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Middle Ages Bruthen

The Middle Ages jumped forward into Bruthen on Saturday, June 22, for the third Medieval Winter Fire Festival and fourth East Gippsland Winter festival celebrating Winter Solstice in Bruthen.

The Police Paddock and hall surrounds were bursting at the seams with punters who came from near and far. Some people travelled eight hours to get to the festival. We estimated about 2,500 people.

The vibe was super friendly with all ages represented from young families to the elderly and they all enjoyed the evening with games for kids, battles with knights in armour, flaming swords, very impressive costumes, demonstrations of old skills and forgotten board games and a delicious selection of food and drinks.

And the highlights? The slaying of the fire dragon had everyone cheering and urging the flaming swordsman on as he attacked the dragon protecting the fire. The warming bonfire lit as part of the performance. And it went on, with ducks the target of a trebuchet, a massive costume competition, a pretty lantern parade and an exciting fire show by Wacky Wombat which had the crowd cheering, all topped off with everyone dancing to local band WRioT, who played some songs specially written by Brent Hodgkins.

Without the help of lots of people we could not have put on this festival.

Firstly, thank you to the huge crowd who were just the best.

Thank you to all the people who helped in some way - Bruthen Bookies (book club), Heather Daly, Brian Gustus, Alan and Marj Jones, Norm Borg, Eva Grunden, Jeff Wagstaff, Lauren Manley, Alison Harrower, Judy Hell, Kelsey Schueler, Lesley Czulowski , Merewyn Davis , Heather Rose, Jon Whitfield, Jai and his mate, Mario Saulle, Lahnie Coster, Pamela Boyd, Joy Manley, Amanda King and her friend Karen and daughter, Mossi/Tambo CFA crew and Bruthen Bowling Club.

Bullant Brewery saved the day when our beer vendor pulled out at the very last minute and what would a Medieval festival be without Ale! Thank you Neil.

Without our partners, the East Gippsland Historical Re-enactment Society, we could not do the Medieval in the Medieval Winter Fire Festival. Thanks to you.

The crowd loved Ashen Circle's pop up sword battles. Thank you for travelling to Bruthen from West Melbourne and your generosity.

Jon Whitfield created the very impressive Dragon that guarded the bonfire all night. It is great to have someone so creative on our team.

There is the big banana but we had the big dragon and scorpion provided by another clever sculptor. Thanks Craig Terrill.

All of our vendors were so busy but they finished the night sold out and smiling. Thanks for the great food and drinks.

Also a big thank you to Adam and the East Gippsland Winter Festival for helping to promote our event. And without a $10,000 grant from Gippsland Community Foundation we could not have created this festival.

And the big question, 'will we be back?' – YES. But we will need more help so please contact us if you can help out in any way.

Joy Manley
President

Bruthen Bowling Club News

Since our last newsletter in July last year, the green recovered really well, and in time for the last pennant games at the beginning of the year. Our opposing clubs were impressed too.

To reiterate, Bruthen Bowling Club is a small and very friendly club, which 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. There are bowls to borrow, and all you need is a pair of fairly flat-soled shoes, to start off.

The Pennant (competition) season lasts from October through to February, with both Midweek and Saturday competitions. There is Barefoot Bowls on a Thursday evening, when a delicious meal is provided by volunteers. (Mostly during winter, the emphasis is on being social, and it is a good opportunity to get to know new arrivals). Coaching is provided at no extra cost, and you will find us on Seehusen Avenue, on the corner of Church Street. We also offer new social bowls afternoons, Thursdays at 12:30pm, and Sundays at 1pm. No need to book, just turn up.

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.

Thank you so much to all those who bought raffle tickets recently, for our annual Big Raffle, showing support for our friendly club.

The lucky winners are:

1st Prize: Irene Harrison.

2nd Prize: Marilyn Long.

3rd Prize: Peter Whillance (aka Wormy).

Also, a big thank you to Wayne and Clare Morgan for donating the wood, and delivering it, and to all the local businesses for helping us to sell tickets.

As well as being used by the Bowling Club, 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 5.30pm, and introduce yourselves.

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

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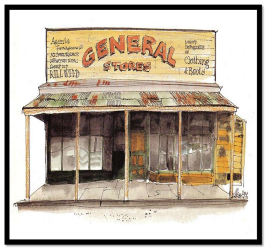

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A timely gift

The Tambo Rambler team was delighted (and hugely relieved!) to receive funding from the Gippsland Community Foundation for a new photocopier, as the old machine was nearing the end of its serviceable life, and the future of our community newspaper was looking decidedly uncertain. Community Liaison Officer for the GCF, Cherie Draper, visited the Rambler Office in mid-June to meet the Rambler crew which had just had the new machine delivered. (See photo above)

Here is part of a report outlining the GCF's response to the team's submission and the Rambler's role in the community.

