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The many colours of Bruthen



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









Crazy Colour Run

Darkening skies and a brief spattering of rain did nothing to dampen anyone's spirits when the Colour Run took place on February 15. The Police Paddock was filled with laughter and shrieking as a great bunch of kids, big and small, raced around the course.

Well done Nikki from Neighbourhood House, and big thanks to her trusty bunch of volunteers, the Bruthen Markets team, Bruthen Fire Brigade and the Gippsland Community Foundation for supporting this fun-filled, high-energy occasion.

Photos & Story by Jenny C

Mossiface & Wiseleigh Hall News

Despite the very hot day keeping a lot of people away the hall committee agreed that the recent twilight social event was a success. It attracted locals of all ages and 'local longevity' who enjoyed the chance to catch up and have a chat, a sausage or two and delicious sweets and salads.

The committee is waiting to hear if they have been successful in getting two grants. One to build a storage shed and one to run a series of social events for the local community during 2025/26.

The committee also want to let locals know that there is now an AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillator) for use if someone has a cardiac arrest. The AED is simple to use with pre-recorded instructions to follow.

Ring Jeff on 0409765755 or Merewyn on 0459345049 to book the hall for your event.

Bruthen Inn Hotel



Kitchen is open 7 days

Lunch 12-2pm (excl. Tues) Dinner 6-8pm Tuesdays open from 5pm

Friday night raffles supporting local sporting clubs—10 draws.

Catering for private functions and community meetings Courtesy bus operates Wed, Fri, Sat nights only For enquires or bookings contact Bruthen Inn Hotel. Cheers and beers, Stretch

Phone (03) 51575201

Bruthen Bowling Club News

Stop Press: Save The Date: Friday, March 14 at 4pm. Free Barbecue & Barefoot Bowling an evening of family fun, while we're still enjoying the lighter evenings of daylight savings. Come and give it a go.

Barefoot Bowls will continue each Thursday evening, with a delicious dinner provided by our wonderful volunteers, at least until the end of daylight savings (Sunday, April 6). We would love more people to join us. If you become a full or social member, you will then be eligible to enter into the weekly Joker Poker draw! Not to mention that our bar prices are very reasonable!

Bowling is a fun game, tricky at first if you're new to it (as all new things can be), but no special equipment is needed as we have plenty of bowls to borrow. Flat-soled shoes (or bare feet) are perfect. Coaching is available at no cost.

The clubhouse and green are also available for celebrations of all kinds, with our large and wellequipped kitchen.

For all enquiries, we're on Facebook, email (bruthenbowls@gmail.com) or contact Len Hooton on 0427 188188, or Don Cameron on 0409 608782.



54 Main Street, Bruthen. Open 7 days Ph: 03-51575 415



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BFNC News

Bruthen Football/Netball Club President David Cameron is looking forward to the 2025 season with a highlight being the purchase of a new bus.

"We are excited for the new bus to provide transport for our club members to and from training and games, and for it to serve the wider community," David said.

"We are thrilled to announce Bruthen's very own Andrew Wishart will be playing after our Round 1 clash against Lindenow South Football Netball Club at Bruthen."

"Many years ago this bloke slotted 32 goals in an under 16 match for Bruthen and we are thrilled to welcome him back for a one off show after the game."

Ticketing information will be announced soon, but you can put a great night on your calendar for April 12th."

As part of the Club's commitment to continue investment in our members. plavers supporters, the club will be hosting a sports trainer's course at the club on March 30th.

The first aid qualification is a prerequisite, and the club will pay for any active members to complete the course at no charge.

We already have a few volunteers and we welcome members of other clubs to join in at the cost price of the course. For all enquiries, please message the club.



Bruthen's own Andrew Wishart will play a show after Round One of the season at Bruthen.

Ticketing info announced soon.



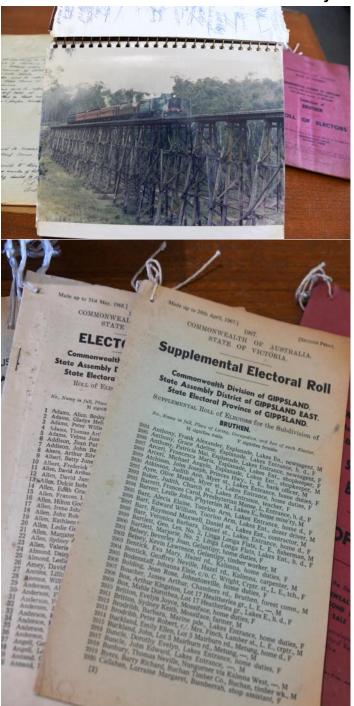
So much to Remember

The Bruthen Remembers group was delighted to receive two large boxes of historically significant documents from Joy Manley, who, along with Mari Jones, had discovered them at the Mechanics Hall.

