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Just Zap It at the Bullant!



How wonderful it is to see the Bullant site get a new lease of life under the leadership of Robbie Cameron and her Just Zap It team.

Robbie and her team have renamed it the Just Zap It Bullant Nest, and they bring great vision, skills and extraordinary work to this new venture.

The Nest was first opened on Thursday, January 22nd, with two Rambler volunteers being the very first customers. And a particularly festive day was to be had on Sunday, January 25th to celebrate Australia Day. There was a very happy buzz about the whole place, with kids and adults of all ages enjoying themselves. The team had indeed had a clear aim of creating a family-friendly atmosphere: there are spaces both inside and out for kids, including a newly fenced grassy area out the back, and there is also a kids' menu. The general menu is extensive and includes vegetarian options. Standard beers and spirits as well as locally sourced wines are also on offer.

The Just Zap It team has been operating in the food industry for nine years and will already be known to lots of local residents. Based near Swan Reach, they have operated a home-cooked meal service,

delivering nutritious and affordable meals every Wednesday to Paynesville, Swifts Creek, Bruthen, Lake Tyers, Metung, Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance. They can in fact deliver upwards of 2,000 meals a week, so they're clearly a pretty hard-working and disciplined mob. This service will continue to operate from the newly revamped kitchen at the Bullant from Mondays to Wednesdays, when the venue will be closed to the general public.

The other wing of this enterprise is opening the venue to the public from Thursday to Sunday from 11 till late, and the team is already planning to host theme-based events, the next being for Valentine's Day, followed by one celebrating St Patricks Day. They are also investigating the possibility of having live music.

Congratulations to this incredibly hard-working team for bringing another happy gathering-place to town for locals and visitors alike.

Jenny C

Above: (part of) the team. Robbie Cameron (Chef/Manager), brother Jaymz Southon (Bar Manager), Caleb Gunn (Chef)

Hall News: It is that time! Time for what you say?

Well the halls are required to call for nominations to make up the committees of management every three years and it is now time.

For the last six years both committees have consisted of the same people with meetings held on the same day but that does not mean any interested people can't choose to be on one committee only. It was great to hear that a few Mossiface residents are interested in joining the Mossiface and Wiseleigh Memorial Hall committee and it would be great to get some new people for Bruthen as well. New people always bring new energy and ideas to any organisation. As the saying goes – 'The more, the merrier'.

What is involved?

Meetings are only held every two to three months so they are not a big time commitment.

What do they do?

Taking and managing bookings.

Managing finances.

Overseeing any improvements or maintenance.

How do I join?

Come to the meetings on February, Thursday 26th at 7pm at the Mossiface and Wiseleigh Hall in Mossiface. Or contact us by email:- bruthenhall@gmail.com or mossiface.wiseleigh.hall@gmail.com. Or ring Joy on 0490819507.



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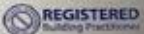
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Hooked On Lakes back for 2026

Lovers of fishing, fresh seafood and epic live music can again immerse themselves in Hooked on Lakes for the 2026 Labour Day long weekend! Taking place on Sunday 8 March 2026, Hooked On Lakes will again offer free fishing clinics, cooking demonstrations, delicious food trucks, educational talks and Aussie favourite, The Pierce Brothers, will be back to entertain the crowds with their high energy indie-folk music!

Based at the Lakes Entrance Foreshore Reserve, the FREE event will run from 11am till 4pm, with live music, food trucks and drinks continuing through until 8pm. Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) Acting CEO Luke O'Sullivan explains 'Hooked on Lakes' includes kids fishing clinics, tours, demonstrations, plenty of delicious local seafood and the Pierce Brothers rocking the stage into the night. The popular event is a chance for families to have some fun together while learning about recreational and commercial fishing, boating and aquaculture plus it's a great excuse to visit beautiful Lakes Entrance," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"The port of Lakes Entrance is home to an offshore commercial fishing fleet that catches prawns, flathead, gummy shark, school whiting, squid, pilchards and rock lobster, lots of which feature in local restaurants and can be purchased at the Lakes Entrance Fishermen's Co-op (LEFCOL)." Accessible via shuttle bus, LEFCOL co-op tours will feature samples, filleting demos and the chance to buy fresh seafood direct from the Bullock Island facility, which also boasts the Off The Wharf café. The café will run a local Seafood Extravaganza evening event on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Other activities at Hooked on Lakes 2026 include:

