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Halloween haunts Bruthen



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Kids delight in Halloween festivities

Amid perfect weather a happy and excited crowd of an estimated 600 people rolled through Bruthen Neighbourhood House's first-ever and very successful Haunted House Halloween event. There were so many great costumes to complement the awesomely decorated House and surrounds.

Our thanks go to the East Gippsland Community Foundation for providing the \$5000 Event Grant to run this amazing family extravaganza, along with an accompanying Pumpkin Carving Workshop the day before attended by 44 carvers. The funds also provided all the Lego pieces and refreshments for the two very successful Lego School Holiday sessions.

A huge thank-you must be given to Nikki Willett, our indefatigable, high-energy Neighbourhood House Manager who conceived and undertook this massive plan with many unpaid hours on top of her usual duties. Joe Ciemcioch, Programs Co-ordinator was instrumental in its success and also contributed many extra hours.

Thanks must also go to Bruthen Bakery for their very generous support with an enormous donation of bread loaves for the free BBQ. Paul Domanski, Bruthen's Under 26's football coach, wife Paula and son Oskar manned the barbecue non-stop for hours and we thank them too.

We hope Ryan from Wacky Wombat Entertainment is feeling better and thank Grant for filling in at short notice as Pumpkin Man. Their Face-painter extraordinaire Pixie Violet did an amazing job transforming the punters as well.

Big Bears Donuts brought their delicious, fresh offerings to the town

We couldn't have managed this event without our usual volunteers Kelsey and Nathan Schueler, Dave and Zali Willet, Faye (Popcorn Queen) and Eileen Brooks, Tony Broerson, Jenny Carter (photos) and Gus Gustus.

Pamela Boyd

And thank-you to anyone we have missed and everyone else who helped make this such an astonishingly successful event.



Pumpkin carving

A great big thank you to Nicki and the gang from Bruthen District Neighbourhood House. We had such a wonderful time - apart from a few anxious moments watching small children with sharp tools! Luckily no blood was shed and we all left with our inspired pumpkin carvings for Halloween. There were some truly fabulous designs. The pizzas topped off an excellent evening. Thanks from the mature women's pumpkin carving collective





CASE BUILT BY
JAMES GIBBS
IN HIS 80TH YEAR
1927



Paul Gibbs, Woodworker

The Tambo Rambler team was very fortunate earlier this year to have Paul Gibbs donate his time and skills to construct new display boxes for our newsletter, their simple but clever design providing a clear view of the Rambler's cover photographs.

Lovely as they are, these boxes are quite a modest example of Paul's skills, as he is capable of work of astonishing complexity.

There is a long tradition of woodworking in Paul's family (he counts at least five generations of carpenters before him). Paul initially took a different path in his working career. After gaining his Certificate of Electrical Engineering in Melbourne he worked as a draftsman with the Board of Works and then as an electrical and technical officer for the SEC (State Electricity Commission). Paul and his wife Odarka moved to Tambo Upper/Bumberrah 28 years ago, and had a 13-year stint as hydroponic tomato farmers, of which many locals would be aware.

While carpentry has been ever-present in his life, Paul has really thrown himself into it since retiring, and his workshop is a wonder to behold. The accompanying photos give some idea of the range and intricacy of his work. The timbers used include Cypress, Jarrah, Walnut, Spotted Gum, Silvertop, Ironbark, Red Gum, Huon Pine, Kwila, Mountain Ash and American Red Oak.

Paul and Odarka's home unsurprisingly has many beautiful examples of his work. There are also legacies from previous generations, including an impressive clock cabinet which his great-grandfather built when he was in his eighties. There is also a crystal cabinet, built by his father as a wedding present to his wife. Two sons are continuing the family tradition, while a grand-daughter is taking great pleasure in developing her skills in a wood-working class at Nagle College.

Some may have seen examples of Paul's work at the recent exhibition Bruthen Artists on Show at the Arts and Information Centre. He is still an active member of the Orbost Exhibition Centre and the Bairnsdale Woodcraft Group and there are always works in progress!

-JC



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Bruthen upgrades ready for summer

Construction for the Bruthen Streetscape project is nearly complete.

East Gippsland Shire Council (EGSC) crews have been busy installing new gardens, bike racks, a bus shelter, and improved street furniture. New pedestrian paths have also been added for safer access within the town centre. Additional parking, including 20 car parks and two disabled car parks, is now available. Drivers with caravans and trailers are encouraged to park near the skate park for quick stops. Long vehicle parking is available opposite the post office on the north side of the service road and up Ronald Street. The locally sourced Bruthen blue sandstone wall seating is surrounded by native vegetation and landscaping to create an enjoyable space. Upgrades to one of Eastern Victoria's most used public toilets will start soon, with the existing one remaining open until the new one is ready.