"The Bruthen Tambo Rambler was first established in 1999.

Formed to be a focal point for local information and a celebration of Bruthen people and community, the free monthly newspaper plays an important role in maintaining the social fabric and identity of the area.

Like many worthwhile ventures in smaller regions, the Tambo Rambler is run by a dedicated group of volunteers, and an editor who meet regularly to gather articles, images and advertisements.

There is always more to be done and with rising operational costs, the support of local business, community groups and advertising is vital in the Rambler's ongoing production.

The (BDCA) committee applied in our recent grant round for funding to purchase an updated photocopier to provide printing services to residents and print the monthly newspaper. Foundation directors saw the $6269 requested as a valuable investment to the Bruthen and District Community."

Thank you to the Gippsland Community Foundation!

Photo: Left to right: James Nicholas (BDCA), Lee Flinn (editor), volunteers Jenny Carter, Odarka Gibbs and Ros Kempton, and Joy Manley, President of Bruthen Arts and Events and regular contributor to the Rambler.

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Cheers and beers, Stretch

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What a Winter Weekend!

If this year's East Gippsland Winter Festival opening weekend is anything to go by - it's going to be the Festival's most exciting year yet!

Even the rainy Friday morning couldn't dampen the excitement for the region's much-anticipated yearly festival launch party, held at Slipway in Lakes Entrance on Friday night. Hosted by festival founder and director Adam Bloem, MC'd by Cameron Smith from Triple R, and attended by Tim Bull and Darren Chester, the official event started with a Welcome to Country and Smoking ceremony by Alan Solomon, and was officially declared open by East Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Tom Crook, before opening to the public to party in true Winter style. Guests were treated to a sneak-peak festival showcase while enjoying food and beverages from local producers, live musical performances and appearances from some of the festival's unique characters.

The Gippsland Jersey Winter Solstice Sunrise Swim followed the successful opening party the next morning, with hundreds of adventurous participants engaging in a breathwork session before leaping into the freezing lake. A perfect, invigorating way to head into the month-long festival.

Always an annual highlight, Saturday afternoon saw the Bruthen Medieval Festival bigger and better than ever, with 2,000 in attendance. With the rain cleared, the crowds converged to enjoy thrilling sword fights, bonfires, lively music, medieval costumes, and fireside feasting.

The fun didn't stop there, with events ranging from sold out high-country long lunches, lantern making workshops, live music performances from renowned Australian singers, sourdough baking classes, gin masterclasses, art walks and so much more, taking place over the weekend.

If the FOMO is creeping in, never fear, there is still plenty left to enjoy across Victoria's largest month long winter festival program.

Running from 21 June - 21 July, this eclectic calendar of experiences caters for all ages, interests and budgets. See for yourself HOW WE WINTER in East Gippsland by embracing the unique art, music, culture, produce and nature of this unique part of the state.

Founder of the East Gippsland Winter Festival, Adam Bloem was elated by the success of the opening weekend and what is shaping up to be a very successful fourth festival.

"Our creative community has pulled out all stops to make 2024 more magical than ever. They know this year more than ever, everyone needs some good free fun and a winter full of experiences to distract from the day to day pressures many households are feeling. Our school holiday events are amazing value (many free) for families and there are still some tickets left to the 'adult only' long lunches, dinners and gigs."

Highlight events of this year's Festival still to come include:

● 6 July: Lakes Lights: Enchanted Shores, Lakes Entrance Foreshore – a mesmerising spectacular of artist-made lantern sculptures, roaming performers, and lighting projections will create a whimsical world on the Lakes Entrance Foreshore, with food trucks and live music.

