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## Marvellous Mixed Bag



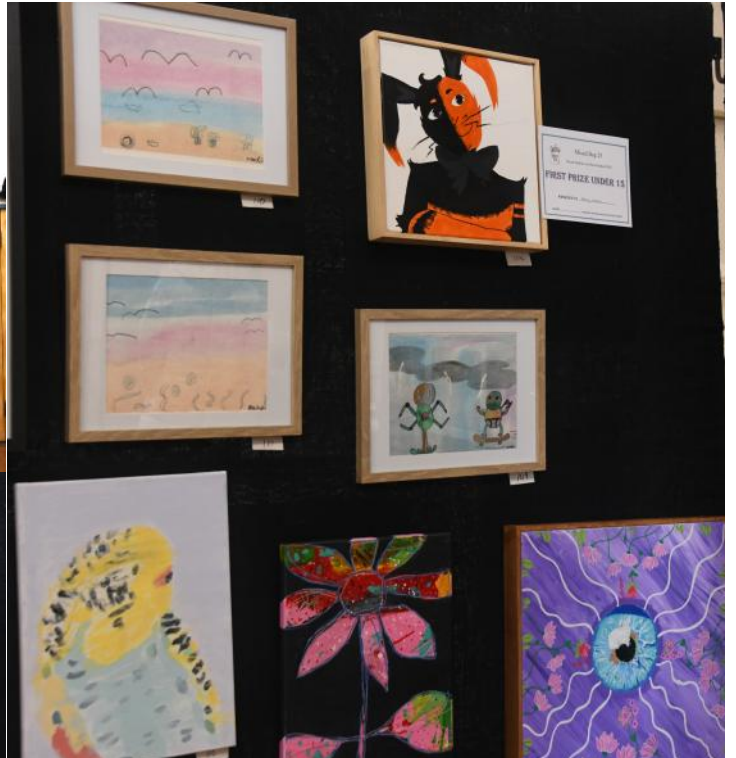
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*The Tambo Rambler would like to acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai People, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather, and pay our respects to their Elders both past, present and emerging.*





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# Another Successful Art Exhibition

Bruthen Arts and Events Council were delighted with the latest Mixed Bag Art Exhibition held on September 19 to 21.

With a record 186 entries transforming the Bruthen Hall into an art gallery, it was the biggest yet. It was especially exciting to have so many sculptures entered. Children's entries were also up on last year, sparking quite a bit of discussion about the potential of these junior artists.

The Grand Opening was well attended and, typically of BAEC, more than the usual fairly dry art show openings. Bruthen had live music by Peter Korn, tasty nibbles, complimentary drinks and special guests "Very good artists from Sydenee", AKA Norm Borg and Eva Grunden.

The addition of art and craft demonstrations, both contemporary and medieval, plus the Art Supplies INXS market gave visitors even more to look at. Entering the Supper Room on Sunday was like stepping back into history. Thankyou to Paul Gibbs, woodwork, Danny, Calligraphy, Linda and her team of spinners and the East Gippsland Historical Re-enactment Society.

## And the winners were:-

Judges Lis and Jerry Williams from Stratford, announced winners at the Grand Opening.

Best in Show. Peter Oliver for his metal sculpture 'Bill', a large stylized Pelican.

Best 2D work. Cecille Michel for her pencil and charcoal drawing, 'By the Dozen', a platter of oysters.

Best 3D. Eileen Thurgood for her delightful "Tower", a wooden tower housing three lit up dioramas.

Best under 12 years. Billie Hodsman for 'Winged Voyager' and Best 12 to 15 years, Penny Martin for 'Rex'.

Thank-you to the small organizing team, Allison, Margaret, Lesley, Heather, Tanja and Joy, and all the people who helped out in any way to make Mixed Bag 25 another successful event. Special thanks to Doug Blackwood, Norm Borg, Brian Gustus and Dan Cooper for collecting and returning the screens from Bairnsdale.

If you would like to be involved in running future events please contact Joy on 0490819507.



**Neil, Lilli and Sue celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Bruthen Bizarre.**



## Bruthen farewells Postmasters

After 26 years serving the Bruthen community as Postmaster and Mistress, we say "goodbye" to Howard and Jenny Young as they retire to the Lindenow area.

We thank them for their community involvement and service and wish them a wonderful future with good health for all the family and much happiness.

