TAMBO RAMBLER

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Sass & Secrets serenades & bamboozles Bruthen

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Magic, music and a touch of mayhem

Sass and Secrets recently performed in town and what an absolute treat to have the opportunity to see this world-renowned act in our gorgeous Bruthen Hall in August.

Cath Jamison, the clever conjurer, and Aurora Kurth, the sassy chanteuse brought us an evening of entertainment unique to their production. The love themed show was a combination of witty one liners, catchy tunes – well known and original – and some mesmerizing tricks and illusions.

Aurora walked and stalked the hall selecting audience members to tease and cajole. The audience participation added to the hilarity of the night – several people being included in Aurora's slightly menacing songs of unrequited love and in Cath's tricks and illusions.

I cannot describe adequately in words the atmosphere of the room but thanks to Cath, Aurora and their crew for bringing the love to Bruthen. Thanks to Bruthen Arts and Events for bringing another quality show to the town and for providing us with fine food and beverages as always. How good was the mulled wine?? Cheers to all and see you at the next big thing in September.

Merewyn D

Bruthen Men celebrate 30 years of Men's Sheds

Men's Shed Week is an annual event that aims to raise community awareness, knowledge and interest in Men's Sheds around the country.

Men's Sheds are vital community investments delivering programs and activities that foster community spirit and contribute to building a more inclusive Australia. Men's Sheds not only play important roles in the overall improvement of health and wellbeing but also positively engaging within their community for the benefit of their community.

This year the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) is leading a celebration of 30 Years of Sheds.

For many Australian men the local Men's Shed offers somewhere to go, something to do and mates that make it all worthwhile.

Since the first community shed for men opened its doors in 1993, the Men's Shed community has grown to encompass more than 2,500 Sheds in 12 countries.

Known by many as a place where older blokes can go to tinker and have a cuppa, to the wider Australian public there is still some mystery around what goes on at the local shed. And truth be told, the detailed picture varies from shed to shed, depending on the members within its walls.

"One of the most wonderful things about the Men's Shed movement is that is has been a grassroots and community effort at all levels," said AMSA Executive Officer David Helmers.

Members of the Bruthen Men's Shed were snapped busily varnishing and then assembling picnic tables for the Bruthen Recreation Reserve and Caravan Park and one for the front of the Neighbourhood House. They enjoyed cake generously supplied by Cheryl Hersey.

Pamela B

Bob Cooper – Wood Craftsman

Bob Cooper, a retired teacher and his wife Julie, moved to Bruthen 18 years ago from Bombala.
Like so many boys of his era, he studied woodwork at school and it became an out of school hobby which has never stopped. From early pencil cases and coasters, he progressed to children's toys and then, to name a few of his craft pieces - clocks, weather stations, coat racks, bowls and walking sticks.
Native timbers are his speciality – red gum, white mahogany, banksia, box and stringy bark – much of it recycled or donated but also collected from the residue from coupes and that left over from the bushfires. Currently he is working with wood which came from the construction of the new firebreak trail along Becker's Road off Little Dick Range Road. Bob says a lot of his most interesting pieces came from driftwood found on the coast and in rivers.
Whilst still in Bombala he could be found selling his work at several weekend markets including the well-known one at Candelo. Now he sells from Lakes Entrance and Metung markets and Bruthen market when it is on.
You can also find Bob's work at the Bruthen Tourist Information & Art Centre where he volunteers on a weekly basis. So if you are interested in woodcraft, drop into the Tourist Info Centre and check out his work. He can be found there most Fridays if you'd like a chat.

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BRUTHEN BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Since our last newsletter in July, the green is well on the way to recovery, so fingers crossed for the right weather to help it on its way.

Bruthen Bowling Club is a small and very friendly club, and welcomes old, new and learner bowlers, irrespective of abilities and experience. It is part of Gippsland Bowls Region (GBR) which covers Heyfield through to Orbost.

The Pennant (competition) season lasts from October through to February, with both Midweek and Saturday competitions. Socially, there is barefoot bowls on a Thursday evening (weekly during daylight savings, and fortnightly through the winter), where a delicious meal is provided by volunteers.