The collection is comprised of a diverse range of documents, photographs and newspaper items, mostly relating to the Wiseleigh Post Office and the East Gippsland Railway, particularly the Bruthen Railway Station.

The photos shown here are just a teaser. We await with interest the stories that will arise when the participants at Bruthen Remembers meetings have had the chance to go through the many items and perhaps trace down any local family connections. Stay tuned

Jenny C



A snippet of local news from 108 years ago

Thanks Joy Manley (note, this is not part of the collection mentioned at left).

BRUTHEN COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd. (Before Messrs J. Archibald and T. L. Sherrington, J's.P.

Obscene Language.

Detective F. A. Borsum charged James Davis with using obscene language in a public place, the Bruthen railway station, on November 21st.

Constable Howard prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr John Wilson represented the Railway department.

Accused, who was unrepresented, plea-ded guilty, but said he was too drunk to

know what he was saying. According to the evidence given by

Robert Ranson (porter) and William Sloan (stationmaster), the accused Davis on the evening in question arrived by the up train from Bairosdale. On being asked for his ticket by the porter, Davis refused it and abused him in the most filthy language. Subsequently he gave the ticket to the stationmaster. At the time, the train was full of passengers, including many females, and there were a lot of people on the platform, and the language could be heard all over the train. After the train had left, and while several people were still on the platform, Davis challenged the stationmaster to fight, using most insulting langua te. No provocation was given for the behavilor of Davis who was under the influence of drink, but was not drunk.

William Robinson (ganger) and James Fleming (foreman) gave corroborative evidence.

Davis was fined £5 or a month's gaol. toge her with £1 is costs. The fine was paid.

Trains will leave Bairnsdale at 4. p.m. in connection with the 7.52 a.m. train from Melbourne Bruthen at 5.30. Nowa Nowa at 7.15 and reach Orbost at 8.50 p.m. On Thursdays trains will leave Orbost at 6.40 a.m., Nowa Nowa 8.40, Bruthen at 10, and reaching Bairnsdale 11.30 a.m. On the remaining week day trains are scheduled to depart from Orbost at 8.30 a.m., Nowa Nowa at 10.30 a.m., Bruthen at 11.50 a.m. reaching Bairnsdale at 1.30 p.m., and connecting with the train to Melb

Wildlife Recorder Andrew at Sarsfield Hall

Our regular readers will no doubt remember our story about renowned wildlife recorder, photographer and author Andrew Skeoch who visited Bruthen in November last year to catch up with an old friend and revisit old haunts.

At the time, Andrew had just given a presentation at the Bairnsdale Library. Along with his book 'Deep Listening To Nature' this created such an interest that he was invited back by Birdlife East Gippsland to give another presentation on February 17 at the Sarsfield Community Hall.

This was a free event open to the public, and the hall was filled with a very appreciative audience,

including a good number of people from Bruthen and surrounds. They were enthralled as Andrew shared his experiences and insights into learning about and from nature, with a fascinating display of photographs and spectrograms (visual representations of the spectrum of frequencies of a bird's song).

Andrew stayed in Bruthen for two nights and also visited Lakes Entrance to give a presentation at the Slipway. You can find out more about his work here: https://listeningearth.com/andrewskeoch/index.html

Jenny C





Bruthen's First Most Wuthering Heights Day

Emily Brontë wrote her only novel "Wutherng Heights" in 1847.

In 1978 Kate Bush wrote and recorded the song Wuthering Heights.

In 2013 during a festival in Brighton, England, someone had the idea to have the most people dressed as Kate Bush (ie: wearing a red dress) in one place.

This took on and in 2016 cities around the world, including Sydney and Melbourne, were hosting a flashmob event known as The Most Wuthering Heights Day.

What has this got to do with Bruthen you may ask? A lot, as Bruthen is preparing to hold our First Most Wuthering Heights Day.

This will be held on Friday, April 25, at 5:30pm, before An Evening Without Kate Bush is performed at the Mechanics Hall, a ticketed event via the Forge Theatre.

Bruthen Arts and Events is preparing for this free

event which will be on the grounds outside the hall. There will be dance lessons held weekly at the hall on Sundays at 2:30pm from March 16 to April 13,

And wearing a red dress is mandatory! I have been collecting all red clothes from the Op Shop. We will also be running down, not up that hill.