Kelsey and Nathan Schueler have taken over the business as from 29 September. At the moment, Nathan will continue with his mail deliveries as well as helping Kelsey in the Post Office. We know Kelsey's vibrant personality and easy manner will be a hit with us all and look forward to their new venture.

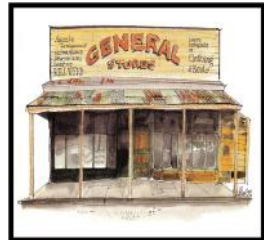
Best wishes to Howard and Jenny and welcome to Kelsey and Nathan.

Heather R

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## Hundreds of Entries received for #LoveGippsland Calendar Competition

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has confirmed that entries for his 14th annual #lovegippsland Calendar competition have now closed, with almost 350 photographs submitted by local photographers.

This year's theme, 'Iconic Gippsland', invited entrants to capture the heart and soul of the region — from the coast to the mountains, and across towns, rivers, forests, lakes and beaches. A total of 344 entries were received, with judging now underway to select the 13 images that will feature in the free 2026 calendar.

Mr Chester said he was impressed by the quality and creativity of this year's submissions.

"We live in the most beautiful part of Australia, so it's no surprise that Gippsland has inspired our local photographers," Mr Chester said.

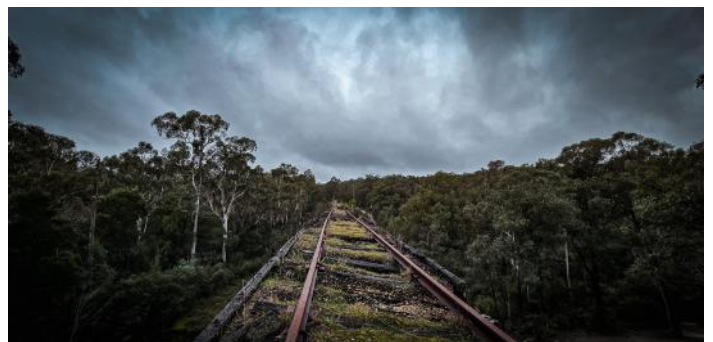
"What stands out to me is not only the extraordinary landscapes and scenes, but also the affection the photographers have for our region.


"Each image tells a story about why Gippsland is such a special place to live and visit."

The competition winners and selected images will be announced at the end of the month, with more than 30,000 free copies of the 2026 #lovegippsland calendar to be distributed across the region later this year.


"We are certainly in for a challenge as the judging process begins, but I look forward to showcasing the best of Gippsland through the 2026 calendar," Mr Chester said.

All entries can be viewed online at: [darrenchester.com.au/calendar-competition-2026-entries](http://darrenchester.com.au/calendar-competition-2026-entries)





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## Bruthen Arts And Events Council Annual General Meeting

We want to hear what arts and cultural events the Bruthen Community wants for 2026. So we are trying a new family-friendly idea for our Annual Meeting this year.

**Join us for a FREE BBQ and our Annual General Meeting (AGM)**—a relaxed social gathering and brainstorming session where everyone's voice is welcome. Whether you're a seasoned local or new to town, come meet the crew, share your thoughts, and help us dream up the next round of creative magic.

**Location:** Bruthen Skate Park.

**Date & Time:** 4pm Sunday,  
October 19, 2025

Let's keep the creative spirit going.  
See you there!

**Want to get involved?**

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## Power Saving Bonus now open

The Nationals' Member for Gippsland East, Tim Bull, is encouraging locals to take advantage of the latest round of the Power Saving Bonus.

The \$100 payment is available to all eligible households, including those who received the bonus in previous rounds.

"Despite the State Government saying power prices have gone 'down, down, down' – they have in fact gone 'up, up, up' and I encourage all who are eligible to get this relatively small reimbursement.

"Families, pensioners and small businesses are dealing with continued power price hikes," Mr Bull said.

"The cost of living continues to spiral out of control, and a \$100 saving can mean the difference between putting food on the table or going hungry. While this is by no means a cure-all for the hip-pocket pain Victorians are enduring, it's cash back at a time when people need it most."

Mr Bull said the program was a simple but effective way for households to put a little extra back in their pockets.

"For those households needing assistance to apply, please pop into my office in Bairnsdale and my staff will be more than happy to assist" he said.