Meanwhile, new members are needed for the coming season (and beyond) - all ages welcome, especially newcomers to our wonderful town. Coaching is provided at no extra cost, as well as club bowls. You will find us on Seehusen Avenue, on the corner of Church Street.

We could not operate without the help of our sponsors, and local businesses which support us, to whom we are most grateful. Special thanks to Bruthen Bakery which supplies us with bread for our regular Bunnings sausage sizzles throughout the year, as well as other town events.

The clubhouse is a great venue for social activities (e.g. parties, Christmas break-ups etc), with our well-equipped kitchen. The Senior Citizens have a regular lunch there on the first Wednesday of each month.

The club can be contacted via our Facebook page, or by email on bruthenbowls@gmail.com. Or just turn up on a Thursday evening around 5.30 pm, and introduce yourselves.

Other contact details: President Len Hooton - 0427 188188; Secretary & Coach Don Cameron - 0409 608782.

Bruthen Artists on Show

An Exhibition of artworks from artists of Bruthen and District.

Bruthen has a range of artists living in the area and we want to show them off. The Arts and Information Centre has always been an outlet for local artists and craftspeople to display and sell their work. The Committee of Management wants to have more locals taking advantage of this lovely gallery space and are therefore inviting artists to enter art works in an exhibition that will celebrate our wonderful local artists. Come and help us fill the gallery with a great mix of local art for one month. Anyone from first time exhibitors to experienced artists can enter which will result in an interesting show with a variety of styles, mediums and subjects. The Art and Information Centre does not charge a fee to have your work on show but will take a 25% commission on any sales made.

The exhibition will run for one month, opening on Saturday September 23rd to October 22nd.

Pick up an entry form at the centre, email bruthenartandinfo@aussiebroadband.com.au or ring Joy on 0490819507.

Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House

BRUTHEN'S ORANGE FAIR

SAT 16 SEP 2023, 10-2

CRAFT STALLS, HAND MADE GIFTS, FOOD & DRINK VANS

Bruthen and Mossiface Hall renovations

The Bruthen Mechanics Hall is looking great!
Funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the East Gippsland Foundation has enabled an upgrade of the Bruthen Mechanics Hall.
It has been painted inside and out. The kitchen has had plumbing replaced and acquired a new stainless steel kitchen with two new electric convection top stoves and an industrial dishwasher. There is better lighting outside – front and back, power for use in the Police Paddock, and two big new reverse cycle heaters in the main hall so it will be cool on hot days and warm in the winter.
Add the large screen television for Zoom meetings and presentations with Wifi internet that were installed through the East Gippsland Shire after the last bushfires and it is a great venue for meetings, social events and performances.
There is more to do and the hall committee will continue to look for finance to refresh the toilets, improve acoustics, replace the vinyl flooring in the entrance and to replace the rusty roof.
A celebration to show off the works is planned for later this year with all of Bruthen and District invited. Date is yet to be set.
To book the hall ring Merewyn on 0473445180.
The Mossiface Hall has also undergone a facelift and locals are sure to have noticed how much better it looks.
It has been re-stumped and had new barge boards installed. Storm water plumbing has been fixed. It has been painted inside and out, new reverse cycle heating has been installed, and the old louvre windows have been replaced.
Future works include improved disabled access and outdoor storage.
This lovely little hall is now so warm and comfortable to use with its large kitchen and bright aspect. The view is gorgeous. The committee is hoping more people will use it for meetings and social events in the future.
To book the hall ring Merewyn on 0473445180.
The Hall Committee thanked Jeff Wagstaff and Warren Kennedy for all their work managing the renovations of both halls and the little jobs they do to keep everything running smoothly.

Top Right: Two new electric convection ovens.
Far Left Page 6: The new kitchen.
Left: Upgrades to the hall's heating and cooling.

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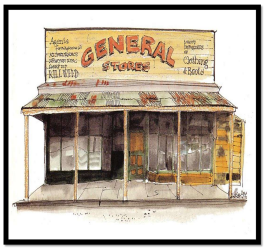

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Travelling Dance Hall comes to town

The smash-hit sell-out Travelling Dance Hall, packed with songbirds and showgirls, disco divas and opera arias, local legends, burlesque twirlers and go-go groovers, careens into town to blow your COVID-cobwebs away!