The project included constructing kerbs, channels, drainage systems, driveways and bitumen asphalt work with line marking. EGSC are proud to partner with Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) to deliver this project for East Gippsland. GLaWAC designed and installed a yarning circle in the centre median in the town centre. Embraced by shields representing the five Gunaikurnai clans, the yarning circle is a celebration of Gunaikurnai culture and is designed to support the foundation of respectful relationships and provide a safe place for all to speak without judgement.

The streetscape project aimed to attract investment, create jobs, and support population growth in the surrounding areas. It enhances the functionality of the main street, improves town amenities, and encourages more people to support local businesses.

Twelve local businesses participated in the Facade Upgrade Program, which offered up to \$5,000 for various cosmetic works, such as signs, external painting and cosmetic improvements to their shop fronts. Although the Facade Upgrade Program has closed, the Business Boost Program continues to support new and emerging businesses through enterprise facilitation, connecting businesses to resources and opportunities.

To promote Bruthen and its businesses, Destination Gippsland is creating a digital and social media campaign. Stay tuned for the launch event at the end of the year. For more information and recent photos visit <https://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/bruthen-streetscape>





Bruthen Seniors

Recently the Bruthen seniors enjoyed a trip to Buchan reserve for a picnic and a walk up to the falls.

The lunch at the Wy Yung Hotel was well attended. Good weather bought us all out. Interesting to see the changes made at the pub, an old favourite now under new management.

On October 4, it was a perfect day weatherwise and a group of seniors ventured out to Fairy Dell. Many had not been there since the fires. The picnic area was well set up with fireplace BBQs and spotless longdrop toilets. Some went for a walk to the Dell itself and after clambering under one fallen tree we were stopped by an even bigger tree along the track, probably blown down in our last storms.

Our next luncheon will be held at The Glenara RSL in Lakes Entrance on November 15, the bus will be running..

The annual Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at a venue to be determined.

Any enquires to Sue Smith on 0407 507 849.



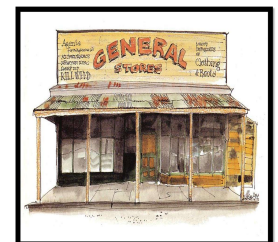
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Bruthen Hall gets all Jazzed up

A community family friendly event celebrating the recent updates to the hall will kick off on Sunday, November 26, starting at 4pm.

Presented by Bruthen Arts and Events Council and the Bruthen Mechanics Hall Committee of Management and sponsored by Regional Arts Victoria

This is a ticket Event: Please Pre-Book Tickets

Buy your ticket from Trybooking, <https://www.trybooking.com/CMRZE>

Event Program

What's Happening

Come and See the new hall renovations , be informed how to book the hall for event, workshops or parties.

Listen to some Fabulous Music By Fat'Azz Jazz band.

Your senses will be bedazzled, your mind bewitched as you sit back and listen to this group. An exciting contemporary jazz quartet, Fat'Azz perform a variety of vocal and instrumental pieces. From familiar jazz standards to popular songs, from Baião to Baroque, Blues to the Cuban Bolero and much more. All seasoned with a sprinkling of original compositions. Fat'Azz are a group of four musicians who are all dedicated to bringing the BIG, the bold, the broad and bountiful to their particular brand of Jazz... Fat Jazz is Fat'Azz.

Eat some great Italian risotto cooked by local chef Rinaldo Antico <https://growilde.com/> offering Mushroom Risotto or Spring vegetable Risotto. Both will have sides including; Pepper tapenade, Chimi churri and Italian flat bread.

Kid Zone with free craft activities: includes a childrens food platter & more. Lucky Ticket draw, BAEC will be running a bar and try our signature cocktails.

Take care on the River Loop track as the recent rains caused a substantial collapse near the road bridge. We thank our Council workers who were very prompt in putting up a safety barricade.



Program

- 4pm: Welcome – Hall committee & tour of Hall.
- 4:15 - 5pm: Music Fat'azz.
- 5pm - 5:15pm: Intermission.
- 5:15pm – 6pm: Music Fat'azz.
- 6pm – 6:30pm: Dinner served.
- 6:30pm: Draw lucky door prize.
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm(ish) more music.



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Volunteers always welcome at the Bruthen Op Shop.

