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Bruthen's Orange Fair

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The Tambo Rambler would like to acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai People, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather, and pay our respects to their Elders both past, present and emerging.

Finucane & Smith Dance Troupe

Finucane & Smith Dance Troupe sashayed into Bruthen on Friday, September 29, and it was certainly a night to remember, with the hall filled to capacity with happy fans of these fantastic performers.

The hall was decked out with beautiful curtains, lights and lush table cloths which matched the colourful and glamorous costumes worn by the artists, who sang and danced the night away. As warned there was semi-nudity, belly dancing and wonderful singing. Cabaret entertainment at its best.

We loved them and they loved us. They want to come back one day and we shall certainly try to help that happen.

Fun in the sun at Orange Fair

Visitors from far and wide came to celebrate everything citrus and Spring at Bruthen's annual Orange Fair.
With almost 40 stalls providing food and drink, artisan soaps, hand crafts, sewing, herbs and spices, and local artists, Orange Fair was a delight for all.
See you all there next year.

Misty Harlowe & Friends in Bruthen

Around forty fortunate people enjoyed a very full and enjoyable afternoon of music on September 23, at the Bruthen Hall.
Olivia Lay opened up with her usual sweet, soulful singing and very accomplished guitar with originals and covers, singing tracks from her latest album Soundscape. She's looking forward to recording a new single with Bruthen's own master local studioman Brent Hodgkins at Bruthen Music.
The Ally Row duo had Rowan playing lively banjo and Ally on keyboards and guitar. They had Mumford and Sons vibes with their Little Lion Man cover and feisty originals. Very full sound with backing tracks and foot pedal drumming work
Misty Harlowe is on her new single tour with a full band, The Ironbark Brothers for the first time joining her.
With her powerful and emotive voice, Misty was reminiscent of Linda Ronstadt at her best. A rockin' gutsy high-energy sound that had everyone's toes tapping, feet stomping, hands clapping and heads bopping. Her new single Old Omeo was beautifully sung with very haunting sweet sad strings. Most of her ballads were rollicking, rowdy and raucous and Misty and her band could give any Golden Guitar winners a run for their money.

Photo of musicians who performed at the Bruthen Hall last month. Olivia Lay, Alex Black, Misty, Aiden Effron, Alex Kesser, Ally Fitzgerald and in front Rowan Sizer.

"My first trip to Bentley's Plain on the

Early in the 1930's we were instructed by our boss the late C.V. Wyllie that there was a horse paddock to be built near the Cattlemen's Hut at Bentley's Plain, to be used by the Fireguard who was to be stationed there each summer.

With two mates, the late Alex McRae and Eric Sweeney, we got together the tools and gear we would need to do the job, it was to be a post and rail fence with a small yard in one corner, the paddock was to be about half an acre with the creek running through it so that the horses would have permeant water.

We left Bruthen on Monday morning in the district (first) utility, driven by the late C.V. with all our gear, axes, morticing axe, hammer, wedges, crosscut saw, crow bar, plus food for three weeks, blankets, cooking utensils and personal clothes, etc. We were taken to Newcombe's Hut on the Little River north of Ensay from where were to start our hike next morning to Bentley's Plain. After loading the pack horse that the Commisssion had hired to carry our gear, we had to carry a couple of sugar bags full of food tied together over our shoulders and we still had another load to bring up on the pack horse. Now we were on our way, we had a climb of over 3000 ft in 11 miles with a further one and a half miles along the top, after crossing Woodhouse Creek, it was just like walking through a Park, a virgin stand of Wolly-Butt with very little undergrowth.

On arriving at the old log cabin after a four hour hike, we unloaded the pack horse put it in an old cattle yard, and then cleaned out the hut as it had been unused for a long time. We then had to build our Queensland bunks. Two chaff bags filled with dry grass mouth to mouth with a light pole up each side that formed the base and mattress. Each end of the bed was made of two forked sticks driven in to the ground with another stick laid into the forks from each side, then the mattress was laid on to these sticks and that was your bed.

The old hut was in a sorry state and we had to stuff the holes between the logs with snow grass to keep out the wind, then fix some of the shingles on the roof and by then we were ready for tea and bed. Next day we marked out where we would put the paddock and felled enough trees to split the posts for the job; then we went looking for a suitable tree to split the rails and after trying several we found one from which we could get all the rails required. Next morning at 6am Eric and I left with the pack horse to go down to Newcombe's Hut to get the rest of our gear. We loaded the horse and started back up the walking track to Bentley's — the last 4 mile before reaching the plateau was a killer of a grade of 1 in 2. After arriving back at the hut around dusk (24 miles for the day) — we had sure earnt our pay that day.

Photo of Bruthen Charlie circa late 1950's.

Then the work started, two of us cutting and splitting the posts while the other did the morticing, which entails two holes 5" x 3" having to be cut through each post and four holes 5" deep in each corner post, and this work was pretty hard and exacting. After we had all posts cut for the job, we felled the tree that we had chosen for the rails. Two of us went on splitting the rails file the other sawed off the logs (9'6") that we wanted. We split our logs into quarters then split the rails from each quarter; feathered edge with a back thickness of 2½" and depth of 9". When we erected the fence the ends of each rail were shaped so they would fit into the morticed posts from each side.

