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Medieval Winter Fire Festival report

Bruthen's Medieval Winter Fire Festival (MWFF) grew from a conversation with the East Gippsland Historical Re-Enactment Society (EGHRS) four years ago. The partnership developed into the popular festival that people love. Attendees loved the opportunity to dress for the Middle Ages, enjoy a good bonfire, see some great fire acts, sword fights, experience medieval crafts, games and graze from some of the region's best food and beverage trucks. The Festival has grown into the most popular event in the East Gippsland Winter Festival.

The number of people invading Bruthen for the MWFF has grown each year with over 2000 people from all over the state and interstate attending this year. They had to brave a very cold and frosty night which followed the beautiful sunny winter's day. The happy crowd was made up of all ages from tiny babies to grandparents in their eighties.

The Arts and Events members and their team of volunteers had once again worked their magic with the entire area decorated with colourful flags, drapes, quirky decorations, shields and Tiki lights. The hall interior was dressed with velvet drapes,

sensuous materials and fairy lights creating a pretty mixture of medieval and modern.

It is hard to pick a standout highlight because there was so much to see and do and it was all good. The clever and amazing costumes, the lighting of the bonfire with a beautifully made metal dragon by local sculptor Jon Whitfield, the sword fights and combat demonstrations by EGHRS and Ashen Circle, Ryan Pedley's fire act to Viking-inspired music, flaming weapon fight demonstrations by EGHRS, and great music from WRioT and Dog Country made it an event to remember. For many it was a chance to catch up with friends, old and new. Thank you to East Gippsland Shire and a CRC-LGA grant, Tambo Waste, Kennards Hire and Smith Creative (photography) for making this Bruthen event possible.

And a HUGE THANKYOU to all the Arts and Events volunteers and those other volunteers who stepped up and worked so hard to pull off the Medieval Winter Fire Festival for 2025.

Joy Manley, President BAEC

Local creators on show at market

Bruthen's market at the Medieval Festival showcased all kinds of creative types from around the region: here are just a couple of them. First is Tracy Joyce from Cassilis, a published author of gritty epic fantasy ('no fluffy bunnies' apparently!) for teens through to adults. One of our readers bought all four of the books in Tracy's 'Altaica' series so we're waiting keenly to hear more. Google Tracy M Joyce to find out more about her work ... her tales are available as ebooks and paperbacks. We also had a chat with Coral Cooke who makes striking necklaces, rings and bracelets from copper piping .. and word is she'll be having a workshop in Bruthen later in the year.

Jenny C



Bruthen's Got Talent - A huge success

Over 100 locals and visitors packed the Bruthen Hall to celebrate community, courage and creativity.

Bruthen Hall was bursting with talent, laughter and applause on Saturday 14th June as the much-loved *Bruthen's Got Talent* (BGT) made its triumphant return. After an nine-year hiatus due to illness, fires, floods and COVID-19, the iconic event re-emerged with full force – and the community came out in droves to celebrate.

Presented by the Bruthen Arts & Events Council and supported by the State Government through Emergency Recovery Victoria and local sponsors, BGT 2025 brought together performers ranging in age from 2 to 50, showcasing 17 acts from solo singers and dancers to comedy, pantomime and even an original musical tribute to a family cat!

In trademark fashion, the day was held together by the inimitable Mrs. Ropplebottom – a beloved Bruthen character brought to life by local Eva Grunden – whose cheeky wit, spontaneous banter and gentle encouragement kept the event flowing and nerves at bay. Her playful presence turned small tech hiccups into moments of hilarity and warmth.

Professional musician and teacher Susan Taylor travelled from Orbost to serve as judge, offering thoughtful and encouraging feedback to performers of all ages and abilities. Every participant received professional trophies or medals, celebrating not only their talents but their courage and community spirit.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of 12 Bruthen Arts & Events Council volunteers worked tirelessly to plan and promote the event, organise registrations, run the BBQ, and manage logistics. The success of the event was also made possible thanks to the generous support of local sponsors including Bruthen Bakery, Bruthen Licenced Grocer and Newsagent, Bruthen Music, and the Bruthen Corner Garage.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many long-time residents delighted to see the return of this cherished local event. "My daughter was so nervous, but you made it safe for her to get up – and now she's already planning what she'll do next year!" said one proud parent. Another attendee summed it up simply: "We all need more days like this."

Thanks to strong attendance and wonderful talent, organisers are confident that *Bruthen's Got Talent* is here to stay as an annual fixture - plans are already in motion for 2026.

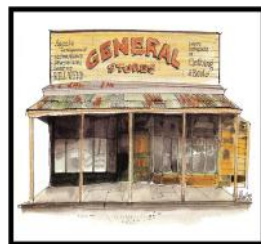
As the region continues its recovery from the Black Summer Bushfires and other challenges, and prepares for what the future brings, events like BGT play a vital role in maintaining social connections, celebrating local strengths, and supporting young people in positive and meaningful ways.