- Shuttle bus tours to LEFCOL.
- Seafood cooking demos.
- Fish filleting and preparation tips from local co-op LEFCOL.
- Food stands selling seafood including Mitchelson Fisheries.
- Free 'Come and Try' fishing clinics for kids run by Fishcare.
- Kids Zone filled with fun activities for youngsters including fish themed craft activities, story time and much more with the Fisheries education team.
- Fishing and outdoor swap-meet, where you can donate, trade or pick up recycled fishing and outdoor equipment.
- Aquaculture Hub to learn more about the Victorian aquaculture industry with free samples of Victorian-grown produce.
- Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating (WIRFAB) network leaders providing a range of fishing and boating tips.
- Fish dissections with fisheries scientist Dr Corey

Green to discover the fascinating anatomy of popular species.

- The Better Boating team explaining Victoria's biggest ever boat ramp construction program.
- Stalls with representatives from Seafood Industry Victoria, Leftrade, AFMA.
- OzFish running aquatic ecology sessions.
- Local pop-up market run by Lakes Entrance Action and Development Association.

Hooked on Lakes is proudly supported by East Gippsland Shire Council. For more information and to book youngsters into clinics and kids activities on the day visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/hookedonlakes

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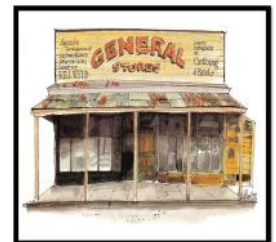
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How to be prepared for fire in 2026

Happy new year, Victoria. I hope your 2026 is one full of hope, happiness and good health.

Personally? I am thrilled by a summer that has not yet delivered the harsh conditions we might have anticipated; that we have remained largely unscathed by the threat of bushfires; and that our people have had some chance for downtime as we reset for another busy year.

But I am also cautious about what might lie ahead and want to urge caution and continued vigilance in these 'lazy, hazy, crazy' days – these latter months of summer.

How you can prepare

Bushfire management is a shared responsibility. It is one we (FFMVic) share with other agencies (such as CFA), but it is also one we share with you. There are some simple steps you can take to help reduce your risk from bushfire.

Visit the CFA website to help you get started on a Bushfire Plan so you know what you will do in case of fire

Download and get to know the VicEmergency app – then set up 'watch zones' and turn on notifications to be kept up to date wherever you are

Get to know the Australian Fire Danger Ratings System – and work out what fire danger rating will trigger your Bushfire Plan

Plan your travel – head to Explore Outdoors to help you stay safe when visiting state forests

Never leave a campfire unattended – if they are cool to touch, they are safe to leave. And always put your campfires out with water, not soil.

Understand our Essential Water Replacement policy. In a bushfire, FFMVic and CFA may take water from private land to help us fight fires. You can request any essential water be replaced. Check out the Public Land Recovery page on the FFMVic website to see our policy and download the form if you need it.

How we are prepared

Of course, I want you to know we are prepared too; that FFMVic works year-round to ensure we are well positioned to protect communities, assets and the environment from the threat of bushfire.

We have more than 1800 personnel on the frontline, including year-round and seasonal firefighters, fire lookout observers and support officers, together with hundreds of emergency and incident management staff, firefighting equipment (including hundreds of ultralight and heavy tankers, and more than 1000 additional plant and trucks, including dozers, tractors, graders, loaders, forklifts and excavators); as well as support from the state's aerial firefighting fleet, comprising a mix of firebombing aircraft, air supervision and information-gathering aircraft.

Our program of bushfire risk reduction includes planned burns, mowing, mulching, slashing and spraying – 'fuel management'. Fuel management reduces the amount of vegetation (e.g. grass,

leaves, bark, shrubs and small fallen branches) available to 'fuel' a fire, thereby reducing the likely speed or intensity of a bushfire. These qualities can help fire crews to respond to and put out fires while they are still small – before they can impact on communities, assets, infrastructure and the environment.

But fuel management is not our whole program to reduce risk. We work closely with our emergency sector partners to reduce risk in many ways. From preventing new ignitions through fire bans and campfire controls, early detection of bushfires from fire towers and aircraft, to aggressive first attack using aircraft and ground crews and emergency warning and information systems.

If you are curious about more of this work, the Office of Bushfire Risk Management last month published Victoria's Bushfire Management Snapshot. The snapshot reports on the broad range of activities our sector undertakes to help reduce bushfire risk. You can find it online at vic.gov.au/victorias-bushfire-management-snapshot.