After we had cut and finished the posts and rails Alex and I rode down to Ensay North to get a draught horse to snig the posts and rails onto

Nunnyong Plateau" as told by Bruthen Charlie

the job. For the first week we lived pretty well as we had brought two large loaves of bread plus a big piece of cooked corn beef each plus a big slab of bacon (1/3 of a pound then), flour, spuds, onions, salt, pepper, baking powder, plus the old tin of "Cocky's Joy".

After the bread was used, we had to start making dampers. Utensils were at a minimum at the hut; we had three billies - one for tea, one for spuds and onions and one spare. Our wash-up dish was a gallon oil can with the side cut out. We had no other dish so had to improvise by locating a gum tree with a big bump on one side which we chipped around with the axe, levered off, and held over the flame of the fire to dry out the sap. This was used to mix our dampers. I think this was the start of the Chinese Wok.

Having no camp oven, we part-cooked our dampers in the frying pan then stood them near the fire turning them around until cooked and that was our next day's supply. After the first weekend we went after some game so we could have a change from bacon and spuds and spuds and bacon. After a big hunt we finished with a small rabbit, a couple of parrots and a pigeon, and with onions and spuds we had a billy full of stew. We should have named it Bentley's Special but, alas, we had visitors as the late C.V. and late Jack Hodge rode up to see how the job was progressing. They decided to stay the night so that was the end of the Bentley's Special.

C.V. slept under the table in a sleeping bag while Jack head and tailed it with Alex in his bunk. The stew must have been a bit rich for C.V. as he had a bad bilious attack next morning so they had to stay another day. This put a strain on our supplies to feed two extra men, as they only brought enough for the day trip. For the rest of the time, we went back to the bacon, spuds and damper. We had one day's work to complete the job when we had a change in the weather; the horses must have smelt it as they cleared out leaving us with some posts to carry on to the job to finish it. Eric had to walk down to Newcombe's Hut to get the horses as we needed them to pack our gear out. Alex and I had finished the fence by the time he got back with the horses.

Next morning after breakfast we loaded our gear on the horses and walked out through a 6-inch mantle of snow.

On arriving at Newcombe's Hut we walked down to Ensay North post office to ring C.V.W. to pick us up the next day, when we ordered a stop at the Little River Inn for lunch (a dirty big steak and eggs plus a beer).

All this for £6.10 a fortnight plus 1/- a day camping allowance. **Bruthen Charlie**

See Page 9 for more on this story.

Alan Redshaw - Local Craftsman

Alan and Toni Redshaw came to this area from Melbourne in the 1980's to enjoy a country life-style. After 15 years in Engineers Road, they built a fabulous Mount Gambier stone house on acreage at the back of Wiseleigh where they now enjoy their retirement.

The couple have a life-long interest in the arts, antiques and furniture restoration. When I visited, I was lucky enough to see some of the Art Deco pieces Alan has restored back to their former glory for his own house and a bookcase currently being restored for friends.

Three years ago, in retirement, Alan started working with barbed wire as an art form, accessing old barbed wire from farm fences which were destroyed in the bushfires and other sources. He first made a couple of barbed wire balls for his own garden and when family and friends had a very positive response to the work, he decided to slowly increase his output and expand his designs.

Barbed wire balls and heart shapes come in different sizes and have multiple uses – eg: hearts as photo frames and balls as plant holders. Other works include platters, hanging baskets, blue wren bird swings and a variety of small iron items. It's amazing what can develop from old barbed wire, even wedding table ornaments and light fittings!

There are no power tools involved in the work -it's purely manual. A lot of patience and hard slog in the initial winding and unwinding, then bending and manipulating what can be 60 or 70 year old wire.

50 balls were lining the drive when I visited as Alan is preparing for the Garden & Home Expo at Lardner Park, Warragul, October 14 and 15.

Markets are a great outlet for the work and he and Toni can be found at Bairnsdale, Lakes, and Merimbula locations. His work is also available on Bairnsdale Buy Swap and Sell, at Nicholson's Soaps in Bairnsdale and through Bruthen Arts and Information Centre.