Bruthen is indeed bursting with talent — and with pride.

Eva Grunden (aka Mrs Ropplebottom!)



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Fae Parade at Medieval Market

Bruthen was transported back in time this past Saturday!

Incredible efforts by everyone involved. B&DNH would like to thank Jacqui Reid and her dedicated team of volunteers! Their hard work and countless hours spent organising the Medieval Market truly made for a spectacular day, leaving our community buzzing with excitement, appreciation and anticipation for the following Medieval Festival.

Here at the Neighbourhood House, we are overflowing with gratitude. Jacqui and her "merry band of helpers," as we like to call them, embody the spirit of our community. They are the kind of people who roll up their sleeves and make things happen, transforming an idea into a vibrant reality that everyone can enjoy. It's because of volunteers like them that our community thrives.

The market was a feast for the senses, with something for everyone to enjoy. From the delicious food and unique crafts to the exciting atmosphere, it was a truly memorable experience. But beyond the fun and festivities, the highlight of the day for us was having fairy royalty grace us with their magical presence and expertise.

They took on the monumental task of judging both the Faerie and Folk Land Fae Parade and the Best Dressed Stall Holder competition. Let's be honest, it was no easy feat! The creativity and effort poured into both the costumes and the stall decorations were truly outstanding.

We feel incredibly privileged to have had such esteemed judges lend their expertise and add a touch of magic to the event. Faerie Mother Penelope and Forest Fae Jacquie's whimsical presence and support truly elevated the day and made it extra special for all involved.

So, from everyone at the Neighbourhood House, we extend a heartfelt thank you to Jacqui Reid and her

incredible team of volunteers for their dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to our community.

You have shown us once again what a difference a few dedicated individuals can make.

Thankyou to everyone who came and helped to make the day such a success.

Nikki W, BDNH



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Cheers and beers, Stretch

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Bruthen Seniors Report

Twenty of the Bruthen Seniors enjoyed a very tasty luncheon at Marahaja's Palace, June 18.

We are lucky to be able to use 'Barker' the Football and Netball Club's bus for our outings now. Clay is our bus driver and truly appreciated. Another example of community cooperation in our village.

First Wednesday of July we see us get together at the Bowls Club for a delish lunch of Butter Chicken and as always, the bar will be open.

Wednesday 18th will be our annual Christmas in July at the Bairnsdale RSL.

We have been able to secure funding for this in the past but this year we'll use our \$\$'s earnt from our Bunnings BBQ.

All members are encouraged to come along and enjoy themselves, or if you aren't a member yet, pop along and join.



Neighbourhood Houses

The Heart of Our Community

The **Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House** (B&D NH) will hold its elections and annual report on Tuesday, July 15, at 7.30 pm at 36 Main Street (The Neighbourhood House) – Bruthen.

The following roles are advertised for election:

President

Vice President (Plans & Projects)

Finance Officer

General Committee member.

Other Committee of Management positions fall due for election in 2026 (as per B&D NH Policy & Procedures).

The role of the B&D NH CoM is to guide the NH in its strategic direction and ensure that the NH meets the needs of Bruthen and surrounding district's needs. The Bruthen & District NH is a member of the East Gippsland Network of Neighbourhood Houses and is funded by the Department of Human and Health Services (DHHS).

The B&D NH meet once every two months on a Tuesday night. So, the time commitment is not massive but the benefits for the Community of Bruthen are considerable. Those elected to positions on either committee are expected to be active and not passive appointment holders. Further information can be obtained via

official@bdnh.org.au

Bruthen Arts and Events Council

COMING EVENTS

THE PASSION OF SAINT NICHOLAS

A cabaret show written and performed by award winning Geraldine Quinn. It will be at the Bruthen Hall on July 19. Option 1. Christmas in July Dinner followed by the show. \$55

Option 2. Show only \$15.

Tickets available from TryBooking.

Limited seats.

Sponsored by Regional Arts Victoria.

MIXED BAG ART SHOW

All media and styles welcome on September 19, 20 and 21. More information soon.

Follow Bruthen Presents on Facebook to keep up to date with BAEC Activities



The Bruthen & District Citizens Association (BDCA) will hold its **AGM on Tuesday 22nd JULY 2025** commencing at **6.30 pm sharp at the Bruthen Mechanics Hall Supper Room** located 49 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.

Accordingly, 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 x 2 positions, Secretary/Treasurer, CRC representative and up to three general committee positions (to assist with the running of projects / activities).

If you wish to stand for any position but are not sure - there is always someone to help and guide you in your new role. The BDCA meet once every two months during the year. Further information can be obtained from secretary.bdca@gmail.com

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 Fifth Sunday at 11.00am commencing (Next service is on 29 June.)