They are coming to the Bruthen Hall on September 29 at 7pm.

Beloved from tiny towns to bustling cities, Finucane & Smith are the unstoppable creators of the world's most awarded provocative variety show. Travelling from Havana to Horsham, London to Launceston, Tokyo to Tallarook, they've played to 600,000 fans across 18 countries, bagged 13 awards including Cuba's International Presentation of the Year, and broken the record for the longest Australian tour of variety since the Gold Rush. These artists know how to mix a party! Global talent, irresistible music and local artists light up the stage. Dance Hall celebrates the beauty of community under twinkling lights, velvet drapes, satin table settings and disco fever. Grab your friends, dress up and get ready to get down!

And a few reviews.

"Sheer variety and changes of pace ensure there is something to enthrall all" ★★★★★ Time Out.

"Bursting at the seams with talent" ★★★★☆ The Age.

"I cannot express how exhilarating and uplifting this show is" ★★★★★ Planet Arts.

"All shimmies and wild confidence, humour and brilliance" Theatre Press

Bruthen Arts and Events Council are so excited to

welcome Finucane and Smith back and to be able to host this wonderful show in Bruthen. Finucane and Smith heard that Bruthen and District was affected by the 19/20 bushfires and wanted to do something for our community. They sought sponsorship to bring their show to Bruthen and were booked in but Covid came along and border lock downs and illness meant that it has been postponed several times.

It is a long story but they are now coming and we have a special price of $20 each for people from **Bruthen, Wiseleigh, Sarsfield and Buchan**, $30 for anyone else. Tickets can be bought from trybooking at https://www.trybooking.com/CKWFP.

NB this is likely to be a sell-out event so make sure you pre-book your tickets.

And who were those generous sponsors? Australian Council of the Arts, Regional Arts Victoria, Australian Government, Auspicious Arts, Creative Victoria and Sofitel.

Crow Kid visits Bruthen

Are you looking for something to do during the school holidays? Well Bruthen Arts and Events Council has something great for you.

CROW KID is coming to Bruthen. They will be performing at the Bruthen Hall on Friday, September 22 at 11am**.**

Presented through shadow puppetry, Crow Kid is a heart-warming tale for children about resilience, connection and the healing power of friendship.

Crow Kid has moved to Nanna's farm after a recent loss. It's summer holidays but it sure doesn't feel like a normal summer – they're lonely and super miserable! To ease their misery, they start to feed the crows who visit Nanna's yard, beginning a beautiful friendship between child and bird.

A powerful story about resilience, connection and the healing power of friendship, Crow Kid is presented through shadow puppetry 'unplugged'. Projected onto a back screen with all the mechanicians revealed, audience members get to see how the effects and shadows are created, inspiring them to create their own stories in shadows. Crow Kid is created and performed by the artistic directors of award-winning theatre company Lemony S Puppet Theatre. Jacob Williams, one of Australia's premier puppeteers is known for his work as Puppet Master for Bluey's Big Play and worked as Head Puppeteer for King Kong-Live on Broadway. Sarah Kriegler is an award-winning director, puppeteer & writer who recently adapted and directed Charlie and the War Against the Grannies for the Sydney Opera House.

This show is especially suited to 5 to 12 year olds.

ENTRY IS FREE

This project is supported by Regional Arts Victoria and Creative Victoria and was commissioned by Maroondah City Council and premiered in ArtSpace at Realm, Ringwood, Victoria

Crow Kid

by Lemony S Puppet Theatre

BAEC Incorporated

St Matthew's Anglican Church Bruthen

Services every Sunday at 9.30am except the fifth Sunday.

