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ABOVE: Tanya serving up quiche to Lois Ross and Glenda Blessie of Bairnsdale.

FAR RIGHT: Gaye Bassler and Nev Irish from Sale enjoy the Reuben Sandwich.

BELOW: A Cherry Vlaai with fresh cream and fruits served with a home-made and homegrown Lemonade.

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Heritage on display in Tearooms

From humble beginnings almost 25 years ago the Bruthen Heritage Tearooms and Coffee Shop is now a quiet stop on the highway of life to have a rest and some great food.

Tanya Hennekam, proprietor of the Bruthen Heritage Tearooms and Coffee Shop after returning from a European adventure, had the idea to open a European style café before settling on the location in Bruthen. The original name was Le Café with the focus on alfresco dining, with chequered tablecloths and a garden with fresh produce outback.

"I had been here for a year sleeping on the floor of the kitchen, going to work three other jobs, but could only get work on Friday and Saturday nights, so this is why I started originally opened the Café," Tanya said.

"It had taken me a year to build up my business, and they were going to sell it out from underneath me.

Tanya quickly developed a comprehensive business plan, took it to the bank and got a loan to buy the property."

"So, I made them (the previous owners) an offer, you sign my lease or I walk, or you accept this offer which is everything I have in the world."

"They accepted the offer and then I realised I was stuck with the place," she said as she smiled.

"We used to operate with a full menu and about six young kids working for me, it was real fun place, and I only had Tuesdays and Wednesdays off."

After more food related businesses came to town and the building was paid off Tanya realised, she did not need to work flat out anymore.

"I just do the weekend now by myself and it is just lovely." Tanya said.

"Sometimes I might get really busy, which is hard work, but the weekends are just nice, and holidays too. I'll just keep pottering on because I love it. What else am I going to do."

The name of the Bruthen Heritage Tearooms came about due to the introduction of the historical huts in the main street, with the idea of a heritage precinct, and due to the age of the building, an idea to rebrand the business was formed.

The artwork in the Tearooms showcases local artists, one being Marg Pearson, who does the Bruthen Beauties series of painting about local places and people. There is also a wide variety of heritage bric-a-brac in the shop for sale.

"I make all my own items on the menu with fresh fruits and vegetables from my garden or from other local producers."

Tanya serves up three really tasty toasties, a Reuben Sandwich with corned beef, homemade sauerkraut made by Tanya's mother and a Russian dressing from scratch. The Ham & Cheese toastie is made with Tanya's own tomato relish and pickles, while the Chicken Sandwich has Tanya's own Pear and Sultana chutney. Tanya's scones also come with three types of jam all of which are available to buy instore.

The Original Le Café.

There is Medar Jelly, Fig Jam, Rail Trail Plum Jam, Prune Jelly, Orange Marmalade, Blood Plum Jam, Peach and Plum Jelly, Mulberry and Sugar Plum Jam, Cumquat & Galliano Marmajam, Feijoa and White Peach Jam, Passionfruit and Yellow Plum Jam, Apricot Jam, Apple Jelly, Grape Jelly, Tomato Sauce, Zucchini Pickles, Tomato Relish and Pear and Sultana Chutney.

The Tearoom also has a liquor licence with wine and champagne available but cocktails are now on the menu. The idea is as it gets closer to Christmas with all the fresh fruit available, you can look forward to a Peach Daiquiri. Pineapple is fresh at the moment, so Pina Coladas are also popular. Plus, there is always something else available to the designated driver.

"People can come along and sit in my lovely outdoor area and enjoy cocktails and wine." Tanya said.

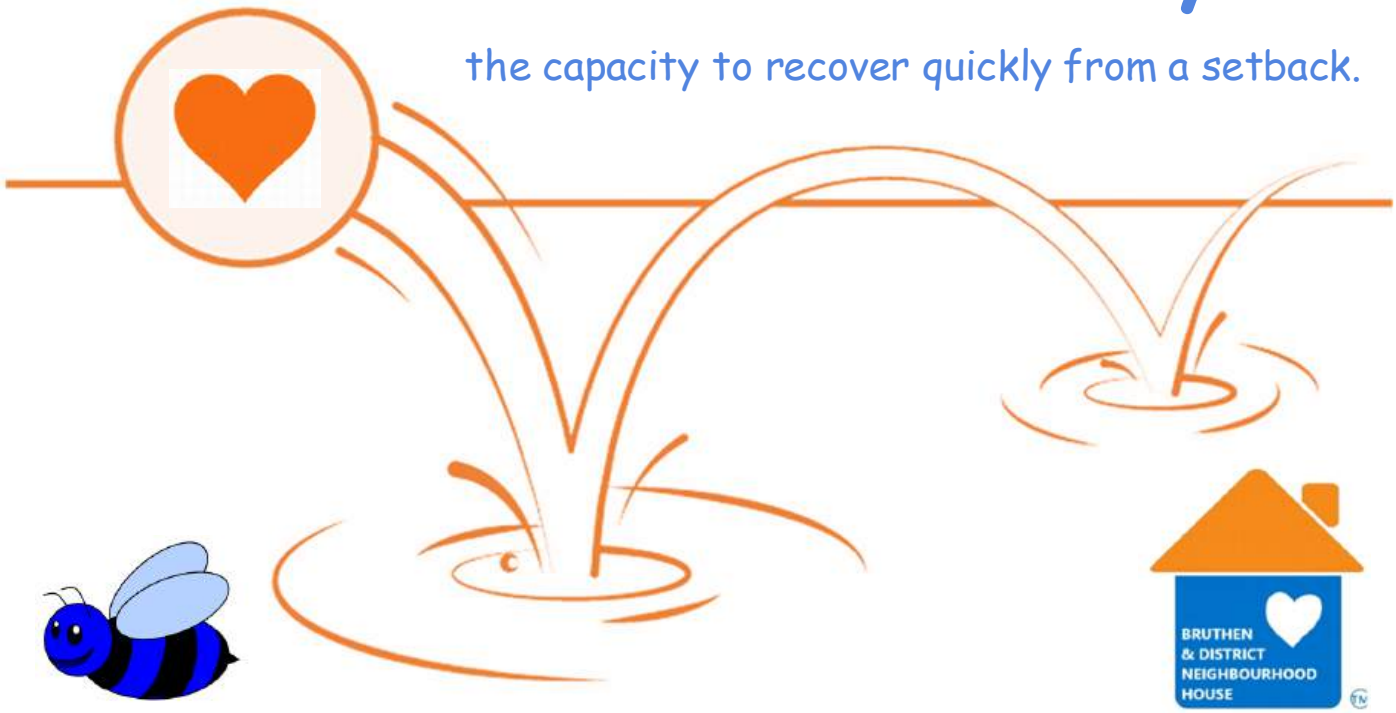
"Oh and remember we are dog friendly."

So why not come down this weekend and check out the Bruthen Heritage Tearooms and Coffee Shop.

Come along and enjoy the alfresco dining and fresh fruit cocktails.

Bruthen Bouncebackability -

the capacity to recover quickly from a setback.



Saturday 20th November 9am-1pm

Bruthen Hall & Main Street Gardens

Free event featuring music, workshops, children's activities, insta photo booth, fashions on the field, market stalls, emergency services displays and agency information stands.

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IGEM Fire Season Inquiry - Community Update

The Inspector-General for Emergency Management (IGEM) would like to provide an update on the independent Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian fire season.

Inquiry Phase 2 – Relief and recovery arrangements

Today, my second and final report of the Inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian fire season was tabled by leave in Parliament. The Victorian Government has responded, accepting all 15 recommendations.