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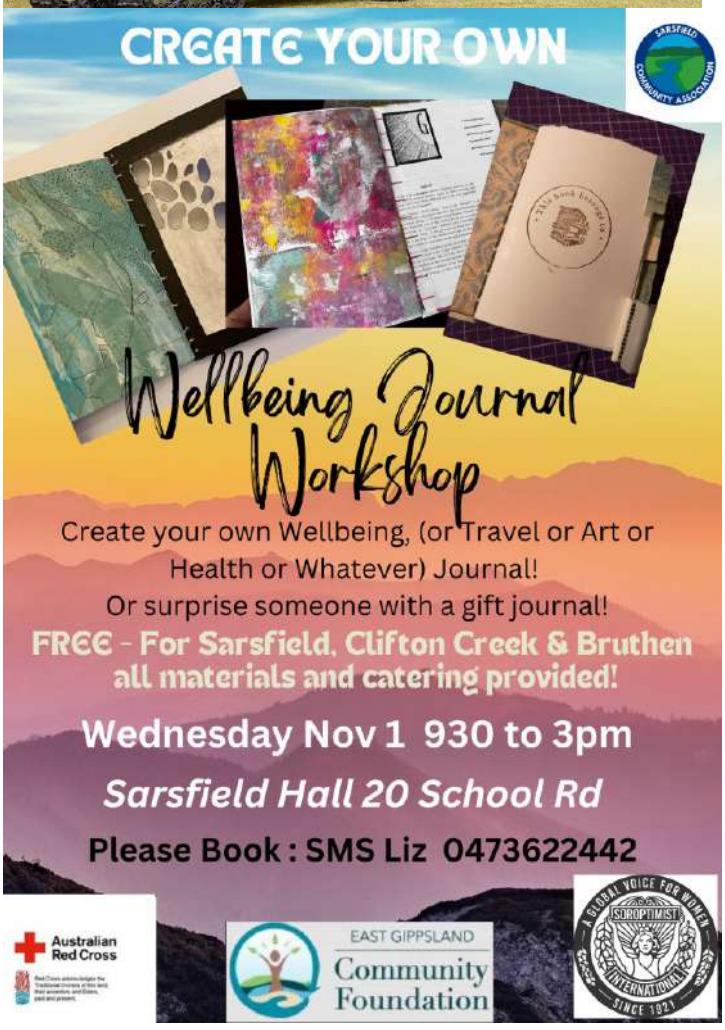
CFA trucks, Youth Bus and a good Friday Night Feed

Food trucks and CFA displays will be there on the day.

Come and savour Vietnamese or Mexican food while we check out the latest advice and equipment from the Sarsfield CFA.
Feel free to purchase second serves yourselves!
The Youth team with their bus full of games and technology will be there too.
The Sarsfield CFA will bring information and equipment to help us prepare for a hot dry summer.
We would like to thank the East Gippsland Community Foundation, the Recovery Team at East Gippsland Shire Council and Emergency Recovery Victoria for their ongoing support.

Date and Time:

Friday, October 27 from 6pm to 9pm at the Sarsfield Recreation Reserve and Hall, 20 School Rd, Sarsfield.
Book through https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/725819043297?aff=oddtdtcreator



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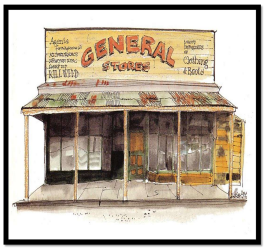

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Bruthen artists on show

Saturday, September 23, at 2pm saw the opening of Bruthen Artists on Show exhibition, currently at the Arts and Information Centre.
Over 40 people gathered to celebrate this multi-disciplinary event which invited local artists to display their works, celebrating the growing versatility and artistic talent in our local area. Paintings in all mediums, ceramics, sculpture and wall hangings combine to make this an energetic and colourful display.
Exhibiting artists are:-

- Tania Hennekam
- Allison Johnson
- Joy Manley
- Catherine Murrell
- Heather Rose
- Jon Whitfield
- Josie Jarvis
- Denise Jonkers
- Lauren Manley
- Priscilla Pike
- Scott Sheil
- Paul Gibbs

Most of the works are for sale and all are worth viewing so if you have a few spare minutes do pop in. It will make your day a happier one!
Bruthen Arts & Information Centre
Open most days from 10am - 4pm
Tel: 5157 5111

Who was Bruthen Charlie?

Just who was "Bruthen Charlie"? This was the intriguing challenge put to us at the Rambler when we received, through the BDCA, a request from Richard Rawson, a contributor to the site Victoria's Forestry Heritage.

Richard sent us a fascinating first-hand account written by "Bruthen Charlie" of a job constructing horse-yards for use by the Fire Guard near the Cattlemen's Hut at Bentley Plain in the early 1930's. This is produced in full on pages 4 and 5. Our job was to discover who this character was, and with a little research and questioning of some local contacts, the answer came up "Charles Wain". This was accepted and the site updated accordingly. See https://www.victoriasforestryheritage.org.au/showcase/what-was-it-like/753-bruthen-charlie.html

The site's records show that Charlie was an FCV (Forests Commission Victoria) Overseer in Bruthen from 1942-1947, a Construction Overseer at Heyfield in the 1950's, and a Senior Overseer at Bruthen during the 1960's, retiring in November 1972.

Charles Lindsay Wain was born 9 November 1907 in El Dorado, Victoria, and died 28 August 1984 in Cheltenham. He was married to Kathleen Della O'Keefe (1908-1981). He was clearly a well-known and respected local identity. His long career with the FCV included being involved, along with Cecil Cross and others, with the construction of the Mt. Little Dick Firetower in 1940. This tower was built from timber hewn by hand with broadaxes and adzes.

