

# TAMBO RAMBLER

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## Local projects rebuilding communities after bushfires



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Picture: The EGTMP team. Left to Right: Kim Ainsworth, Tony Benbow, Glenn Schaeche, Gino Divito, Max Harris, Tom Dent, Debbie Brient, Bernie Farquhar, Fran Wheal, Simon Conn, David Culpit, Mark Biram, Ian Davey, Steve Boyce, Jarrod Biram.



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# East Gippsland Timber Milling Project

We would all be aware of the many diverse strengths and talents that can be harnessed within our communities, in big ways and small, good times and bad. One extraordinary regional project is the East Gippsland Timber Milling Project (EGTMP) which resulted from the energy and vision of committed individuals and community groups in the wake of the 2020 bushfires, and has gone on to have profound and lasting effects on landholders and communities right across East Gippsland from Sarsfield to Mallacoota.

The initial idea for the project built on the experience of Ingrid and Mark Biram in Sarsfield, who were able to save their home, tractors and vehicles during the fires and were later lent a portable Lucas Mill to help them replace fencing and cattle yards that had been destroyed.

The Lions Club of Bruthen and the Rotary Fire Aid Group joined forces to kickstart the project, which saw them take mobile mills and equipment to farms to process timber that had fallen during the fires, at no cost to the landholder. This timber, which included Blue Gum, White and Yellow Stringybark, Southern Mahogany and Red, Grey and Apple Box, was then repurposed according to needs identified by the landholder, such as stock yards, fencing and shedding. All waste products from the milling process were mulched for further use, while sawdust was donated for use in horse stables. The project has also developed a replanting scheme to replace lost trees, with landholders given saplings propagated from seeds collected locally by volunteers.

This highly effective and locally-conceived project drew increasing support from various bodies, including other Lions and Rotary Clubs, DEWLP (Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning; now DEECA, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action), BRV (Bushfire Recovery Victoria), Forestec (TAFE Gippsland), NRRRA (National Recovery and Resilience Agency, now NEMA, National Emergency Management Agency), East Gippsland Community Foundation and the Minderoo Foundation.

EGTMP quickly saw the need to ensure their workers were well-trained operators, and there are now five previously unemployed people who are accredited in Forestry Management and Chainsaw and Lucas Mill operation through their studies at TAFE Gippsland's Forestec campus. Donations by support organisations have enabled the purchase of a third Lucas Mill (with a fourth now on order), as well as support vehicles, trailers, chainsaws and numerous other pieces of equipment which all contribute to higher productivity and effectiveness. All grant monies received go straight into the project and thence the local economy, as members

of the board of management are all volunteers.

The benefits of this project to individuals, communities and the region as a whole are enormous. There have been 105 properties registered with EGTMP, 54 of which have had the required work completed. 1100 logs have been milled, with an estimated retail value of \$2.5 million. \$96,000 of timber, surplus to property owners' needs, has been generously donated to other property owners who do not have trees down.

Not only the practical assistance, but the ongoing personal and community connection, are a critical part of the difficult journey to recovery and reconstruction, of re-establishing purpose, productivity and a vision for the future. Project team members have received many expressions of heartfelt thanks from landholders who, having already suffered from years of drought, now faced quite overwhelming odds. The work of the EGTMP, along with neighbours pulling together in many practical ways, saw a host of tangible results 'on the ground'. This in turn freed people up to focus on other essential tasks such as restoring water supplies, bringing in new stock and attending to pasture rehabilitation, as well as tending to their own health and well-being and that of family, friends and community.

One touching and lasting tribute to these times is the construction of a new lectern for the Wairewa Community Hall. This is to be made with salvaged timber of various species donated from each of the fire-damaged properties worked on in the area, with the express intention that present and future generations will be reminded that 'here is a piece of our farm'. As one observer noted, here is an example of 'creating good history out of bad history'.

EGTMP is seeking ongoing funding so that it can continue to assist fire-affected property owners throughout 2024-2025. Committee members are also exploring ways they can extend its operations beyond that period and be ready to deploy its tried and tested machinery and people for any crisis in future years.

My sincere thanks to Bernie Farquhar, Secretary of EGTMP, and Debbie Brient, Project Manager, for providing me with key information and photographs, and huge congratulations to all who have been involved in this game-changing project. I would suggest that people check out the EastGippslandTimberMillingProject Facebook page to find out more.