As well as dancing, a choir will be singing, and our performance will be filmed.

Then the Bar will open and dinner served at a cost of \$10.

YouTube has the video of Kate Bush in a red dress as she sings and dances to Wuthering Heights.

Everyone is invited: men, women, children, wear something red! Please note you do not have to attend the show at the Hall to enjoy this event.

Any questions please check Bruthen Presents Facebook page.

"It's me, I'm Cathy,"

Kath G

KOOKABURRA

ENTRANCE

Our thanks to Dr Paula Peeters for allowing us to share this terrific colouring-in page. You can find out more about her work (and access more free downloads) at https://www.paperbarkwriter.com/

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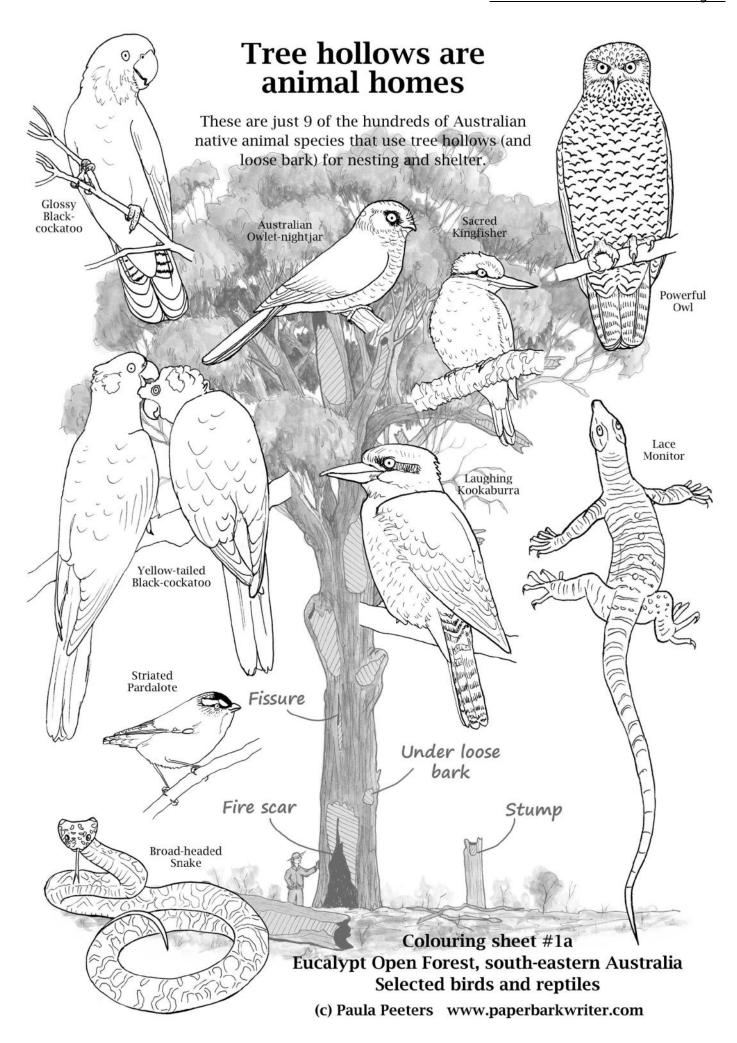
Target Words

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D	A	P

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.

SNAKE



Timely check-ups can save lives

Men are being urged to take more individual responsibility for their health by local MP Darren Chester after he met with a local health advocate.

Mr Chester said he enjoyed catching up with leading men's health advocate Moss Mahony (pictured) and learn more about his exceptional work in the community to promote prostate cancer awareness.

"It was a bit of a wake-up call for me. Moss told me that men living in regional or rural areas like Gippsland have a 24% higher risk of dying of prostate cancer compared to blokes in the city, and the big issue is a failure to get tested," Mr Chester

"We need more men taking up the opportunity to have a PSA test and Moss is advocating for a change in regulations at a national level to make annual tests free of charge - the current system only supports a free test every second year.

"Establishing a register that reminds men that it's time for an annual PSA test would save the health budget in the longer term because any issues would be detected earlier and require less expensive medical intervention.

"In the meantime. Moss and the Prostate Cancer

Support Group are providing practical and valuable advice to locals, but it begins with men booking for check-up getting and tests done in timely manner.'





ANZAC Day 2025

Want to see ANZAC Day 2025 go ahead in Bruthen? Be a volunteer to do just a little bit – but with results that mean a lot. This year a Dawn Service is being planned (on the back of the good reviews we had from last year).

