

# TAMBO RAMBLER

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## Bruthen's Mixed Bag



**Left:** Mixed Bag judge Dawn Stubbs (pictured with Best in show diptych by Belinda Bight).

**Above:** Paul Gibbs demonstrating his woodworking skills.



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# Bruthen's Mixed Bag Exhibition

This exhibition has been in the making for some time and the effort put in by the organisers was well rewarded with a fantastic response by artists.

The opening on Friday 18 was attended by over 60 people who intermingled whilst viewing the works and I got very positive feedback when chatting with them. Even though there was a title for the exhibition – '*Fur, feathers, fin and flora*', there was an amazing variety of subject matter. I had a chat with Jill from Metung who entered three very jolly paintings with lots of humour, the subject, chickens. She said community engagement was high on her list when deciding to enter and I think the majority of artists had the same agenda. Being part of an active arts environment where everyone is welcome is a very positive place to be.

170 works of painting/sculpture and textiles were delivered on Thursday 17 when works were recorded and hung – taking some five hours.

I interviewed several people over the two hours we were at the Mechanics Hall and the general consensus was that the evening was a great success and the art, with its great variety, impressive. Peter from Bruthen who has attended several Mixed Bag exhibitions over the years said the quality of the work has got better each time.

There were over \$1,500 worth of prizes for this event and this year Dawn Stubbs was our judge but unfortunately unable to attend on the opening night so Joy Manley, the President of the Arts & Events Committee kindly stepped up to award the prizes.

Joy explained the history of the Mixed Bag – so interesting to hear that the original Mixed Bag Exhibition started about 20 years ago very much as a community activity, inviting anyone to join in and have fun. A fabulous response was had not only by artists but people who just wanted to have a go. This resulted in some very interesting and experimental works of great imagination– even a decorated super market trolley!

The 2019 bush fires followed by COVID put an end to the running of the original event so it's great that Mixed Bag Revival is now with us, promoting visual arts again in this small yet vibrant community of Bruthen.

Joy thanked all the artists contributing and mentioned it has been the best response ever. What a buzz it is for an artist when work is purchased, so she also thanked those who supported the night by buying a work. Musician Peter Korn who generously donated his time, singing and playing fabulous acoustic guitar throughout the evening was thanked as were the many people who helped in other capacities over the weekend.

Sculptors were informed that this year's successful Sculpture Exhibition at the Eat Drink, Explore Bruthen Food & Wine festival in January will be repeated on 18 January 2025 at the second F&W day. Information will be available a little later in the year so if you are a sculptor or wish to try your hand

at sculpting, keep this date in mind.

Joy spoke also of a new Visual Arts Project/Collective in Bruthen which has received a substantial Tiny Towns Grant and will be launched in 2025. A temporary space has been offered so that the project can get off the ground but a permanent home is much needed. Bruthen Arts & Events Council is very active in promoting the arts and the collective's main aim will be to encourage anyone in the community to come and try pottery, painting, drawing, textiles and more. The money provides for equipment and materials, including pottery wheels, paint and clay which will all be available to use. There will be some workshops although the main idea is for people to share and pass on their skills. Please keep a look out for more information.

## Mixed Bag Revival Prize Winners

*Best in Show* - Belinda Blight Diptych – '*Durius Sulphurea*'

*Novice Prize* – first time exhibitor - Katie Kasprzyk for '*Dandelions*'

*Children's prizes* – each child received a prize on the night

## Special Commendation:

Kate Munro"- '*That little mountain town*

Brodie Heath - '*Colourful Trill*'

Ngaere Donald - '*Byson's track*'

Leona Waldegrave-Knight - '*Sea Forrest*'

Chloe Mazzitelli - '*Lyla has a Bath*'

Eileen Thurgood – '*Scratched #1*'

## Saturday

On this day of no electricity due to Ausnet updates, we unfortunately experienced less than perfect weather with overcast skies however we opened the Mechanics Hall doors at 10am as planned and left them open to gain more light. Torches were made available but the 50 plus people who attended seemed unperturbed. It was great to see so many children taking real interest in art and we were lucky to have several exhibit and sell.

Our two outdoor demonstration sessions were very successful with several local artists generously donating their time:

Paul Gibbs with his generator powered wood turning and carving

Tony Marshall working with inks and watercolours

Lauren Manley's small coloured pottery tiles were available for decorating.