Further enquiries can be made to Debbie at [debbiebrientegmp@gmail.com](mailto:debbiebrientegmp@gmail.com) or phone 0456 603 987.

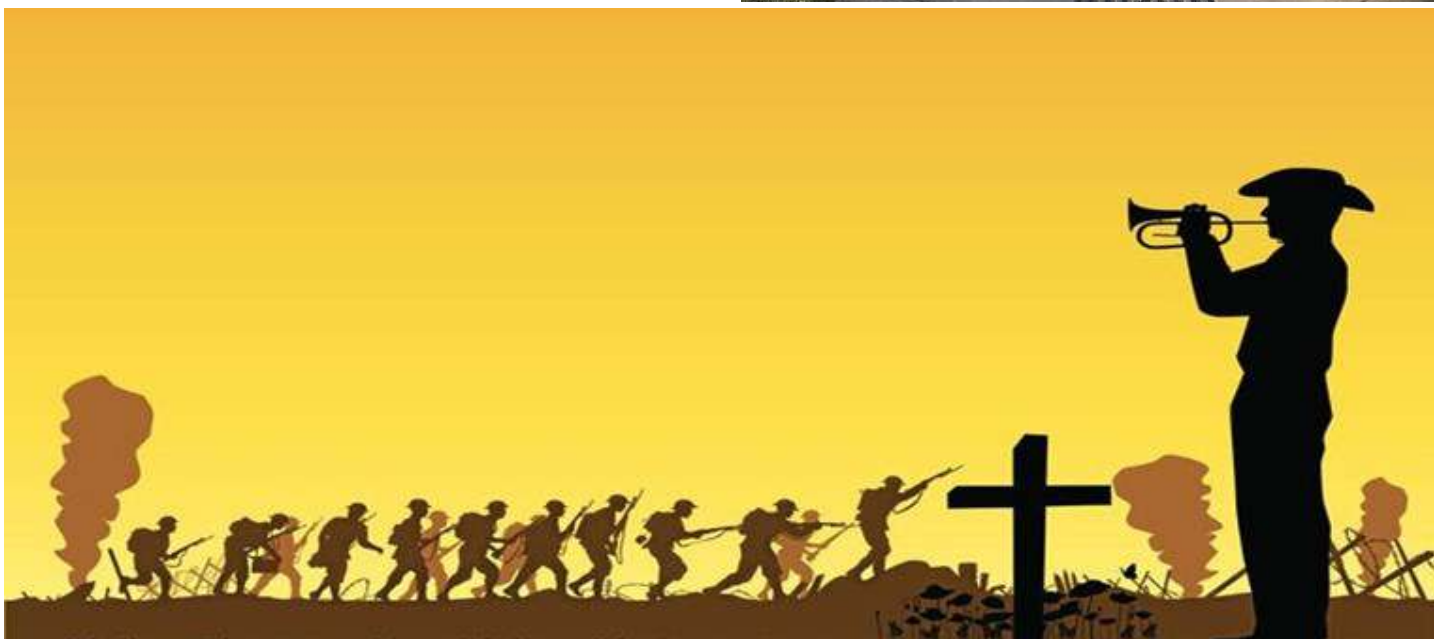
- Jenny Carter

## Streetscape works update

Dear residents of Bruthen and District, some brief feedback on the works currently being undertaken in Bruthen.

Overall project timeline has now extended to June / July 2023. However, the main roadworks, line marking and traffic flow completion are expected to be completed by Easter (which is great news for what is traditionally a very busy time in and around the township).

Council landscaping (which will not affect roadworks) is expected to commence shortly.



## Tuesday, April 25 2023 – ANZAC Day in Bruthen

You are invited to participate in Bruthen's ANZAC Day – proudly led by the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 and march step off at 08:45am.**

**(Wet Weather plan: Assemble Music Store veranda, quick march and 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

ahead.