ALL WELCOME!! Please come.

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



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Winter Festival Fires Up

The fifth annual East Gippsland Winter Festival kicked off over the Winter Solstice weekend with an incredible lineup of events, big crowds, perfect sunny days, and roaring fires. There was a sense of excitement across East Gippsland as the month-long festival got underway. From icy plunges and winter feasts, to fire shows and medieval pageantry, the opening weekend set the tone for what promises to be the festival's biggest and most vibrant year yet.

The Official Opening event at Sodafish in Lakes Entrance on Friday evening celebrated five years of region-wide collaboration and community spirit with festival sponsors, artists, organisers and media partners. The 2025 Festival was officially declared open by East Gippsland Shire Council Mayor John White in front of 120 stakeholders and supporters including representatives from Visit Victoria and Destination Gippsland.

Guests were treated to the best regional produce and locally caught wild seafood in a menu created by Sodafish's renowned chef Nick Mahlook, and beverages from festival sponsors Lightfoot Wines, Sailors Grave Brewing and Logans Micro-Distillery.

Meanwhile, the Boatshed in Lakes Entrance kicked off the Program of 100+ events across the region with a Food and Winemakers Night, while up in the High Country, Omeo hosted a Winter Solstice Eve Yoga Session.

The annual Gippsland Jersey Winter Solstice Sunrise Swim made an exhilarating splash on Saturday morning, with hundreds of daring participants braving the VERY chilly morning, leaping into Cunninghame Arm in Lakes Entrance to promote positive mental health. Participants enjoyed free chai afterwards around the fire pits at the refurbished Lakes Entrance Slipway.

Saturday afternoon saw the return of an annual favourite - the Bruthen Medieval Fire Festival, bigger and better than ever with over 2,000 people in attendance. The large crowds enjoyed another perfect winter evening as they rugged up in Medieval costume to enjoy thrilling sword fights, bonfires, fire displays, lively music, Morris dancers and fireside feasting with over 20 food and drink stalls on offer.

The fun didn't stop there with Winter Solstice soirees and gala balls, live music performances, yoga at the Nicholson River Winery, bike rides, sourdough making workshops, winter markets, paddling progressive lunches, a scarecrow making workshop, and so much more across the opening weekend.

Worried you've missed out? Don't be! There is still plenty left to run with over 100 unique events to enjoy across the month-long winter festival program. Running right across the School Holidays until the 20th of July, it's one of the largest and most diverse



winter festival programs in Australia. With plenty of free family-friendly events, the East Gippsland Winter Festival caters for all ages, interests and budgets.

Founder, Adam Bloem was elated by the success of the opening weekend and what is shaping up to be his fifth and favourite festival yet:

"We couldn't have asked for a better opening weekend! The sun was shining, people were smiling and there was a real buzz in the air. The Gippsland Jersey Winter Solstice Swim was definitely a highlight with around 300 people taking the plunge. There was a wonderful sense of community connection and it just keeps getting bigger and better each year. Well done to Sallie Jones and her team."

"We were blown away by the Bruthen Medieval Fire Festival once again. Attendance continues to grow each year and the Bruthen Arts & Events Council volunteers out-do themselves every year. The thousands of visitors that attended the opening weekend will have provided a great boost to local businesses with many of the attendees coming from outside the East Gippsland Shire. We encourage you to come and experience 'How We Winter' in East Gippsland." Adam added.

The skills of the past on show

The East Gippsland Historical Re-enactment Society was a critical part of the success of Bruthen's Medieval Festival, and what a skilled and dedicated bunch of people they are. While its members share a common interest in exploring and re-enacting a range of aspects of historical life, they also bring an incredible diversity of talents and experience to the group. Much of this was on display at the Hall during the Festival, in addition to the combat skills and equipment so effectively demonstrated in the paddock outside.

Group members engaged an eager public in a range of demonstrations and chats, as the photos show. It was quite an experience for a kid to try on some armour (a typical chainmail shirt can weigh between 15-20 kilograms ... some of those on display were made by group members).

People were also fascinated by the painting on display, done by Lara Telehin. This was inspired by an illustration in the Maciejowski Bible, also known as the Morgan Picture Bible or Crusader Bible, dating to the first half of the 13th century.

Secretary Tom Seville is pictured here working on shoe-making, but he also works on a range of other crafts. He explained that members practise numerous crafts, including varied forms of metalwork, spinning, weaving, dyeing, needlework, woodwork, cookery, herbalism, tanning, archery, pottery, music, games ... and the list goes on.

The group organises workshops to teach a range of skills and work on projects. It meets for regular training sessions every Sunday at 10 a.m. (except for the fourth Sunday of each month) at Roderick Pavilion, Howitt Park, Bairnsdale. On the fourth Sunday its members meet for crafting purposes at someone's home.