ALL WELCOME!! Please come and you are most welcome to contact: The Rev'd Brian Norris on 0418 633446

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Cheers and beers, Stretch

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Bruthen Arts and Events Council and the
Bruthen Mechanics Hall Committee of Management
present

BRUTHEN HALL

ALL JAZZED UP

Join us in Celebrating the Hall's new look
4:00pm Sunday 26th
November

Tickets include:

An Italian Dinner by Rinaldo
Musica By Fat'Azz Jazz band
KidsZone with free activities
Open hall tour

Lucky ticket prize

Bruthenites – adults \$10

Non-Bruthenites - \$15

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Tickets available from

Try booking <https://www.trybooking.com/CMRZE>



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SARFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Time: 6pm

Date: Friday, 24 November 2023

Location: Sarsfield Hall

Volunteering and community support is the  of the Sarsfield Community and the Sarsfield Community Association (SCA).

*It's kept us all going for the last three years and with YOUR help
it will keep us going for many years to come....*

IMPORTANT AGM INFORMATION

- All SCA Committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and nominations from SCA members will be invited.
- We'd love to see new faces on the SCA committee - please consider nominating.
- You can nominate for a committee position (or register for SCA membership) online at www.sarsfield.com.au.
- To find out more about the SCA committee call current SCA VicePresident – Simon Hof on 0472 838 149
- Not sure about bringing the kids to the AGM?!! We've tee'd up Wacky Wombat to entertain the kids from 6pm.

THE SARFIELD COMMUNITY FRIDAY NIGHT FEED – New Leaf Catering
The AGM is sure to make us all hungry. Immediately following AGM close, the SCA will host the monthly Sarsfield community 'Friday Night Feed' dinner. This dinner is open to the Sarsfield community and friends. If you have not joined us yet – make this your first feed! All food provided (just BYO drinks).

Sarsfield Call For Volunteers!

Come and be part of Sarsfield community's future. New and existing residents are welcome to get involved. There is an exciting year ahead with the building of the new hall, ongoing community events and activities.



Sarsfield Community Association's third AGM on 24 November is fast approaching. There is a committed band of volunteers doing everything from contributing to the new hall design and use to running community events, grounds maintenance and doing the finances, administration and promotion.

"New volunteers are always needed, made welcome and supported in any role you wish to undertake. You can come on board in a general committee position, learn what's involved and take a leadership position in the future. Anyone who is 18 years or older is eligible to nominate. It's a great way to meet the locals and be part of the community" said Cathy McLellan, volunteer events coordinator.

A grant has been received to employ a three day per week administration person for two years so watch out for the advertisements. This will relieve committee members of a lot of the administration.

A new treasurer is needed and some financial background would be helpful, and training and support is available.

It's okay if you don't like meetings, there are many hands-on activities to help with.

Don't delay, contact Cathy McLellan now and discuss your interest on 0488051936 or committee3@sarsfield.com.au

Crochet Workshop

Have you always wanted to learn how to crochet? If so Bruthen Art and Information Centre has a workshop just for you. Saturday November 11, from 10am to 1pm.

Rachael will be your tutor. Rachael loves to crochet and is keen to share her knowledge with others.

Cost \$10 each.

Contact Joy on 0490819507 or email bruthenartandinfo@aussiebroadband.com.au to book your place.



Vandalism leaves our environment unsafe

Once again the vandals have been smashing their bottles against the railway bridge pylon. This is a popular local swimming and fishing spot and their selfish, unthoughtful behaviour makes it unsafe for everyone, particularly our children and pets. Many hours have been regularly spent cleaning up their mess, sometimes there may be half a dozen or more smashed bottles. Please consider others and take your empties with you in future

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Medieval Winter Fire Festival

Has to be the number one highlight. The Medieval Winter Fire Festival 2022 held in July last year was a wonderful celebration attracting community members and visitors to the region as well. Partnering with the East Gippsland Historical Re-enactment Group proved very successful and it was great to be able to join forces with them again this year.

The efforts that a lot of people went to find the perfect costume were impressive and to see a lot more this year, including knights' in armour and Vikings, added magic to the event. We must have boosted the income of a lot of Op Shops!

The 2022 festival attracted an estimated 800 people while the 2023 festival attendance was estimated to be 1800.

The Medieval festival is for the community and it was great to have the support of the CFA, SES, Lions Club, Bruthen Primary School, Bruthen Neighbourhood house, individual volunteers and the Bruthen Bowls club.

Ideas for next year are already formulating.

Connecting Places

Every year Regional Arts Victoria select 4 or 5 quality acts and offer them to small arts organisations like us.