To apply, eligible households will need a recent residential electricity bill and must hold a Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card, or Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

For further information, eligibility criteria and to apply, visit the Victorian Energy Compare website at <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au>.

## Art Collective Launch

The Bruthen Art Collective is officially kicking off with its **first session on Friday, October 10, at 5pm onwards**, held at the rear of the **Community Health Centre on Main Street**.

Thanks to support from **Bruthen Neighbourhood House** and funding from the **Tiny Towns Grant**, this initiative offers a welcoming space for artists and beginners to connect, create, and share skills. Materials like clay, paints, brushes, and even spinning wheels will be available for use. Some beginners classes will be announced soon. Come along and see what it is all about.



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APPOINTMENT



## Bruthen Bowling Club News

Well - here we are again, back into Daylight Savings, which means **Barefoot Bowls** will start again on Thursday, October 9, from about 5pm onwards.

As well as bowling (for all ages and abilities, including beginners), there will be food, drink and lots of chat! This will continue every THURSDAY evening (excluding a week or two over Christmas) until April. If there are any changes, these will be announced on our Facebook page.

Being a small club, we are always on the lookout for new members. Full membership is \$120 per year; juniors - \$60. BUT - first year is FREE! And includes a free club shirt! Social membership costs \$25, which means you will be eligible to enter the fortnightly Joker Poker draw! Our bar prices are very reasonable too!

We are pleased to have assisted Bruthen Primary School students in the past, prior to their regional Primary School bowls competition each year. We especially welcome any students to barefoot bowls (for extra training! And a place in the team?) but they must be accompanied by an adult family member. (The school competition usually takes place in March/April, at Bairnsdale Bowls Club.)

Bowling is a fun game, and 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.

And a reminder that the clubhouse and green are also available for celebrations of all kinds, with our large and well-equipped kitchen, seating area and bar.

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

## Slithering into snake season

As temperatures rise, snakes become more active, emerging from a period of reduced activity to seek food and mates. While they may be more visible, snakes generally pose little danger to people when left alone.

Lachlan Clarke, Manager Statewide Wildlife Advisory Services at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) said: "Most snake bites occur when people try to capture or kill them."

"The most effective way to stay safe is to simply leave them alone. This includes keeping pets on leads in areas where snakes are known to occur," he said.

Remember:

- Keep your yard tidy, clear away clutter like timber piles and rocks.
- Supervise pets, keep dogs on a lead and watch pets closely in high-risk areas. If you suspect a bite, seek immediate veterinary care.
- Dress for the occasion, when out walking, wear long pants and proper shoes.
- Don't try to catch or harm a snake. Call a licensed snake catcher instead.

In the case of a bite, call 000 immediately.

Snakes are protected under the *Wildlife Act 1975*, and capturing, harming, or killing them is illegal.

You can report wildlife crime to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

For more information contact DEECA on 136 186. For essential snake bite first aid information, visit [www.stjohnvic.com.au/news/snake-bite-first-aid-tips/](http://www.stjohnvic.com.au/news/snake-bite-first-aid-tips/)

## Bruthen Inn Hotel



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For enquires or bookings contact Bruthen Inn Hotel.

Cheers and beers, Stretch

**Phone (03) 51575201**



**Bruthen Christmas Market**

**NOVEMBER 15TH**  
8AM - 1PM

Bruthen Gardens- Main Street

Enquiries- [bruthenhouse@gmail.com](mailto:bruthenhouse@gmail.com)





FOR MORE INFO OR FOR CLASS BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL OR SMS 0497 544 490

**Bruthen & District  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS  
OCTOBER 2025**

**MONDAY'S  
9AM-1PM**

**BRUTHEN MEN'S SHED**



**AUSTRALIAN  
MEN'S SHED  
ASSOCIATION**  
Shoulder to Shoulder

36 MAIN STREET BRUTHEN

**WEDNESDAY'S  
4-6PM  
DURING SCHOOL TERMS**

**LEGENDS LEVEL UP YOUTH  
AGES 9-13**

36 MAIN STREET BRUTHEN



**THURSDAY'S  
9:30-11AM  
DURING SCHOOL TERMS**

**LITTLE LEGENDS 0-5**

**KINDER GYM**

HELD @ BRUTHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**09 OCTOBER @1pm**