Whatever this season holds, I wish you all the best for it and thank you for your continued support.

Chris Hardman AFSM
Chief Fire Officer

Forest Fire Management Victoria



Bruthen LPO – Under Construction

On the weekend of February 20 to 22 the Bruthen Post Office will be installing a new access ramp to the front of the building.

For the safety of both our patrons and the contractors working on site there will be no access to PO Boxes/ the front of the building during this time frame.

This will also mean that from 12 noon on Friday February 20th, we will only be open for parcel collection from the side door (down the driveway) and no other services for that afternoon.

We apologise for any inconveniences that may be caused and are so excited for our new ramp to be installed.



Thanks
Kelsey and Nathan

Gippsland Community Foundation Launches Community Grant Round

Gippsland Community Foundation (GCF) will open the seventh round of East Gippsland Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Grants on February 1st, continuing its commitment to supporting communities impacted by the 2019–20 Black Summer fires.

The funding has been made possible through public donations to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal, ensuring donor generosity continues to create local impact. Community groups from across Gippsland are eligible to apply, provided the primary beneficiaries are communities impacted by the Black Summer fires.

Grant applications will be assessed against GCF's four strategic pillars:

- Better Communities
- Future Generations
- Climate Resilience
- Inclusion, Access & Equity

Community organisations that have previously received funding and have outstanding acquittals are asked to contact the Foundation before applying to the February 2026 round.

Gippsland Community Foundation is a community-owned, locally governed, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to strengthening the whole of Gippsland. By keeping resources in the region, GCF empowers communities to lead their own change and supports projects that deliver long-term recovery and resilience.

As the only community foundation serving all of Gippsland, GCF is guided by local voices, keeps every dollar raised in the region, and focuses on strengthening communities rather than individuals. Independent and community-led, the Foundation connects donors, partners and local organisations to create lasting, collective impact.

"Donations came from people right across Australia who wanted to stand with East Gippsland communities," Michelle Dowsett, Executive Officer

said. "This funding ensures that generosity continues to be translated into community-led projects that reflect local priorities and create lasting benefit."

Applications for the round will be open from February 1st to 28th. Community groups are encouraged to contact Gippsland Community Foundation for further information on the guidelines or if they have questions about eligibility or reporting requirements.

Further information regarding the Gippsland Community Foundation can be found at www.gippslandcf.org.au



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How many words of four or more letters can you find? Every word must use the centre letter, and each letter can only be used once. And what is the 9-letter word?



The Echidna

The echidna is an amazing animal ... one of only three egg-laying mammals (monotremes) in the world (all other mammals give birth to live young). There are two species of echidna: the Short-Beaked Echidna found across Australia, and the Long-Beaked Echidna found in New Guinea. The only other monotreme is the platypus.

The scientific name for the echidna (sometimes called Spiny Anteater) is *Tachyglossus aculeatus*; *Tachyglossus* meaning "quick tongue" and *aculeatus* meaning "spiny".

The echidna is covered with dark fur and has spines on its back that vary in colour from creamy gold to black. (The colours will also vary according to which part of Australia it lives in.) If it feels under threat it will curl up in a ball or burrow down into the ground so that only its spines are seen. On its feet it has strong claws that are made to dig burrows and to rip into logs and termite mounds in its search for food. The rear feet point backward so it can push away the dirt when it is burrowing.

The echidna's snout is 7- 8 cm long, with the mouth at the very end. Its sticky and very flexible tongue is 15 -18 cm long, and it flicks in and out very quickly to catch its favourite foods of ants and termites ... it can eat thousands every day. It also has a very strong sense of smell which helps it to locate its prey (this can include other insects and larvae as well).

The breeding season goes from June to September, and during this time three or four, and sometimes up to ten or so males, will follow a female nose-to-tail

for perhaps four weeks or longer, in an attempt to mate with her. This is known as an "echidna train". (See Page 8 for a photo of an echidna train visiting the same location in Tambo Upper.) Gradually some of the followers give up, and it's usually the last one remaining that is successful in mating with the female.

Two weeks later the female lays a single leathery-skinned egg (not a hard-shelled one like a bird's) into a temporary pouch on her belly. After just ten days the egg hatches, producing a tiny young one, known as a puggle. The puggle is about the size of a jellybean, and when it emerges it is blind and hairless. It suckles on milk glands on the mother's belly. (By the way, there is a Puggle Lane in Sarsfield.)