The group welcomes like-minded people with an interest in history to come and watch or make contact and join up. Check out their Facebook page to find out more.

And thank you again to all their members for their great contribution to the success of the Festival.

Jenny C



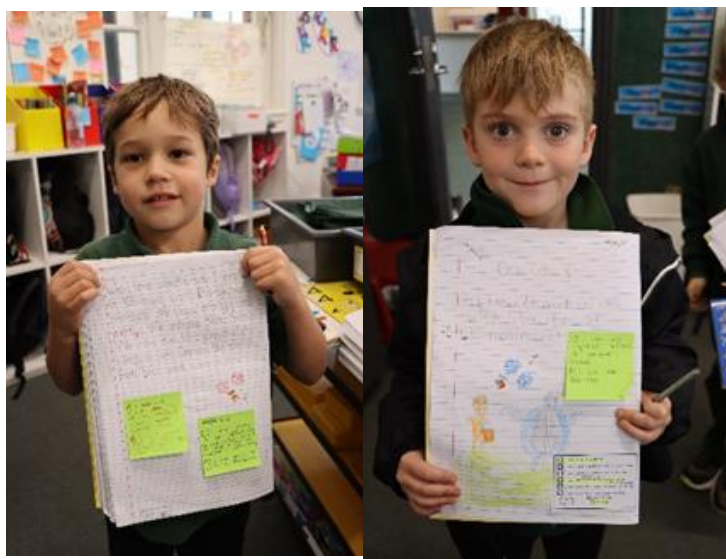
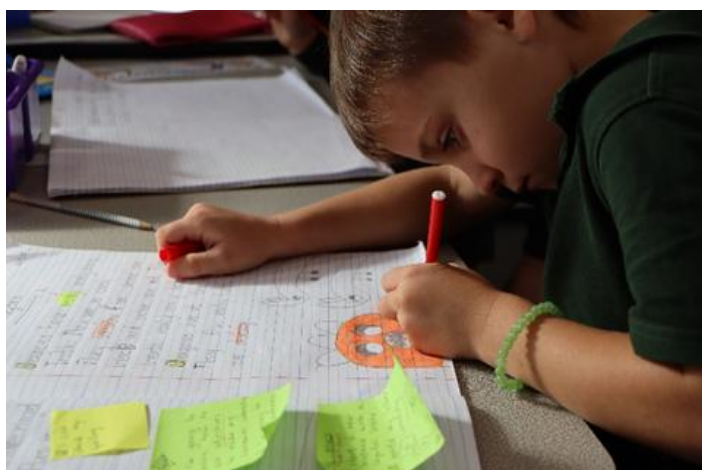


Knowing Where We're Going: The Power of Learning Goals

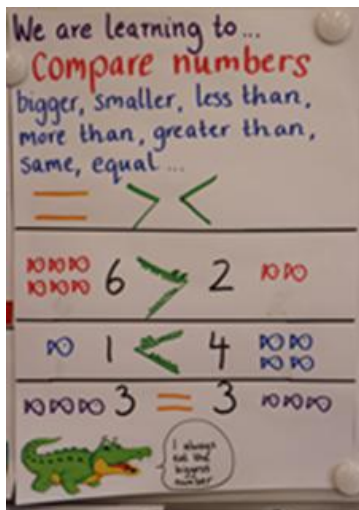
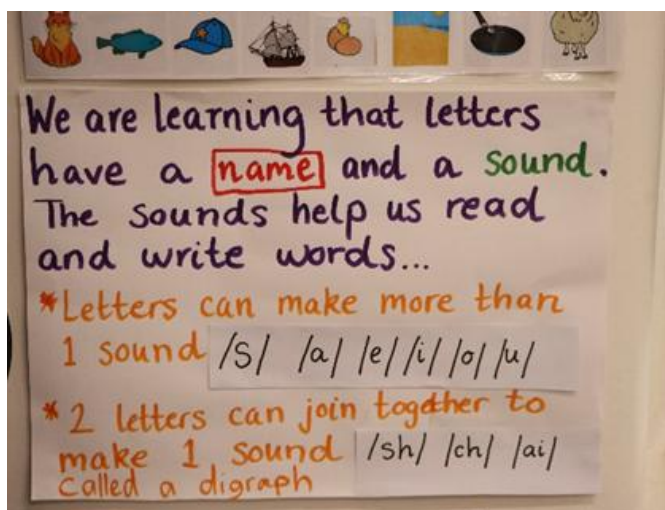
At Bruthen Primary School, we believe that students learn best when they understand *what* they are learning and *why* it matters. That's why learning goals and success criteria are a key part of every lesson.

Learning goals clearly outline what students are expected to learn, while success criteria help students understand the steps they need to take to be successful. When students know their goals, they can take ownership of their learning, reflect on their progress, and actively work toward improvement.