Charlie was also a keen footballer, playing for Bruthen (and for some years being its captain) and later Ensay. There are numerous references to him in the Bairnsdale Advertiser and Tambo and Ensay Chronicle (articles can be found at trove.nla.gov.au) where he is variously described as a "dashing defender" and "an outstanding performer". In 1933 he was presented with a gold medal for being the best and fairest player for Bruthen for the season. Another story from 1934 gives a very clear idea of the esteem in which he was held. It relates how Charlie was admitted to Bairnsdale District Hospital with injuries resulting from "colliding with a cow when riding a motor bicycle. His condition last night was satisfactory …. Mr Wain's misfortune will be regretted by all football followers. He is a brilliant player and good sportsman." Fortunately he recovered well and was soon back to his footy game.

The photo shown on Page 4 was sent to us by Geoffrey Kennedy, formerly of Heyfield, now in Traralgon. Thank you! It was taken by John Wilson, a Construction Overseer, and shows Charlie during construction of the Tamboritha Road north of Heyfield in the late 1950's.

So "Bruthen Charlie" turns out to be a strong and unique character, a man of many talents who was highly regarded in the community. Our thanks go to those who helped shed light on his life, and there will no doubt be others among our readers who can add more to the story, correct any errors, or, especially, who knew Charlie or his family. We would still like to find out more, but wanted to make a start on the story for this October issue of the Rambler. If you can help out, please contact us at tamborambler@gmail.com.

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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.

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

Phone (03) 51575201

Be aware of snakes this summer

I recently participated in an interactive Wildlife Safety and Awareness course presented by Mike from Black Snake Productions which is based in Yarra Junction. The half-day seminar was sponsored by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (EGCMA) with their workers and contractors invited to attend.

The focus was mainly on snakes since these are the main threat to bush and field workers, who like myself, see them almost every day and it is very unnerving. However, being educated about the dangers and precautions, I feel much safer working outdoors.

Firstly, gear up! Long thick trousers, sturdy boots, thick socks, long-sleeved shirt, gaiters and gloves are essential. The positives of our very venomous Aussie snakes, is that their fangs are only about 2mm long. So if you are appropriately dressed, envenomation will be greatly reduced if a bite does occur. The negative is that these snakes have some of the deadliest venom on the planet!

Being geared up for the day is great but when nature calls on warm nights, don't forget your gumboots and a torch.

One of the most interesting facts I learnt was how difficult it is to identify each species.

The Red Belly Black Snake reaches two metres in length, glossy black with their belly and sides (ventral scales) varying from bright-red, pinkish or mixed with black patches.

The Lowland Copperhead grows 1 to 1.5 metres with the belly a very light shade of cream or white. Colour variation ranges from dark red, black, olive, caramel, grey, brown and fawn. This could confuse you into thinking it might be a Black snake but it lacks their glossiness.

Eastern Tiger Snakes grow to 1.5 metres and can be difficult to identify as they sometimes have no banding or a zigzag pattern in a variety of colours. From light khaki green and olive to black, grey orange, yellow and red. Perhaps they should have been called the Eastern Rainbow Snake!

Last but not least is the Eastern Brown Snake. They can reach two metres and are the second deadliest snake on the planet after the Sub-Saharan Black Mambo and unfortunately very aggressive as well.

So, after you are properly dressed for a day in the bush, don't forget your snakebite first aid kit. It's compact, lightweight and easy to pack. It has all the instructions and everything you need in a worst-case scenario. It should keep you alive until an ambulance arrives.

Here are a few First Aid tips :

Try to safely identify the snake, take a photo if possible.

Pressure immobilisation- fully immobilise the bitten limb with firm but not tight bandaging, starting above the bite and ending below.

- Stop and Drop - remain as still as possible
- Monitor and reassure
- Call 000
- The Don'ts
- Don't kill the snake
- Don't apply a tourniquet
- Don't use antiseptic or wash the bite area - poison on the skin will identify the snake.
- Don't let the victim walk or be physically active.
- Don't let the superficiality of the wound fool you. Circle the bite with a pen if possible.

Being aware is the number one thing to help you to safely enjoy the bush and outdoors, for work or pleasure. Adding the right protective clothing, footwear, snakebite kit and common sense will ensure your safety as much as possible as the weather warms up.

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Lowland Copperhead Snake
A pale brown, reddish brown, dark brown to black, distinguished by the pale face and light coloured lip.

White-Lipped Snake
This species is identified by the white stripe running along the upper lip. They come in red, dark green and grey.

Eastern Brown Snake
The eastern brown is the 2nd most venomous snake in the world, extremely aggressive, fast and easily upset, the brown is the one snake to avoid at all costs.

Tiger Snake
The very common tiger snake gets its name from the dark bands around the body and the yellow or cream belly, some tigers may not have bands and can be a uniform colour.

Red Belly Black Snake
A very easily identified snake, the red belly is always a jet glossy black with pink to red scales towards the belly

Small-Eyed Snake
The small-eyed snake is a black or grey colored snake with a white belly. It has very small eyes and grows up to 45cm or less.