Be part of your community ANZAC Day commemoration.



So, if you have a small amount of time to attend a coord meeting (at the pub closer to the date) and do some jobs on the day (prob 10-20 minutes only) – we could do with your help. A few hands make light work.....so just text Nico with your name and the word 'ANZAC Day' in the text and you will be contacted. Mobile: 0455-988-600.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

(Including imposition of ashes) Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 6pm at St Matthew's, Bruthen

ALL WELCOME!! Please come.

Contact is the Rev'd Brian Norris on 0418 633 446

Volunteers are always welcome at the Bruthen Anglican Op Shop. If you are interested, please ring Trish Brogan on 0425 228 041.

Bruthen - Bairnsdale Bus Timetable Dysons Bus Lines Ph: 5152 1711

Bruthen to Bairnsdale Morning	Monday & Friday AM	Tues, Wed, Thurs AM
Bruthen (opp) General Store	08:10 am	09:50 am
Bairnsdale, Corner Main & Bailey St	08:30 am	10:20 am
Bairnsdale Train Station	08:35 am	10:30 am
Bairnsdale to Bruthen Afternoon	Mon to Thurs PM	Friday PM
Bairnsdale Train Station	1:25 pm	3:40 pm
Corner Chemist (Service & Main Street)	1:30 pm	3:45 pm
Bruthen, Station & Great Alpine Rd	2:00 pm	4:15 pm





Mobile Service Centre / Library **Bruthen (Main St)**



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- Ensure your appointment is scheduled in

Community Health Nurse

- Available Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Fees apply, but no one will be denied service due to inability to pay.

Maternal & Child Health

Available once a month on a Tuesday by appointment only.

Pathology Collection

- Open Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM.
- Nurse fees apply.

Room & Bus Hire

Available for bookings.

Booking and Contact Information

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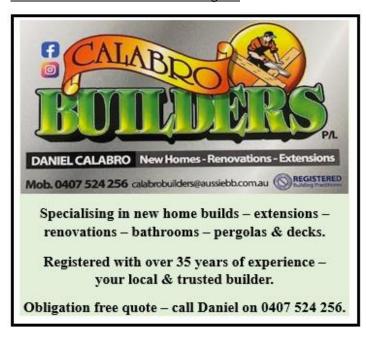
- For GP Clinic and Community Health Nurse appointments, select Option 1.
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(during business hours)

Bruthen Fire Brigade

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Rufous Fantail

Bird of the Month - March 2025



Photo 1: Rufous Fantail photo by Rob Clay

In Spring and Summer, migratory Rufous Fantails frequent the east coast of Australia and are vagrant in drier country west of the Great Dividing Range and in Tasmania. The species is common in New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Guam.

A small, active bird with a distinctive bright orangerufous rump and a continuously fanned pale-tipped tail, the Rufous Fantail has a black and white breast grading into a white chin and throat. They are busy little birds that feed on small insects in lower tree canopies and are almost constantly in motion. Seeking out insects amongst tree branches and trunks, they twist and turn with fanned tail and an audible click of the bill when snatching their prey, sometimes hopping between foliage or foraging on Habitat is typically moist shaded the ground. understorey in dense wet eucalypt forest and rainforest. They prefer deep shade close to the ground, foraging at low and mid-levels in dense vegetation. In drier woodlands they may be seen alongside streams.

Strongly migratory, the Rufous Fantail travels to south-eastern Australia in Spring to breed, then heads north in Autumn-Winter, leaving Victoria and NSW for the warmer climates of Cape York, Torres Strait Islands and southern New Guinea. During migration periods, the Rufous Fantail may be noted in more open habitats or urban areas.

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DATE	LOCATION	LEADER	9am MEETING PLACE
10 th March	Oil Bore Rd & Log Crossing	Jo Gillin	Bruce Rd. turnoff Princes Hwy Kalimna
17 th March	Pt. Fullarton& Eagle Pt track	Robert Wright	Burden Pl off Paynes-ville Road.
24 th March	Autumn Camp Marlo	P & J Hutchison	Marlo Caravan Park & Motel

The song of the Rufous Fantail is a pleasant highpitched tinkling with ascending whistles; also, a single or double 'chip'. Compared to the more familiar Grey Fantail its singing is consistently softer and higher pitched with fewer grating notes.

In Spring breeding season, the Rufous Fantail builds a small compact cup nest, using fine grasses bound with spider webs, with the bottom of the nest tapering to a long stem. The nest is suspended from a tree fork about 5m from the ground. One or two broods may be raised each season with both male and female sharing the tasks of nest-building, incubation and feeding the young.