This is in addition to supporting all 17 recommendations from the Inquiry's Phase 1 report, released in 2020, which focused on emergency preparedness and response.

This second and final report represents my Office's work under Phase 2, focusing on relief and recovery arrangements, and concludes the independent Inquiry.

You can read the full and summary reports of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Inquiry, together with the government's responses, available from the Inquiry's reports webpage.

Community contributions

This Inquiry has been informed more extensively by the community than any previous IGEM Inquiry or review. Throughout both phases of the Inquiry consultation opportunities were realised through:

- 60 'Town Hall' style community meetings in fire affected townships
- 43 One on one interviews with individual community members
- 12 Online focus groups on specific issues
- 193 Community surveys
- 543 Written submissions (published on the IGEM website where approved by the author)

During the Inquiry, community contributions were received from individuals, industry groups, business and citizen associations, community health organisations and a broad range of community groups and organisations. Many of these contributions were provided as submissions which are now available from the Inquiry's community participation webpage.

These contributions have helped inform the 48 observations, 111 findings and 15 recommendations made in the Phase 2 Inquiry report identifying good practice and opportunities for improvement.

The extent of consultation reflects the desire that people have to recount their experiences and to genuinely influence and improve future pathways and outcomes in emergency management. The expectation is that this input is given the attention and respect that it merits, and the Phase 2 report dedicates two chapters to community reflections.

Tony Pearce, Inspector-General

Tony was appointed Victoria's first Inspector-General for Emergency Management in July 2014. An independent Governor in Council statutory appointment, Tony works closely with emergency management sector partners, and the community to strengthen Victoria's emergency management arrangements, and enhance community safety.

Monitoring implementation of recommendations and actions

Following a request from the Minister for Emergency Services, I will monitor and report on the implementation of Phase 2 recommendations, consistent with my monitoring of the Inquiry's Phase 1 recommendations.

I'm looking forward to discussing the progress of these reforms when I revisit Alpine, North East, and Gippsland communities in early 2022.

It remains my hope that this Inquiry will influence change leading to better community engagement, closer cooperation within and across government and agencies, well informed decision-making and, ultimately, better outcomes for all Victorians.

Thank you again to all who provided feedback and shared their experiences of the 2019-20 Victorian fire season throughout this Inquiry.

The ’65 Fires, Part 2: Reorient, Reconstruct, Recover

Trigger Warning: the following article recounts the impact of bushfire destruction and the process of recovery.

JOSEF CIEMCIOCH

In the late morning of Saturday the 6th of March, 1965, a wind change finally arrived, turning the bushfire back upon itself. Although the front had been stalled significantly by firefighting at a firebreak constructed in the early hours of that day, the destructive power of the bushfire had nevertheless been able to reach parts of Bruthen.

Reaching ahead of the front of the bushfire were the torrents of embers and gaseous fireballs, and they had taken a toll on numerous properties. Several houses were destroyed, as were more than a dozen haystacks, and a great number of animals perished. Fortunately though, no human lives were lost.

Recently Neighbourhood House heard two personal perspectives of this event. That of Margaret Schutte, who was 13 years of age at the time, and that of her mother, Helene Stone (later Grant), from whose diary Margaret read.

That personal story of those fraught hours that Saturday morning was shared in last month’s Rambler, and now this month is the continuation of that story: the immediate days of taking stock of the situation, and part of the process of recovery through the months ahead.

When the threat of that morning abated, and people who had taken refuge at various locations – homes, fields, the Mechanics Hall, and elsewhere – could safely gather, Margaret, her siblings, and her mother were able to reunite with Helene’s parents Frank and Madge Johnston. It was an emotional reunion, as the Johnstons had lost their home and nearly everything in it. Sometime later Helene’s husband Jack and his mother Adeline were finally able to make it past the police roadblock and return to Bruthen, to make for a second reunion.

In the immediate days following that Saturday, one of the first things that needed to be done was to take stock of the situation on affected properties. The Stones’ House survived, though there was significant damage to fencing and pasture. Helene’s diary reads:

> *We lost 5 acres of grass here at our house and 70 acres grass up at Hosies and all outside fences at the farm. The 38 head of cattle were standing the middle of the millet paddock when the fire was racing through.*

The safety of the family's cattle was some luck at least. In fact after the initial shock of things the animals seemed to adapt quite well to their surroundings. Margaret remembers “they were quite happy – there was millet up this high and it was green and they were having a lovely time!”

While life would not be back to ‘normal’ for some time, there was at least now a little space and time for some resumption of family life. The Saturday of the fires had been Margaret’s birthday and her father Jack’s birthday was a few days later on the 10th, a date which was also his and Helene’s wedding anniversary. Therefore on that day the Stones held a little party to mark all three events.

It would not rain for weeks and so it was declared a drought area. Fire and drought relief provided some hay bales free for those affected, and more could be purchased. Helene and Jack decided to buy a railway truck’s worth, with the idea that somebody would probably want to take any excess.

Until that feed arrived, local Laurie Calvert offered the Stones hay for the cost of baling, and so they were able to secure feed for their stock’s immediate needs.

Helene relayed the situation of the cattle in her diary.

> *An electric fence had to be erected to keep the cattle in, and found that the one wire wasn’t enough so put up a barb wire too, that seemed to do the trick. It was weeks before any grass came through and had to have the cattle shut in the bull paddock and feed them every day on hay.*

Cleaning the paddocks was a long and arduous process. Pulling up the burnt fences, tangled wires and rubbish was a task that “seemed to be never ending”, though fortunately some help came from Helene’s relatives, Max and Jean, who travelled down from Geelong to help out on some occasions. Nevertheless the job took most week-ends over the months until the end of June.

In July the actual process of re-fencing could begin, with two labourers employed to cut and corner posts. In the meantime Helene and Jack sought a contractor to erect the fencing – about 70 chain (approximately 1.4km) of it.

With the railway truck of hay due to be delivered, and all the regular tasks of running the fields needing to be done – oats sown, and several tonnes of super phosphate spread – the amount of daily work was considerable. It was a commendable effort, especially considering Jack suffered from severe arthritis as a result of an earlier injury.

During these months, the recovery process at Helene's parents' property was also underway.

To begin with, Frank and Madge moved into a flat in Bairnsdale. Various agencies gave them a little in the way of blankets, food, clothes, etc. to get by with initially.

Before long though, they moved back to Bruthen into two caravans, one belonging to Laurie Calvert and the other to Jones at Lakes. These they were able to have hooked up to the main electricity grid.

The clean-up of the Johnstons' property was a great local community effort. As Helene wrote of it:

> *Working bees had been arranged and all but the chimneys were cleaned up. About 30 men and numerous trucks and shire loader was a wonderful help. I helped Mrs Smith and Val Calvert and Jackie Slade with morning tea and afternoon tea. The big trees near the back gate had been bulldozed out and carted down the hill, one would wonder how ever it could be cleaned up and levelled off again to start building a house.*

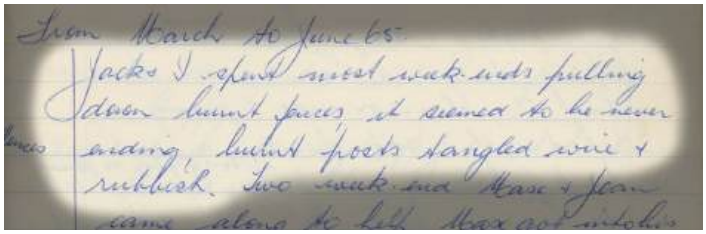
Margaret recalled that one of the Johnstons' neighbours, George Camm, was a builder and so was able to organise having the chimneys pulled down.