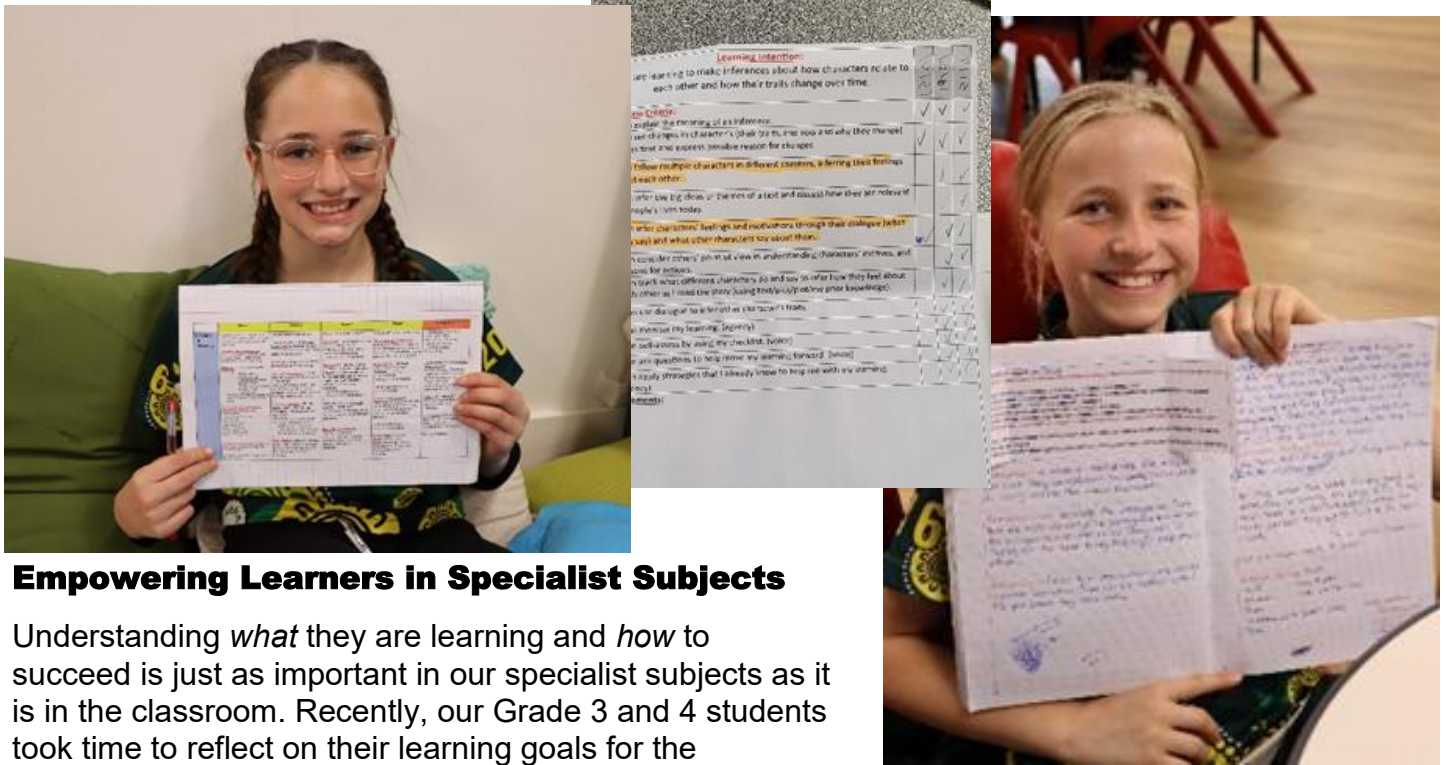
In classrooms across the school, you'll see students talking about their learning goals, checking their work against success criteria, and using feedback to guide their next steps. These simple strategies build confidence, independence, and a strong sense of purpose.



Anchor charts are an invaluable tool for our Foundation students. These colourful, visual aids are created with the students and help to make abstract learning goals and success criteria clearer and more accessible. Not only are anchor charts helpful in supporting student understanding, but they also foster a sense of ownership and collaboration in the classroom.



In Grades 3 to 6, students actively use learning goals and success criteria to monitor their progress. Throughout a sequence of lessons, they engage in regular self-reflection, using the success criteria to assess their growth and identify next steps. They gather evidence of learning to reflect on and evaluate their understanding.



Empowering Learners in Specialist Subjects

Understanding *what* they are learning and *how* to succeed is just as important in our specialist subjects as it is in the classroom. Recently, our Grade 3 and 4 students took time to reflect on their learning goals for the semester. This process helped them connect more deeply with their progress, recognize their strengths, and identify areas for growth. By setting clear goals, students are not only more engaged but also better equipped to take ownership of their learning journey.



