road to Jindabyne like?' (Just between you and me it scares the pants off me!). 'Where is the Bullant Brewery?' 'Where can I go for a swim?' Others come to look at the art and craft works which are pretty nice. Some buy gifts or memorabilia. Maps are still popular.

The past is what some want to know about. They might be researching past connections to Bruthen and will ask about family names and houses. Others are very interested in the Heritage buildings and the stories inside.

Volunteers working at the centre never know what to expect, but it is always satisfying to help visitors. They also know that they are doing something valuable for their community. One volunteer commented that it is really nice working in such a pleasant environment.

Interested in joining the team?

- Training is provided
- Access to a computer and internet
- Reverse cycle heater

- Registered with Centrelink to take volunteers to meet work requirements.
 - 3 or 6 hour shifts available.
 - Work anything from weekly to monthly.
- If so please contact us. Email: bruthenartandin-fo@aussiebroadband.com.au or phone Joy on 0490819507



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 10.30am –3.30pm

St Matthew's celebrate Harvest Festival

St Matthew's Anglican Church Bruthen recently celebrated harvest festival and parishioners contributed food and produce for distribution to charity.

The donations were delivered to the Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House on the following day. Harvest festival is an annual celebration that occurs around the time of the main harvest of a given region or in the church on the Sunday closest to the Autumn Equinox. Given the differences in climate and crops around the world, harvest festivals can be found at various times at different places. Harvest festivals typically feature feasting, both family and public, with foods that are drawn from crops.



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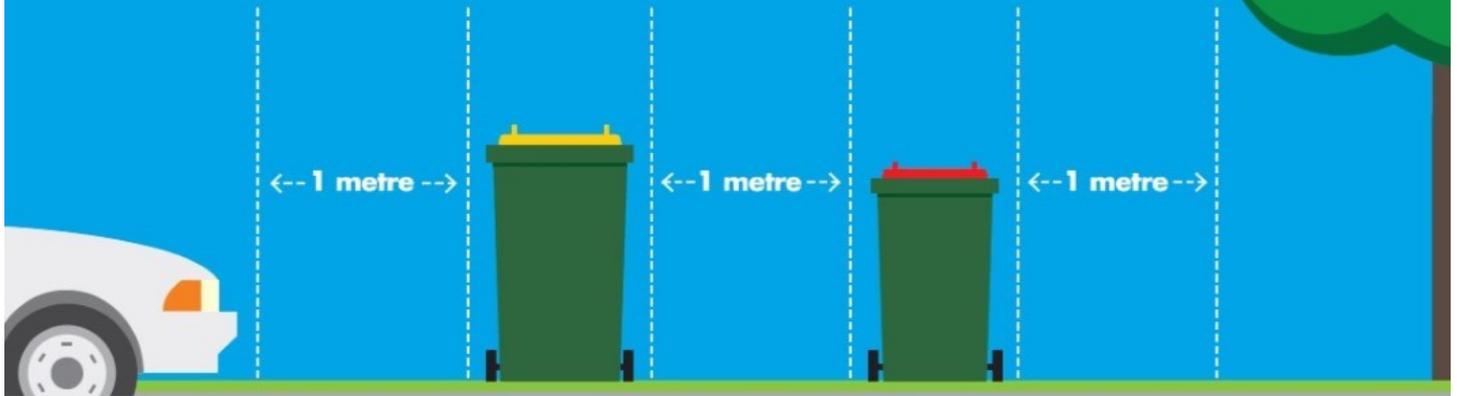
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Dysons Bus Lines Ph: 5152 1711

	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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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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Bruthen Landcare meeting at Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House, Saturday April 9, at 11 am.

EVENTS & NOTICES

Injured Wildlife Rescue

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

WILDLIFE SHELTERS

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Holly Corbett

Holly's Wildlife Rescue (No bats) (530 Bairnsdale Dargo Rd Hillside 3875), 0432 539 408

Suzie

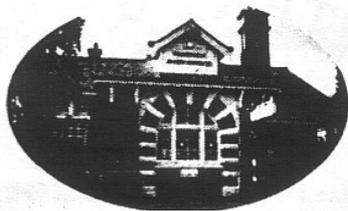
Waterholes Wildlife Shelter Clifton Creek Koala specialist, 0447 470 905

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19 restrictions are in place across Victoria, the best place to access up-to-date Victorian health advice remains [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) Check out our [website](#) for information on where to find local information on exposure sites, testing, vaccination and more.

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MZAZA Tour comes to Bruthen

International touring band MZAZA is getting back on the road for their *Into the Ether Tour* and taking their 2020 *The Birth & Death of Stars* album to interstate audiences for the first time.

In 2020, after finding themselves touring in the middle of the bushfires in Northern NSW, accomplished French/Balkan inspired band MZAZA raised money to bring concerts and workshops to fire-affected communities of NSW and Victoria. Little did they know that their plans - along with an international tour and European album release - would be thwarted by a global pandemic.