Jazz Supper Club and The Merinda's Music Café were both fun nights out with good food and great music. One of my aims for these events is for our volunteers to enjoy the events as well which we are getting a lot better at doing. Cabaret Sass and Secrets and the kids puppet show Crow kids were run in September.

Zompocalypse.

Lauren Manley and Jon Whitfield were the brains behind this amazing event. Bruthen Humans fighting off the Zombies – unsuccessfully mind you – was a theme that appealed to lots of locals. Gruesome makeup added to the atmosphere. Everyone in costume was then invited to be part of a music video that was filmed in the hall for a YouTube release of Brent Hodgkins band's "Terrified of Zombies". Make sure you have a look at this.

Other activities for the year.

Two lantern making workshops were held so people could make lanterns for the lantern parade held as part of the Medieval festival. 140 people walked in the parade which was very

aminated and beautiful.

Timbarra trip

On March 9 members went to Timbarra to share ideas and have some fun. Lots of brainstorming happened where some excellent ideas emerged, some of which we have acted on already and some that are still to be completed.

East Gippsland Winter Festival.

This was our third year as part of the East Gippsland Winter Festival which has been a very positive experience. The support and advice we received from this group was invaluable as was being on the festival calendar and web pages.

What is happening in 2023/24?

One event we were waiting for is the Finucane and Smith Travelling Dance Hall on September 29. We had special prices for Bruthen, Sarsfield, Wiseleigh, Mossiface and Buchan people because this show was sponsored for fire affected areas.

A community Jazz afternoon with FatAzz jazz band. November 26.

A Food and Wine Festival for Bruthen has been scheduled for January 27, 2024.

Cancelling the Blues and Arts festival was a big decision but by not having it, it has allowed the group to focus on smaller and easier to run events this last year without danger of burnout. The Blues festival consumed a lot of energy and time with all the organisation and planning required to run it and then there was the tidying up of everything afterwards including grant acquittals, finalising all payments etc. While the Medieval festival attracted a lot of people, the workload was minimal compared to the Blues festival and we have been able to have the various shows and events that we have enjoyed doing throughout the year.

We are always open to suggestions and we are very happy to share our knowledge with other groups wanting to run events.

I am looking forward to another exciting year working with this wonderful team of people.

Joy Manley
President



HALL NEWS

It is time for the Bruthen Mechanics Hall and the Mossiface and Wiseleigh Memorial Hall to show off the works that have been done on both halls over the last year of so.

The committee of management also want to bring the community together for a social event and chin wag.

There will be two events and all residents are invited to come along to join in the fun and to take a look at the halls.

MOSSIFACE AND WISELEIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday December 10, at 4pm.

Barbecue and treats for the kids.

Kids activities

Santa is coming courtesy of the Mossiface CFA.

Live music.

FREE so come along.

BRUTHEN HALL JAZZED UP

November 26 at 4pm

The hall committee is teaming up with the Arts and Events people to put on an afternoon of food, jazz music and fun for the community. See more information elsewhere in this edition of the Rambler.

Joy Manley

Yarn Bombing

What is yarn bombing?

Yarn bombing is temporary street art where yarn is used in some form (knitted, crocheted, wrapped, etc) to decorate an object such as a tree or post in a public area.



Bruthen Art, Information and Heritage Centre

The Art and Information Centre is looking for people who would like to yarn bomb the centre and surrounds. The 'artwork' will stay up for one month starting from Australia Day weekend in January. Anyone can join in to create this spectacle. It is a good idea to have a look and do some measurements first: eg measure the verandah posts or handrails on the ramp so your work fits. We will have a basket of wool for you to pick up a ball or you might have some that you would like to use up. If you use the internet, do a search to see some great examples of yarn bombing.

You do not have to be a good knitter or crocheter to join in. Some long crochet chains will be useful too. Let us know if this sounds like you. The more the prettier!

Joy Manley



Bruthen Men's Shed turn the tables

The Men's Shed guys have been busy refurbishing the old Main St tables to their former glory. They have removed paint and varnish, revarnished and polished the metal. These fabulous tables will be installed at the Recreation Reserve and the front of the Neighbourhood House.

Bruthen Football Netball announce new coaches

The Bruthen Football Netball Club are thrilled to announce our 2024 panel.