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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What's on in September

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2023

Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					9:30-11:00am Bruthen Mums n Bubs BDNH	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	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 **10:30am Life's a Garden** BDNH (2nd & 4th Fridays)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	9:00-1:00pm Bruthen Men's Shed BDNH	**10:30-12:00pm Bruthen Remembers** BDNH (2nd Tuesday of the Month)	**1:00-3:00pm Sew What** BDNH Creative Space **4:30-7pm Young People's Project** BDNH	**1:00-3:00pm Bruthen Bookies** BDNH	**9:30-11:00am Bruthen Mums n Bubs** BDNH	10:00am-2:00pm **Orange Fair** Bruthen Gardesns
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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ENDANGERED **BUSHFIRE** **HABITAT** **GROUND** **SHY**
CITIZEN **SURVEYS** **PARROT** **HEATHLANDS** **MARLO**
COASTAL **RECOVERY** **PLUMAGE** **GREEN** **YELLOW**
BLACK **SPECIES** **ORBOST** **PLAINS** **WOODLANDS**

Target Words

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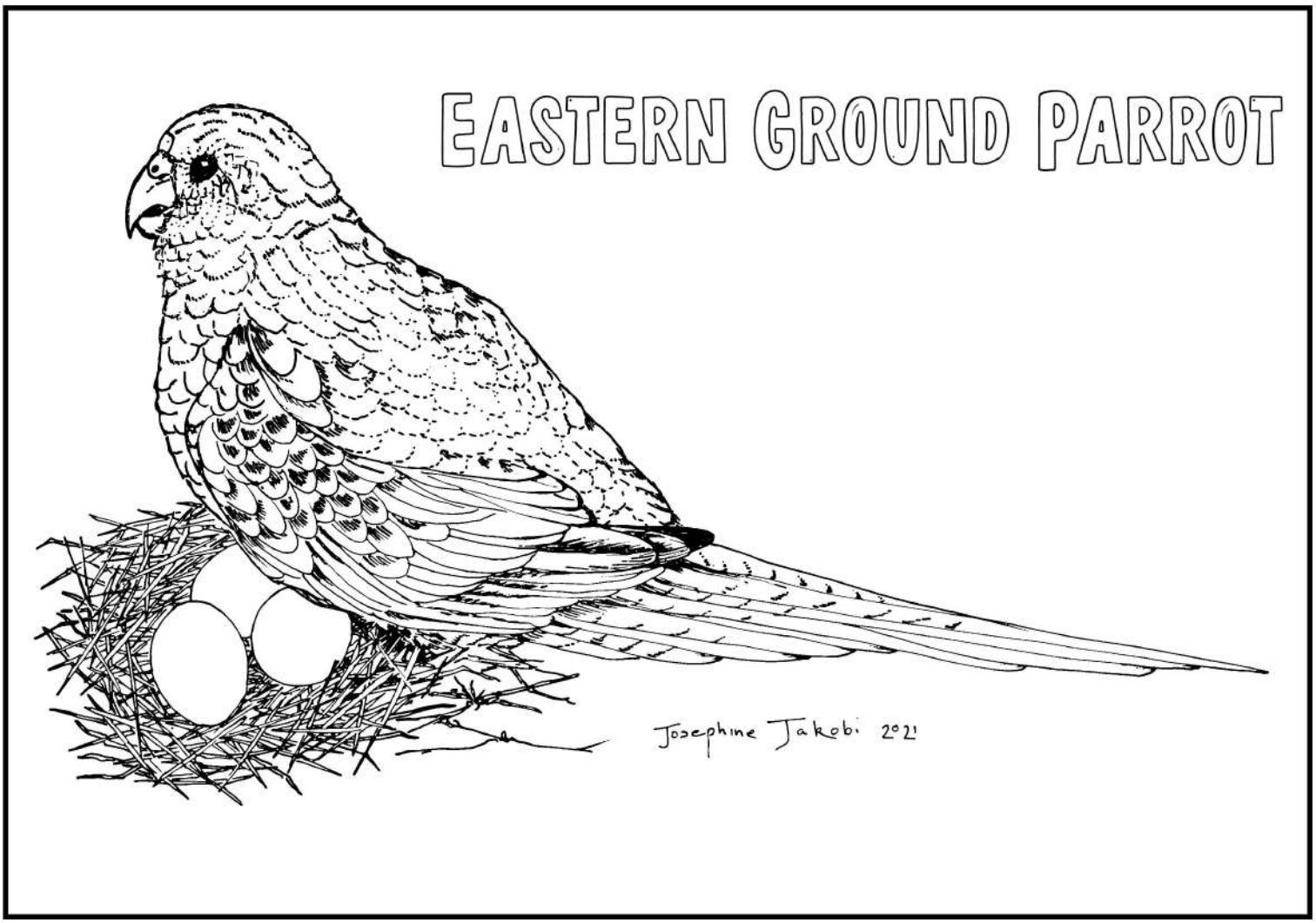