Dave hits 89

Bruthen resident David McCullagh, who has lived in the town for just over fifty years, recently celebrated his 89th birthday. He was clearly delighted with the birthday cake presented to him at a recent Seniors Club luncheon. (See above)

Dave was born in Melbourne on September 6, 1934, and spent his childhood in Yarraville. Sadly, his mother died suddenly when Dave was only five, and after his father moved away, he and his brother Ron were adopted by Tom and Vera Malloch. Some years later, in this new and loving family, the boys gained a sister, Ruth.

Dave began his working life as a carpenter, working at the Altona Refinery. He soon expanded his skills, gaining his rigging, scaffolding and crane-driving tickets. These skills took him to a range of jobs and locations, including the Loy Yang Power Station and off-shore rigs. These jobs were not without their risks of course, and an early work-place injury had permanent effects on his right knee and leg. Not that it stopped him, and nor was it his last.

Dave married Helen Tate in Footscray in 1955. They moved to the Latrobe Valley and bought a house in Moe. While there Dave extended his job history, working as a by-laws inspector for the Moe Council, which included working as dog-catcher, parking inspector and the health inspector's off-sider. He and Helen had four children: Karen, Gail (deceased) and twins Cameron and Kathleen.

In March 1973 they moved to Bruthen and bought a house in Ronald Street. Dave again worked a variety of jobs, including as a debt collector and back again to scaffolding work in a variety of locations, much of it on offshore rigs.

Helen also had different jobs, including paymaster at the Bairnsdale Hospital, administration officer and paymaster for the Tambo Shire, and nearly ten years in the office at the Bruthen Primary School, where she is affectionately remembered by many parents and past students and staff as "Nanna Helen". She passed away in December 2005.

Dave has many treasured memories of family, friends and experiences stretching back over the decades, and in the re-telling they are still clear and sparkling.

Like any of us, he has had his share of joys and sorrows, of lifts and reversals in his fortunes. As he sees it, the tides of life continually bring many and varied things to us, and we have to learn how best to "go with the flow". Best wishes to you Dave McCullagh.

JC

Bruthen Arts & Events Council Inc.

Due to insufficient numbers attending the July meeting the Annual General meeting will be held 6pm on Tuesday, October 24, at the Bruthen Hall.

This will be followed by the usual monthly meeting.

Everyone is welcome to come along and hear what Arts and Events Council are have been doing.

Coming events

Save these dates!

Saturday, October 28

Bruthen Primary School has taken on the Zombopocalypse this year and will be raising funds to go towards a fantastic school trip planned for 2024.

Same fun but all at the school this year.

Sunday November 26.

Spring Jazz Garden Party.

At the Bruthen Hall.

February 3, 2024

Bruthen's own Food and Wine Festival

Your vote counts in the 2023 referendum

Early voting has begun: make sure you plan your vote

Hundreds of early voting centres will be in operation across Australia during a two-week early voting period that began this week.

Early voting centres opened across Victoria **on Monday 2 October.** Early voting centre locations, opening days and hours are available on the AEC website.

Australian Electoral Commissioner Tom Rogers is encouraging voters to plan their vote for the first referendum Australia has had since 1999.

“Federal referendums are in-person events just like elections – this is the first time the country is coming together in nearly a quarter of a century to have their say on potential Constitutional change.” Mr Rogers said.

“If you can vote on October 14, then that’s what you should do. However, if your circumstances might prevent you from doing that then you need to think about the early voting options available and vote according to your circumstances.”

“Remember, it is compulsory to vote for all enrolled Australians.”

Postal voting

If you cannot make it to a polling place during the early voting period, or on voting day itself, you can apply for a postal vote at the AEC website https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/vote/postal-voting.html

Applications close on Wednesday, October 11, at 6pm local time.

Respecting our staff

Nobody likes to wait, and the AEC works hard on minimising queues for Australian voters as much as possible.

“The fact is that when you run an in-person process to the scale of a federal referendum where people effectively choose when and where they attend, you simply cannot prevent all queues.” Mr Rogers said.

“This is also a good opportunity to remind voters that AEC polling officials are members of your community – parents, grandparents, neighbours and work colleagues - they will be doing a great job at delivering the vote and that deserves respect.”

“We simply ask that Australians be patient while waiting to cast their vote and maybe give our staff a smile and a thank you on the way through.”

Following the voting instructions

In addition to planning when and where to vote, it’s important to know how to vote formally in a referendum.

When you go to vote, you will receive one ballot paper with one question – the question will ask if you approve the proposed alteration. On the referendum ballot paper, you need to indicate your vote by clearly writing either ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ in the box, in full and in English.