The day was busy throughout and finished at 4pm.

## Sunday

Another steady flow of visitors meant the total number for the weekend grew to around 200. Visitors repeatedly commented on the high quality of the work and good sales reflected this.

The People's Choice Prize went to Brodie Heath for her painting, '*Çheeky Chatter*' and once the raffle was drawn the exhibition officially closed around 4.30pm.

We thank everyone who attended and exhibited work for their support and enthusiasm and hope to see you all again next year.

**Heather R**



# Book Launch at the Lakes Library

**2.p.m. Tuesday, November 19,  
All welcome.**

Helen Sheil (Dr) has recently published a *Revised edition of Growing and Learning in Rural Communities (Sheil 2024)*. The professional development manual places community knowledge at the heart of decision making – the place where decisions made in multiple sectors and organisations combines and impacts. Often a missing link in regional planning.

Begun during COVID this is a contribution towards demystifying the why, how and what of facilitating dynamic community engagement. An introduction to changes that emerge when those with diverse views can meet together using processes that respect differences and find connection on shared interests or concerns in public forums. When communities establish visions and are active in leading change. Many locals feature in stories of gaining confidence and a public profile of their work as their talents were celebrated by other community members. In the process we've built trust, networked with other communities, connected with relevant

resources and organisations and changed ourselves.

Helen says

"I was introduced to the value of listening to stories that had been silenced by dedicated storytellers like Jan Wositzky, Carolyn Landon and Uncle Albert Mullett. Asking questions and listening (dialogue) was one of the strategies of the Graduate Certificate in Regional Community Development I designed and taught at Monash University's Gippsland Campus to meet the need for skilled community engagement facilitators. This interest in lived lives in a landscape also led to the annual *Stories of Influence* initiative to raise awareness of the beauty and vulnerability of the Nowa Nowa Gorge and Lake Tyers Catchment."

The book features stories giving insight into the reality of community life and dynamic partnerships that can result when communities have access to skills, knowledge and resources to be at decision making tables. To lead rather than respond to externally imposed changes.

Stories include Bruthen beginning the Tambo Rambler after hearing of the Mirboo North Times, of beginning the Landcare Group, of Nowa Nowa and Bruthen learning from Buchan of ways to better prepare for fires in the East Gippsland Building Community Resilience project. Of how Boolarra reinvigorating their social club by supporting the annual Christmas Carols led to new ventures, skills and changed relationships with LaTrobe City who then employed facilitators in their rural communities. Regional initiatives such as the story of the Orbost Women's Awareness Group becoming a hub for many groups to take action on the Snowy River is inspiring and the response in Mirboo North when banks closed local branches and the wealth now being reinvested through the partnership with the Bendigo Community Bank, and of the way that the FLOAT Almanac enriched our lives.

She continues:

"Thank you to those whose contributions raise awareness of what can be achieved when organisations work in partnership with communities. Thanks to East Gippsland Community Foundation and Centre for Rural Communities to enable the book to be published"

More information on the book is available through the Centre for Rural Communities website at <https://ruralcommunities.com.au/growing-and-learning-revised>

Print copies available from Just Books and Games and Slipway in Lakes Entrance. Also available online and in eBook format for your device of choice. Details of a formal launch of the book at the library to be announced shortly.

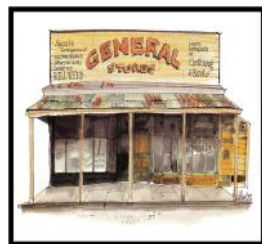
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## Further works to happen at Mossi-Tambo Fire Brigade

On October 24, Mossi-Tambo Brigade received some exciting news that they were successful in their Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) grant.

The brigade's grant application is for the removal of the original station which is very aged and has been deemed unsafe by the CFA building department. A two-bay garage will be erected in its place, with roller doors and become much needed storage space for brigade equipment. The Brigade has not been provided a date for these works to commence, but keep an eye on our Facebook page and we will be sure to have updates there.

Passers-by may see other works commencing mid-November by local landscaper TRH Landscaping & Home Maintenance who will be completing an educational garden featuring fire retardant plants. This has been possible after a successful grant last year through Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) Grant - Strengthening Rural Communities.