**BRUTHEN BOOKIES**

36 MAIN STREET BRUTHEN

**11 OCTOBER @10.30am**

**BRUTHEN REMEMBERS**

36 MAIN STREET BRUTHEN

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**NATIONAL CARERS WEEK 12-18TH**

CARERS CUPPA & CHAT CAFE

WEDNESDAY 15TH 11AM 36 MAIN STREET BRUTHEN

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ANY ALLERGIES

**ART CREATE CONNECT- # MAKE A TERRARIUM**

**FREE ART CLASS 21ST @ 1PM**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

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**OCTOBER 31ST**

**HALLOWEEN  
POTION MAKING  
WORKSHOP**



**Pick Your Potion  
Potion Making Workshop**

You'll mix, swirl, and shake your way to a truly unique, bottled masterpiece  
that you can take home and display proudly (or use for your own magical  
mischief!)

- Create a Magic Bottle of Potion!
- Where: Friday, October 31st (Yes, that's Halloween day!)
- Time: 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- Cost: Just \$5 per person!
- Where: Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House
- Spaces are limited for this enchanting workshop, so make sure  
you secure your spot quickly!
- To book your place or for more information, please contact  
Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House today!
- Costumes are highly encouraged - come dressed as your favourite spooky  
character and make the experience even more magical!



**BRUTHEN SENIORS MEET WEDNESDAY-  
NO VENUE CALL FOR MORE INFO**



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<b>BRUSH</b>	<b>MOSAIC</b>	<b>SKETCH</b>	<b>CARVE</b>	<b>PENCIL</b>
<b>WATERCOLOUR</b>	<b>OILS</b>	<b>CHARCOAL</b>	<b>ACRYLIC</b>	<b>PERSPECTIVE</b>
<b>KILN</b>	<b>POTTERY</b>	<b>CARTOON</b>	<b>LANDSCAPE</b>	<b>ABSTRACT</b>
			<b>PORTRAIT</b>	<b>STYLE</b>



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## Target Words

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<b>R</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>I</b>

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. And what is the 9-letter word?



# Community Event

A community celebration  
to welcome back  
migratory birds to the  
Gippsland Lakes



**FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER, 2025**

**Eagle Point Foreshore Hub**

**11.00AM - 7.00PM**

# Tambo Upper PS and Metung PS go to Canberra!

On the 9th of September, Tambo Upper Primary School and Metung Primary School Grade 5/6 students began their camp experience to Canberra. This jam-packed 4 day experience was definitely one to remember. Students participated in a mix of educational and fun activities and enjoyed the opportunity to meet new friends from the other school. Students got to visit Canberra's top tourist attractions including Parliament, the War Memorial, the Canberra Zoo, Questacon, the Royal Mint, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Botanic Gardens, the High Court... just to name a few! They also enjoyed some fun times at Bounce and ten pin bowling which the students loved.

A few highlights from the students included:

"I really enjoyed going to War Memorial and learning about the unknown soldier who is buried there. The information we learnt was really important and we were lucky to have great tour guides" - Tex

"We got to go bowling one night after dinner. We all had a great time and some people had never played bowling before. Miss K got a super high score!" - Lenny

"It was cool to see Parliament where the politicians work. We got to see the House of Representatives, Senate and Shawn the Prawn." - Oskar

"The highlight of camp was going to Bounce. Bounce was so much fun and I really liked the big trampoline and I also learnt how to do a front flip and land it." -Hugh

"We went to the Australian Institute of Sport and got to do their Sportex activities. We were all competitive, even the teachers! We got to do skiing, cricket, agility, high jumps and basketball activities." - Violet

"I really enjoyed going to the Canberra Zoo. We got to see so many animals and got to walk in a pen with wallabies and emus. I also loved seeing the

giraffes they were so big and pretty." – Shakira

"I loved going to Questacon which is a big science centre. We got to drop down a big slide and also there was an earthquake room which was fun!" – Lylah

A big thank you to all the staff who came on the trip with us and our awesome bus driver Wayne for getting us around. We look forward to many more camp experiences in our nation's capital.