Pezoporus wallicus

The Eastern Ground Parrot is a distinctive, slender parrot which is shy and elusive and not usually seen unless it is flushed out from cover and fly low before disappearing back into vegetation. Ground parrots are found in coastal heathland areas. They have distinctive, mostly bright grass-green plumage, marked above and below with bold black and yellow barring. They are small parrots about the size of a lorikeet.

Conservation in East Gippsland

The Eastern Ground Parrot is one of only five ground-dwelling parrots in the world and is listed as an Endangered species in Victoria.

The Eastern Ground Parrot is dependent on coastal heathland and heathy woodland. Before the 2019-20 fires, East Gippsland supported the largest population of the species in Victoria. The fires burnt most of the coastal heathlands on public land east of Orbost, however some heathlands remained unburnt on the Marlo Plains, on both public and private land.

The 'Ground Parrots on the Marlo Plains' project will document heathlands on the Marlo Plains and survey for the presence of ground parrots in selected heathsjudged most likely to be suitable habitat.

The project, along with monitoring work by DELWP,will contribute to our understanding of the distribution of the Endangered Ground Parrot after the 2019-20 fires and will support land managers (both public and private) to recognise Ground Parrot habitat on their land across the Marlo Plains.

If you are interested in volunteering to participate in the surveys, please contact project officer Shirali Dave at project.officer@fevl.org.au This project is being delivered by Far East Victoria Landcare and supported by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority with funding from the Victorian Government's Biodiversity Bushfire Recovery Grants.

www.fevl.org.au/ground-parrots-onthe-marlo-plains/

ARE YOU FIRE READY? PLAN & REPARE

Dear Residents of Bruthen and surrounding district. This article has been produced with the intent of providing some general advice about preparation for the upcoming fire season – it is now time to **plan** and **prepare**.

Everyone in Victoria who lives near dense forest, bush, grassland or the coast needs to prepare their property for bushfire. Here are some quick tips to help you prepare. Remember – it is absolutely no use doing the following as the fire comes over the hill – start your preparations early.

In early spring – take 20 minutes to walk around your property – you should:

- ✓ Remove flammable items from decks and veranda's, such as boxes, furniture etc. This includes flammable liquids.
- ✓ Keep wood piles away from the house. Stray fire embers can easily ignite woodpiles.
- ✓ Get rid of dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark.
- ✓ Prune lower branches of shrubs to separate from surface fuels underneath. Consider pruning or removing shrubs that are located next to/under windows.
- ✓ Cut back overhanging tree branches close to property – no branches in 10m space.
- ✓ Keep gutters and roof areas clear of leaf litter.

MOST IMPORTANTLY: Have you got a fire plan and have you practiced that plan (including children if this applies)? Fire plan examples can be found at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Start to discuss whether you will go or stay in the event of a bush fire. If you intend to stay you **must** be prepared. Some good advice on preparedness can be found in the townships Local Incident Management Plan (LIMP) – electronic copies (short & long versions) to print can be found at: https://bruthendistrict.org.au/bruthen-emergency-information/

Finally, if you are conducting a fuel reduction burn (burn off) – make sure you register your burn by calling ***THE BURN-OFF NOTICATION LINE*** on ***1800 668 511***. Importantly, plan your burn activity by ensuring:

- ✓ Weather conditions are favourable (not too windy at the time or after the burn).
- ✓ Check and follow local regulations or laws set down by CFA or your local council.
- ✓ Notify neighbour's in advance.
- ✓ Establish a fire break of no less than three meters cleared of all flammable material.
- ✓ Make sure you monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.
- ✓ Have a reliable source of water and firefighting equipment ready to use if needed.
- ✓ DO NOT leave the burn unattended.