The Brigade is excited to have these extra improvements made to our facilities to enhance the overall functionality of the brigade for the future.

**Christine Bittner**  
**3rd Lieutenant/Treasurer/Junior Leader**  
**Mossi-Tambo Fire Brigade**

## Message to Readers

The Tambo Rambler team is currently planning and collating articles for the rest of the year. Can you help us with any local stories and/or photos?

Any news on upcoming events that you would like promoted would be much appreciated by our bunch of volunteers. We rely hugely on a mix of networks to deliver stories, pictures and voices from right across our community.

Submission dates are generally the 25th of the month prior to the month of publication. But we can tweak this a bit, especially if we have some advance notice. Our layout and printing days are the first Tuesday and Wednesday of the month.

We hope to hear from some of you for our December/Christmas issue. Pet pictures anyone? A special location/outlook? Or perhaps something Christmassy?

We will take a break after that (so no January issue)

## Police Brief

In late September, police attempted to intercept a Holden Commodore sedan, reportedly without license plates, on Bruthen-Nowa Nowa Road near the Tambo Upper Road turnoff. The vehicle, driven by a male, evaded police by overtaking multiple cars across double lines. Officers were unable to pursue the driver further due to safety concerns.

In a separate incident in late August, a Bruthen resident reported the theft of a large quantity of timber from her rural property. Upon investigation, police discovered tractor tyre marks near the rear of the property, indicating the likely use of heavy machinery in the theft. Furthermore, two deceased calves were discovered in a ditch on the property, adding to the concerns surrounding the incident.

Police are urging anyone with information regarding these incidents to come forward. Those with relevant details are asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1800 333 000 or submit an anonymous report online at [crimestoppersvic.com.au](https://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au).





# Bruthen's multi-talented artist Heather Rose

For such a tiny town, Bruthen really is full of talented people and recently I caught up with one of them. Heather Rose was very reluctant at first to be profiled because she is very humble about her creations. The latest of these were under wraps as she was unveiling these five sculptures in the Mixed Bag Revival Exhibition held here on the 18th to the 20th October, so it was a privilege to see them. She has exhibited in several other local exhibitions and co-ordinated the sculpture exhibition at this year's Eat, Drink Explore Bruthen Festival. She hopes to do it again at next year's event on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January.

Heather returned for family reasons to Australia in the early 2000's after 25 years in the UK where she led a very interesting life as a political lobbyist, book designer and in publishing. She wasn't looking to buy but fell in love with her gorgeous old cottage here after living in Lakes Entrance for some years and working in administration in Bairnsdale. She has a well-developed social conscience, taking on many volunteering roles over the years - the MS Society, the Pound and holding stalls for many years for East Gippsland Wildlife Rehabilitation. She helps with the Bairnsdale Library booksales, works at the Op Shop and contributes articles on other artists and helps out at the Tambo Rambler. Her zest for life and interest in art, history and the natural world has seen her travel overseas to many places ....all over Europe, Timor Leste, Cuba, Mexico, USA, Canada, India and recent trips to New Zealand and Lord Howe Island. Painting and drawing always interested Heather and then three years ago she started dabbling in limestone. "I love the tactile qualities and find it very meditative.

Most of her sculptures are beautifully abstract, modernist free-standing forms, sometimes in almost primitive style and her reliefs too are a fresh new take on ancient temple carvings.

The human form is her main interest and they are very abstract.

"Limestone is very easy to work with and just a few simple hand tools are required. I start with an idea and draw it straight onto the stone."

I particularly liked her latest foray where she hollowed out a bowl with the tree of life carved into the side.