From left Todd Cook (Auskick coordinator), Lucy Leeming (u17 netball coach), Livia Healey (u12 netball coach), Danielle Taylor (juniors netball

assistant coach/teams manager), Emma Buck (vice president), Stewy (extra), David Cameron (President), Roger Andrew (life member), Paul Domanski (u16 football coach), Brett Campbell (senior football coach)



Yummy Spanokopita

The Rambler volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch made with spinach, silverbeet, kale and broccoli from our recently established Neighbourhood House community garden.

RECIPE

200° oven temperature

750g Australian feta, diced

500g ricotta

One large onion, chopped

Big bunch of green leafy vegetables, chopped

Broccoli was a new addition and easily hidden for fussy eaters.

As many cloves of garlic to taste, chopped

Puff pastry sheets, butter pastry is best

Large steamer and boiler pot (or large microwave bowl and steamer

Line base of large baking tray, a slice tray is good or any not-too-deep oven-proof dishes. Prick surface with a fork and bake until golden.

Cook onion until soft, then add garlic for a few minutes steam or saute the vegetables until softened and squeeze out any moisture.

Combine all ingredients together and spread over the pastry base.

Cover with pastry, brush with milk, prick with a fork and bake until golden, usually 25 to 30 minutes

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Bruthen & District
Neighbourhood House



2023 Christmas Carols & Community Celebration

You are all invited for a Christmas service filled with music, song and merryl!

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What's on in November

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2023

Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			1:00-3:00pm Sew What BDNH Creative Space 4:30-7pm Young People's Project BDNH		9:30-11:00am Bruthen Mums n Bubs BDNH	
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		
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Bruthen family's relative wins on world stage



At just 16, Jorja "Gorgeous Jorj" Hersey, granddaughter of Bruthen's Cheryl Hersey, is a model of focus and intense self-discipline, and a world-class talent in the field of Muay Thai, also known as Thai boxing. Just recently, she travelled to Turkey for the IFMA (International Federation of Muaythai Associations) World Youth Muay Thai Championships from late September to early October, where she won the Bronze Medal.

Jorja is the daughter of Cheryl's son Damian (who grew up in Bruthen and attended Bruthen Primary School) and his wife Joanne. They now live on Queensland's Surf Coast, but they and their children are regular visitors to Bruthen.

Jorja has been training in Muay Thai for over six



years with the Sunshine Coast Thai Boxing Centre under coach Joe Hilton. She has built up a very impressive list of achievements. In 2022 she was a Silver Medallist at the World Youth Championships in Malaysia, is a three-time Gold Medallist with Muay Thai Australia, and became the MTA's Queensland Super Lightweight Champion in August this year. These are not the sort of achievements that come without a lot of hard work! Jorja regularly does five to eight training sessions a week, and in the lead-up to a competition lifts this to eight to ten sessions a week.

Next up? Jorja will be competing for the WKBF (World Kickboxing Federation) Junior Queensland Lightweight title in November and the National Muay Thai Championships in March next year. All the best Gorgeous Jorj!

Some Gippsland Connections

The South Gippsland town of Korumburra hosts the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, a fascinating site spread over 27 hectares. It contains 53 relocated heritage buildings, some of which had housed businesses owned by families, many with descendants still resident in the area.

One such was Macqueen's barbershop. Outside was a large display board of "The Macqueen children: Something Korumburra should be proud of". The fifth child was Kenneth Haig Macqueen (dec). He served during the Second World War with the 2/7 Australian Infantry Battalion, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. He was captured in Crete and spent three and a half years in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany. He was released on May 8, 1945, V-E (Victory in Europe) Day, and discharged in 1946.

And then came the Bruthen connection: after his war service Ken moved to Bruthen and married Ethel Calvert; they became part-owners of the General Store and later with their four children moved on to a dairy farm.

Ken's daughter Margaret and sister-in-law Velma were delighted to hear of the discovery of this display in Korumburra, and very happy for the photo to be published in the Tambo Rambler.



Crested Shrike-Tit

Bird of the Month – November 2023

This bird is small in size but big in style! The Crested Shrike-tit is boldly coloured, with a bright yellow chest and striking black and white head, and as it's name suggests, a black mohawk-like crest. A medium-small bird, has a short thick bill that has hooked tips and a square-tipped tail that appears forked.

The Crested Shrike-tit is endemic to mainland Australia. The species is separated into three geographically isolated subspecies. In Gippsland, we have the Eastern Shrike-tit. They are a sedentary bird with some local movements in autumn and winter. Their song is loud with a descending three-part whistle, and they're also accomplished mimics of many other species' songs. Found in eucalypt forests and woodlands, forested gullies and along rivers in drier areas, but can also be seen in rainforests and sometimes parks and gardens or on farms with scattered trees or pine plantations. They are seldom found more than 1 km from their preferred habitat. However, for a pleasant change, they're a bird that's easy enough to see as they're strikingly-coloured, and can be quite inquisitive and will often come up close and personal with humans.