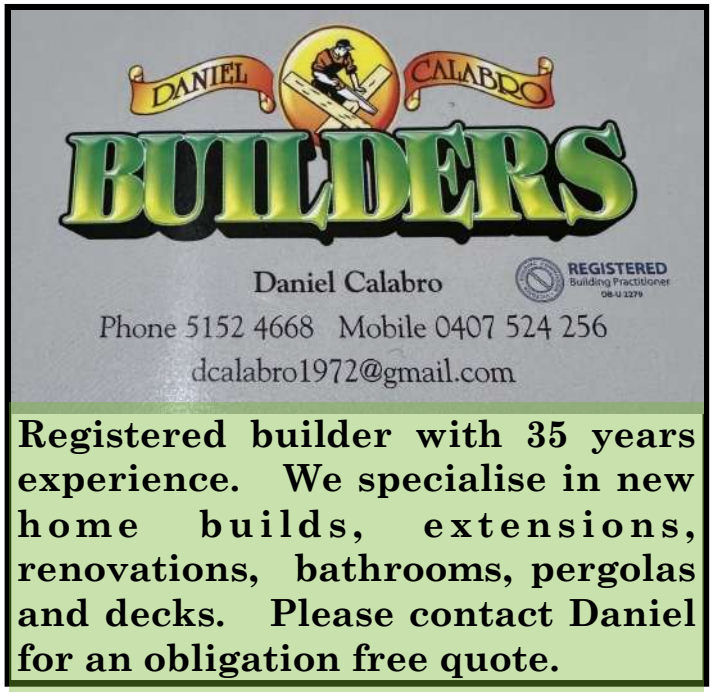
● 6 July: Metung Fire & Ice - a festival favourite, don't miss the magic of live ice carving, fire breathing, food stalls and live music in the picturesque Metung village.

● 6 July: Neon Jungle, Orbost - displaying amazing creations from community lantern workshops, fire twirling, music, great food and community connection. Nicholson Street eateries are offering delicious food options and grab a cup of hot cocoa and take a stroll through the enchanting NEON winter wonderland where you'll find dazzling light installations and interactive art exhibits.

● 5 - 7 July: Tinamba Hotel Feast at La Riva, a cliff -top mansion on Eagle Point Bluff. This stunning setting offers a spectacular experience combining sunset views, rambling gardens and the culinary expertise of the Tinamba Hotel team. To really make a night of it, why not ask hosts Andrea & David if you can book a helicopter ride home!

● 7 July: Nicholson River Trestle Bridge Long Lunch - back due to popular demand.

This unique event sold out in record time last year, so don't miss your chance to dine 50m above the 'Nicho' River, where the views are as good as the produce!



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Nominate now for Victorian Seniors Awards

Local Nationals MP and Shadow Minister for Ageing, Tim Bull, is urging the Gippsland East community to nominate one of the many hardworking and dedicated senior volunteers for the upcoming Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

Nominations are now open for the 2024 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards, celebrating senior Victorians who share their skills, experience, time and energy with our community.

There are six categories of awards, including:

Victorian Senior of the Year - for outstanding contribution to the local community and Victoria.

Promotion of Multiculturalism Award - for promoting the benefits of cultural diversity.

Healthy and Active Living Award - for helping create active and healthy communities.

Veteran Community Award - for exceptional contributions to the veteran community.

Ageing Well Award - for combatting ageism and promoting ageing well initiatives.

Council on the Ageing Victorian Senior Achiever Award - for significant contribution to local communities and Victoria.

Mr Bull said the award ceremony will be held in October, which will coincide with the annual Victorian Seniors Festival.

"All nominees will receive certificates acknowledging their contributions.

"Nominations can be submitted digitally through a new online platform until 11 August, and nominees must be aged 60 years or over, and 50 years or over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians," Mr Bull said.

To make a nomination, visit Seniors Online and complete a nomination form at seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards.

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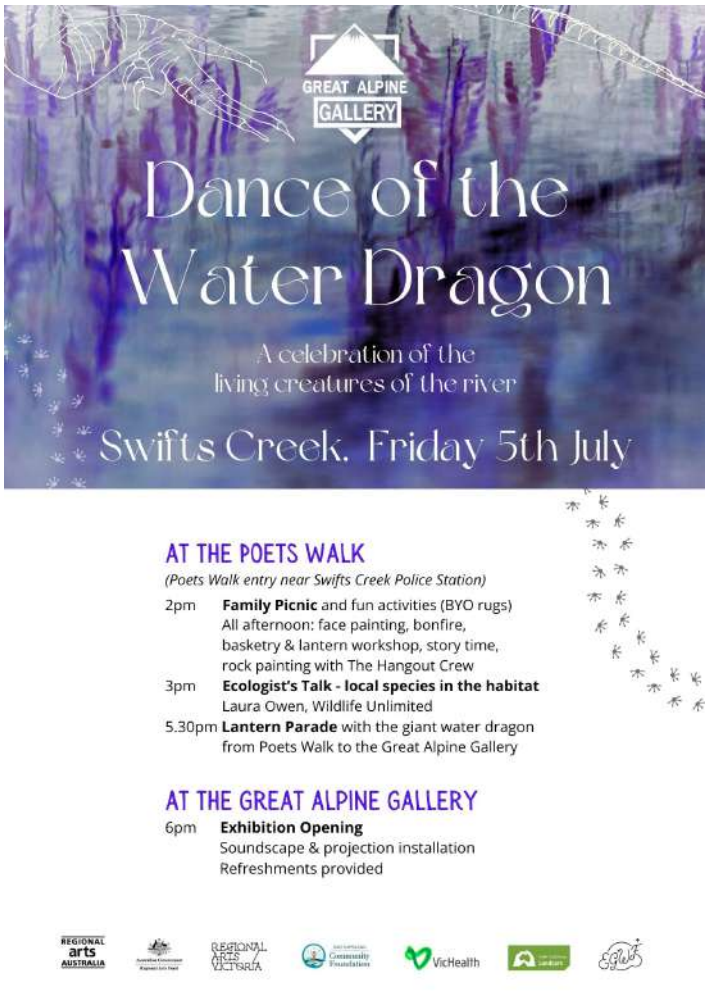