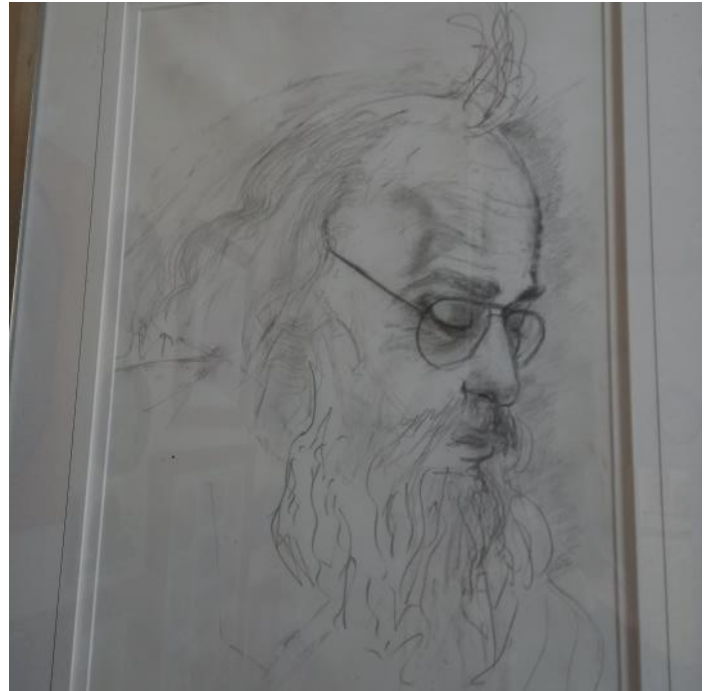
Heather uses acrylics in her painting and is also very talented at graphite drawing. Portraiture is her main focus and realism her preferred style.

She also showed me a fantastic blue and white Cyanotype print. Shapes are cut from paper then stuck onto the specially-treated printing paper. Covered with glass, it is laid out in the sun where

any exposed areas not covered by the design turn blue while the shapes stay white. It reminded me of Henri Matisse's cut-out work.

I look forward to seeing more fascinating works from our talented local artist.

**Pamela B**









## Bruthen Seniors

The Bruthen Seniors Outing for October was a real treat.

We do more than go out for lunch!

On October 16, eleven happy Seniors boarded the community bus with Kay at the wheel.

A scenic drive through our beautiful countryside took us to Cape Conran where we had a stop. Disembarking from the bus we admired the beach, rocks and ocean, with a white bellied sea Eagle soaring above. We drove along the coast road stopping where the Snowy River enters the sea and admired the view.

Onto to Marlo for lunch at the pub. Excellent choice of meals, with vegan options, and served in a timely manner. No waiting!

On the way home we stopped in Orbost to call in at the bakery where some of the members bought cakes to take to friends.

Thank you, Kay for driving us there and back safely.



## Inquiry into Ambulance Victoria calls for submissions

A parliamentary inquiry into the performance, workplace culture, and procurement practices of Ambulance Victoria is now seeking submissions from the public, with both employees and patients encouraged to contribute.

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee will inquire into issues involved with call taking, dispatch, ambulance ramping, working conditions and workloads of paramedics, governance and accountability within Ambulance Victoria (AV).

The Nationals' Member for Gippsland East, Tim Bull, encouraged anyone that has experience with Ambulance Victoria, to provide their feedback.

"This inquiry is a fantastic opportunity for people to share their lived experience with our ambulance system," Mr Bull said.

"Having heard from both paramedics and patients in our region, it has been made quite clear that there is work to be done to improve the current system.

"Some of the more frequent concerns brought to my attention include slow ambulance response times, ramping outside our hospital emergency department, late or delayed ambulance dispatching along with AV rostering concerns.

"I'm pleased that despite Labor's objections, the Upper House of the Victorian Parliament supported this important inquiry and there is the possibility of change on the horizon."

The most recent Ambulance Victoria data indicates alarming shortcomings when it comes to response times for code 1 emergencies across the region (the most serious and urgent cases).

Ambulance Victoria's official response time targets are that 85 per cent of code 1 emergencies are responded to within 15 minutes. However, according to Ambulance Victoria's Annual Report, only 50.6 per cent of ambulances responded within this time across East Gippsland. Submissions will close on February 28, 2025 with public hearings to be scheduled once submissions are closed.





## Gorgeous Gippsland Gardens

Sunrise Rotary hosted the fourth Annual Open Gardens Day, Gorgeous Gippsland Gardens, on Sunday October 13.

Two Bruthen gardens and one Sarsfield garden were open with the Sarsfield Community Hall being a hub for garden attendees to gather for refreshments and to participate in a permaculture propagation workshop. A pruning workshop was also on the agenda at one of the Bruthen gardens.

The Sunrise Rotary host described the day as a success with 350 to 400 garden enthusiasts enjoying a perfect spring day in local gardens. The proceeds of the day will support the development of a road safety skills education facility for school children and other community groups.