## World-renowned wetlands scientist to headline Friends of Gippsland Lakes AGM

Friends of Gippsland Lakes (FoGL) will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 12 October 2025 at 1:30 pm at the Gippsland Lakes Fishing Club, 1 Bullock Island, Lakes Entrance. The keynote address will be delivered by Emeritus Professor Peter Gell:

*"The Ecology of Obligation: Shifting Baselines & Ever-Changing Wetlands — Our Obligations under Ramsar."*

"We're thrilled to welcome Professor Peter Gell to Lakes Entrance. His work shows how quickly we can normalise ecological change — and why long-term evidence matters if we're serious about caring for the Gippsland Lakes," said FoGL President, Heather Oke.

"Professor Gell's 2023 landmark volume, *Ramsar Wetlands: Values, Assessment, Management*, distils what signatory nations must do to uphold Ramsar 'wise use' — protecting wetland values, strengthening assessment of ecological character, and improving on-ground management and monitoring in a changing climate," Ms Oke said.

"Peter's work is clear: wetlands provide immense benefits, but they're under pressure from climate, hydrological change and inappropriate development. Better monitoring frameworks and decision-support

tools can help managers detect change early and keep sites within their ecological limits."

"Professor Gell reads the layers of lake and wetland sediment like tree rings, showing how these places have changed over centuries so we don't mistake today's state as 'normal'. That long term view helps us make ecologically informed decisions to help preserve our Ramsar-listed wetlands for future generations."

"This is a free public talk and a fantastic opportunity for landholders, community groups and decision-makers across East Gippsland with an interest in our regions' most significant wetlands. Please come along, bring a friend, and be part of a positive, practical conversation about the future of our Lakes," Ms Oke said.

### Event details

- **What:** FoGL AGM + Keynote Address by Emeritus Professor Peter Gell
- **When:** Sunday, October 12, 2025, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
- **Where:** Gippsland Lakes Fishing Club, 1 Bullock Island, Lakes Entrance VIC
- **Cost:** Free — all welcome

## Take flight with the 2025 Aussie Bird Count this October

*Registrations now open for Australia's largest citizen science project*

Melbourne, Australia; 11 September 2025: Spring has arrived and so has Australia's favourite citizen science event. A national celebration of our diverse birdlife, from magpies and fairy-wrens to cockatoos, curlews and honeyeaters, the 2025 Aussie Bird Count is taking flight for its 12th year, with registrations now open.

From Monday 20 to Sunday 26 October 2025, BirdLife Australia is inviting people of all ages to take just 20 minutes out of their day to spot, identify, and count the birds around them.

Last year, more than 57,000 participants submitted nearly 130,000 checklists and logged more than 4.1 million birds across the country using the free [Aussie Bird Count](#) app. Bold, adaptable species - the Rainbow Lorikeet, Noisy Miner, and Australian Magpie - again topped the charts. Will they swoop in for the top three once more in 2025?

How to take part

1. Pick your spot – anywhere you like, from your backyard to your favourite park or garden
2. Spend 20 minutes quietly observing the birds you see
3. Submit your count using the Aussie Bird Count app, which will help you identify the birds you see and hear

You can go out and count as many times as you like during Bird Week as long as each count lasts 20 minutes and is submitted separately.

[BirdLife Australia](#), the national bird conservation charity behind the Aussie Bird Count, says the event is an important step towards connection between people, place and purpose.

"It's not about being a bird expert," says Sean Dooley, BirdLife Australia's National Public Affairs Manager. "It's about spending time outdoors and learning something new about your local environment."

"The Aussie Bird Count shows how citizen science can bring families and communities together while contributing to our understanding of Australia's unique wildlife. A simple 20-minute activity can become an annual family tradition that teaches everyone about observation and nature."

With more than a decade of data, the Aussie Bird Count results can provide BirdLife Australia with insights into trends in urban bird populations, contributing to a dataset that helps to guide future awareness campaigns, conservation priorities, and community education.

"Birds are indicators of environmental health. One in six Australian bird species is now under threat, so taking note of the birds around us has never been more important," says Kate Millar, CEO of BirdLife Australia whose mission is to save birds and the natural life systems on which they depend.

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# WELCOME BACK THE BIRDS

**A community celebration to  
welcome back migratory  
birds**

Join us in celebrating the return of migratory birds to the Gippsland Lakes.

This community event will be a great opportunity to connect, share, and learn about the exciting initiatives happening around the Gippsland Lakes.