Early Voting

541 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance.
Opening hours
Mon 2 Oct – Fri 6 Oct 8:30 am–5:30 pm.
Sat 7 Oct 9 am–4 pm
Mon 9 Oct – Thu 12 Oct 8:30 am–5:30 pm
Fri 13 Oct 8:30 am–6 pm

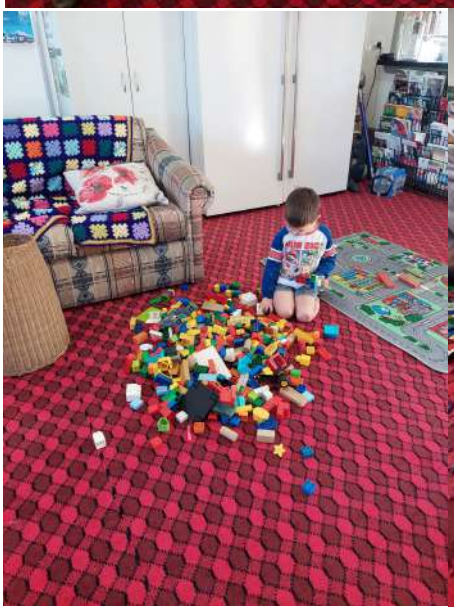
24 Service St, Bairnsdale.
Opening hours
Mon 2 Oct – Fri 6 Oct 8:30 am–5:30 pm
Sat 7 Oct 9 am–4 pm
Mon 9 Oct – Thu 12 Oct 8:30 am–5:30 pm
Fri 13 Oct 8:30 am–6 pm

On The Day Voting

Bruthen Mechanics Institute
49 Main St, Bruthen
Opening hours
Sat 14 Oct 8am - 6pm

Bruthen and District Neighbourhood House Lego Lords 2023

Term 3's school holiday program was an absolute blast to be a part of. Imagination, determination and creation at its finest!
Thankyou to all the local Lego Lords who have joined into one or more of the sessions held inhouse over the past two days. Everything looked amazing!
This event would not have been possible without East Gippsland Community Foundation.



Great Classics Violin & Piano

Internationally renowned Violin virtuoso Jonathan Glonek is back on the road with a program of sonatas by Mozart and Brahms, and works by Bloch, Heifetz, Kreisler and Wieniawski which he will present in a series of concerts locally.

Jonathan will be accompanied by Thai pianist Usa Nappawan.

Jonathon has spent the past 18 months promoting classical music to rural communities through his initiative The Bendoc Philharmonic which has chalked up more than 50 concerts, presenting the world's greatest classical compositions.

"It is my fourth tour of rural and regional Australia to perform music that is not even heard very much in the cities," he says. "I am always thrilled by the reception the work receives there and I am particularly excited this time to bring something truly unique."

"At a certain point after you decide to do something you simply have to make a start," Jonathan says of his mission of bringing classical music to audiences outside the cities.

In the past he has toured alone.

This tour will visit locally Warragul, Sale and Bendoc, Jonathon will share the stage with pianist Usa Nappawan in a programme featuring Mozart and Brahms.

CITRUS MARMALADE RECIPE

This recipe can be made with any variety of citrus, e.g., Oranges, lemons, tangelos, lime including combinations.

(Makes 4-6 jars)

Ingredients:

1 Kg citrus, halved.
4 fresh Kaffir Lime leaves
4 cups of water
5-6 cups of white sugar
Additional spices according to taste e.g. Cinnamon sticks, cloves, star anise. These may be tied in a muslin bag but not necessary.

Method:

Slice selected citrus thinly.
Combine lime slices, Kaffir Lime leaves, spices and the 4 cups of water in a large pot.
Bring to boil and boil covered for approximately 1 hour till rind is soft.
Discard the Kaffir Lime leaves and spices.
Measure fruit mixture and add 1 cup of sugar to each cup of fruit mix.
Stir fruit mix and sugar over high heat without boiling until sugar dissolves.
Bring to boil and boil uncovered for approximately 40 minutes.
The marmalade consistency can be tested by placing a teaspoon amount onto a chilled saucer and placing in freezer for several minutes to observe how it jells.
Pour into hot sterilized jars and seal immediately.

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What's on in October

Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House

info@bdnh.org.au
Call or SMS 0497 544 490

2023

Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9:00-1:00pm Bruthen Men's Shed BDNH		**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	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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29	30	31				
	9:00-1:00pm Bruthen Men's Shed BDNH					

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PYTHON	**AVERAGE**	**CAMOFLAGE**	**YELLOW**	**PREDATORS**
HABITAT	**AMBUSH**	**GLOSSY**	**DOGS**	**ECOLOGY**
THREAT	**BIOLOGY**	**CARPET**	**FOXES**	**DIAMOND**
CONSERVATION	**PREY**	**COAST**	**OLIVE**	**CREAM**