## Hector The Church Cat

Hector is an Australia Mist ginger cat, and lives with Bruthen's minister, the Rev Brian Norris and his wife, Kerrie, in the house next to the Anglican Church.

Churches often had cats to keep the mouse population down.

Hector loves going to Church ... a small congregation suits him, as he prefers quiet solitude to meditate.

He has been known to fall asleep during the sermon, tumbling off the pew, which gives him a surprise, but also to make sure the congregation are awake.

Hector is not fond of funerals but does go to Christenings.

The Sunday after St Francis Day, October 4, we had the Blessing of the Animals, which Hector attended, along with horses and dogs, and another cat, Jessie.

St Matthews Anglican Church has a service every Sunday at 09:30am.

On Saturday, November 23 there is another Jumble Sale in the Parish Hall

There will be clothes and other items at bargain prices for your Christmas shopping.

Hector may even be there!

## Giant Jumble Sale Saturday, 23 November 2024

At the Parish Hall in Campbell Street  
(Behind St Matthew's Church, opposite CFA)

9.00am to 2.30pm

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Do your Christmas shopping!

Contact is the Rev'd Brian Norris on 0418 633446

**Above:** Reverend Brian Norris with Hector at his feet.

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We will have an exhibition of quality framed artwork that people want to sell; pieces that are no longer on display for a variety of reasons. In addition, there will be a market of upcycled items. Textiles, metalwork, woodwork, jewellery and more.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this event. If you have artwork that you think someone else might love, or upcycled crafts to sell, you are welcome to be involved. Or simply come along for an Absolutely Fabulous day out.

For information contact Susan  
0450304192



# Bruthen Arts and Events October Update

The countdown has begun and planning is underway for our Second Food and Wine festival - **Bruthen Eat Drink Explore Bruthen 2025:**

**SAVE THE DATE : Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Time:** we are looking into having it in the afternoon this year 3pm – 8pm

**What we have got confirmed so far.**

- **Tambo valley** - Opening dinner Friday night
- **A variety of high quality food and wine vendors** Show casing our locally grown produce and Gippsland's finest wines and food.
- **Local music lined up**
- **SBA's kitchen Cooking school. Watch this space for more details**
- **Childrens show-** This one is a great one for the family and is really funny. It's called 'The Listies.' Starts 3 pm with more kids activities planned.
- **Art Sculpture exhibition**
- **Community Flower Art workshop –** with Tracey Johnson
- **Historical walking tour**
- **Workshops** - using local produce ....

**And the Bruthen Home Grown Awards**

- Best seasonal jam
- Best honey recipe of your choice
- Best chutney or relish
- Best cake /slice /biscuit
- Biggest fruit/vegetable
- Longest /biggest vegetable
- Most unusual fruit/vegetable

So pull out your best family recipes and think of something you can make to bring on the day as well as any produce you can share from your garden to make our big Community Fruit and Vegetable Mandala.

If you would like to share any other ideas about what you would like to see in the festival, I would love to hear from you. We are aiming high for a wonderful community event.

**Tickets for the event** will be \$15.00 and will be available from November .. will keep you posted when they go live. Buying someone a ticket makes a great Christmas gift for your family.

Contact me, Lesley 0437152808 or email [lesleycz@westnet.com.au](mailto:lesleycz@westnet.com.au) or on the Bruthen Presents Facebook page.

**St Matthew's Anglican Church Bruthen  
(Opposite the CFA in Church Street)  
Church services every Sunday at 9.30am.**

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.

**ALL WELCOME!! Please come.**

Contact is the Rev'd Brian Norris on 0418 633446  
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How many words of four or more letters can you find? Every word must use the centre letter, and each letter can only be used once.



## Halloween Wildlife Display

A wonderful highlight of the Halloween event at the Bruthen Mechanics Hall was the interactive display of wildlife in the side hall. This was presented by Phoebe from Black Snake Productions in East Warburton and delighted young and old.

Black Snake Productions is a wildlife education group founded in 2006. It focuses on snake safety awareness and wider wildlife conservation through entertaining and interactive education, and presents to schools, festivals, shopping centres, corporate events, field days and in many other contexts. It has a private zoo which is home to almost 300 native animals and also focuses on breeding programs of some of Australia's endangered species.

You can find out more about their work and wildlife at <https://blacksnakeproductions.com.au/> or their Facebook page.