It is vitally important that residents start their preparation now; *taking responsibility* for what you may have to do for the coming fire season.

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

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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

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- 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

Tambo Upper: September 6 & 20. Bruthen: September 7 & 21.

Wed	**Tambo Upper**** (near school)	9.00 am – 9.45 am
	Bruthen (Main Street)	10.00 am – 11.15 am
	Nowa Nowa (Mingling Waters C/park)	1.30 pm – 2.00 pm
Thu	**Bruthen**** (near kinder)	10.45 am – 11.15 am

*Sites marked** are not visited during school holidays*

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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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
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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

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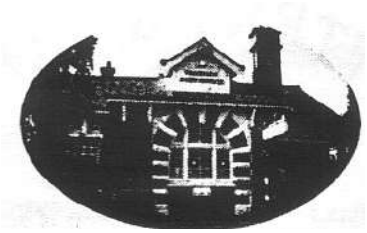

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Bruthen Rec Reserve
for sports events / Caravan Park

Bruthen Police Station
Note: under 24/7 video surveillance

Tai Chi

For all those people wanting to spring into Spring, 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. Increased patronage is needed for the class to continue, so please think about trying it out. Any enquiries please call 0439 812 166.

Calendar competition open

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester is encouraging Gippslanders to enter their best photographs in the 2024 #lovegippsland calendar competition.
Mr Chester said the competition is now open and the winning photos will be featured in the annual calendar.
Mr Chester said "This year's theme 'Explore Gippsland' will be a great opportunity for locals to see the diversity and beauty of the region.
The competition is open now and will close on October 2.
More than 30,000 free copies of the calendar will be available across Gippsland at the end of this year.
Photographers are also encouraged to upload their photos to social media using the hashtag #lovegippsland.
To enter the #lovegippsland calendar competition, photos must be a minimum size of 4MB to a maximum of 10MB. If photos are selected for inclusion in the calendar, they must be available in a resolution of greater than 4MB at 300dpi. Photos should be landscape orientation as per the calendar's shape. Entrants need to provide their name, hometown and contact details, plus a caption for their photo.
Entries close at 5pm on Monday October 2, 2023 and are limited to two per person. Visit www.darrenchester.com.au for details and to enter.

TRADES AND SERVICES

Check out what's on

Spring holiday program

Buchan Caves Reserve

Date	Time	Activity	Meeting point
Thursday 21 September, 2023	1:00pm – 2:00pm	**Minibeast Discovery** Discover a bug's world in the Buchan River, by getting to know some tiny critters and their importance to our environment. Get to know our Rangers and come peer through magnifying glasses into the world of an aquatic minibeast.	Camp Kitchen
Friday 22 September, 2023	1:00pm – 2:00pm	**Campfire Capers** Enjoy some campfire cooking with the Rangers while we learn about safe campfire behaviour. **Accessibility:** Pathways wide, mainly smooth earth with sections of gravel. Suitable for wheelchairs and prams.	Camp Kitchen
Monday 25 September, 2023	1:00pm – 2:00pm	**Flora Explorer** Buchan is home to a wide variety of native and introduced tree species. Come and learn about the famous horticulturalist Hugh Linaker and make your own solar dyed bag to take home. **Accessibility:** Pathways wide, mainly smooth earth with sections of gravel. Suitable for wheelchairs and prams.	Camp Kitchen
Tuesday 26 September, 2023	10:00am – 12:00pm	**Wilsons Cave Tour** This is a paid activity aimed at teenagers and their guardians. Tickets must be purchased for online from https://bookings.parks.vic.gov.au/buchan-caves-tours for $24 per child and $29.80 per adult. Join experienced Rangers and go wild caving. This tour involves crawling through very narrow spaces and requires a reasonable level of fitness. - Helmets and lights provided - Visitors to wear appropriate clothing (e.g. overalls) - Please wear sturdy footwear - Maximum tour size 10pp (bookings essential) - Meet Ranger at Camp Kitchen in Buchan Caves Reserve 30minutes prior to scheduled tour time - The tour requires a 6km drive east of Buchan, visitors need to provide own transport. **Accessibility:** Narrow crawl spaces, low ceiling height, reasonable level of fitness essential. Not suitable for children under 12yo.	Camp Kitchen