Favouring a diet of spiders and beetles, hearing them tear at the bark of trees with their strong bill looking for insects and larvae is a clue to their presence. They forage in trees and occasionally eat fruit and seeds.

Breeding from August to January, the male selects a nest-site in a high fork of eucalypt saplings, where the supporting branches are far too slender to carry the weight of any predator. He attracts females by quivering and waving his wings. Together they collect nesting materials, then the female builds a deep cone-shaped nest from dry grass and bark strips, heavily bound with webs, moss and lichen to create a soft, flexible structure. They have a clutch of two to three eggs with both sexes incubating the eggs and feeding the young. Two broods may be raised in a season.

They play an important role in maintaining healthy native vegetation by keeping insect numbers balanced and are an excellent indicator species for healthy, well-connected native remnant vegetation. Populations of Crested Shrike-tits are declining across Australia due to habitat loss associated with land clearing. And more frequent, hot fires in the dry season decrease the ability of insects to establish themselves under bark, reducing the Shrike-tit's main food source.

BirdLife East Gippsland meets weekly for Monday morning outings. New members are always welcome. Check our Facebook page and Birdlife Australia events page for more information.

Birdlife Australia recommends participants are fully vaccinated against Coronavirus.



Photo by Jack Winterbottom

BUSINESS OF FARMING

CASH FLOW - TAX - BANK FINANCE

Death, tax, interest and changing markets are inevitable in the game of farming. Come along for dinner and a discussion with experienced people who talk in practical language about what you can do in your farm business



Understand the impacts of significantly reduced sheep and cattle prices and what you can do to manage them.



Understand the impacts of tax payable should you choose to exit farming or in case of a death.



Understand bank trading policy and how you might be able to negotiate with your bank to fill cashflow holes and keep your farm running smoothly.



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5:30 - 8:30pm
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No cost & dinner provided

BRUTHEN
Monday 20th Nov
5:30 - 8:30pm
Bruthen Pub
No cost & dinner provided

REGISTER

PHONE
0436 462 559

LINK

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SCAN:



MORE INFO

Natalie Jenkins - 0436 462 559 / njenkins@sfs.org.au



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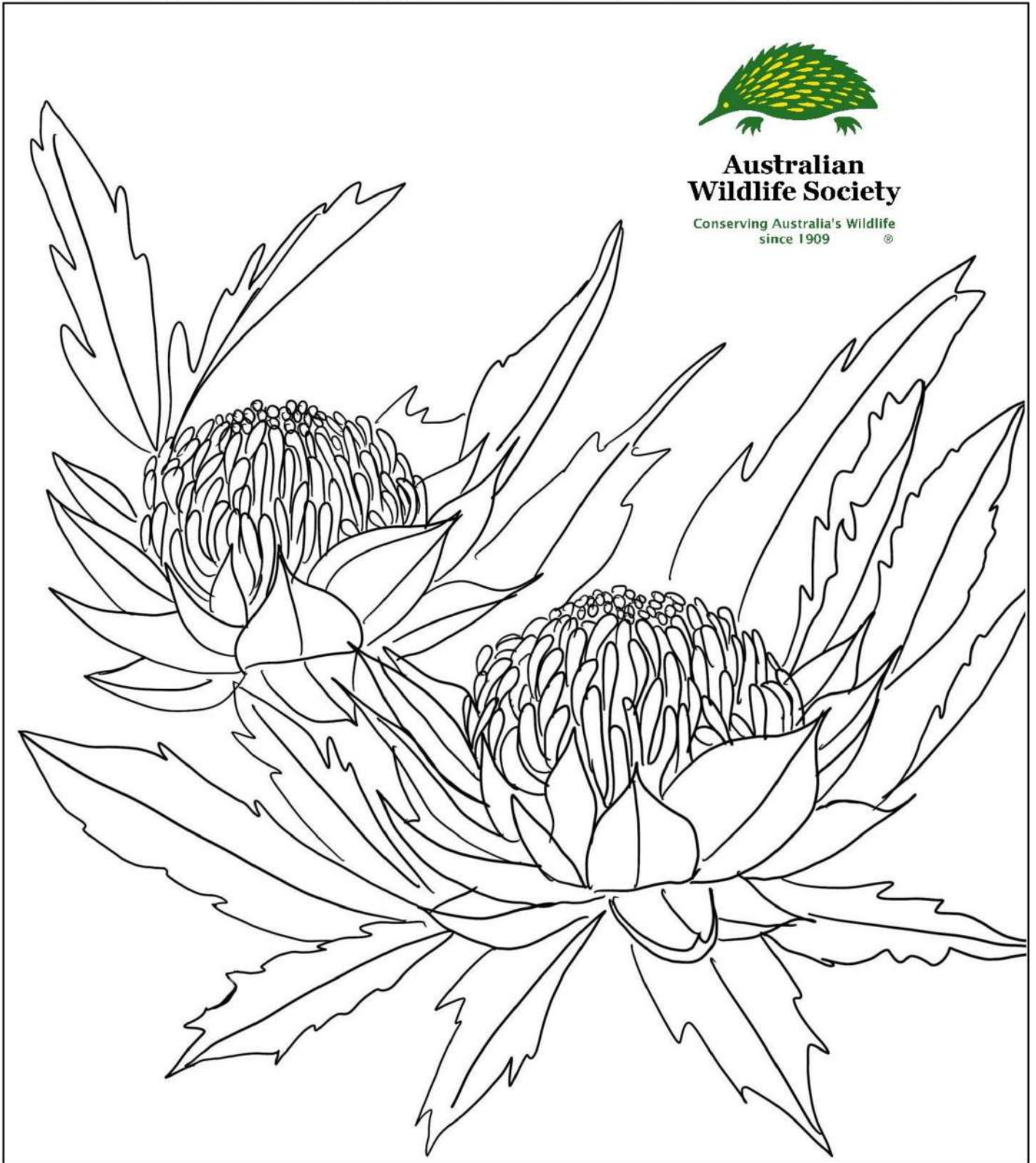
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How many words of four letters or more can you find? Every word must use the centre letter, and each letter is used only once. Can you find a nine-letter word?