Two years on and the band will finally get to visit East Gippsland, stop by Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra on the way for good measure.

In Bruthen, Orbost and Lakes Entrance MZAZA will deliver free singing and instrumental world music workshops focused on community, resilience and legacy. Workshops cater for a range of community members, including musicians of any age and skill level. Participants will be invited to join the band on stage during the show.

While the band's interstate fans are rejoicing at the return of MZAZA, singer Pauline tells us the last two years have been a mix of highs and lows for the group:

"There is no doubt the last two years have been hard and traumatic for people - the loss of livelihoods, the constant uncertainty, the separation from loved ones. I believe music and reconnecting with communities and individuals we love everywhere is the best way to heal and reclaim that joy."

Don't miss a chance to lose yourself in music and experience the impressive musicianship of MZAZA – featuring vocals, accordion, violin, shah kaman (Persian violin), guitar, percussion, and double bass and musicians from three continents.

Into the Ether Tour Dates

Tues 12 April | [Bruthen Inn](#) (VIC)

Weds 13 April | [Orbost Exhibition Centre](#) (VIC)

Thurs 14 April | [Bellevue on the Lakes](#), Lakes Entrance (VIC)

To find out more about the free Bruthen, Orbost and Lakes Entrance world music workshops and to register to participate please visit: www.mzaza.com/music-workshops/

MZAZA gratefully acknowledges the East Gippsland Shire Council Arts Project funding, the Australian Cultural Fund Boost Program.

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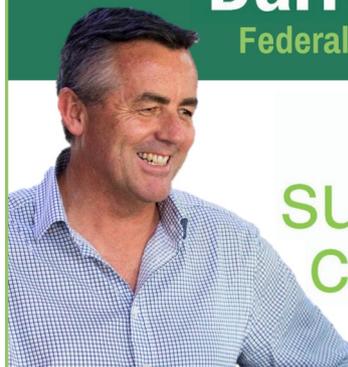
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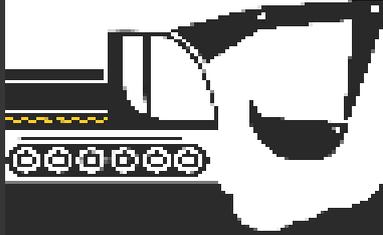
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TAMBO RAMBLER

Sports season is back. Can you lend a hand?

As the winter community sports season approaches, Bruthen Football and Netball Club members are preparing for competition, meeting for training on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Bruthen Football oval and Netball courts.

Tambo Rambler visited the teams on a Tuesday in March, watching on as enthusiastic young people engaged in energetic training activities under the watchful eyes of volunteer coaches and supporters.

Adam Lonnie oversees the club's Under 16 team as well as the Seniors. Adam says the club is eager to offer a Junior Auskick program this year and is negotiating with the relevant bodies to bring this program to Bruthen and engage children and parents in building skills and commitment of future team players.

Adam encourages people interested in playing footy to come along and join in on a training session on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Under 16s train at 5 pm and Seniors at 6 pm.

COVID has had a significant impact on country sports clubs and Bruthen Football and Netball Club is glad to be looking forward to an active season after community sports were shut down in 2020 and 2021. The COVID impact affected player numbers and the club is keen to rebuild. Volunteers are needed across the board ... canteen and gate duties, umpiring, scoring and cleaning.

Community sport runs on the input of community volunteers and the club is keen to hear from parents, grandparents and community members who can contribute to building a strong and vibrant Bruthen Football and Netball Club.

Emma Tatlow is President of the Netball Club and agreed with Adam's call for volunteers and supporters. Em said that while team player numbers are strong for the 2022 season, volunteer input is vital to ensure the club activities are supported.

Tambo Rambler volunteers spoke to parent volunteer Danielle who shared her perspective on the value of being involved. She is an enthusiastic advocate for the wide-ranging benefits of being involved in community sport, noting its benefits for physical, social and emotional health and well-being. She encourages people to consider being involved as a way of reconnecting with community, enhancing a sense of purpose and value beyond parenting, home life and work life. Getting to know new people, building long-lasting friendships and strengthening community networks are some of the enduring benefits of getting involved in your local footy and netball club.

If you'd like to get involved in any way you can contact Adam at adamlonnie@gmail.com or on 0408 553 376, or Emma at bruthennetballclub@gmail.com.

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Please send your articles by e-mail only to:
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(Word, Publisher, JPG or PNG format with photos please
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<https://bruthendistrict.org.au/tambo-rambler/>

We also distribute to Government representatives, Bairnsdale Library, Victorian State Library, and local Historical Societies

Hard copies are available in Bruthen at the P.O, General Store, Oppe Shoppe, Bakery, Blue Bee, Hotel and Neighbourhood House for a gold coin donation.

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Netballers return for 2022



Back: Mel Kennedy, Lucy Leeming, Liv Healy, Jemma Wilkinson, Lil Downing.

Front: Stacey Murphy, Danielle Taylor, Celeste Calvert, Ally Redenbach



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