Community Member Vacancy – School Council

Bruthen Primary School currently has a vacancy for a **Community Member** on our School Council. We warmly invite interested community members to join our dedicated team as we continue to enhance learning and wellbeing outcomes for our students.

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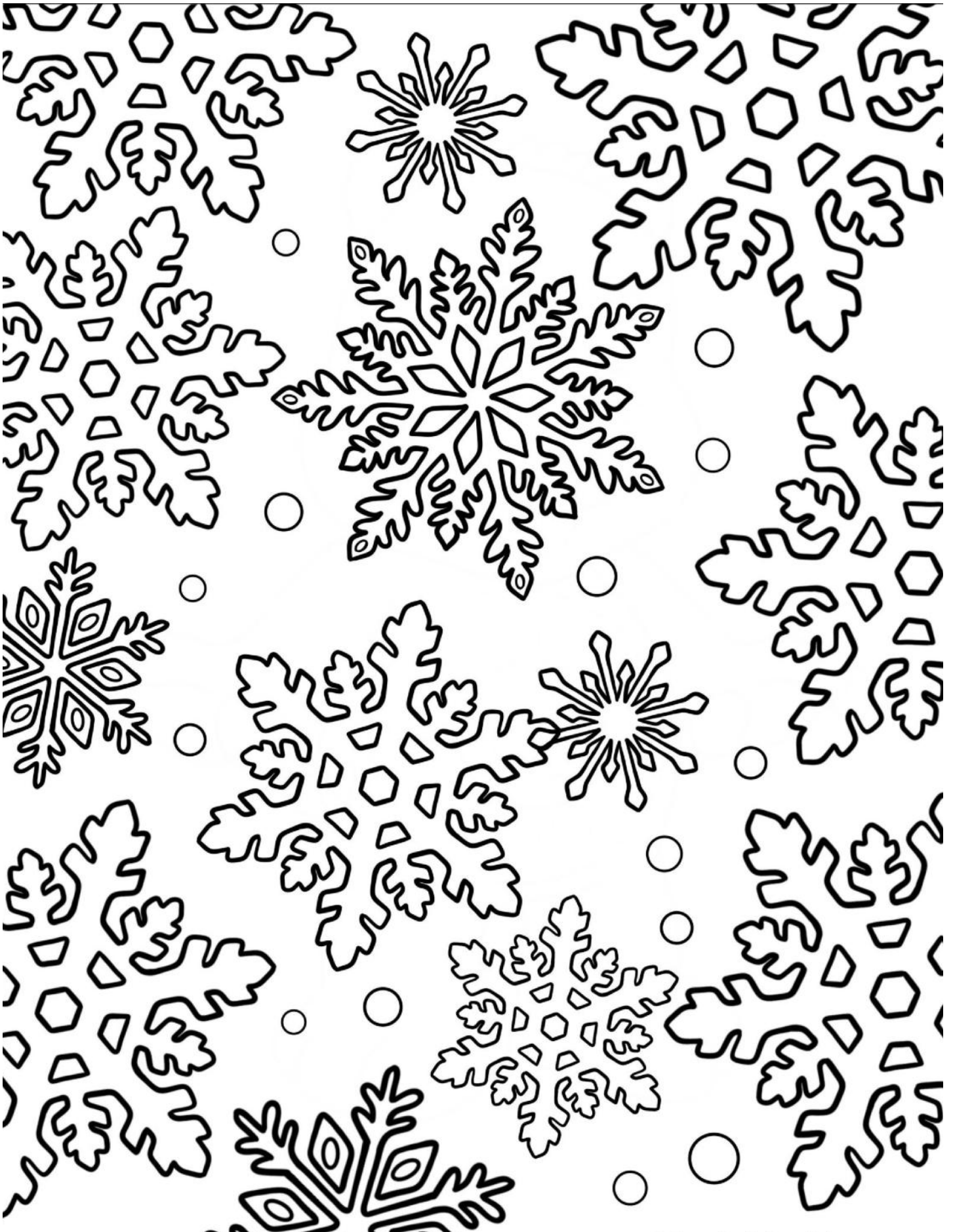
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Bruthen topples ladder leaders

The Bruthen Senior Footballers had much to celebrate last Saturday, toppling the ladder leaders Swan Reach on their home deck in a hard-fought five point win.

After a dominating start to the season, the senior boys were dealt a footballing reality check and lost their premierships favouritism after consecutive losses to Omeo-Benambra & Swan Reach in Rounds Four and Five, followed more recently by two consecutive close losses to Buchan & Omeo-Benambra in Rounds Eight and Nine.

Whilst missing some key players through injury, the Senior boys are working hard to rediscover their best football and apply it for four quarters of effort.