**Please text James Nicholas (Nico) on 0418 – 349 – 698 (many hands make light work).**



**Volunteers are needed – for this event to go**



# East Gippsland Winter Festival Bruthen Events

The Bruthen Arts and Events Committee presents the East Gippsland Winter Festival Bruthen Events

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Friday, June 16 at 7pm.**

**Bruthen Music Café – Guest performance by the Merindas.**

- *The Merindas are the collective force of Ballardong Whadjuk and Nyoongar woman Kristel Kickett (from Tammin, WA) and Candice Lorrae of Jawoyn and Thursday Island heritage (born in Darwin, NT).*
- *Now based in Melbourne, these soul sisters are trail-blazing with their innovative style of Indigenous music. They describe their unique sound as “electronic pop with a dance-hall feel, alongside hip hop and R&B influences.”*
- *The Merindas new EP features a fusion of electronic and live instruments.*
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLdUR1RfvzM>

**Where: Bruthen Mechanic Hall**

**Tickets go on sale end of May \$25.00 per head also includes supper - check out Bruthen Presents for more details.**

**Saturday, June 24: 3pm onwards.**

**Bruthen Medieval Winter Fire Festival**

Where: Police Paddock

Entrance fee: Gold coin donation to support the arts

**Join us by the Fire and come along for an afternoon and evening of fun and entertainment.**

- Dress up in your **medieval costumes**, enter the best dressed competition.
- Be involved with the **Medieval Re-Enactment group** play games and be part of the fire show.
- Learn to **Morris dance**.
- Be part of the **Lantern Parade**.
- **Enjoy the Wacky wombat – fire show.**
- **Listen to music.**
- **Lots of Games too** – tug of war, Duck shooting game.
- **RELAX** and enjoy local food & drinks.

**What is in the Medieval Times?**

*The "Middle Ages" is a term used to describe the period between the end of the late classical age and the time of the Renaissance. The most common starting point for the Middle Ages begins around the year 500 CE, with the most common end point being around 1500.*

**Ideas for costumes**

The Witcher; Game of Thrones; Lord of the Rings/ The Hobbit; Dragon Age; Forgotten Realms; DanMachi; Sword Art Online; Tudors; Dragonlance; Monty Python and the Holy Grail; Skyrim; Vikings; King Arthur... **the list goes on!**

**Let's all be a part of the community event!**

We need Volunteers on the day to help out and other any other ideas and fun activities to run would be more than welcome.

Contact Lesley on 0437152808 for more information.



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# Rail Trail Ramblers enjoy their Rest

A chance encounter with a supine stranger has led to new friendships and a greater appreciation of Bruthen from three e-bike enthusiasts.

Lyndon Glover from the Sunshine Coast was spotted having a well-earned rest in the Rotunda after a train trip from Melbourne and riding from Bairnsdale on the railtrail. He was meeting up with his dad Glen and Uncle Bruce who arrived from Omeo soon after. They have both been travelling around Victoria riding the railtrails wherever possible on a 35 day tour.

Over a year Bruce collected 15 e-bikes from hard waste and assembled 3 excellent ones from the parts. It helps that he is an electrical engineer! He is also a Metro train driver who suffered a horrific crash and derailment on a level crossing and needed a year to return to work. To help with his recovery he started riding railtrails to reduce his traumatic memories of railways and trains and give him a gentler introduction to returning to the job he still loves despite the daily challenges.

His brother Glen flew over from New Zealand and they started Bruce's well-planned trip in Upwey, taking the train down to Colac, then riding to Beech Forest, by rail trail, on their first night. Each place denotes an overnight stay. From there to Port Campbell, Childers Cove, and Port Fairy.

They slept in a volcano at Peshurst. Dunkeld, Halls Gap, Ararat, Skipton, Ballarat, Newstead (5/3). North Harcourt, Bendigo, Toobarak, Tallarook. Alexandra, Mansfield, Edi, Yackandandah,



Tallangatta, Shelley, Old Tallangatta, Snowy Creek (Mitta Mitta). Omeo, Bruthen, Marlo.

The trio were planning on staying a night at Nowa Nowa after Marlo, but could not find a suitable overnight charging arrangement for the bikes. This is something they and other places need to address because they are missing out on business and social opportunities.

A Rambler correspondent was happy to offer them another night's accommodation in town. Their stay included a swim under the Rail bridge and out at Ramrod which they absolutely loved. Before setting off to Marlo the group enjoyed a tasty and sustaining breakfast at Tambo Valley Honey.

Bruthen Inn provided delicious dinners on both evenings and on the second occasion we were fortunate enough to be joined by Omeo residents Chris, Ashley and East Gippsland celebrity cocky Flossie. Previously Lyndon had a great fear of birds but after enjoying Flossie's adoring and undivided attention for an hour, he declared holding Flossie had been life-changing and he no longer felt afraid.

From Bruthen they took in Eagle Point and the Silt Jetties which they would not recommend to riders as it was very long at 11kms, corrugated and not pleasant on a bike!