Birders delight in Bruthen

A chilly, frosty start led into a very pleasant sunny morning for twenty members of BLEG (Birdlife East Gippsland) for their outing to Bruthen on June 24. Bruthen is blessed with having a lovely range of habitats within easy reach of the town centre. The birders first explored the Walking Trails just off the Great Alpine Road, breaking into smaller groups to cover a mix of tracks. After morning tea in the Main Street gardens they walked down past the Art and Information Centre and along the river loop.

A wonderful range of birds was recorded, as can be seen by the attached list. BLEG members upload their results to Birdlife Australia from each of the survey sites separately, but for convenience we have put all of the morning's sightings into one list. The last time that the Tambo Rambler reported on a BLEG outing to a nearby site was in the October 2023 issue, after a visit to Fairy Dell. We had very positive feedback from a number of readers who appreciated the opportunity to compare their own sightings in the neighbourhood and follow up on other species. So, see how you go!

Species	Count
Australian Wood Duck	29
Wonga Pigeon	2
Common Bronzewing	6
Laughing Kookaburra	7
Gang-Gang Cockatoo	3
Galah	250
Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo	3
Australian King-Parrot	15
Crimson Rosella	55
Rainbow Lorikeet	8
Satin Bowerbird	9
White-Throated Treecreeper	4
Brown Treecreeper	5
Superb Fairy-Wren	50
Crescent Honeyeater	1
Lewin's Honeyeater	2
New Holland Honeyeater	15
Yellow-Faced Honeyeater	6
White-Eared Honeyeater	4
White-Naped Honeyeater	12
Eastern Spinebill	6
Little Wattlebird	1
Red Wattlebird	7
Spotted Pardalote	4
Striated Pardalote	1
Striated Thornbill	14
Brown Thornbill	27
Yellow-Rumped Thornbill	12
Yellow Thornbill	7
Olive Whistler	1
Golden Whistler	4
Grey Shrike-Thrush	6
Pied Currawong	14
Australian Magpie	88
Grey Butcherbird	2
Grey Fantail	10
Australian Raven	3
White-Winged Chough	6
Scarlet Robin	4
Eastern Yellow Robin	14
Bassian Thrush	3
Pacific Black Duck	2
Chestnut Teal	3
Purple Swamphen	4
Eurasian Coot	1
Masked Lapwing	2
Cattle Egret	16
Great Egret	1
Brown Goshawk	1
Nankeen Kestrel	1
White-Browed Scrubwren	4
Crested Shrike-Tit	1
Jacky Winter	1
Silvereye	10
Common Blackbird	6

Bird of the Month: July 2024 - The Eurasian Coot

People may have noticed large rafts of smallish black birds on our lakes, they're most likely the boisterous waterbird known as the Eurasian Coot. Non-breeding birds will form flocks numbering into the hundreds and sometimes thousands, especially this year.

A distinctive stocky waterbird that is easily recognised by its black head with snowy white bill and forehead shield. Adults are a sooty dark grey, with a bright red eye. Younger birds are generally paler. Their rounded, plump body tapers to a pointed wisp of tail. When on the shore, you may have noticed their rather big greenish 'clown' feet with lobed toes.

The Coot ranges from Eurasia to Indonesia, New Guinea and Australia, where they are found throughout the country, except for inland areas of Western Australia, and less common in the north and drier regions. They inhabit both freshwater and brackish marshes, lake shores, lagoons, and riverways and are occasionally seen on saltwater.

Foraging in shallow to deep water, they mostly dive for their food and can dive down to a depth of 7 metres. They feed on vegetable matter which is supplemented by the occasional insect, worm or fish. At times, they will graze on land, but can look rather clumsy and unbalanced as their legs are set back to give them better thrust in the water.