And if you happen to find injured wildlife, there are several wonderful people in our district who can be contacted to care for them. Their details can be found on page 16.



## EGSC Australia Day Awards

The East Gippsland Shire Council presents a shire-wide Australia Day Awards which focus on individuals and events that have made a significant contribution to the region.

**The Australia Day Awards 2025 nominations are now open.**

Do you know someone who has contributed to our community and deserves to be recognised?

Why not nominate them for an East Gippsland Australia Day Award?

These shire-wide awards recognise people who have dedicated their time to making a difference in their community.

Nominations are open now in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

The Shire recognises that the strong identity and sense of community that we all enjoy, in whichever town we live, is in no small part due to the people volunteering their time for local clubs, groups, facilities or services.

Nominations for the Australia Day Awards close on Friday, December 6.

Award nominees will be invited to an event in January to be formally recognised.

Hardcopy nomination forms are also available at our Customer Service Centres and online.





# Neighbourhood House News

Wow what a jam-packed month October turned out to be here at Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House. Kicking off with our fabulous school holiday programs. The first being a Learn to surf day at Cape Conran. Following on from that we had a morning of cupcake decorating, and then an afternoon of resin coaster and hairclip making. Finishing off our school holiday programs with a showing of Despicable Me 4 the movie. Then as if the month hadn't been busy enough, the last weekend was chock-a-block with our Haunted Hall event, followed by another fabulous workshop from Julie at SBA's Kitchen. Finally wrapping up our weekend with a pumpkin carving workshop!

## Learn to Surf Day – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Thanks to the generosity of Reclink Australia the young people of Bruthen and District had an amazing opportunity to learn to surf with Phil and his daughter from the Surf Shack Mallacoota. 8 Young people were fortunate enough to take up this opportunity on the day and thanks to Bruthen Primary School for lending us their wonderful bus we were able to trek up to Cape Conran together as a group. We could not have asked for better weather with the sun shining down on us. So much fun was had even when they were stacking it in the waves they could not stop smiling. Amongst learning the basics for surfing they were taught how to read the water, what a rip looks like and some hand signals for all to stay safe while out in the waves.



## Nailed it and Resin coasters/hairclips – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Thursday started off with a cupcake extravaganza! With over 150 cupcakes to decorate the 27 kids and their parents/helpers had their work cut out for them. A few decorating ideas were set out for them to try and replicate, then they were set free to decorate as they pleased. It was such a fun positive and sugar filled morning had by all, even with a few piping mishaps. Thursday afternoon saw an intimate group of around 20 incredible women join us for our latest Women's Wellness & Connection Workshop where we celebrated the beauty and importance of multigenerational connections and meaningful friendships, focusing on quality time and memory-making. As part of this experience the group explored resin art together to create stunning coasters and hair clips.







### Movie Day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Bruthen's very own school holiday cinema experience was an absolute blast, providing the perfect finale to our Term 3 school holiday programs. The movie for the day was Despicable Me 4 a great movie for all ages, with this particular adult having a few good laughs along the way as well, and with around 30 kids in attendance our popcorn machine got a fair workout with at least two servings for each!



### Halloween Haunted Hall – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Our biggest event for the month was our Haunted Hall Halloween event. With months of planning and days of decorating we could not have asked for a better turnout. This event delivered 4 hours of fun, filled with delightful frights and laughter mingled with squeals of excitement as the air buzzed with the magic of Halloween. Black Snake Productions were a definite highlight with their wonderful wildlife display that brought upon looks of intrigue, shock and a touch of terror as visitors explored all the different animals. The aroma of sausages and popcorn cooked by the fabulous team from Tambo Upper Primary School filled the hall and enticed you through all the weird and wonderful setups. As well as the delicious sugary donut treats from Big Bears awaiting those who dared out the other side. Photos were taken a plenty throughout the hall with the various spooky set ups, from the witches lair to the skeleton campground. All the while grooving to the Halloween tunes in the pumpkin graveyard. It was eternally heartwarming to see our community come together for an evening of innocent fun for all ages. As an extra big thank you to the team at Tambo Upper Primary School for all their help and efforts throughout the evening an amazing \$720 in entry fees will be sent their way.