Later another working bee was set up so that the glass house, the sole surviving structure on the property, which sustained only minor damage in the form of a single broken pane of glass, was picked up and relocated to another position so that it would fit with the building of the new house.

> *Shortly after that timber and gravel etc. started arriving for the new house. Then the foundation was laid and so to a start with the house.*

While Frank and Madge were living in the caravans, they were supported by and in turn supported Helene and Jack.

> *Mum and dad came up every Saturday evening for tea and their bath etc. and sit in comfort by the fire. Until their house is finished, I do their washing and Mum comes and does the family ironing each week. I also give them enough cakes etc. as caravans don't cater for much in the way of cooking cakes, also lack of room for extra cooking ingredients.*


From March to June 65.
Jacks & I spent most week ends pulling down burnt posts, it seemed to be never ending, burnt posts tangled wire & rubbish. Two week end Max & Jean came along to help Max got stitch

An except from Helene's diary detailing the clean-up

The loss of a home and a lifetime's worth of treasures within must be an extremely trying experience. Though it doesn't diminish the tragedy, the family and community support which emerged in response to the Johnstons' situation is a heartening example.

As was their own determination. In a year Frank and Madge had re-built, with a new house, a flourishing garden, and the original glass-house resuming its purpose.

Sincere thanks to Margaret Schutte for sharing with us her mother's diary and her own story of this experience.

Next month a final instalment in this series of articles will relay first hand recollections from a number of people regarding the massive community response to the fires following the weekend of March 6-7.

Local and regional brigades and volunteers, multiple emergency agencies, and the armed forces set up in Bruthen in order to continue the fight to limit the destruction of the bushfire.

The process of recovering and/or reconstructing after a bushfire can be a fatiguing and stressful ordeal. If this article or the themes within have caused discomfort or distress, please consider the following helplines:

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Thanks to FRRR for funding the project under which this article was written.

A history story of the Bruthen Op Shop

What is now the Art & Information Centre was, until 2006, the old Bruthen Op Shop.

At the time it was the Op Shop, it was located where the current shop is at 48 Main Street. Now the Tourist Information Centre, it is the oldest surviving shop in the village and remarkably it is now resting on its fourth location in our Main Street during the century it has existed.

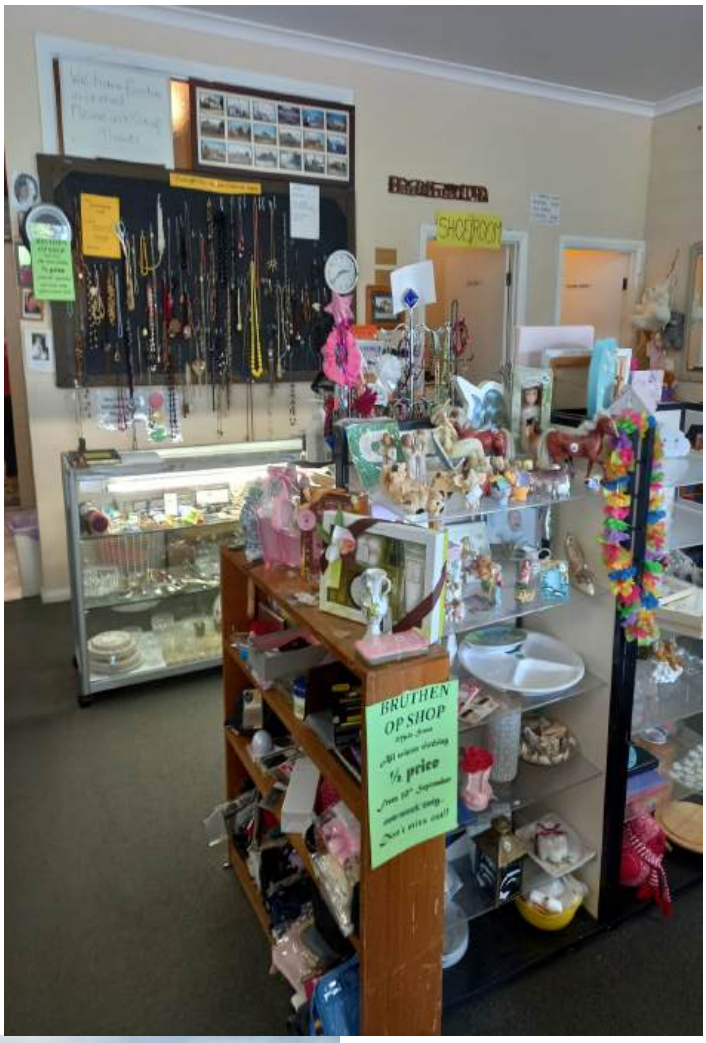
In 1913 this building was opened as a branch of the Bairnsdale Pharmacy by Mr. Sol Green. Back then it was located on the highway, down the hill near what is now the skate park, opposite the double storied building, then the Star Hotel. In the 1920s it was relocated by bullock team to the site of the present Op Shop. This block had become vacant after a coffee palace was destroyed by fire.

During the Depression, when employment was scarce, a young, qualified chemist named Stan Royal came home to Bairnsdale after completing his studies but as he could not find employment in his field of expertise, he worked on the McKillops Bridge construction site. Meanwhile Mr. Green, by now elderly had taken ill and closed the chemist shop. Stan's Mum had glimpsed opportunity for her son and got a message to him. Stan hurried back to Bairnsdale and visited the hospital seeking and receiving permission from Mr. Green to open the business.

Stan was quite a character and in addition to dispensing medicines extracted teeth, cut hair, and treated the injured. The building became a popular meeting place for the local male population – particularly on Friday nights when a poker school ran. Not only that but Stan ran an SP Bookie's out the back. Legal? Perhaps not but what a colourful addition to this small town. Many a story has been told about this time. One story being from Ray Donnelly who told me as a child when he went to get a haircut sometimes it would take two hours because Stan was in and out taking bets on the races!

During the 1960's Vinnecombe's sold fruit and veggies from the shop and later it was owned by Farquhar's Plumbing.

Farquhar's sold the building to the Anglican Church



Above: Inside the current shop.

Left: Shop at 48 Main Street prior to 2006, now relocated as the Arts and Information Centre.

The Bruthen Op Shop is Looking For Volunteers

We would love to hear if you would be interested in volunteering with us any time - full or half day.
Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Work involves sorting donations, sales, cutting rags,
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If you are interested, please ring Heather on 0457 317 958 or pop in and see us.
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Christmas Decorations

Bruthen Op Shop is hotting up for Christmas.
Lots of great Christmas Decorations, trees & gifts now available.
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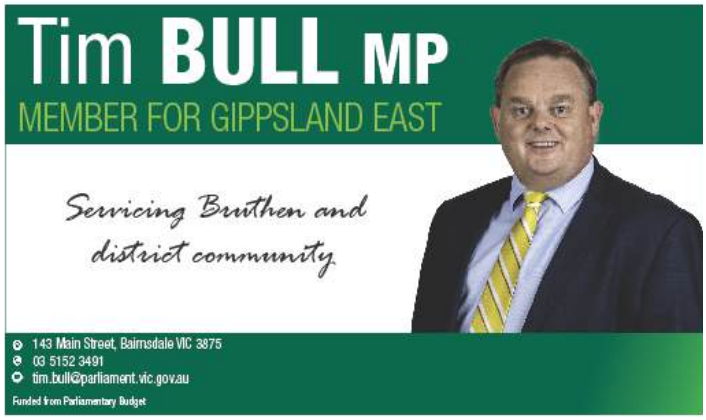
The Bruthen Op Shop.