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- Junior Rangers activities are designed for primary school aged children.
- Group numbers are limited, please book early.
- Each child must be accompanied by a parent/carer over the age of 18 years, who is responsible for their Junior Ranger/s.
- Activities may be rescheduled, changed or cancelled due to adverse weather or for emergency response.
- Attendees must wear sturdy closed-toe shoes and appropriate clothing, such as raincoats or a broad brimmed hat.

Bookings are essential.
Scan to book your activity at juniorrangers.vic.gov.au

Can't get to an activity? Visit **juniorrangers.vic.gov.au/make-and-do/** to find fun fact files, activity books and games you can use with your family in parks or at home anytime you like!

Parks VICTORIA | Sharing Nature's Stories

Check out what's on

Junior Rangers holiday program

Lakes and Eastern Apls

Date	Time	Activity	Meeting point
Tuesday 19 September 2023	10:00am – 11:00am	**Koala walk and talk** Visit and find out more about a koala's neighbourhood on a ranger-lead walk. We will investigate the habitat they enjoy and how they are being managed. **Accessibility:** Pathways wide, concrete and gravel. Suitable for wheelchairs and prams.	Raymond Island meet BBQ Shelter/Playground
Thursday 21 September, 2023	10:00am – 11:00am	**Away with the birds** Discover the feathery world of birds. Join a Local Ranger to learn how to use binoculars, identify birds and play fun games!	Nyerimilang Heritage Park, meet at rotunda
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	**Bush detectives** Unravel the secrets of the bush. Join a Ranger to look for scats, tracks and traces animals have left behind.	Fairy Dell Flora Reserve meet at carpark
Sunday 24 September, 2023	10am-11am	**Minibeasts** Discover a bug's world by getting to know some tiny critters and their importance to our environment. Get to know our Rangers and come peer through magnifying glasses into the world of an aquatic minibeast.	Oriental Claims, Omeo meet at carpark
Tuesday 26 September, 2023	10:00am – 11:00am	**Beach combing** Visit the beach with Parks Victoria Rangers to learn about the plants and animals that call the land and sea home. Beaches can be like a window into the sea, exploring the coastline will give us clues to what lives in the deeper water.	Red Bluff Lake Tyers meet at carpark
Wednesday 27 September, 2023	10:00am-11:00am	**Mini Beasts** Discover a bug's world by getting to know some tiny critters and their importance to our environment. Get to know our Rangers and come peer through magnifying glasses into the world of an aquatic minibeast.	Mitchell River Silt Jetties meet boat ramp on Rivermouth rd, Eagle Point

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The Great East Rail Trail Ride is back again!