Target Words

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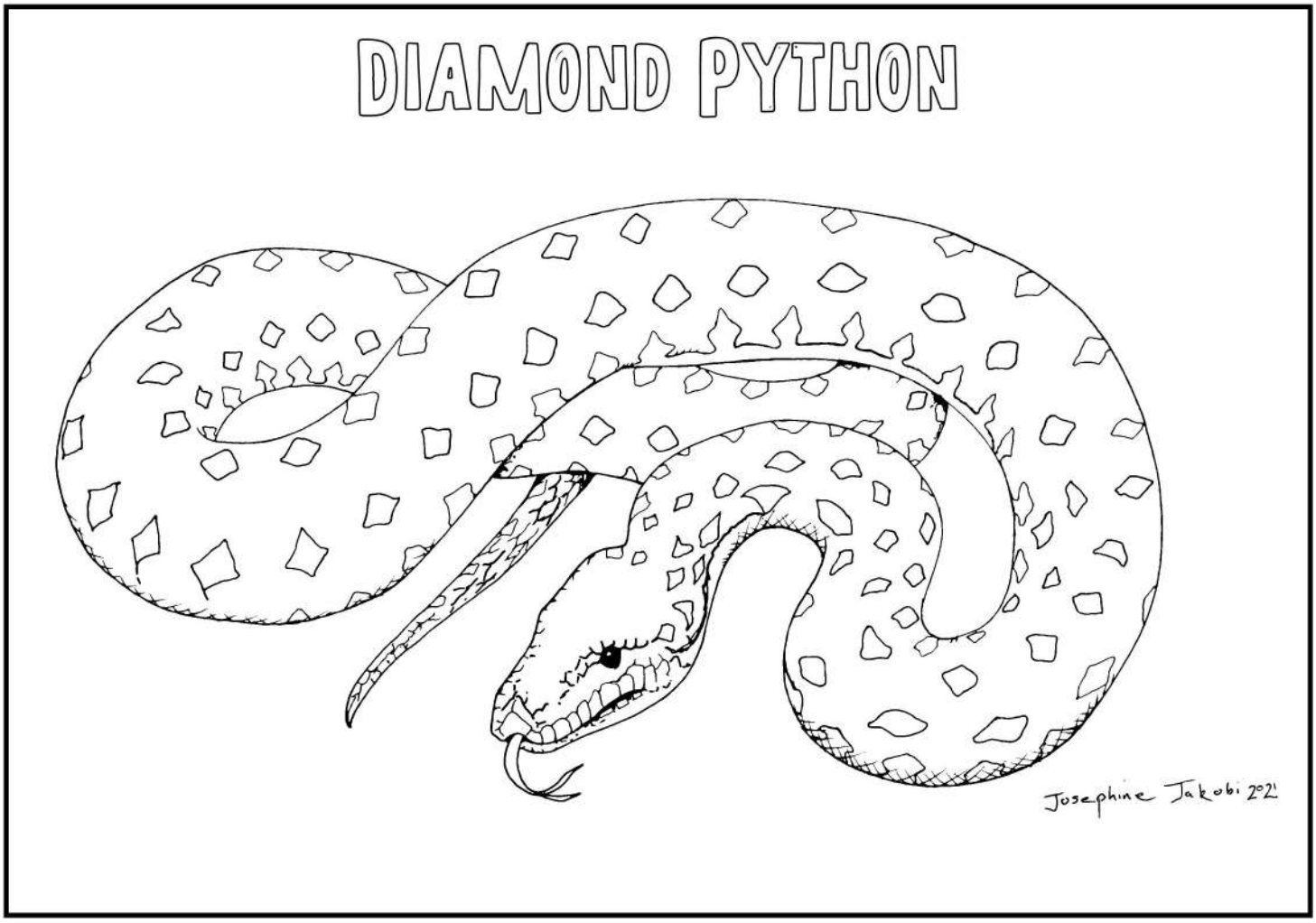
How many words of four letters or more can you find? Every word must use the centre letter, and each letter is used only once. Can you find the nine-letter word?



Morelia spilota spilota

About

These patterned, slow-moving, non-venomous snakes grow up to an average of 2m long but have been recorded up to 4m. They can live up to 20 years. One of only two pythons occurring in Victoria (the other is the closely related carpet python *Morelia spilota variegata*), it has the most southerly distribution of all Australian pythons.

They are secretive and well camouflaged, making it hard to spot them in the wild. They are a glossy oliveblack with creamy-yellow spots forming diamond patterns on their back. Their belly is a pale cream with dark grey patterns.

Diamond pythons are known to be ambush predators. They will lie in wait for prey, usually small mammals, to come across their path before striking.

They may wait for weeks before moving to a new area. Their habitat range can be up to 108 hectares for males and 52 hectares for females.

Living under threat

The diamond python is listed as Endangered in Victoria. In Victoria, they are only found in far East Gippsland, with most sightings from within an area bounded by the Cann River, the Princes Highway and the coast. They are also found along the coast in NSW as far north as Coffs Harbour. The diamond python is susceptible to predation from dogs and foxes. Their dark colour and slow-moving nature also make it difficult for drivers to see and can be killed on our roads.

Conservation in East Gippsland

Very little is known about this species in Victoria due to its limited population, camouflage ability and often inaccessible terrain where it is known to live.

The conservation priorities are to research the biology and ecology of the species, conduct survey in far East Gippsland, and conserve known habitat.