While they may look sweet, they are loud and aggressive and very territorial. They will fight each other and other species. Even their own chicks are not safe. When food is scarce, they take their stress out on their chicks who are demanding food from them, biting them to quieten down, and sometimes even killing them.

Breeding occurs at any time that conditions are favourable, usually influenced by rain, and may produce successive broods. Pairs are established and their territories are maintained with vigour, extending this aggression to other species too. They often take over the nests of ducks, pushing the duck eggs out and sometimes killing young ducks and grebes. Their own nests are often a large neat bowl on a floating raft of vegetation or can be built on logs or tree stumps surrounded by water. A clutch of 4-12 eggs can be laid and both sexes share incubation and care of the young.

And finally, their young,….. they would have to be one of the ugliest baby birds around!

BirdLife East Gippsland meet 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 1: Coot Adult – (Photo by Ross McKenzie)
Photo 2: Eurasian Coot Nestling – (Photo by M. Dahlem)

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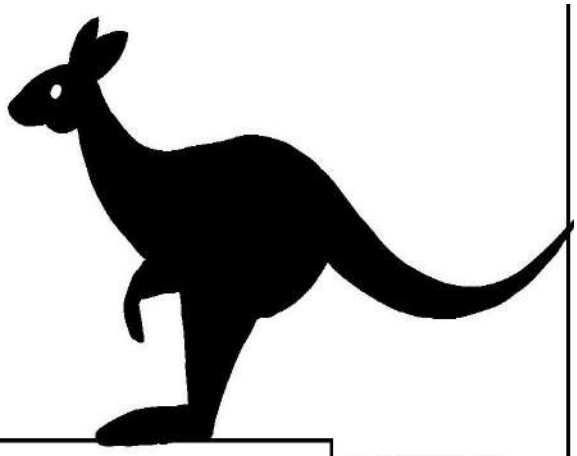

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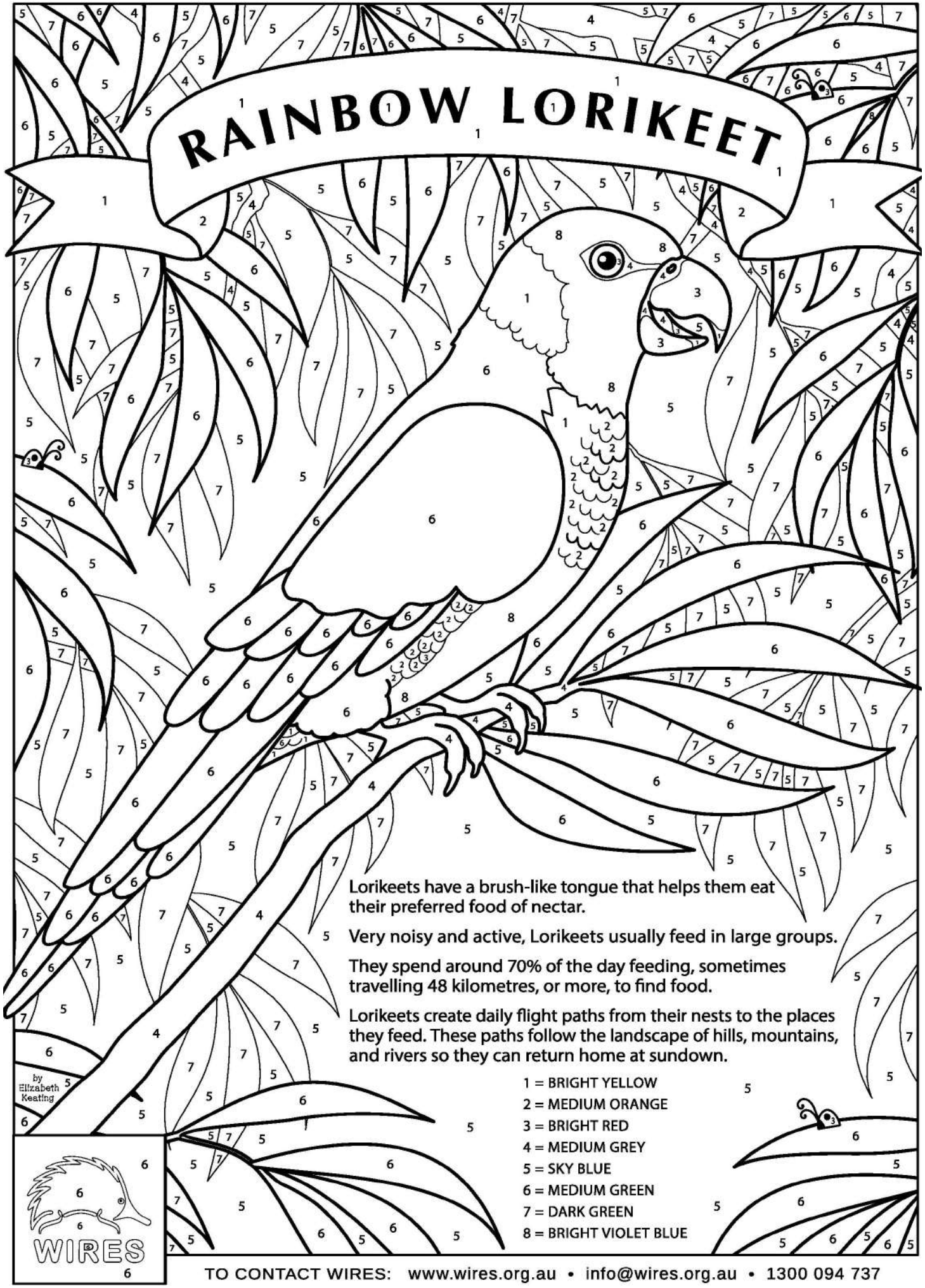