From there to Paynesville, along the frightening back road to Sale, Seaspray, Reeves Beech, Port Welshpool, Buffalo, Leongatha, Kilcunda, Then on the ferry at Cowes, Stoney Point-Carrum Beech on train, ride Dandenong Creek back home.

Meeting locals means that visitors and hosts alike take away so many more enriching, even transforming experiences as in Lyndon's interaction with Flossie. Bruthen will always hold a special place in their hearts and Bruce plans to return next February with his regular crew of e-bike aficionados.





# And Relaxation in Bruthen



Cyclists are fantastic for our businesses as they travel light and despite free fruit along the way, most other meals, food and drinks are purchased.

“After 35 days of laughter, adventure, excitement, silence, nature and all round excellent times spent with my brother and for the last 10days, his son (my nephew, Lyndon),” Bruce said.

“We arrived safely home. When we started the bicycle ride it was all about the ride, but it quickly became evident that it was really about the people we came in contact with.”

“Thank you for being part of our ride, you’ve helped to make it a fantastic experience, way beyond what I could have planned. Thank you.”

- Pamela Boyd

Photo left: Lyndon Glover after his ride from Bairnsdale.

Photo far left : Lyndon and Flossie's romance

Above: From left Chris and Flossie, Glen, Lyndon and Bruce.

Below: The Wiggles setting off to Paynesville on their last morning in Bruthen.



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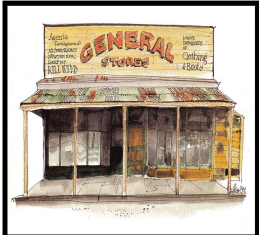
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# Fire Safety: Winters Heating Tips from the Burthen Fire Brigade

With the with daylight savings now here and winter on the way, it's a good time to do some of the basic work regarding your house smoke alarm. Remember working smoke alarms save lives.

Check your smoke alarm and remember:

- Test monthly
- Dust annually
- Replace the alarm every ten years



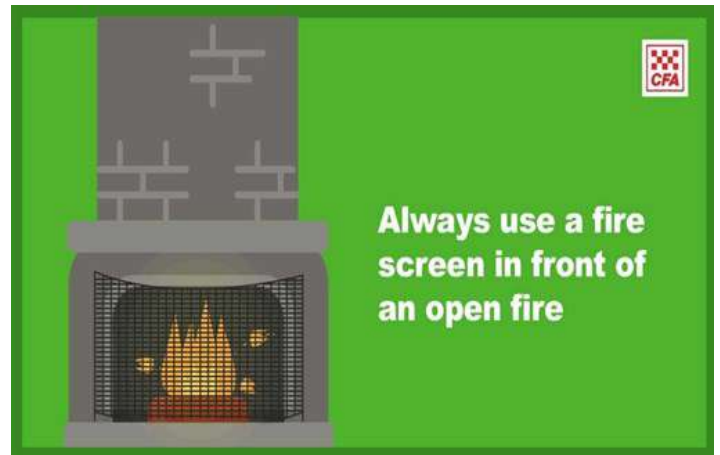
As the cooler weather kicks in, your local Brigade is urging residents to keep themselves safe by checking and maintaining their fireplaces, chimneys, fireboxes and flues. Each year CFA sees an increase in the number of chimney fires from both fireplaces and wood heaters. Don't think a chimney or flue fire won't happen to you.

Over time there can be a build-up of creosote, a black tar-like residue, which is highly flammable and could clog up chimneys. To reduce the risk of fire starting from your fireplace or wood heater you should:

- Use a torch to check for creosote build-up or obstructions.
- Have your chimney professionally cleaned

annually.

- Only burn dry, clean wood.
- Extinguish your fire before going to bed or leaving the house.



Residents with gas heaters should have the heater inspected and serviced every two years to ensure the safety of loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning or fire.

Cooler weather conditions and the winter months are one of the riskiest times of the year for fires in the home and sadly, most of these fires can be prevented. Chimney fires can quickly turn into house fires so the few minutes spent now could be one of the most important fire safety actions you take this winter.

Fireplaces can also be a fire hazard if fuels are allowed to fall out of the fireplace. A secure guard or fireproof screen should be used at all times. If drying clothes please ensure they are positioned at least one metre away from the heat source and constantly monitored to reduce the chance of ignition. Likewise, for the kiddies, they must be supervised near all types of heating, always ensure there is safe distance between a child and heating.