Last Saturday's win was a positive step towards rediscovering their best footy, which was on display in many moments throughout the game. It also built belief within the team that they are capable of winning the close games after two narrow losses.

Sitting Third on the ladder (a game behind each of the Top Two) and with the best percentage in the league after Round 10, the senior footballers are gearing up for a strong run home, seeking a Top Two finish and a home qualifying final if they can remain on the winners list.

With 2025 being one of the closest ODFL competitions in recent memory, any team from 5th onwards can stake their claim at finals, so the Dogs will have to remain ahead of the trailing teams whilst also taking a few scalps from the teams placed above late in the season to secure a Top Two finish.

The Under 16's football are developing well throughout the season, with a very youthful and undersized team, with plenty of growth from players new and old on display throughout the season. With three wins under their belt so far and sitting in fifth position, the Juniors will be looking to take the lessons learnt so far this season to secure a few more wins to gain a spot in the finals. The positives are not reflected in the win/loss column, but more so in the great development seen across the board in a young team.

The A-Grade netballers are sitting Third on the ladder with a five win and five loss ledger at this point in the season.

After a couple of heavy losses in the previous two games, they will be seeking to get back on the winners list with a crucial third vs fourth game against Lindenow South this weekend.

B-Grade netballers premierships defence is looking shaky, with a four win and six loss start to the season. After seemingly being out of the game against Swan Reach in Round 10, the girls

mounted a strong comeback in the second half, only to fall an agonising four points short. With a tough game against third-placed Lindenow South who the B-Graders are yet to register a win in 2025 against, this match proves a crucial game for staying in touch with their premierships defence in 2025.

U/17 Netball have continued in their premierships defence with a lot of new faces in 2025, currently sitting second on the ladder having only dropped two games, both to ladder leader Swan Reach. The U/17 girls will be looking to continue their winning form and get back on the winners list after a 38:21 defeat last weekend.

U/12 Netballers are developing well, having secured two wins so far this season, and again with many individual improvements on display throughout the team.

With most Bruthen Football Netball Teams in contention for finals, it proves to be a very interesting run home for the Club in 2025 across the board.

Brayden S

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SO MUCH FUN!
Yet again, Bogan Bingo has delivered! Adam was an absolute legend to deal with and our hosts Shane & Andrew were absolute guns! Everyone enjoyed our night, loads of laughs and fun... thanks guys!

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Testimonials
Foofy Club Function
Had the guys from Bogan Bingo for one of our foofy/netball club functions. They were both absolute naturals at what they do. We had a very mixed age crowd and they appealed to everyone!



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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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Check this out!

You can't miss this piece of work on the CFA Water Tank in Tambo Upper, where Stephenson Road converges with Duncan Road just before the bridge over the Rail Trail. This stunning and painstaking work was completed by Loch Sport mural artist Simon White, who was commissioned by the Johnsonville Fire Brigade. Kudos to all!

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Bird of the Month: Azure Kingfisher

Azure Kingfishers are small, colourful 'perch-and-pounce' predators. They are a distinctive waterside kingfisher with striking blue upperparts and orange-rufous underparts, a long strong black bill, red feet and a short squat tail. Males and females are similar in appearance.

Elusive birds, they are commonly found along well-vegetated rivers and creeks and shaded areas beside lakes, dams and wetlands. They patrol the waterways from perch to perch, flying low and fast above the water sometimes with a high-pitched 'pee-ee pee-ee' whistle as they plunge-dive headfirst for fish and other swimming prey. It can be hard to spot a shy Azure Kingfisher perched quietly in shady overhanging foliage until they suddenly plunge for prey, making a splash before returning with their catch, often bashing it against the perch before swallowing it headfirst. It is always an exciting moment for birdwatchers when they spot an Azure Kingfisher, and if they are lucky, to photograph the colourful spectacle.