A special shoutout goes to Phoebe from [Black Snake Productions](#) and her captivating wildlife presentation, as well as the delightful team & treats from [Big Bears Donuts](#) they were a hit with all involved!







### SBA's Kitchen Beetroot workshop – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday saw Julie from SBA's Kitchen return for another hit workshop. This workshop was focused on Beetroot. Beetroot is such a versatile vegetable with the whole vegetable, stalks and leaves included, being used nothing goes to waste!

On the Menu for the day:

- Pickled Eggs
- Polish Beetroot-shoot Soup - Zupa Botwinka
- Hasselback Beetroot with Crème Fraiche, Horseradish and Dill
- Beetroot, Orange and Feta Salad with Peas and Fresh Herbs
- Pickled Beetroot
- Chocolate, Beet and Raspberry Cake

What another fabulous workshop enjoyed by all who attended.

Our next workshop with Julie will be on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. This workshop is a half day **Christmas hamper making** workshop and will include the following:

- Small Ginger, Orange and Cardamom Cake topped with Glace Oranges, Pears and Star Anise
- Chocolate Fudge Sauce
- Rhubarb & Rose Petal Jam or Rhubarb & Strawberry Jam
- Granola
- Summerberry Sauce
- White Chocolate, Cranberry and Almond Biscuits
- Pickled Asparagus
- Crackers

Make sure to contact the Neighbourhood House to book your spot, as they are limited and will go fast!





### Pumpkin Carving Workshop – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

To wrap up the month and a massive weekend, what a fun Sunday afternoon we had with our much-anticipated Jack-o-lantern workshop. The hall was filled with 30+ individuals laughing and carving up a storm. The different designs were an inspiration to see and all the smiles can't be forgotten.

What a great fun filled month it has been. A big thanks need to go to the Bruthen Hall Committee for always helping and supporting us where possible as well as having such an awesome space to host a wide variety of workshops and events. Last but not least! We extend our gratitude to the [Gippsland Community Foundation](#) their generous funding & support has been instrumental in bringing our visions to life, allowing us to deliver engaging and impactful event experiences to our community.

Kelsey Schueler – Program Coordinator



### Detox your Home

Help keep your family, pets and the environment safe

**Saturday, 30 November 2024**  
**Bairnsdale Livestock Exchange**  
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## Workshops & Key Dates Coming up on the BDNH calendar:

### November

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Hamper—  
SBA's Kitchen**

10am–2pm @ Bruthen Mechanics Hall

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Colour & Creativity**  
12pm – 3pm @ GLCH Creative Space

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Bruthen's Christmas  
Market**

10–2pm Main Street Bruthen



### December

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Bruthen Christmas Carols**  
Time and Venue TBA

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Last Day Open for B&DNH**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Victorian School Holidays  
Start**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day**



### January

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Eat Drink Explore**  
**Bruthen—Bruthen Presents**  
Main Street Bruthen

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> B&DNH reopens**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day**



### Save the Date

**Bruthen Christmas Carols**  
**Saturday 7th December**



### Your Neighbourhood House, Your Programs!

We are here for you to reconnect, restore or engage and learn a new skill. If you have an idea for an event, program or community group, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you and what you are interested in, what you think our community needs and to get people involved.

Some programs can only go ahead if we have sufficient registrations, so please let us know right away if you are interested. An enrolment form and pre-payment when necessary is our mutual commitment. **Please contact us via phone, email, or drop on in to enrol.**

We try to keep all programs as affordable as possible while ensuring that tutors are paid appropriately. Payment can be made via cash, direct deposit or card. If you would like to 'PAY it Forward' for someone else, or need a discount to participate, please do not hesitate to contact us. **Confidentiality is ensured!**

**We look forward to seeing you soon.**

To register your interest or intention to participate, give us a call or email.

#### CONTACT:

Mobile: 0497 544 490

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#### LOCATIONS:

**Community HUB—36 Main Street**  
**Bruthen (slip road before town)**  
**GLCH Creative Space—51 Main Street**  
**Bruthen (at the back)**



## 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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Fortnightly  
11.15am - 12.30pm  
Fortnightly

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

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



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# EVENTS & NOTICES

## Injured Wildlife Rescue

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

### WILDLIFE SHELTERS

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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



**Red-Browed Finch – (photo by Ian Wright)**

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## Bird of the Month – November 2024

# Red-Browed Finch

When walking along a tree-lined path, you may notice a tiny bird, with a flash of red, flitting in front of you. It's most likely to be the Red-browed Finch. A small, vibrant and sociable songbird that gets its name from the distinctive red stripe that runs across its brow. Often observed in small flocks, they will fly into dense undergrowth when disturbed by a passer-by.