One of the nicest things about winter is curling up in front of a warm fire, and with these small tips we can ensure you do this safely. Fireplaces can also be a fire hazard if fuels are allowed to fall out of the fireplace. A secure guard or fireproof screen should be used at all times. If drying clothes please ensure they are positioned at least one metre away from the heat source and constantly monitored to reduce the chance of ignition.

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# Weed whacking warriors

"As I slid 600 feet down the side of Mt Loch, I did wonder what the heck I'd gotten myself into? Also how on earth do I get back up? Luckily there were strong poa grasses to haul myself up with.

Constant river crossings of the Cobungra River over another two days made us too cold to even stop to eat."

We've all heard of environmental weed management but have you ever wondered what it actually entails. The Rambler caught up with Wiseleigh resident Tosie about her new dream job at 63 years young working for a Contractor undertaking this project for the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

"I tell people I'm getting paid to have an adventure as well as helping the environment," Tosie said. "Every day is different and my first week included high-country camping in minus 2 degrees with howling winds and rain, the precipitous sliding down the side of Mt. Loch to get to the river below and pulling ourselves up again by the native grasses. Two other days involved constant crossings of the Cobungra River but they stuck it out even in such cold and windy conditions. A warm evening in the Mt Hotham pub that night helped bond the team who all share such a strong work ethic and passion for the environment that challenging conditions are tolerated in order to get a good job done.

Another week had us canoeing along the Mitchell River poisoning willows at the Silt Jetties and Glenaladale'.

Tosie's third week saw the tight-knit crew working at a less geographically challenging location - the Eagle Point reserve - pulling out Kikuyu and other invasive species.

Finally, Tosie would just like to urge other older people to "not give up but look outside the box when searching for another job. If it's possible to align your passions or principles to the job, all the better. Having a great crew to work with makes the physical challenges of the work fun and rewarding "



## St Matthew's Anglican Church Bruthen

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Services also at St Columb's Swan Reach on the second and fourth Sundays at 11.15am, & at St Mary's Buchan on the third Sunday every second month at 2.30pm commencing in February of each year.

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## Please Help The Bruthen Op Shop

Our Community (Bruthen) Op Shop is in serious need of volunteers.  
Three to Four hours a week if possible.  
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# Natural Sequence Farming FIELD DAY



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Presenter  
**STUART  
ANDREWS**

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9:30am - 3.30pm

Orbost - venue t.b.a.

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# BRUTHEN BOWLING CLUB NEWS

If you've been past the bowling club recently, you'll have noticed a 'bit' of activity. Sadly, the green is closed for renovations, possibly for 12 weeks in total (till the end of May). But, when it's reopened, it will have a far better surface. Keep updated on the club's Facebook page.

Barefoot Bowls is continuing on a Thursday evening. The club has a lovely green carpet in the clubhouse! Plus the meals are as spectacular as ever! As the end of daylight savings is nearly upon us (and will be by the time you read this), we'll be reverting to our fortnightly winter schedule, until the beginning of October. Even if you're not interested in bowling, the social buzz during these evenings is well worth a look, with the usual friendly welcome, open bar and a raffle.

Luckily the Bruthen Primary School bowls team was able to practice for the regional match before the green was closed. They placed third at the regional schools competition at Bairnsdale on March 9, behind the Lindenow and Paynesville teams, who go through to the next round.

But Bruthen wasn't far behind, so watch this space for next year! Once the green reopens, kids, bring your folks down for a fun evening of barefoot bowls and dinner.

Keep a lookout for our big raffle for the year, to be drawn during the Winter Festival. Tickets will be on sale shortly in the local shops, at the club, and from members.



## Bruthen Seniors

A good crowd of Bruthen's gadabouts enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Swanee Pub recently.

Lunch on the first Wednesday of each month is held at the Bruthen Inn. The third week varies, with this month's lunch being held on April 19, at Club Eastwood in Lucknow.