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Bruthen Football Netball Club News

On Thursday the 30th May the Bruthen Football Netball Club along with members of the Lyndale Football Club held an evening to recognise the contributions of Roger Andrew to both our clubs and community or "grass roots" football in general.

Roger is a Life Member of both clubs as well as an Omeo and District Football League Life Member in recognition of his lifetime of playing, coaching and volunteering at community football clubs.

After the usual Thursday night dinner the evening took the form of an interview with Roger, who is quite willing to share the many stories of a life well lived. Roger was asked to recall stories of his young days by President David Cameron, many of which had the crowd in fits of laughter. From wagging Kindergarten to being asked to leave Melbourne High School, there was a constant theme of larrikinism.

Following Camo's questions came 2017 Premiership Coach Ben Murphy, who spoke of Roger's contribution to turning around a period without much on field success to what was the start of a Premiership 3-peat.

The ex-players and members of Lyndale Football Club who had travelled from Melbourne for the evening were also very keen to speak of what Roger had done for their club. This part of the evening was extremely heartfelt and even saw a few tears shed. Roger was the coach of Lyndale when on the 17th of September 1993 one of Australia's worst sporting disasters occurred. Six member of the Lyndale Football Club were killed in a plane crash on an end of season trip to Tasmania. Another 4 members of the side sustained injuries that would see them never play again. Roger stayed on board with the grief stricken club and only 2 years later led it to an emotional Premiership. The love and comradeship between the Lyndale boys and Roger was palpable.

The Bruthen Football Netball Club is extremely lucky to have gained the services of Roger Andrew 25 years ago when he and his wife Carol moved to the district. In fact he assures me he would not have moved here if there wasn't a football club. I don't think there is a job that Roger and Carol have not filled in their time at Bruthen FNC. Roger has been President, gate keeper, line marker, goal umpire, cleaner, time-keeper, scorer, maintenance man and even played when numbers were poor. Carol was Secretary and Treasurer for many years.

Every community club needs people like Roger Andrew, however there are only so many that are as dedicated, selfless, committed and reliable as "Sparra" as he's affectionately known. Thanks for everything mate, on behalf of the Bruthen Football Netball Club.

In other news at the Club, all sides are having mixed results except for our 12 and Under Netballers who are undefeated so far. We look forward to having Senior Football, Junior Football, A, B Grade and Junior Netball teams make finals...hopefully.

Sunday June 30 saw our annual major fundraiser; The 200 Club. The reverse draw auction is a fun day supported by many of our sponsors. As usual the roast lamb lunch supplied by Bill Heggie and prepared by Brad Downing and Belinda Matthews was absolutely scrumptious, washed down by a few ales supplied by the Bruthen Inn Hotel. This years major prize winner was a great club volunteer; Alison Harrower.

Apart from two more home games and the Preliminary Final on August 24, the club looks forward to hosting a 40 year Premiership Reunion on Saturday, July 20, at the Clubrooms. Many of the 1984 winning Bulldogs are keen to catch up and celebrate in 1980's style.

Go Doggies!