By Heather Rose with many thanks to Jacqui Bramwell

in 1991 and from then on until the early 2000's it was used as the Bruthen Op Shop. The old building had great character with a wavy floor, lots of hidden little spaces and for many years an equally interesting character named Joyce Hamilton ran the show. It had great charm and when enjoying a visit there it was like going back in time. Many interesting and unusual item was found hidden away. Many of them are in my house at this moment!
By the early 2000s the Church Council decided the building was a liability and planned to demolish it, in order to replace it with a low maintenance brick building.
Members of the public feared demolition was not the right answer given the Bruthen is a historic town and this building of great importance, so a large community meeting was held in January 2006 and as a result the building was donated to the Community (via the Bruthen & District Citizen's Association) on the proviso that it be moved off the site ASAP. The local community immediately got their heads together and managed to raise enough money by way of public donation and organized social events to employ Whiter's Cranes to move the building to the next-door block, having obtained the generous approval of the then owner. I think his name was Stephen Perkins. This was a temporary move and after a year or two, the little building was again moved by Whiter's Crane's to where is now stands.
Here endeth the early history of the Bruthen Op Shop. See next month's edition for what follows!



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Chestnut Teals

There are many wild ducks, and their ducklings, in and around our waterways at this time of the year, including the Australian Wood Duck, the Pacific Black Duck, and the one shown here, the Chestnut Teal. (Thank you again to Josephine Jakobi for donating her wonderful artwork to us.)

The Chestnut Teal is easy to identify due to the distinctive colouring of the male (this is the one in the front of our picture). You will generally see the male and female together, as these birds are monogamous, meaning that once they find a partner, they stick together for the rest of their lives. Both of them choose and defend their nest site, and the male stays with the female while she incubates the eggs, and helps look after the young when they hatch.

The male has a glossy dark green head, chestnut-brown neck, chest and belly, and dark brown wings and upper body. Below the wings is a white patch between the underbelly and the black tail.

The female is mottled dark brown and grey, with a paler throat streaked with brown. In both males and females the eye is dark red, the bill blue-grey and the legs and feet greenish-grey. When they are in flight you can see a green panel, edged in white, on their wings, and white wing-pits.

Chestnut teals are a kind of ‘dabbling duck’, which means that they feed mainly on the surface of the water or ‘upend’ themselves, tipping headfirst into the water to feed on submerged plants, larvae, insects, snails or small crustaceans. They will also forage for food along the water’s edge.

The breeding season for these ducks is from July to December. If you see them or other wild ducks on dams or the river, it’s best to watch them from a distance, as they are understandably a bit nervy when looking after their little ones!

By Jenny Carter

Writing & Colour Workshops

Our Writing and Colour Workshop uses mindfulness and art to help you explore your creativity and connect with others in your community. Come along for fun, relaxed workshops where Aaron and Madelaine will help you explore colour, painting, and creative journaling!

CatholicCare Victoria's Bushfire Community Recovery Service provides mental health and wellbeing support to communities across East Gippsland. Art and creative writing are fun and therapeutic activities great for calming the mind and body, developing self-awareness, and cultivating mental wellbeing.

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Rail Trail upgrades to commence

Significant upgrades to the East Gippsland Rail Trail are set to commence in coming weeks.

Works being undertaken include cleaning of culverts or replacement to address drainage and erosion issues, bridge repairs or complete rebuild, road crossing safety standardisation, fencing and installation of barriers to prevent illegal access to the trail, together with surface upgrades including sealing the heavily used parts of the trail around Nicholson, Bruthen and Nowa Nowa. Samples of gravel have been laid at Newmerella to determine the most suitable material to be used on the remainder of the trail.

As part of the upgrades, two water fountains are being installed, potentially around Newmerella and Mossiface, together with two picnic tables with bench seats.

Due to the use of heavy machinery, sections of the trail will need to be closed, at times, to enable contractors to safely undertake the works.

Notification of closures will be advised via the Rail Trail's Facebook and Instagram pages and website.

The volunteer committee of management has worked hard to obtain funding for the upgrades through various sources.

Upgrades are expected to be completed by the end of June 2022, weather and contractor dependent.

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

A Book Review By Pam Boyd

Universally admired for her lush debut novel, naturalist Delia Owens has crafted a riveting, original story. Full of beauty and sadness, it tells the story of Kya Clark, isolated and abandoned, who finds solace and meaning in the wild, untouched marshes of the North Carolina coast.

From the unbelievably tender age of seven, she learnt to deeply relate to the natural world, allowing her to survive her harsh and lonely existence. The emotional reach of Owen's writing is exceptional as she explores the pain, everyday hardship and resourcefulness Kya displays. The cruel prejudices faced by Kya and her only steadfast friends Jumpin' and Mabel are also explored. It is also an intriguing murder mystery which isn't revealed until the last pages.

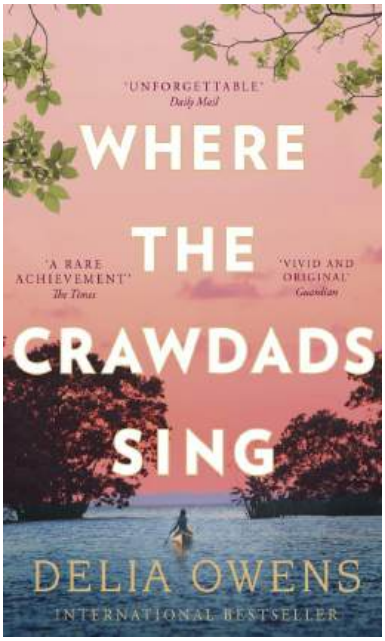
It is easy to see why this novel spent 132 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list and was optioned by Reese Witherspoon. The eagerly anticipated movie comes out next year. All the members of Bruthen Bookies agreed it was an engrossing, different, amazing read.

"Kya is a singularly tragic but brave and strong survivor"

"Such an inventive character and mystery".

"A redemption story, ultimately uplifting".

Do yourself a favour and check it out!



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Robyn Moore is a multi-skilled Communicator and an Educator, who has been changing peoples' perception through the power of the word for over 40 years. She will not only inspire you, but will make you laugh out-loud.

Local Hydrant Water Points – Make it easy for us

Hydrant points around Bruthen are located using a number of markers. These include:

- A marker post, (angled red top band), and usually a blue coloured disk is also found attached.
- A blue reflector close to the middle of a road – across from the reflector a hydrant point should be found.
- A blue (sometimes white) hydrant cap (the effect of weather and corrosion may discolour), found in grassed nature strips.

While the Bruthen Fire Brigade does annual inspection and testing of hydrant points, we need your help a few times a year to keep these operational and visible. After our wet spring some hydrant points which were easily able to be seen; may have been covered with dirt or grass growth. So, help us help you by doing just a small amount of maintenance on the hydrant point outside your property. Accordingly, a few tips:

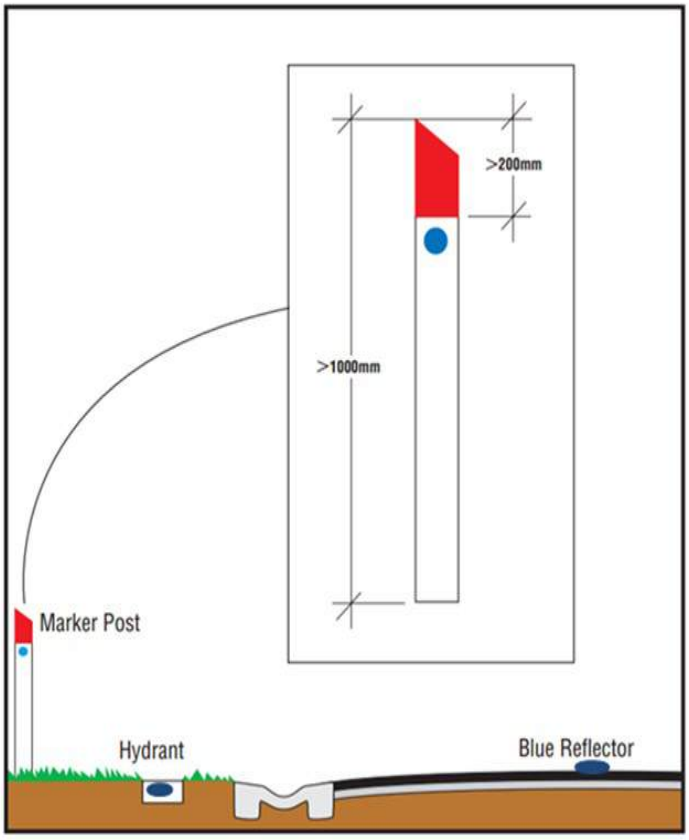
Please do not:

- Have your designated car parking spot, on top of a hydrant.
- Decide that a plant garden on top of and around a hydrant point (and cover with mulch).
- Stack (or maybe just dump) winter wood supplies on a hydrant point; likewise for mulch and hay.
- Make a new entry to your property so that the hydrant point gets buried underneath drive way gravel.

You should:

- Ensure your hydrant cap is free of grown over grass (either whipper snip or apply some weed spray).
- Ensure we can access the hydrant easily – the more time we take to locate a hydrant that has been covered up, obstructed or buried in dirt – the less time we have to fight a fire at your or your next door neighbours house.

With Thanks from the Bruthen Fire Brigade.



FREE MEETING'S on ZOOM

Preparing your property for fire

CFA is running online educational sessions for East Gippsland residents. These sessions provide vital knowledge and advice on ways to prepare your property for fire season. Each session will run for one hour and will cover;

- **Is my property at risk?**
- **How fires destroy buildings**
- **Landscaping and garden design**
- **What can I do?**
- **Fire Danger Ratings**

REGISTER FOR ONE OF OUR FREE SESSIONS TODAY

For more information please contact our team on the details below

0419 874 484 or **firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au**

Session 1
7:00PM-8:00PM
Tuesday
19 October 2021

https://cfa-vic-gov-au.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5lvf-yopj8vHNFVWD_dmwx66NNdvDTWwQSx

Session 2
7:00PM-8:00PM
Tuesday
9 November 2021

https://cfa-vic-gov-au.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5wsduypqDMrHtUW2YB4Hz9vZKFH9-rh31wQ

We're Back - Students return to Bruthen Primary School

After such a long time in and out of remote learning, students at Bruthen Primary School are excited to be back at school. The yard has been buzzing with the sounds of children at play and the classrooms are filled with lots of new and challenging learning.
We would like to acknowledge and thank our parents and grandparents who worked tirelessly at home during remote learning to support their children's education, whilst juggling work commitments and household responsibilities.
Thank you!

We also acknowledge the commitment to learning that our students and teachers, everyone has seamlessly returned to school, has a spring in their step and a smile on their face.
We wasted no time trying to catch up on some missed events and launched straight into celebrating our love for books. Students came dressed as their favourite book characters and shared with the school what they loved about their character. This certainly sparked some additional enthusiasm when making book selections for our book boxes this week. The students also studied some of the shortlisted 'books of the year' in MARC Van and Art.

From left to right
Crosbie O'Connor - Ned Kell from the book 'Gold, Brave and Glory'. Mason Goodall - Barry Heard author of 'The View from Connor's Hill". Noah Nation - Dinosaur from 'The Dirty Great Dinosaur". Ivy Jean Drohan - Wally form Where is Wally? Party Time. Jack Bittner - Highway Rat from "The Highway Rat'.

From left to right
Marlowe Columbus - The Dark Knight from 'King Arthur'. Madeline Schueler - The Lion from 'Dear Zoo'. Lily Nation - Snowball from "Puppy Place'. Lachie Rogers - Minecraft man. Willow Elrington – Violet Baudelaire from the series of 'Unfortunate Events'.

From left to right

The teachers got into the spirit of things coming as astronauts and sharing their space journeys. Lileyarnah Davis was the princess from the book 'The Little Miss Princess' and her sister Beth Cameron was a unicorn. Jack Hollier-Skeleton from the book 'Funny Bones".

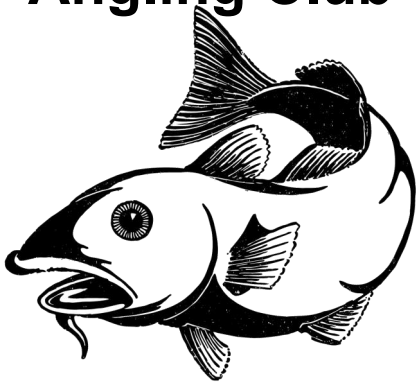
From left to right

Piper Lawler - Alex from the series 'The Land of Stories'. River Elrington - Mr Wolf from the 'Bad Guys'. Sia Hill - Bear from the book 'Don't Call Me Bear!'. Zoe Fella - Minion from the book Minion Who's the boss?' and Alice Kermacm - Ada from the book 'Ada Lace on the Case'

SAVE THE DATE!

Bruthen Primary School students are busily working with Mr Harvey to put together this year's end of year production "Santa is Missing". Thinking positively, we hope to perform to a live audience this year. Bruthen Mechanics Hall. Tuesday, December 14 at 5:30pm.

Bruthen Invitational Angling Club



Well, our first competition was a wash-out; our second a blow-out!
Hopefully our next effort on the weekend of November 13 & 14 will be Ok.
Once again, register your intention to fish with Pete on 0447 168 629.
Fish anywhere from Bairnsdale to Bemm including trout and surf.
Weigh-in at Pete's place Sunday, Nov 14, at 3:00pm.
Details on the board at the corner garage.

Thanks,
Peter Bowlen.

EVENTS & NOTICES

Funding available now

The East Gippsland Community Foundation has been formed to provide funding to support the East Gippsland community in its long-term recovery from the 2019-2020 Victorian bushfires.
Thanks to the incredible goodwill of Australians in the aftermath of Black Summer, East Gippsland Community Foundation has been entrusted with $8.8M to distribute over 5-10 years. This funding has been provided through the Victorian Bushfire Appeal, a partnership between the Victorian Government and the Community Enterprise Foundation which is the charitable arm of Bendigo Bank.
Community foundations are uniquely placed to understand and respond to the immediate and long-term needs of their community. As trustee of charitable funds, the East Gippsland Community Foundation will work in partnership with donors, local organisations, and communities to benefit east Gippsland in perpetuity.
Grants of up to $75,000 are now available to support local projects that strengthen community-led recovery.
This is the first grant round of the new East Gippsland Community Foundation, formed in 2021 to support the region's long-term recovery from the 2019-2020 Victorian bushfires.
Michelle Dowsett, Executive Officer of East Gippsland Community Foundation, is encouraging community groups and not for profit organisations to consider applying.
"The Community Bushfire Recovery Grants will help communities across East Gippsland affected by the 2019–20 Black Summer bushfires to build back. A broad range of projects that aid bushfire recovery, community capacity building, disaster planning and preparedness will be funded. I encourage local community groups and not for profit organisations to consider which projects will benefit their community best in the long run."
"For this round, up to $1.5M is available in grants of up to $75,000 each. We are making it as simple as possible to apply for this funding."
The Foundation's focus is on preparing for their inaugural grant round and ensuring the organisation is well-positioned in its role of growing strong, vibrant, resilient and sustainable communities across the East Gippsland. The first grant round is open now, details are available on the Foundation's website on www.givetoeastgippsland.org.au

Anglicare Financial Counselling

Anglicare Victoria will be holding a number of financial counselling information sessions over the next two months.
Numbers are limited due to current Covid restrictions, so registrations are essential.
Registrations or enquiries please call 1800 286 260 or email bushfirefcpgipps@anglicarevic.org.au
Light refreshments will be provided on the day.
Events will be held at Sarsfield Hall/Community BBQ, The Buchan Hub – Recreation Reserve Pavilion and The Omeo Hall.