The waratah (*Telopea speciosissima*) is a member of the Proteaceae family and is best known for its large, bright red inflorescences. It is endemic to Australia and is the floral emblem of NSW. The waratah is protected under the *NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, and picking its flowers is prohibited.



Name..... Age.....

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Australian Wildlife Society

NATIONAL COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

The Australian Wildlife Society colouring-in competition is designed to inspire the younger generation to learn about Australia's native wildlife via visual art and creativity. We hope that the experience provides participants with the opportunity to explore and develop a deeper understanding of environmental and wildlife-related issues.

There will be one first, second and third place winner in each state and territory of Australia. The first place finalist in each state and territory will go into a draw to have their artwork published in the Society's magazine *Australian Wildlife*. All first place winners will receive an annual family membership, valued at \$70, and a certificate of congratulations. Their artwork will be published in the Society's e-newsletter and social media platforms. Second and third place winners will receive a certificate of congratulations and their artwork will be published in the e-newsletter and social media platforms.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

When you submit your entry, please include the following information:

- Your name and age
- Your state of residence
- Telephone number and/or email address (this is how we will notify the winners)
- Parent/guardian signature as consent for entry into the competition

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

- Entries are limited to one (1) entry per person
- To submit your entry, please take a photo or scan the completed artwork and email a copy to info@aws.org.au
- Please name your file according to the format: Name, Age, State (For example: Mark5yoNSW)

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 30 NOVEMBER

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL/PHONE IN MID-DECEMBER



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



The mobile bus service provides an opportunity to not only use the library service, but to engage with them on Council matters. All community members welcome. See the schedule below for when one of our busses is visiting your community.

What you can do at the mobile service

- Borrow books
- Pick up a Council newsletter
- Lodge a report or request
- Pay an account / make electronic payments
- Make enquiries, collect and lodge application forms
- Register your dogs and cats
- Access and complete surveys
- Learn about and provide feedback on projects
- Use a computer
- Have a chat and much more

1st & 3rd Wed Thu	Tambo Upper *	9.00 am – 9.45 am
	Bruthen (Main Street)	10.15 am – 12.15 am
	Swan Reach Kinder	1.30 pm – 2.00 pm
	Nicholson	2:15 pm – 3:15 pm
	Bruthen (near kinder) *	11 am – 11.15 am
	Mossiface	11:30am to 12 noon

Sites marked are not visited during school holidays*

Phone 51524225 or 1300 555 886
www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au



OPEN: Mondays & Wednesdays from 8.00am to 12 midday

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

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

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

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

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

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



NEW MEETING DATES!!