Ros Kempton, BirdLife East Gippsland

Come & Try Bird Watching

Do you have plans for the Labour Day public holiday, Monday March 10th?

Wondering what you might do on Monday March 10th? BirdLife East Gippsland will be hosting a free birdwatching walk at Oil Bore Rd and Log Crossing. This free event is part of the annual birdwatching program for BLEG and is open to the public.

You are always welcome to join the BirdLife East Gippsland group at one of our regular weekly outings. You will get the chance to see and hear birds and learn more about them.

BirdLife members will act as guides for visitors. You only need a low level of fitness, as we amble along, frequently stopping to look and listen for birds.

Starting at 9am and ending around 12.30pm, the morning will be broken up into first and second sessions with morning tea around 10.15 and the option to stay for lunch around midday.

At every weekly walk, bird species seen at each site are recorded and uploaded to Birddata, the BirdLife Australia database which forms the basis of Australian bird distribution maps, helping us gain insight into our local birds and protect them into the future.

If you would like to participate in this event, please meet members at the Bruce Rd turnoff on Princes Hwy Kalimna at 9am, to then proceed to the survey sites.

Bring a hat, appropriate walking shoes, water, sunscreen, insect repellent and camera/binoculars if you have them. Also bring your own refreshments for morning tea and lunch breaks. A portable chair is handy for picnic spots that don't include seating.

*Outings may be modified or cancelled in response to regional emergency or weather advice or location access issues. If seeking clarification, please check via email or Facebook. Visitors are welcome to attend three outings before there is a requirement to join BirdLife Australia as a member for ongoing participation.

Workshops & Key Dates Coming up on the BDNH calendar:

Monday 10th Labour Day Public Holiday Wednesday 12th SBA's Kitchen—Saucery Workshop 10am — 2pm @ Bruthen Mechanics Hall Tuesday 25th Colour & Creativity 12:00pm-1:00pm Joyful Journaling

1:00pm—3:00pm Colour & Creativity @ GLCH Creative Space

April Friday 4th Last day of term 1

School Holiday Program

Tuesday 8th Art Day @ BDNH Hub (More details to come)

Thursday 10th Movie Day @ Bruthen Mechanics Hall (More details to come)

Wednesday 9th SBA's Kitchen -Preserving Basics 10am — 2pm @ Bruthen Mechanics Hall Friday 18th Good Friday

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Closing date for April issue is March 25.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

Bruthen boogies to the Blues

The third Blues Inn Bruthen proved to be an action-packed, successful extravaganza fantastic music enjoyed by all who attended. Numbers are steadily growing year on year. Olivia Lay opened up the proceedings on Friday night with her usual impeccable finger-picking style and lovely voice in her laid-back style, while Shaun Klinger wowed the crowd.

Smokestack Rhino followed, launching their new line-up with great success and lots of dancers up on the floor.

Next day the crowd enjoyed The Bitter End with local favourites Jay Wagstaff on guitar and Dominic Britten rocking the crowd on Saturday afternoon's free show.

Little G made everyone sit up and listen - truly amazing guitar and big gutsy voice. A remarkable talent at 13 years old.

Shotgun Sam and his World-Famous Blues Band delivered old classics spun with wild harmonica riffs, excellent rhythm section and lead guitar. Great front man really engaged the crowd. Easy music to dance to, tight but flowing with rockabilly influences.

Bill Barber and the Holding Cell was more heavy and loud rocky blues. Bill played a mean lead guitar with a gravelly, gutsy voice - a bit reminiscent of Barnsey, when Barnsey actually sings not screams. Slow numbers were down and dirty blues. The rhythm and lead were having a back-and-forth conversation, really cool. With wailing lead, bending and distortion laid on heaps. Deep Purplish with powerful drums. They deservedly won the VicTas Blues Band of the Year Award last Paul Buchanan's new band (Paul Buchanan's Blues Xpress) rocked the joint old-skool style to close the night.

Sunday kicked off with Jarrod Shaw delighting the crowd with his intricate guitar and soulful sound belvina his years. Award-winning Rhiannon Simpson wowed them with her modern, guitar-driven blues.

The Maskell Love Band were very popular with the crowd. Finishing the day, blues legend Geoff Achison and UK saxophonist Tom Waters ripped it up with Tom moving through the crowd with his wild sax encouraging the crowd. It was a lively and virtuosic set. All in all, a fabulous time. Thanks Stretch, Half Brothers Booking and Sean Clohesy for his awesome photos.

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