Information Session 3
Anglicare Bush Fire Recovery Victoria and Social Security Rights Victoria – Age Pensions, assessments and appeals.
Sarsfield – Thursday, November 18, 4pm to 6pm.
Buchan – Wednesday, November 17, 11am to 1pm.
Omeo – Thursday, November 18, 11am to 1pm.
Information Session 4
Elder Rights Advocacy – Rights of the Older person and Navigating Aged Care
Sarsfield – Thursday, December 2, 4pm to 6pm.
Buchan – Wednesday, December 1, 11am to 1pm.
Omeo – Thursday, December 2, 11am to 1pm.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) get tested. COVID-19 vaccinations are now available to anyone. You can book your vaccination at any of the following vaccination clinics convenient to you:
COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic - Bairnsdale City Football Oval, MacArthur Street, Bairnsdale.
GEGAC - 37-53 Dalmahoy Street, Bairnsdale
Advantage Health Point - 46-56 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale
Gippsland Lakes Complete Health - 18 Jemmerson Street, Lakes Entrance
Bairnsdale Medical Group - 438 Main Street, Bairnsdale
Bairnsdale Respiratory Clinic - 20 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale
Dr Janes Place - 88 Macleod Street, Bairnsdale
Cunningham Arm Medical Centre - 8 Whiters Street, Lakes Entrance
Paynesville Medical Centre - 2/55 Esplande, Paynesville
Orbost Medical Clinic - 104 Boundary Rd, Orbost.

Expo aimed at re-building, retrofitting and preparing your property for bushfire

The Sarsfield Bushfire Resilience Expo will be held on Sunday, December 5, at the Sarsfield Recreation Reserve from 10am to 4pm and is a free event for the community to attend.

The aim of the expo is to provide information to:

Those people who may be looking at a re build after losing their home in the most recent bushfires

People who are looking at building a new home in a bushfire prone area

Existing residents who live in the local community who might be keen to retrofit their home to better prepare for a future fire event.

Sarsfield and District was severely impacted by the 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires with over 80 residential homes lost.

The event is being driven by the Sarsfield Community Association, which has been active in the recovery journey for local residents. This has included hosting community gatherings, running mental health programs and advocating for new infrastructure.

"The idea of having a 'builders' type expo was explored by the association as a way to assist our community build back better into the future, and we are now into the planning and selection of exhibitors for this community event," said Sarsfield Bushfire Resilience Expo Chair, Cathy McLellan.

The expo will include a range of selected exhibitors who will be showcasing what is currently on the market to assist in the rebuilding or retrofitting journey, guest speakers, live music, great food, free family entertainment and is free of charge to attend.

"It will be a great day out for families who wish to come and browse the stands and find out a little more about preparing their property for bushfire. It is not just homes that will be covered, we will also have information on fencing, watering and pump systems, tanks, landscaping and care of animals in the lead up and during a fire."

If you have a business that might be interested in exhibiting on the day, please follow the Facebook event page to express your interest or contact Event Manager, Sue-Ellen Latham of Seventy Event Management and Communications on 0412 523 408.

New free Mental Health Program available

We know it's been a tough time for everyone during the Covid pandemic, bushfires and floods.

New Access is a free mental health coaching program, with funding provided by Beyond Blue, for men and women over the age of 18 who may be experiencing symptoms of mild to moderate stress, anxiety and depression across Gippsland. It is completely private and confidential, and you do not require a referral from a GP or a mental health treatment plan to access the service. NewAccess consists of six free coaching sessions that can be done via phone or face to face.

Referrals can be made by calling our Intake team on 1300 921 535 or emailing the attached Referral Form to NewAccessGippsland@wellways.org or through our website http://wellways.org/our-services/newaccess.

If you have any further questions please contact Mel Forster, the New Access Coach at Wellways Australia on mforster@wellways.org, (03) 41415393 or 0422 455 353.

Sports vouchers now available for parents

Sport and Recreation Victoria aims to get kids involved in organised sport and active recreation through The Get Active Kids Voucher Program.

The program helps eligible families by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment. Eligible children may be able to receive up to $200 each.

To be eligible children must be Victorian residents, aged 18 and under and named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, as well as a Medicare card.

Additionally, special consideration also applies for children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applicants can apply for one voucher per child in each round of the Program.

Applications for vouchers in Round 3 of the Program close at 5pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

Eligible expenditure dates in Round 3 (for membership, uniform and equipment costs) are from 1 January 2021 – 30 November 2021.

If you have any additional questions, please contact getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au

Planning YOUR FUTURE

Understand your options to plan the future you want

RFCS Gippsland has partnered with Agriculture Victoria and Centrelink to offer a **free information session** helping Primary Producers understand options and available support to prepare your farm's lifecycle, succession and retirement

Lunch & Chat

with Presenters & local support agencies

Re-scheduled

November

16th **Orbost**

17th **Bairnsdale**

18th **Omeo**

10.30am - 12.30pm
Lunch provided

in case of COVID restrictions please click here to **REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

or call **1300 045 747**

RFCS Gippsland

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In memory of our dear friend Irene May

This is being written by the ladies of Bruthen's '**Sew What**' group, of which Irene was a real powerhouse, and she won't be forgotten in a hurry.

Although she wasn't a founder member of the group, she joined shortly afterwards and rarely missed a meeting. She was always bright and cheerful, very caring, fun, smart, and much-loved by all. There wasn't a craft she couldn't turn her hand to, whether it be knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or whatever, and she was a dab-hand with the sewing machine, having worked as a seamstress in her younger years.

She also organised so many projects, both joint and separate, including quilting, poppy-making for ANZAC/Remembrance Days, jumpers for the Fairy Penguins, numerous blankets, to name a few. Irene loved company, and it was a great sadness for us all that in her last months in aged care, we weren't able to visit as often as we would have liked (because of Covid restrictions).

But when she was well, everyone was welcome at home. She also joined the swimming group, & took part in (as well as organising) Christmas lunches at the pub and in other people's homes, and many trips. She often drove the minibus for these events, which included the Craft Exhibition in Morwell, visits to craft shops in Orbost, Rosedale, Sale, & Stratford. These trips mostly included lunch out too! Fund-raising was high on the list of Irene's achievements, and several Biggest Morning Teas were arranged for cancer research, when she made sure we were all doing something to add to this important charity.

Nothing was too much trouble for her, but when she herself needed help, she didn't always ask, as she didn't want to be a nuisance.

Irene married Norm the day after her 18th birthday, and they spent many happy years together, including fishing and travelling. They had one son, Stephen, who still lives in Bruthen. Norm sadly passed away last year. We will remember Irene for a very long time, and her shoes will be very hard to fill.

Irene May. (20/10/1934 to 07/08/2021)

Bruthen Inn Hotel

Kitchen is open 7 days

Lunch 12-2pm (excl. Tues) Dinner 6-8pm

Tuesday Roast Night $18 (Tues open from 5pm)

Friday night raffles supporting local sporting clubs—10 draws.