**Bruthen & District
Landcare
Group**

Group meetings
1st Saturday of the month
@ 9 am

Venues to be confirmed
closer to the date

New members welcome

For details contact
landcare.bruthen@gmail.com

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 stretch themselves this Spring, Tai Chi is a series of gentle movements to encourage flexibility and mindfulness. Yes, the space can be cooled, and classes are on Mondays from 10.30 to 11.30am in the Bruthen Mechanics Hall.

Any enquiries please call 0439 812 166.



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TAMBO RAMBLER

Tambo Rambler Advertising Costs

BLACK AND WHITE Advert Options

- ⇒ 9 x 5 cm - Cost \$10.00
- ⇒ 9 x 8 cm - Cost \$15.00
- ⇒ 1/4 page - Cost \$25.00
- ⇒ 1/2 page - Cost \$50.00
- ⇒ Full page - Cost \$100.00

25% discount for BDCA Members,
(only applies to black and white adverts)

COLOUR Advert Option 1: Full Page

- ⇒ One full page, full colour feature / advert placed on the inside cover of the Tambo Rambler
- ⇒ Plus acknowledgement as the major sponsor for that month's edition of the Tambo Rambler
- ⇒ **Cost - \$165 per edition**

COLOUR Advert Option 2: Half Page

- ⇒ One half page, full colour feature / advert placed on the inside cover of the Tambo Rambler
- ⇒ Plus acknowledgement as the sponsor for that month's edition of the Tambo Rambler
- ⇒ **Cost - \$100 per edition**

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- ⇒ Plus acknowledgement as the co-sponsor for that month's edition of the Tambo Rambler
- ⇒ **Cost - \$65 per edition**

Closing date for December issue is November 25.

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

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

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<https://bruthendistrict.org.au/tambo-rambler/>

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

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

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Savouring the Good in Metung

Following a three-year hiatus, Saturday, November 25, sees the return of the popular Metung Food & Wine Festival to Metung's Village Green.

Re-branded to *Savour Metung*, this year's festival will showcase the exceptional food, wine and drink producers of East Gippsland, alongside the introduction of a wellness component designed for visitors and locals to linger longer and savour a weekend of connection and wellbeing experiences.

"The Metung Business & Tourism Association is proud to deliver this year's event and support our local businesses recovery and resilience, in what continues to be a challenging economic climate for small businesses," said Peter Baldwin, President of the Metung Business & Tourism Association.

The main event will take place on the Metung Village Green on Saturday, November 25, from 11am until 4pm. A series of wellness activities will also be on offer across the weekend including yoga, meditation, mat weaving, nature walks, hot spring bathing and more.

"Supported by Business Victoria's Mental Wellbeing in the Business Community Program Round 2, this year's event brings our local business community together to celebrate and savour the incredible produce and experiences our region offers, providing opportunities for us all to thrive," said Adam Bloem, Event Manager for Savour Metung.

On that note, the festival will kick off with a screening of the award-winning documentary film "How To Thrive," to be held at Sun Cinema Bairnsdale on Thursday, November 23. The film follows the transformative journey of seven struggling volunteers as they learn new scientific approaches that create happiness and wellbeing.

"We are delighted to have the Director & Producer of the film, Duy Huynh, joining us for an in-person Q&A following the screening," said Kim Kleinitz, committee member for Savour Metung.

"This film is a great source of hope for anyone experiencing struggle, demonstrating the transformation and positive change we can create for ourselves if we have the tools and knowledge to care for our wellbeing," said Kim.

Tickets for Savour Metung, How to Thrive Q&A screening, and other planned experiences are available via TryBooking. For further details follow Savour Metung on social media, or contact Event Manager, Adam Bloem.

Bentley Plain Birdlife Trip

The October edition of the Tambo Rambler featured the intriguing story of a trip by 'Bruthen Charlie' to Bentley Plain in the early 1930s, tasked with building a horse paddock to be used by the Fireguard stationed there each summer.

Close to a century later, on October 16 2023, a small group of Birdlife East Gippsland members ventured up to Bentley Plain on a scheduled bird survey trip.

While experiencing unseasonably cold and wet spring conditions, the group was thrilled to find it snowing as they approached Bentley Plain. Flame Robins were out in abundance, beautifully vivid against a backdrop of fluffy white snow. While this is the Flame Robin's spring and summer habitat, they were active and friendly in the cold snap, along with Yellow Robins.

An exciting day for Birdlife folk and a few other intrepid travellers who turned up to shelter in the campers' hut.

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Photographs Right: John Hutchison and Jenny Carter