The Red-browed Finch is a small, sleek bird with distinctive olive-green upperparts and pale grey underparts. The bright red eyebrow stripe, red rump and red beak contrasts sharply with the grey face and throat. Both sexes look similar, with juveniles showing duller plumage and a black beak that turns red as they mature.

They are found in eastern and southern Australia, from North Queensland to South Australia. They inhabit a variety of environments, including open woodlands, forest edges, grassy areas near water and dry savannah areas. In recent years, they have adapted well to urban and suburban areas and will brighten parks and gardens with native vegetation.

The Red-browed Finch feeds mainly on grass seeds, which they gather both on the ground and directly from seed heads. They will supplement their diet with small insects, especially during breeding season. A highly social bird they are often seen in small flocks of 10-20 birds. They hop and flit through grass and low shrubs while foraging, maintaining contact with soft, high-pitched calls. When disturbed, the whole flock will disperse, cheeping, and re-congregate near-by. During the night birds sleep on perches or in "roosting" nests which they build for nighttime rest.

Breeding season is October to April. During this time, pairs become more territorial, with males performing soft songs and short display flights, often carrying grass stems in their beaks to attract a mate. Once paired, they form strong, monogamous bonds. These birds usually nest communally. Their nest is a large, domed structure woven from twigs and grass stems, lined with feathers and a side tunnel entrance, built in dense shrub 1-3 metres off the ground. Females lay 4-6 eggs per clutch. Both parents share nest-building, incubation of the eggs and feeding of the young when they hatch.

The red-browed Finch is an active bird, often seen in flocks moving through the trees in search of food. These birds are important seed dispersers and play an important role in the ecology of the Australian bush.

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### Closing date for December issue is November 25.

Please send your articles by e-mail only to:  
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(Word, Publisher, JPG or PNG format with photos please  
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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.**

## New coach for the Doggies

The Bruthen FNC is pleased to announce the signing of Michael Boothey as the Senior Football Coach for the 2025 season.

This is major announcement for our club to attract a very experienced senior coach with a passion to develop others and bring innovative game plans and strategies to our club.

Michael has played over 400 games at multiple clubs including Williamstown, Hoppers Crossing, Altona, Barwon Heads and Spotswood. He has been awarded multiple Best and Fairest trophies, won senior premierships, represented at league levels and was named as Full Forward in the Barwon Heads Team of the Decade.

He is a premiership coach at Deer Park and also had coaching positions at Wyndham, Point Cook, Hoppers Crossing and North Geelong. Michael has also been a Next Gen Academy coach at the Western Bulldogs.

We are also very excited that BFNC Premiership Coach, Todd Cook, will be assisting Michael during the preseason with an announcement to be made very soon.

Our 2025 season starts with a bang after this year's AGM.

We are thrilled to have a 17 person strong committee with great representation of both netball and football.

Cammo will again be president, Em will again be vice with Brayden and Rachel continuing the treasurer and secretary positions respectively. Welcome Tony Adams, Celeste Calvert, Sally Whillance, Taylah Spong, Darcy Spong, Rhys Kennedy and Nicki Pollard who have joined Jarrod Kennedy, Ethan Hubbard, Jesse Gillam, Matt Roberts, Indi Wegmann and Wil Matthews on the committee.

Our committee is energized and ready to go and we look forward to a big year in the kennel!

## Bruthen Inn reopens with a song

Bruthen Inn's long-awaited reopening on October 4, was celebrated with a great gig featuring Geoff Achison, supported by Olivia Lay.

Geoff was launching his new limited-edition album "Don't play guitar boy" featuring his best loved songs.

Olivia is also releasing an album this month called "24" on November 11, with a launch at the Kalimna pub on the 10th.

Just a week later, the place rocked out to a special Open Mic on Saturday, October 12, featuring only previous performers which was very well-attended.

Sunday afternoon on October 27, saw the regular Open Mic crowd return and there were some great acts. Thanks again to Stretch for encouraging local musicians and their supporters.