Catering for private functions and community meetings

Courtesy bus operates Wed, Fri, Sat nights only

For enquires or bookings contact Bruthen Inn Hotel.
Cheers and beers, Stretch

Phone (03) 51575201

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Wednesday to Sunday
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* Use sustainably harvested seafoods & responsibly stewarded meats
* Introduce local flavours and ideas to produce tasty food

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If you haven't already tried Craft beer why not pop in and have a taste of one of ten beers on tap

Class action seeks new participants

Are you aware that a class action is underway against Kalbar for distress, anxiety and financial losses that Kalbar's alleged unprofessional and misleading behaviour has caused? This class action was not initiated by Mine-Free Glenaladale, however they see it as a very welcome development.
More details can be found on Mitry Lawyers website at this link: https://www.mitry.com.au
If you feel you have been negatively impacted psychologically and/or financially by Kalbar's behaviour, please consider joining this class action. Initially, all you need to do is supply your contact details. Go to the Mitry website immediately above and click on 'Current Class Actions' then click on 'Kalbar Gippsland Class Action'. Read through the documents and complete the contact details form at the bottom of the 'Kalbar Gippsland Class Action' page (you don't need to complete the last question about the estimate of loss, at this stage). Once you have completed the contact details form click on the 'submit' button.
As soon as you are able to do so, fill in the questionnaire that is on the Mitry website for the Kalbar class action or just document your 'story' in your own words, with as much detail as possible. Don't leave anything out because you feel "it's not important" or "they won't want to know about that". The lawyers can't assess detail that they don't know about.
Examples of impacts you may wish to consider include (but are not limited to):

- Stress caused by Kalbar's alleged misinformation, lack of answers to questions, constantly changing project timeframes, poor community consultation etc.
- Time taken away from working on your business and/or family to unnecessarily work on writing submissions to the IAC because information in the EES documents was in error, missing or was drastically changed during the EES process (e.g. Kalbar's error with water, introduction of centrifuges, and changes to tailings disposal). This also applies to time taken to write to Ministers, ERR and other bodies about Kalbar's alleged poor behaviour.
- Health issues triggered by the stress and/or worry of Kalbar's alleged poor behaviour and misinformation.
- Stress caused by the trivialisation and ignoring of local concerns and local knowledge.
- Decisions you have deferred or made differently as a result of Kalbar's alleged poor information and/or behaviour.
- Interruptions to your business caused by Kalbar's unscheduled visits and/or phone calls.
- Undue pressure to allow access for EES studies and/or exploration drilling.

Please spread the word about the class action. It's important that as many people as possible who believe they have been impacted by Kalbar participate.

Keep in mind that the class action is about Kalbar's alleged poor behaviour, it is not about possible future impacts from the proposed mine, nor about impacts from having a proposed mine in the area.
For those with limited or no internet access or computer, contact details are:
Phone: 02 9222 2833
Rick Mitry rick@mitry.com.au or Katherine Deves katherine.deves@mitry.com.au

HAVE YOU BEEN ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY THE ACTIONS AND BEHAVIOUR OF KALBAR?

The proponent for the Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project, Kalbar Operations Pty Ltd (previously Kalbar Resources, Kalbar Limited, etc) has been undertaking activity in East Gippsland for the past seven years.

MITRY LAWYERS has been instructed to commence a CLASS ACTION On behalf of ANYONE who has been adversely affected by Kalbar's behaviour over this time.

Mitry Lawyers is a full-service law firm with branches in Sydney and Melbourne.

The class action will include directly impacted landholders, landholders and residents inside or outside the project area and members of the wider community who feel they have been impacted.

The class action is about Kalbar's behaviour and resultant effects on you (for example, psychological, financial and health effects), related to behaviour including alleged misinformation and contradictory information, the way they have conducted "community consultation", interruptions to business and/or lifestyle, undue pressure, and apparent unprofessional conduct, as well as alleged misrepresentation, alleged intimidation and harassment.

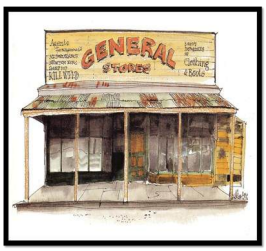
The class action is NOT about the proposed mine and its future possible impacts, rather the impact on you and the community as a result of Kalbar's actions over the past seven years.

There is NO FINANCIAL RISK to members of this class action. The legal proceedings will be conducted on a **NO WIN, NO FEE** basis.

What you need to do

If you wish to join this class action, please contact Mitry Lawyers **www.mitry.com.au** to obtain an information brochure and a questionnaire to outline your claim.

54 Main Street, Bruthen.
Open 7 days
Ph: 03-51575 415



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Shop local – support local employment
email: BruthenGeneralStore@gmail.com

Bruthen Blues - It's all happening now

It is all happening at the moment, The Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival is slowly coming together.
The Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival will be held on February 18, 19 and 20, in 2022.

Coordinator Position
We are excited to be interviewing for someone to help with the huge workload of planning the festival. This will be an important role which we hope can become something we do every year.

The COVID 19 Effect
We will be complying with COvid 19 regulations and to do this we have introduced some changes.

- Tickets will need to be pre purchased to help us to meet number restrictions. They will be available from the end of November through Try Booking.
- Covid Marshalls will be on duty to monitor compliance.
- QR codes at each venue.
- Everyone, including performers and volunteers may need to be double vaxxed to enter.
- More fencing and check in points to enter the market.
- The Main Street Stage will be moving into the Police Paddock so we can spread people out more.
- The Blues Café that is usually in the hall will be moved outdoors to the Police Paddock.

The Music
We are waiting to hear if we have been successful getting a FRRR grant and once we hear the line up can be finalised. All the acts who missed out when the last two festivals were cancelled have been offered a place this year.

The Market
We are taking applications now so contact us for an application form if interested. No second hand things please.
There will be a special new section to show off East Gippsland products this year.

Breakfast in the Paddock
A new event has been introduced to give people more to do on Sunday morning. Breakfast in the Paddock will include kids activities and live music.

Web Page
If you have been looking at our web page it is currently being rebuilt and should be available soon. In the meantime contact us via Facebook messenger or email.

Volunteering
Volunteers are essential to the success of the festival. If you can help in anyway please contact us. Volunteers are rewarded with passes to various events.

BRUTHEN BLUES & ARTS FESTIVAL
Australia's biggest little Blues Festival

Banner Competition
A competition to design some new festival banners to fly from the town flag poles is currently running. Contact us for an application form.

Planning Group. Who are we?
Joy Manley, Pam Boyd, Lesley Czulowloski, Andrea McWhinney, Mez Davis, Wendy Willis, Allison Harrower, Gerry Thurling and Amanda King.

To Contact Us.
Message us through facebook or email bruthenblues@gmail.com , market enquiries bruthenbluesmarket@gmail.com. Snail mail – PO Box 81, Bruthen, 3885.
Please let us know if you can help us.

Neighbourhood House News

Community Hub
36 Main Street Bruthen
9am-1pm Monday
(Men's Shed only)
10am-4pm Tuesday/Wednesday
10am-3pm Thursday/Friday

Creative Space
Rear 51 Main Street Bruthen
1-3pm Wednesday
(Sew What Group)
Thursday and Friday from 10.30am
Makers Space
Phone: 03 **4141 5302** (Community Hub)
Mobile: **0497 544 490**
Email: **info.bdnh@aussiebb.com.au**
Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/bruthenhouse

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 October

Sew What

Join the ladies for sewing, knitting, crochet, and more

Wednesdays 1-3pm

Creative Space Rear 51 Main Street

Local History Tour

On Tuesday, 12 October, the Bruthen Remembers group with some extra tag-alongs, drove to a few local places of interest on the outskirts of the township.