New members are welcome. \$50 yearly membership affords subsidised meals. Enquiries Sue Smith 0407507849





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### Our Workplace

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- Collect and test samples in the lab for quality assurance

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# Bruthen Easter Market

Sat 8th April  
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Easter bunny  
appearance**

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS



Bruthen & District  
Neighbourhood House

## Coming up on the BDNH calendar:

### April

#### Saturday 8th

#### Easter Market

10am-2pm, Bruthen Gardens

#### Tuesday 11th

#### Bruthen Remembers

10.30am at Community Hub

#### Thursday 13th

#### Bruthen Bookies

1pm-3pm at Community Hub

#### Mondays

#### Bruthen Men's Shed

9am-1pm at Community Hub (rear)

#### Wednesdays

Sew What at Creative Space

1pm-3pm

#### Wednesday Evenings

#### Young People's Project

4.30pm-6:30pm at Creative Space

Enrolment required

### May

#### Wednesday 3rd

#### Triple P Parenting Seminar

6:15pm-7:45pm, Community Hub

## BDNH Locations

### Community Hub

36 Main Street Bruthen

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10am-4pm Tuesday-Thursday

10am-1pm Friday

### Creative Space

51 Main Street Bruthen (rear)

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### Target Words

<b>E</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>V</b>

How many words of at least Four letters can you make? Each word must include the centre letter. And can you find the nine letter word? No abbreviations, no capitalised nouns.





# LADYBIRD BEETLES

## LEND A HAND



### One of nature's pest controllers

The Ladybird Beetle, or Lady Beetle, are one of the most recognisable insects seen in gardens, orchards and crops. Their bright colour and spotty appearance are a tell-tale give-away as to who they are. But did you know that they are one of the best bugs we can have looking after our food?

Both the lady beetle adults and their larvae are beneficial predators that eat the bugs that damage our food producing plants. They are one of nature's pest controllers. Ladybird beetles feed on pests such as aphids, leafhoppers, thrips, mites, moth eggs and small insect larvae. Even though they are small, they can eat 75 aphids every day and their larvae also feed on aphids.

It is important that we look after and encourage these pest controllers. There are many species of beneficial bugs taking care of the pests, please let them do their job.

### Good vs Bad

Insect pests can cause lots of problems in our crops and home gardens, especially to vegetable gardens and fruit trees (orchards). To

naturally control pests effectively, we need to identify the pests (bad bugs) and their predators (good bugs) so that we can help the good bugs do their job.

Head out into your backyard and take a close look at the plants - especially any fruit trees or vegetables.

Do you see any ladybird beetles? If you do, that might mean there are bad bugs in the garden, have a look at what they are eating.

### Count the spots

Ladybird beetles come in a variety of colours and patterns. The next time you find a lady beetle, look closely at the colour and patterns on the shell. Is the shell red, orange, yellow or even pink? Are there lots of dots, or just a few? Are the patterns made of lines instead of dots?

Investigate the variety of ladybird beetles by heading to the CSIRO's Ladybirds of Australia website and browse the Gallery:

[www.ento.csiro.au/biology/ladybirds/ladybirds.htm](http://www.ento.csiro.au/biology/ladybirds/ladybirds.htm)





## PUBLIC NOTICES



# Community meeting

The independent Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian Fire Season identified a range of opportunities for improvement to how Victoria prepares, responds, and recovers from emergencies

Catch up with **Inspector-General Tony Pearce** to hear and share information about how Victoria is working towards being better prepared for emergencies

**Saturday 8 April 6.00pm**  
**Bruthen & District**  
**Neighbourhood House**  
36 Main Street, Bruthen

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## 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



**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](http://glch.org.au) or find us on social media.



## Mobile Library April



M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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<b>Wed</b>	<p><b>Tambo Upper**</b> (near school) 9.00 am – 9.45 am</p> <p><b>Bruthen (Main Street)</b> 10.00 am – 11.15 am</p> <p><b>Nowa Nowa (Mingling Waters C/park)</b> 1.30 pm – 2.00 pm</p>
<b>Thu</b>	<p><b>Bruthen**</b> (near kinder) 10.45 am – 11.15 am</p> <p><i>Sites marked** are not visited during school holidays</i></p>

**Phone 51524225 or 1300 555 886**  
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Group meetings  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
@ 7 pm

Bruthen & District  
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*New members welcome*

For details contact  
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# EVENTS & NOTICES

## Injured Wildlife Rescue

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

### WILDLIFE SHELTERS

Jade Whittingham

Wombat Wisdom, (Bairnsdale), 0473 446 161

Holly Corbett

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

Suzie

Waterholes Wildlife Shelter Clifton Creek Koala specialist, 0447 470 905.