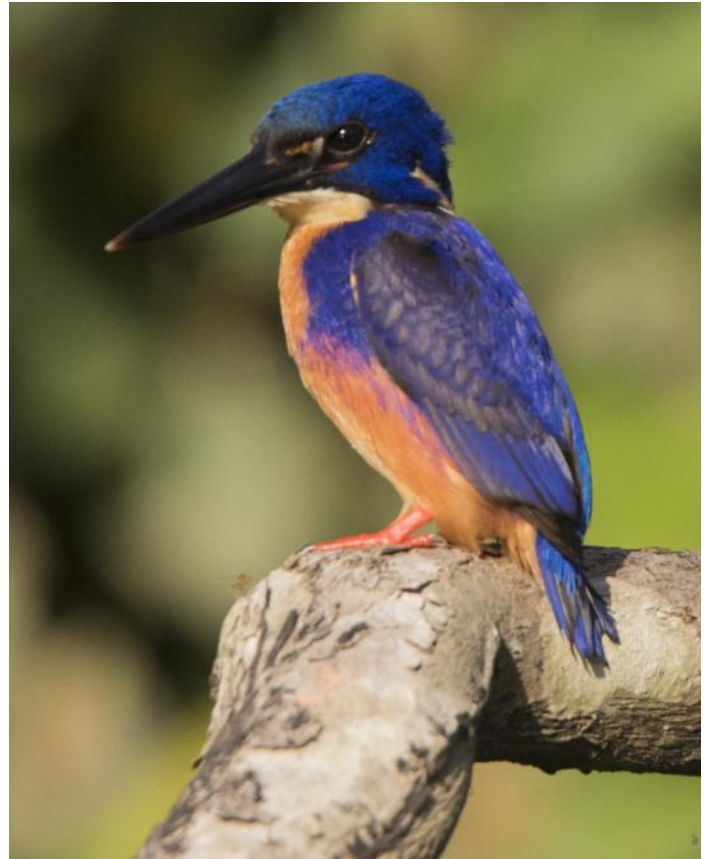
Azure Kingfishers are found across northern and eastern Australia. They are widespread east of the Great Dividing Range to the Victorian border and south into Victoria and Tasmania. Breeding season is from September to January with monogamous pairs defending their breeding territory. They build their nest in a burrow dug into a riverbank and both parents incubate and feed the chicks.

Degraded natural environments present challenges to Azure Kingfisher habitat. For example, stock trampling vegetation around waterways reduces perch sites and muddies the water; human activities that cause artificial flooding can drown nests; European Carp competing for food can adversely affect local populations.

Birdlife East Gippsland welcomes visitors and newcomers.

Birdlife East Gippsland meets weekly from 9am to 12pm on Mondays, including a tea break. New members and visitors are always welcome. The annual schedule of outings across the region ensures diverse locations and interesting bird observing. The records collected are submitted to the national database.

BYO refreshments & water; wear appropriate clothing,



boots and sun protection. Binoculars are handy. Planned outings may be affected by regional weather and emergency warnings or environmental conditions. If unsure, please check via Birdlife East Gippsland Facebook page or email.

eastgippsland@birdlife.org.au



July 2025 Outings Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	9AM MEETING PLACE
July 7th	Monkey Ck / Boys Camp Tk.	Main St gardens in Bruthen township, adjacent to amenities block/rotunda area.
July 14th	Old Eagle Pt Rd / Eagle Pt.	Car park at end of Old Eagle Pt Rd (off Paynesville Rd).
July 21st	Swing Bridge-Heart Morass, Longford	The Swing Bridge, Swing Bridge Dve off Sth Gippsland Hwy, Longford.
July 28th	Nyerimilang Heritage Park	Rotunda, Nyerimilang Heritage Park, Cliff Rd. Kalimna West.

TAMBO RAMBLER

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(Word, Publisher, JPG or PNG format with photos please
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All submissions must carry the author's full name, address and phone number. They may be published anonymously if preferred.

BRUTHEN BOWLING CLUB NEWS

How quickly is this year going?! We are halfway through already, and have had a busy first six months, especially the last two months leading up to our special fundraising raffle, which was drawn at the Medieval Fire Festival. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who bought a ticket, and congratulations to the lucky winners:-

1st prize: Two nights accommodation in Merimbula, generously donated by David & Sally Cameron, was won by Mia Hooton;

2nd prize: Three metres firewood, donated by Grant Owen: winner - Peta Harvie;

3rd prize: Two metres firewood, donated by Wayne & Clare Morgan: winner - Phil Lees;

4th prize: bulk bag of mill end firewood: winner - Noel Coxall.

As with all things Bruthen, we rely so much on the generosity of the town and businesses, so thank you to all who sold tickets, as well as Bowls Club volunteers.

Being a small club, we extend our grateful thanks to all our sponsors who not only help keep the club going, but also in funding extras such as prizes for tournaments, and other raffles.

We are pleased to have assisted the primary school students, prior to their regional primary school bowls competition each year. We are hopeful that some of them will continue when they progress to secondary school, and that their parents might also become involved. (A junior development group meets in Bairnsdale on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month for those interested).

Barefoot bowls is very popular, especially during the summer, and it will continue every other Thursday evening during winter, with a delicious dinner provided by our wonderful volunteers. We would love more people to join us. (Full membership is \$120 per year; juniors - \$60; first year is FREE! And a free club shirt! Social membership: \$25). And a reminder that If you become a full or social member, you will be eligible to enter into the fortnightly Joker Poker draw! The jackpot is going up and up, so far. Our bar prices are very reasonable too!

Bowling is a fun game, but no special equipment is needed as we have plenty of bowls to borrow. Flat-soled shoes (or bare feet) are the only requirements to start. Coaching is available at no cost.

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

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