## EVENT ACTIVITIES:

- Bird watching boat tours
- Nature walk and talks
- Bird, bat, mammal information
- Basket weaving
- Bug identification
- Wildlife demonstrations
- Fishing activities
- Cultural dancing
- Live music
- Shorebird song workshop
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### Why we are rallying

We're thrilled to announce that we're taking part in Shitbox Rally 2026 - Winter! We'll be hitting the road in our \$1,500-or-less Shitbox, driving from Mildura to Townsville on an unforgettable 7-day adventure. It's not just about the drive—it's about making a real difference in the fight against cancer.

Every participating team is required to raise a minimum of \$5,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to Cancer Council and helps fund vital cancer research, which is why we're doing everything we can to hit our goal. Your support, whether big or small, will have a real impact.



## Detox your Home is coming to Bairnsdale

**Saturday 25 October 2025 | 9.00am to 1.00pm**

East Gippsland Livestock Exchange,  
11 Saleyard Road, Bairnsdale

Household chemicals such as bleach, pesticides, weed killers, cleaning products and fuels should never be put in your rubbish bins or poured down the drain.

Safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals at Sustainability Victoria's **free** Detox your Home event, without harming your health or the environment.

For a full list of chemicals accepted, visit  
[sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepted-items](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepted-items)

Detox your Home events are drive-through and contactless.



To register to attend simply scan the QR code or visit [sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)



## BRUTHEN FIRE BRIGADE Open Day

Want to serve the community and be  
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Or have questions about being Fire Ready?

### COME TO OUR OPEN DAY!

- 🔥 Free Sausage Sizzle
- 🔥 Kids Packs and Free Water Buckets
- 🔥 Membership Information
- 🔥 Being Fire Ready Information
- 🔥 Entrapment Drill Demo at 11am
- 🔥 Breathing Apparatus Demo at 12:30pm
- 🔥 Kids Fire Hose Activities from 1pm

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**10:30AM TO 1:30PM**  
**BRUTHEN FIRE STATION**

**TEAMWORK | RESPECT | SERVICE | FUN**

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"It's also often a first step on a longer journey of curiosity, from noticing birds to caring about them, and from caring to protecting," Kate adds. "Whether you're a regular birder or someone who just enjoys the occasional kookaburra laugh or lorikeet fly-by, we're inviting everyone across the country to pause, step outside, and count the birds that share their skies, gardens, and daily walks."

### Why join the count?

Australia's largest citizen science project, the Aussie Bird Count encourages everyone to get to know their local birds and help BirdLife Australia take an annual, national snapshot of the birds around us.

It is also helping Australians to embrace the natural environment and sustainable thinking, through activations in classrooms, councils and even workplaces, with many embracing it as a learning tool, community activity and wellbeing initiative.

"Every count matters," says Sean. "Every time someone stops to notice a bird, even a common one, that's a moment of connection."

"Whether you're watching rainbow lorikeets on your balcony, ducks in your local pond, or fairy-wrens darting through your backyard, we want everyone to experience the joy birds bring. Communities that care about nature are communities that protect it."

The 2025 Aussie Bird Count

When: Monday 20 – Sunday 26 October 2025

Where: Everywhere in Australia



## 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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SHIRE LIBRARIES

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



### What can you do at this mobile service centre?

- Borrow books, CD's, DVD's, audio books and more
- Pick up a Council newsletter and subscribe
- Lodge a report or request
- Pay an account / make electronic payments
- Make enquiries, collect and lodge application forms
- Register your dogs and cats
- Access and complete surveys
- Learn about and provide feedback on projects in your community
- Use a computer with free internet access
- Have a chat and much more

**Wednesdays**  
Fortnightly  
11.15am – 12.30pm  
Fortnightly

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
Mar 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
May 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jun 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

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

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# GLCH

## Services @ Bruthen

### GP Clinic

- Available Wednesdays by appointment only.
- Ensure your appointment is scheduled in Bruthen.

### 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

### **Call 5155 8300**

- For GP Clinic and Community Health Nurse appointments, select Option 1.
- For Room and Bus Hire, speak with our Customer Service team.

### **Learn More**

- Visit: [glch.org.au](http://glch.org.au)
- Follow us on social media!



## Tim BULL MP

### MEMBER FOR GIPPSLAND EAST

*Servicing Bruthen and  
district community.*



143 Main Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875  
03 5152 3491  
[tim.bull@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:tim.bull@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Funded from Parliamentary Budget

## A big welcome to Zac, a new dog in town

Isaac sadly found himself at Animal Aid when his owner of 9 years had to go into care.