The Great East Rail Trail Ride is a fully supported three day cycling event on the East Gippsland Rail Trail.
The event was founded by former Snowy River Cycling Owner Liz Mitchell, in 2014.
It has become an annual event with anywhere up to 120 participants travelling from across Australia to take part. This breathtaking and gentle 100km journey travels through stunning natural scenery of East Gippsland. Immerse yourself in the views of farmland and timber trestle bridges.
The event had to be cancelled in 2021 but has quickly built back its momentum for its eighth year this month. Snowy River Cycling is the organising company for this ride and as of January 2023 it was taken over by Michelle Perry. Michelle said she is very much looking forward to continuing this annual event that showcases the beautiful region.
Over these three days, September Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th and Monday 25th they will be riding about 30km each day, with some 'extra sweat' options for those who would like to ride a few more kms! The Great East support crew will be there throughout the event, providing luggage transfers. Meals are provided along the route, as well as live music, bike maintenance workshops, and a Trivia Night with prizes to be won!
This year we have the team from Race Day Medical as first aid responders, we have a support vehicle available to pick you and your bike up if need be, but this is a gentle journey. It's on the Rail Trail, so it's traffic free and relatively flat. If you're looking for a cycling event to get you started, this is for you! It's ideal for individual riders that want to meet new people, because you are sure to meet many like-minded and friendly people on this event!
The food is also something to look forward to! All local businesses, from lunch at the Nicholson River Winery Day One, to lunch at Sailors Grave Brewery on Day Three, it's a real showcase of the great quality food our region has to offer.
The uniqueness about this trail is its remoteness, you can feel like you are worlds away with nothing but countryside or forest. You can take in all the beautiful flora and fauna and will also witness the tragedy of the Wairewa Trestle Bridge, significantly impacted by the 2019 Bushfires.
One of the great things about the Great East is the barista made coffee stop halfway, on days two and three. This is such a mirage when surrounded by nothing but bush to sit down take a break and take it all in.
There is plenty of time. This is why it's for all ages. We have allowed time to stop and admire, to visit the towns, to enjoy your lunch and to ride at your leisure.
Visit www.greateastrailtrailride.com.au to find out more.

River Revegetation

Looking after our waterways is a top priority for the East Gippsland Catchment Manage Authority (EGCMA)). Landholders are losing land, vegetation and all the important attendant river life to increased flooding, rising water levels and salination and are realising the benefits of watercourse planting.

An earlier Rambler article outlined our team's efforts in weed management but lately the projects have involved revegetation along the banks of the Tambo River south of Bruthen, Jones Bay and Bengworden. Our five-man contract crew has been working hard on various farms to ensure the stability of the river edges. Thousands of trees, bushes, shrubs and grasses indigenous to the various areas have been planted.

This physically demanding but rewarding job has been enhanced by the glorious weather here in Victoria's own Riviera. Frosty mornings warming to t-shirt weather by mid-morning instil a summery feeling in the midst of winter.

Apart from the satisfaction of working to improve stabilisation and habitat along our waterways, it is a wonderful way to learn about the various native plants. Their botanical and common names, usefulness, required conditions and size at maturity.

One example is Dichondra Repens - Kidney Weed which can be used as a lawn substitute and between pavers in shady or dappled spots. On the other end of the spectrum is Tristaniopsis Laurina - Kanooka. This awe-inspiring water gum grows into a magnificent sculpture, in this writer's eyes, a work of art. With its twisting, sprawling form covering many metres of ground as well as attaining great heights in the right conditions. There is a magnificent specimen at Wards Crossing on the Nicholson River which must be hundreds of years old. Walk a short distance N/E to admire this awesome giant. Younger specimens can also be seen at Ramrod, our beloved local swimming spot on the Tambo River 5kms north of Bruthen just off the Great Alpine Highway.

Due to a very dry winter this year, we have found it necessary to return to the Tambo site to water. We had noticed our plants were looking thirsty but with a good drink and the recent follow-up rain, we are confident they are off to a great start. Fingers crossed for enough timely rain over what is predicted to be a very dry summer.

Tosie T

Life's A Garden

The Bruthen Neighbourhood House Gardening Group has had a busy month with the establishment of four garden beds, and the planting of vegie seedlings donated from Bunnings, who also donated premium potting mix, tools and equipment. We have also established a garden bed at the front of the House and have sunflowers planted for Summer colour.

What sort of workshops would you like to see in our gardening program? Have you got something you would like to learn or can teach others?

Our Swap table for Plants/Seeds/ Produce that people have to share is up and running. We currently have strawberry plants, silverbeet, succulents, and flowering plants available. The idea being that you would bring your excess to swap and take whatever you need. Please bring your own bag/box. All welcome on the second and forth Fridays of the month, from 10 until 12.

Dynamic-duo Dad and Dave (left) aka Tony Broerson and his son-in-law Dave Willett were snapped constructing a new garden bed at the front of Bruthen Neighbourhood House. This bed now joins the three vegetable and herb beds adjacent to the carpark that were kindly put together by Kelsey and Nathan Schueler.

Wendy R & Pamela B