The tour was centred around the ladies' desire to revisit and photograph places of interest which had been documented for a project in the Sixties.

First up we admired the view from Jenny Stevens' husband's grandparents' house – the first house on the right as you drive up Chambers Road. Fortuitously the group has an original invoice for the timber to build the house, found under the flooring of the General Store many years ago, hence our added interest in this location.

Next stop was down an almost-hidden lane on the second bend of Chambers Road which led to stunning views to the south and east of the Tambo River valley. This was where the slaughter yards were originally located.

Further up the road we stopped outside Kim and John Gartside's lovely property and admired the glimpse of the Tambo River across the rolling green paddocks. We also met their pet resident Blue-tongue family, mother and baby were enjoying the sun and treats of blueberries and banana. The house is adjacent to Margaret's childhood home on the corner of Sandy Street and Chambers Road, which explained our interest there. The house is no longer there and the land was acquired to add to the Gartside property.

We travelled along Mt. Little Dick Road to the last farming property before the State Forest. This belonged to Margaret's grandfather who was offered the opportunity to purchase 300 acres of prime dairying country as part of the Soldier Settlement Scheme. The land covered both sides of the road and all the way north to the highway including Ramrod Creek frontage. The group marvelled at his luck at acquiring such prime land when many soldier-settlers were sold inferior and unfeasible land. The old brick chimney is still visible from the highway. Margaret's mother and siblings had to

BRUTHEN MEN'S SHED

Mondays

9am-1pm

(Outdoor lunch at midday)
All Welcome

VICTORIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION

walk to school and back – a round-trip distance of eight kilometres. On her mother's first day of school they were sent home at lunchtime after witnessing the unveiling of the Angus McMillan memorial. They had cows and pigs and would herd them by foot to the slaughter yards and railway station. She mentioned the pigs were like herding cats and no-one would help them!

All in all, a very enjoyable and informative time was spent learning a little of the personal history of two of our members' families.

By Pam Boyd

The site of Margaret's grandfather's soldier settlement.

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Grown Local Bruthen

1st Saturday of the month Next Food Swap November 7, 2021 outside Bruthen Bazaar.

Hi this is Lesley, hope to see you at our next food swap in September, have lots of goodies to swap, hope you can make it down to the Bazaar, love to see you. Spring is nearly here a great time to get out into the garden.

Come down and get a selection of FREE SEEDS to plant in your summer

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Friday 7.30am - 7.30pm
Saturday 8.00am - 2.30pm
Sunday 10.00am - 2.30pm
Phone Orders (03) 51575397 60 Main Street Bruthen

DINE IN

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

Soft plastics (such as plastic bags, wrappers and zip-lock bags) can be deposited at a REDcycle bin at Coles or Woolworths where it is recycled.

Did You Know?
Plastic bags do not belong in your household recycling bin and recycling won't be accepted if placed in a plastic bag (for safety reasons).

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

Rethink & Recycle with the WASTE RESCUER

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Tambo Waste

Have an empty tin can handy to place metal bottle caps in. Once it is full, squeeze the top shut and recycle.

Did You Know?
Bottle caps cannot be recycled if placed loosely in the bin.
They will fall through the sorting machines at the Materials Recovery Facility.

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

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Tambo Waste

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

Mobile Library
November

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

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Wed	**Tambo Upper**** (near school)	9.00 am – 9.45 am
	Bruthen (Main Street)	10.00 am – 11.15 am
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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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Bruthen Landcare

Meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month

Next Meeting Tuesday 17th August at 6pm
Contact Matt Pearce 0467051960

All-In-One Veggie Pasta

A total weeknight winner, everyone should have this veg-packed pasta dish up their sleeve. Perfect for the coming warmer weather.

Number of servings 4
Ingredients
2 red onions
4 cloves garlic
1 bunch basil
2 tablespoon olive oil
3 mixed-colour capsicums
2 zucchini
250g ripe cherry tomatoes
300g pasta shells
2 tbs extra virgin olive oil
4 tbs cottage cheese

Peel the onions and cut into small wedges, and peel and finely slice the garlic. Pick the basil leaves and set aside, then finely slice the stalks.

Place a deep, heavy-based pan on a medium-low heat on the hob with 2 tbs of olive oil. Add the onion, garlic and basil stalks and cook for 5 minutes while you deseed and slice the capsicums and roughly chop the zucchini. Add to the pan and cook for a further 10 minutes, or until lightly golden, stirring regularly. Add the cherry tomatoes with a pinch of black pepper and cook for 2 minutes, or until they begin to burst. Tip in the pasta and 800ml of boiling kettle water. Bring to a boil, cover and cook for 10 minutes, loosening with splashes of water if it gets too thick.

Meanwhile, smash most of the basil leaves in a pestle and mortar with a pinch of sea salt, reserving any baby leaves for later. Muddle in 2 tbs of extra virgin olive oil.

Once the cooking time is up, remove the lid and cook for another 5 minutes, or until the water bubbles down to a saucy consistency. Stir through the cottage cheese, drizzle with the basil oil and scatter over reserved basil leaves.

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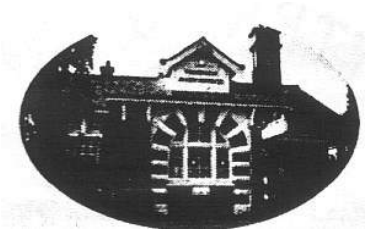

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Lorna King: Wildlife Carer & Snake Catcher

Lorna King has been a wildlife carer for over 30 years and is well known in the Bairnsdale and district community.
Originally from this area, Lorna, a nurse by profession, worked in Bendigo and Townsville for many years. Her wildlife training was over a six-year period when she was mentored by an established shelter. Her Bairnsdale shelter has been going for over 17 years now and she helps all animals from wombats to birds and reptiles.
Lorna is a snake catcher with loads of experience, in fact over 10 years. I interviewed her because of this talent given that we are entering the spring and summer period. She is self-taught and very dedicated to her craft. She was first called on by Wildlife Victoria when a snake's head was caught in a drinks can. She decided to place the body in a pillow case and take it from there. All turned out well with Wildlife Victoria being very impressed with her efforts.
Lorna says please don't leave empty drinks cans lying around as not only snakes but other wildlife will get their heads caught and often die as a result. Lorna says if you have a snake at home and feel unable to deal with it, please call a snake catcher. Lorna will travel far and wide to help out. From Omeo and beyond.
Snakes are out and about now and you may find Red Bellied Black Snakes, Tiger Snakes, Copper Heads and small eyed varieties. If you encounter one on a walk or wherever, please stand still and allow the snake to depart. They are often more afraid of you than the reverse. Don't panic!! That's a must.
Call an ambulance immediately if bitten. If possible, keep the limb still and breathe slow.
This is basic information and she advises everyone to please check up on detailed info as the season arrives.

Lorna is able to give advice and help. Her mobile number is 0407 174 043.
Other local Snake Catchers are Graham Harrison, Nicholson 0409 904 283 or Phil O'Neill, Bairnsdale 0448 684368.

By Heather Rose

Be on the lookout for snakes this summer

The Eastern Brown Snake

The Red Bellied-Black Snake

The Tiger Snake

In addition to catching snakes Lorna is a wildfire carer.

Pictured Above:
Lorna with a wombat she was taking care of.

Pictured Right:
A rescued Whistling Kite.

Photos supplied by Lorna King.

Caring for all creatures great and small

A young Boobook Owl.

Inseparable friends preening each other.

Bottle feeding a joey.

A Tawny Frogmouth Owl.

A rescued Possum.

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