He is a Jack Russell/ chihuahua cross.

Fortunately, Bruthen resident, Edith Juillerat, had been looking for a new dog and spotted Isaac on the Animal Aid website.

With friends, Edith went to adopt this dog, complete with his bedding and tins of special food, and shortened his name to Zac.

Zac has settled right in, is a very friendly dog, loves everybody and is a great companion for Edith.

Please consider adopting a dog, or cat, from Animal Aid if you are looking for a new friend.

Kath G

### Bruthen Licensed Post Office

Photocopying  
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(Est.1893)

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Bill payments, Banking deposits & withdrawals, Western Union, Stationery, Wrapping Paper, Gift & Greeting Cards, PostPak & Australia Post Postal Services.

Howard & Jenny Young, Phone/Fax (03) 5157 5209



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### Bruthen has Heart Start Defibrillators

Located at:

**Bruthen Bowls Club** (on the veranda)

Note: accessible 24/7 (under video surveillance)

**Bruthen General Store**  
(7days during business hours)

**Bruthen Rec Reserve**  
(for sports events / caravan park)

**Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House**  
(during business hours)

**Bruthen Fire Brigade**  
(on responding appliances & in the station)

**Mossiface Hall**  
(AED accessible 24/7 on front verandah)



## HELLO READERS!

Do you have any stories or photos to share with us? On any aspect of the many strands of community life or our local environment? We always welcome new input and can be contacted at [tamboramblor@gmail.com](mailto:tamboramblor@gmail.com). Our team has a regular planning meeting each month in the room at the rear of GLCH at 10.30. Next meeting is October 14. Feel free to drop in for a chat ... no strings attached.

## TRADES AND SERVICES

### Bruthen Garden Supplies

**NOW OFFERING WATER CARTAGE**

• 13,000L WATER CARTAGE.

• DOMESTIC & GENERAL 7 DAYS

Tip-trucks 6m<sup>3</sup> & 10m<sup>3</sup>, Bobcat, Excavator,  
Post Hole Boring, Trenching, Slashing.  
**SUPPLIERS OF SAND, SOIL & MULCH**



**WE NOW SELL CHOOK PELLETS**

**ALL AREAS**



**76 Main St, Bruthen**  
**M: 0429 944 297**



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# Bird of the Month: Golden Whistler

The Golden Whistler is a smallish whistler with a dark stubby bill. The adult male has dramatic breeding colours with a black hood, white throat and vivid yellow underparts. The adult female is plain grey with pale yellow edges to the flight feathers and a distinctive yellow around the underbelly vent area. Golden Whistlers are found in varied forest and woodland habitats, from rainforest to mallee scrub, and from coast to sub-alpine regions. In eastern Australia they are partial north-south migrants and will be noticed in East Gippsland in Spring. At a recent Birdlife East Gippsland outing, Golden Whistler calls rang cheerily in the forest canopy. The Golden Whistler voice is strong and melodious, and even if the birds are not seen, their beautiful, whistled song carries on the wind for hundreds of metres and is a common sound in our bush throughout spring and summer. Although songs are varied, during breeding season the males will give persistent, loud, ringing whistles with a very quick rise in notes at the end, musically imitating the sharp 'whip-crack' ending of the Eastern Whipbird. Golden Whistlers pluck insects and spiders from foliage and bark from lower or middle tree level; berries are also foraged. They are usually seen as singles or pairs but, when not breeding, will join multi-species flocks to feed. Male and female pairs share the nest building duties. The nest is an open cup made of twigs, grass and bark bound together with spider web and lined with finer fibres. It is built in a tree fork, up to 6m above the ground. Both sexes incubate a clutch of 2 eggs over a 15-day incubation period and both parents care for the young.



**Golden Whistler Male (photo by John Hutchison)**

**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.*

## October 2025 Outings Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	9AM MEETING PLACE
October 6th	Lake Bunga/Eastern Beach	Lake Bunga Beach Rd, car park.
October 13th	Bruthen Walking Trails	Meet in Main St Bruthen gardens, parking in service road parallel to Main St/Gt Alpine Rd.
October 20-24th	BLEG Spring Camp.	Erica/Rawson area.
October 27th	Lake Tyers Boat Ramp/Fisherman's Landing.	Boat Ramp Car Park, Lake Tyers Beach.