Geoff Nicol

Treehouse Wildlife Refuge Metung, 0419 345 820  
Birds, wombats, kangaroos, etc

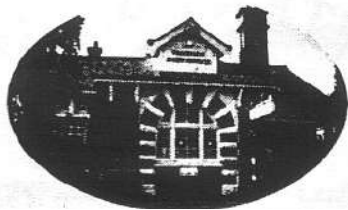
## Tai Chi

For all those people wanting to ease into autumn, Tai Chi is a series of gentle movements to encourage flexibility and mindfulness. Yes, the space is heated, and classes are on Mondays from 10.30 to 11.30am in the Bruthen Mechanics Hall.

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Increased patronage is needed for the class to continue, so please think about trying it out. Any enquiries please call 0439 812 166.

## Bruthen Lions Club firewood raffle

As the February and March markets were cancelled, we were not able sell tickets so will extend the draw date until after the Easter market.

The raffle will now be drawn on May 17, at the Lions monthly meeting at the Bruthen Inn.

Bunnings have also donated a voucher as a second prize.

## Take advantage of the Power Saving Bonus

On the back of last week's announcement that power bills are set to spike, The Nationals Member for Gippsland East, Tim Bull, encourages local residents to take advantage of the Power Saving Bonus.

The latest round of the \$250 Power Saving Bonus opened on March 24, and eligible households, including those that received payments under previous rounds, are encouraged to apply.

"Families, pensioners and small businesses are bracing for power price hikes in excess of 30% next year, so I urge everyone eligible to take advantage of the Power Saving Bonus," Mr Bull said.

"The cost of living continues to spiral out of control, an extra \$250 in the bank account can mean the difference between putting food on the table or heating the home.

"While this is by no means a cure-all for the hip-pocket pain people right across East Gippsland are enduring, it's cash back at a time when people need it most."

For further information, eligibility criteria and to apply, visit the Victorian Energy Compare website at <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>.

In event of an emergency

## Bruthen has 3 Heart Start Defibrillators

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### Bruthen Rec Reserve

for sports events / Caravan Park

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We are blessed in Australia by having so many beautiful, iconic furry animals.

It's not only the Koalas and Kangaroos that make this country unique but the possums, which fill most niches of the environment across the country.

Possums range in size from tiny Pigmy Possums not much bigger than your thumb to Bobucks (Mountain Brushtailed Possums) that can weigh several kilos.

All the 27 Australian possums are nocturnal marsupials and are largely dependent on hollows in old trees for nesting sites.

They all spend their lives in trees even though Brushtailed Possums are opportunistic and will nest in roof tops and sheds.

All possums are shy and non-aggressive and are mainly vegetarian, eating leaves, nectar and flowers although some insects and birds' eggs are also consumed as well as fruit.

Some possums have a gliding membrane attached to their arms and legs that allows them to glide for up to 50 m between trees in the dark. Their fluffy tails are used as a rudder for steering and balance.

The most common possums we see or hear in East Gippsland are Brushtails and Ringtails although if you go out on a quiet night you are likely to hear Sugar Gliders which chatter between themselves in family groups.

Other gliding possums present in East Gippsland are the Yellow-bellied Glider which emits a blood curdling cry that can strike fear into the faint hearted and the beautiful Greater Glider which is significantly endangered by loss of habitat from forestry activities. If you are lucky enough to live in the high country in Gippsland you may be able to see the Victorian faunal emblem, the Leadbeater's Possum which is endangered and was only rediscovered in 1961 after being classified as extinct for almost 50 years.

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- ⇒ 1/4 page - Cost \$25.00
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#### Closing date for May issue is April 25.

Please send your articles by e-mail only to:  
**tamborambl@gmail.com**

(Word, Publisher, JPG or PNG format with photos please  
**PDF format will also be accepted.**)

Tambo Rambler is distributed across East Gippsland via email and on the web page at  
<https://bruthendistrict.org.au/tambo-rambler/>

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

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







**SOME FACTS ABOUT BLUE BEES**

Blue banded bees are native to Australia with 14 known species. Found everywhere except Tasmania.

Blue Banded Bees are Buzz Pollinators. The loud buzzing shakes loose the pollen onto the female's body to pollinate other flowers.

Male Blue Banded Bees live in small groups on stems or twigs, while females make nests underground or in rock formations. (See right)

The Blue Spotted Cloak & Dagger Bee (Above) is a parasitic bee that infiltrates other hives to feast on their honey.

Photos courtesy of Jenny Cox from Wiseleigh.





**FREE EVENT**

# **LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY 13TH MAY**



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