Matthew Roberts;
Senior Football Team Manager

Roger Andrew and Ben Murphy, Premiership Coach 2017

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The Bruthen Fire Brigade recently held elections for two-year appointments in leadership and support roles. All positions were filled, with the Brigade now using the quieter Winter months to conduct training, maintenance and preparation for the next Summer season.
Congratulations to all those elected, with most of the Brigade leadership and support team pictured (below).
The Brigade is currently seeking to recruit new fire fighters to train up during the Winter months. If you are interested in providing a valuable service and contribution to keeping your community safe, email bruthen.sec@memers.cfa.vic.gov.au and we can meet up for a cuppa and take you through what being a member of the Bruthen Fire Brigade is all about. Remember - this is your community volunteer fire brigade. Come join us!

Name: Rick Cameron
Position: 2nd Lieutenant
Joined CFA: 2019
Responsibilities: Crew Leader, Brigade Training Coordinator, Brigade Tanker Driver, Fire Fighter
Family: Partner, 3 children
Interests: Camping, CFA, family.

Name: Anthony Martin
Position: 4th Lieutenant
Joined CFA: 2019
Responsibilities: Crew Leader, Communications Officer, Fire fighter
Family: Married with 2 children
Interests: Amateur radios, forging, camping.

Name: Bryce Lewis
Position: 5th Lieutenant
Joined CFA: 2008
Responsibilities: Crew Leader, Recruiting, Community Education, Fire Fighter and Brigade Tanker Driver
Family: Partner, 2 children
Interests: Camping, Family.

Name: Jon Whitfield
Position: VFBV Rep
Joined CFA: 2020
Responsibilities: Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria representative, Tanker Driver, Fire Fighter
Family: Married with 3 children
Interests: Camping, metal art

Name: Kylie Martin
Position: Secretary, Strike Team Coordinator
Joined CFA: 2021
Responsibilities: Brigade Administration, Social Media and Community Engagement, Brigade Support Team Manager, Driver (ultralight), Fire fighter
Family: Married with 2 children
Interests: Face painting, dress making, camping.

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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

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES

Mobile Service Centre / Library
Bruthen (Main St)

What can you do at this mobile service centre?

- Borrow books, CD's, DVD's, audio books and more
- Pick up a Council newsletter and subscribe
- 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 in your community
- Use a computer with free internet access
- Have a chat and much more

Wednesdays
Fortnightly
11.15am – 12.30pm
Fortnightly

Jul 3rd & 17th
Aug 7th & 21st
Sep 4th & 18th
Oct 9th & 23rd
Nov 6th & 20th
Dec 4th & 18th

Phone **5153 9500** with any queries about the service.

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Mondays & Wednesdays from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm

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 8.30 to 11.00 am. 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

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MEMBER FOR GIPPSLAND EAST

Servicing Bruthen and district community

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EVENTS & NOTICES

Injured Wildlife Rescue

When you find injured wildlife please keep these details in case of emergency:
WILDLIFE SHELTERS
Jade Whittingham
Wombat Wisdom, (Bairnsdale), 0473 446 161
Holly Corbett
Holly's Wildlife Rescue (No bats) (530 Bairnsdale Dargo Rd Hillside 3875), 0432 539 408
Suzie
Waterholes Wildlife Shelter Clifton Creek Koala specialist, 0447 470 905.
Geoff Nicol
Treehouse Wildlife Refuge Metung, 0419 345 820 Birds, wombats, kangaroos, etc

BRUTHEN LICENSED POST OFFICE
(Est.1893)

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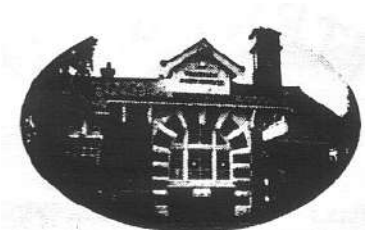

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In event of an emergency

Bruthen has 6 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

Also Bruthen Bowls Club, CFA and Neighbourhood House

Bruthen Key Events Calander

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Month 2024	Event / Theme	Group
July (11th-14th)	School Holiday Program	N'hood House
Aug (8th)	You're an Instrument (Kids Show)	Bruthen Arts & Events Council
Sept (21st)	Bruthen Market (Spring Fair)	Market Team – N'hood House
Sept (7th)	Casting Off Theatre Show	Bruthen Arts & Events Council
Oct (1st-4th)	School Holiday Program	N'hood House
Nov (23rd)	Bruthen Markets (pre-Christmas)	Market Team – N'hood House
Dec (8th)	Bruthen Christmas Carols	N'hood House & St Matts Parish
2025	**Event / Theme**	**Group**
Jan (18th)	Eat, Drink, Explore Bruthen	Bruthen Arts & Events Council
Feb (15th)	Bruthen Markets (Music)	Market Team – N'hood House

As events approach – more info will appear in the Rambler.