*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](mailto:eastgippsland@birdlife.org.au)



# TAMBO RAMBLER

## Tambo Rambler Advertising Costs

### BLACK AND WHITE Advert Options

- ⇒ 9 x 5 cm - **Cost \$15.00**
- ⇒ 9 x 8 cm - **Cost \$20.00**
- ⇒ 1/4 page - **Cost \$25.00**
- ⇒ 1/2 page - **Cost \$50.00**
- ⇒ Full page - **Cost \$100.00**

### COLOUR Advert Option 1: Full Page

- ⇒ One full page, full colour feature / advert placed on the inside cover of the Tambo Rambler
- ⇒ Plus acknowledgement as the major sponsor for that month's edition of the Tambo Rambler
- ⇒ **Cost - \$165 per edition**

### COLOUR Advert Option 2: Half Page

- ⇒ One half page, full colour feature / advert placed on the inside cover of the Tambo Rambler
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### COLOUR Advert Option 3: Quarter Page Full Colour Promotional Package

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- ⇒ **Cost - \$65 per edition**

**Closing date for November issue is October 25.**

Please send your articles by e-mail only to:

**tamborambler@gmail.com**

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

Tambo Rambler is distributed across East Gippsland via email and on the web page at

**<https://bruthendistrict.org.au/tambo-rambler/>**

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

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

The Tambo Rambler Committee and BDCA do not take responsibility for opinions expressed by contributors to the Tambo Rambler.

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.**

## Bruthen Football Netball Club News

The Bruthen Football Netball Club held their 2025 night of nights on Saturday September 20, at the Bruthen Recreation Reserve.

Over 100 were in attendance to celebrate the year that was. While no Bruthen teams were able to secure a premiership for club, there was still plenty to celebrate in 2025.

The clubrooms were transformed in red, white and blue decorations and guests were treated to wonderful music by The Jimmys late into the night.

Cheryl Hersey presented a generous donation to the club's new Treasurer Clayton Smith and cult favourite club person 'Roller Toaster' was also celebrated for her passionate support of the club all year.

The night was well catered by Wyanga Park Winery as well as The Bruthen Inn, and the club was also very grateful to Loz & Kaleb from the Bruthen Cricket Club for running the bar all evening.

## FOOTBALL AWARDS

### U/16 Football

**Best & Fairest** – Tanner Croucher

**Runner Up** – Connor Anderson

**Leading Goal Scorer** – Tanner Croucher (23 goals)

**Alan Clement Memorial Most Promising Player** – Oaklee Pearce

**Charlie Owen Memorial Most Dedicated Player** – Phoebe Collis

**Hardest Top Age Player** – Kobe Collis

**Hardest Bottom Age Player** – Timmy Reynolds

### Senior Football

**Best & Fairest** – Harley Kenner

**Runner Up** – Rhys Kennedy

**Leading Goal Scorer** – Jirra Moffatt (52 goals) (also **ODFL Leading Goal Scorer**)

**Best Team Player** – Corey Thompson

**Most Improved Player** – Brayden Smith

**Coaches Award** – Cooper Cameron

**Most Determined Player** – Nat Griffiths

## NETBALL AWARDS

### Under 12 Netball

**Coaches Award** – Phoebe Collis

**Most Consistent** – Lexi Forbes

**Most Determined** – Gracie Calvert

**Rising Star** – Summer Johnson

**Rising Star** – Harper Gould

### Under 17 Netball

**Best & Fairest** – Sophie Kennedy

**Runner Up** – Kyah Hood

**Most Determined** – Leah Calvert

**Most Consistent** – Frankie Prior

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## **B Grade Netball**

**Best & Fairest** – Maddi Trewin.

**Runner Up** – Hannah Healey.

**Coaches Award** - Pippa Riley.

**Most Improved** - Rachel Kennedy.

**Most Consistent** - Sally Cameron.

**Development Player of the Year:** Kyah Hood.

## **A Grade Netball**

**Best & Fairest** – Emma Quilligan.

**Runner Up** – Hannah Calvert.

**Coaches Award** - Cass Lear.

**Most Improved** - Beth Thompson.

**Most Consistent** - Stephanie Hood.

## **CLUB AWARDS**

**BUZZ AWARD** – Nigel Pearce.

**BEST CLUBPERSON** – Tony Adams.