FREE

GET PREPARED FOR FIRE SEASON WITH A PROPERTY ADVICE VISIT SERVICE

Bruthen Fire Brigade will be conducting property advice visits for residents in Bruthen and surrounds.

Residents who receive the PAVS program are:

- informed of their local fire risk and hazard
- given information about leaving early and the benefits of this option are explained
- provided with details of preparation activities that may reduce the impact of bushfire and grassfire on their home
- informed about where to seek further information
- provided with an opportunity to ask questions about their fire risk and preparation.

REGISTER BY 30TH OCTOBER IF YOU WOULD LIKE THIS VISITING SERVICE

Visits will be conducted in NOVEMBER

If you would like to register for this service please email your name address and contact number:

Email: firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au, alternatively call Captain Nicho on Mobile: 0418 349 698

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

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

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*

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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.

GIPPSLAND LAKES COMPLETE Health

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

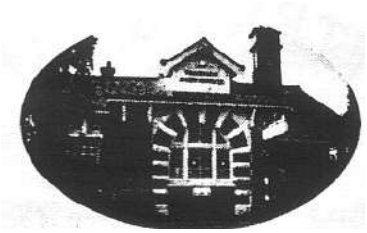
For details contact
landcare.bruthen@gmail.com

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

BRUTHEN LICENSED POST OFFICE
(Est.1893)



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In event of an emergency

Bruthen has 3 Heart Start Defibrillators

Located at

Bruthen General Store
6.30am – 6.15/7.15pm (7 days)

Bruthen Rec Reserve
for sports events / Caravan Park

Bruthen Police Station
Note: under 24/7 video surveillance

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

Coming up.

The Art and Info Centre was successful in obtaining a Creative Recovery $1000 grant from Regional Arts Victoria. This money will be used to run a Plein Air sketching workshop with Bairnsdale artist Rhonda Gray as the tutor. Anyone will be able to come along to this workshop whether experienced or a newby. More details will be announced soon.
There will also be a knitting and crocheting workshop with Julia Tresize as tutor. This will be a great opportunity to learn to knit or crochet. And for some real fun all knitters, crocheters and pompom makers will be encouraged to help yarn bomb the centre and surrounds soon. More info for this one soon too.
As always if the flags are out the Centre is open.

BRUTHEN MEN'S SHED

Mondays 9am-1pm

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Closing date for November issue is October 25.

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

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

Birders visit Fairy Dell

About twenty members of Birdlife East Gippsland visited Fairy Dell Reserve on Monday 18 September. There was considerable regrowth in the reserve, though it was clear that with the decreased temperate rainforest canopy in the Dell, some plant species such as the tree ferns and giant Lillypillies were struggling. There were birds aplenty though: 49 species were recorded. (The list can be seen in the attached table.) A second survey conducted along the Town Boundary Track, on the edge of farmland adjacent to the Reserve, resulted in 42 species, making 58 for the day.

When the members gathered for lunch, they were treated to a presentation by Bradley Clarke-Wood, who had travelled down from Melbourne to discuss his research project on the White-Bellied Sea-Eagles.

DEECA (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action) is partnering with Birdlife Australia to survey the White-Bellied Sea Eagles in and around the Gippsland Lakes from late spring to mid-summer. Surveying during this period allows breeding pairs, nests being currently used, and the numbers of young to be identified. It is critical that surveys be carried out carefully and with minimal impact, as the White-Bellied Sea Eagles are sensitive to human intrusion. The 2023-34 survey is the fourth of its kind since 1978. Members of the community who have knowledge of nests or regular sightings of these majestic birds are encouraged to contact the team at WBSE-pop-monitoring@birdlife.org.au. **JC**

Sighting Species Count

Wonga Pigeon	1	Common Bronzewing	2
Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	4	Crimson Rosella	4
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	1	White-throated Treecreeper	6
Brown Goshawk	1	Red-browed Treecreeper	1
Laughing Kookaburra	2	Superb Fairy-wren	4
Galah	8	Crescent Honeyeater	20
Little Corella	6	New Holland Honeyeater	2
Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo	14	White-Eared Honeyeater	4
Australian King-Parrot	6	White-Naped Honeyeater	3
Satin Bowerbird	1	Superb Lyrebird	1
Eastern Spinebill	10	Lewin's Honeyeater	3
Red Wattlebird	6	Yellow-faced Honeyeater	20
Spotted Pardalote	1	Striated Pardalote	12
Brown Gerygone	40	Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike	3
Spotted Quail-Thrush	2	White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike	1
Golden Whistler	8	Rufous Whistler	1
Crested Shrike-Tit	4	Grey Shrike-Thrush	3
Olive-backed Oriole	1	Eastern Whipbird	10
Pied Currawong	1	Australian Magpie	2
White-browed Scrubwren	4	Large-billed Scrubwren	1
Brown Thornbill	40	Grey Fantail 10	10
Rufous Fantail	2	Australian Raven	2
Rose Robin	6	Eastern Yellow Robin	4
Red-browed Finch	2	Welcome Swallow	4
Silvereye	5		

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