Community Groups – Annual General Meetings

Elections will be held for the newly incorporated **Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House (BDNH)** on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 (6:30pm) at the Neighbourhood House premises - 36 Main Street, Bruthen (the old RSL building).

All current Committee of Management (CoM) positions will be declared vacant with nominations sought for:

- President
- Vice President (x2)
- Secretary
- Finance CoM member
- IT Policy CoM member
- General Com members (x2)

Neighbourhood Houses
The heart of our community

The role of the BDNH CoM is to guide the NH in its strategic direction and ensure that the NH meets the needs of the local community. The BDNH is a member of the East Gippsland Network of Neighbourhood Houses and is funded by the Department of Families, Fairness & Housing (DFFH). The CoM also ensures regulatory adherence to departmental regulations. For further information, the BDNH can be contacted via info@bdnh.org.au

Consider the contribution you can make to this vibrant and growing community led organisation. Those elected to positions are expected to be ***active*** and not passive appointment holders.

The CoM meets once every two months for about one and a half hours and in the off months if people allocate the same amount of time – our community organisation will thrive.

Bruthen & District Citizens' Association

The Bruthen & District Citizens Association (BDCA) will hold its **AGM on Tuesday, JULY 23, 2024** commencing 6:30pm sharp at the Bruthen Mechanics Hall, Main Street Bruthen.

The BDCA exists to serve Bruthen and surrounding districts. It provides an interface between the community of Bruthen and the East Gippsland Shire Council on community issues, likewise to the local member for issues that extend to Victorian State Departments.

All positions at the BDCA are up for election – so consider whether you would like to nominate for one of the following. President, Vice President (x2), Secretary, Treasurer, and up to three general committee positions (to assist with the running of projects / activities). The elected committee also takes on the role of the Community Recovery Committee.

For further information, the BDCA can be contacted via question2bdca@gmail.com

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⇒ 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
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Closing date for August issue is July 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**.)

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

We also distribute to Government representatives, Bairnsdale Library, Victorian State Library, and local Historical Societies
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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The Editors reserve the right to reject articles and advertisements and to edit submissions if necessary
All submissions must carry the author's full name, address and phone number. They may be published anonymously if preferred.

Mossi-Tambo Junior Brigade

Mossi-Tambo Fire Brigade with the support of Bruthen Fire Brigade have recommenced their Junior CFA program and are now at the end of Term 2. We have five registered leaders all with a wide range of experiences; three from Mossi-Tambo and two from Bruthen Fire Brigade. We have an energetic group of Juniors aged between 11 -15 years old involved with the program.

We meet once a fortnight on Mondays between 5-6pm at either the Mossi-Tambo or Bruthen fire stations. The activities the Tambo Juniors took part in during Term 2 consisted of map reading, a treasure hunt around Bruthen Main Street, radio communication, craft and learning to tie knots which is an important life skill to learn. The Juniors have also been learning how to use active equipment like hoses and branches that will go on to form part of the rural competition team requirements.

It is our vision that in 2025 we will be able to enter a junior team into the regional and state championships based on the techniques they are learning today. The skills Juniors learn are a version of what our firefighters do, without any of the hot fire training. This is a great team activity, and the Juniors have a lot of fun.

We are looking forward to our juniors being able to participate in the District 11 Firefighter Games being held on Sunday, September 15, at the Swan Reach Recreation Reserve. This is a community day - you are invited come and see our firefighters practise their skill sets and compete for the all important District 11 trophy! There will be food, entertainment and more.

We welcome any young person from our wider community - Juniors 11-15 years old (16 and above also welcome), who may be interested in joining, to contact us via our Facebook page, call Christine on 0438 384 914 or visit https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa/apply-to-volunteer to commence an Expression of Interest Application.

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PROGRAM
3pm Sword Fight - Paddock
3.10 to Finish East Gippsland Historical Re-Enactment Society (EGHRS)
Family Games - Supper Room and in
3.45 Group Battle Display - Paddock
4.30 Trebuchet a Duck - Paddock
From 4.30 Bonfire & Fire Sculpture
Alley Cat ♫
lit Chair - Paddock
5pm Lantern Set-up - Hall
5.30 Lantern Parade
5.30 Best Medieval Costume Awards
Lucky gate prizes - Paddock Stage
6pm Ashen Circle Fighting (DEMO)
6.30 EGHRS - Flaming Weapon Battle
7pm Wacky Wombat Fireshow
7.30-9 (R)iot (Medieval(ish) music)