The puggle gradually develops its spines, and after two to three months the mother leaves it in a burrow, coming back to feed it regularly. At about seven months the puggle is fully weaned ... that is, it has become accustomed to an adult diet and no longer has access to its mother's milk. However, it may stay with the mother for about a year before heading out on its own.

Jenny C

Below: This drawing was made with the help of AI from a photo taken near the front door of a home in Tambo Upper. (NB: AI is NOT 100% accurate in its depiction.) The echidna had turned up to take a drink from the dogs' water bowl. The two dogs were nearby, but they'd been trained to stay calm in the presence of native wildlife, and they didn't bother it at all. (It's important to note though that the main animal threats to echidnas are feral dogs and foxes.) The echidna made another visit a few days later.



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Local Wildlife Carers

Kate 0423 088 585 (Mossiface). Possums/wombats/wallabies/lizards/echidnas. No birds/foxes or bats.

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Jade - Wombat Wisdom, 0473 446 161 (Bairnsdale). Wombats & all other wildlife.

Nikki 0403 688 761 (Metung). Birds/possums/kangaroos/wallabies.

Suzie 0447 470 905 (Waterholes). Kangaroos/Koalas

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SNAKES:

Phil 0448 684 368 (Bairnsdale). A snake catcher NOT carer but will relocate if found around house or on road.



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*Vets for Compassion is **not** a traditional veterinary clinic and does **not** operate from a fixed location or building. It relies solely on donations for which they are so very grateful.*

*They are a **mobile team** of dedicated veterinarians and volunteers who provide care wherever it is needed—whether in the field, at rescue sites, or in partnership with existing facilities.*

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Bird of the Month: Eastern Hooded Plover

Eastern Hooded Plovers, affectionately known as Hoodies, are small non-migratory shorebirds that nest along the Australian south-eastern coastline, an environment that is also popular recreationally, attracting people, vehicles and domestic animals like dogs and horses. This proximity to humans and their activities poses a significant threat to Hoodies, especially to their camouflaged eggs and chicks. They are considered endangered. Birdlife Australia and partner organisations are improving Hooded Plover breeding success through research, education and habitat protection.

A small to medium-sized sandy brown plover, they have a black head, white nape, black collar and pink legs. Mostly seen in pairs or small groups, they forage at all levels of the beach during all tide phases and can be seen darting about at the water's edge as waves recede, bobbing and pecking along the shore. Local movements to salt lakes immediately behind beaches occur in winter in the east.

Breeding season extends from August to March, with the Hooded Plovers nesting on the beach or dunes, excavating a shallow scrape in sand or fine gravel situated above the high-tide mark on ocean beaches or among dunes. This nest may be encircled or lined with pebbles, seaweed and other beach debris. One or two eggs usually hatch after about 30 days of incubation and the downy young leave the nest within a day or two.

To protect the nest, they leave when a predator approaches and stay away until the predator departs. If disturbances are frequent or prolonged, the eggs can overheat, chicks may starve and both are left vulnerable to predation. Vehicles and horses on the beach may crush the camouflaged nest. People and dogs not on a leash using the beach for recreation pose a high threat to incubating birds, along with foxes and other introduced pests.

Be mindful of hooded plovers next time you visit the beach. Birdlife Australia has implemented a range of effective strategies to protect Hoodie nests including regular monitoring, educating the public, and appropriate signed recreational zones. On popular beaches, nesting sites will be fenced off with signage to inform and educate. The Eastern Hooded



Hooded Plover. Photo by Jack Winterbottom

Plover Project, supported by many volunteers and 'citizen scientists', has reversed the species decline, with improved breeding success and fledging rates.



Birdlife East Gippsland welcomes visitors and newcomers

Birdlife East Gippsland meets weekly from 9am to 12pm on most Mondays, and on the second Sunday of each month. 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. If unsure, please check via Birdlife East Gippsland Facebook page or email.

eastgippsland@birdlife.org.au

February 2026 Outings Schedule.

DATE	LOCATION	9AM MEETING PLACE
Sunday Feb 8 th .	Buchan Caves	Buchan Caves Reserve car park.
Monday Feb 16 th	Ensay/Swifts Creek	Ensay Rec Reserve , Ensay-Doctors Flat Rd.
Monday Feb 23 rd	Annual AGM & Ordinary Meetings	Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club, The Esplanade, Paynesville.
Monday March 2 nd	Lonely Bay	Burnt Bridge Rd. off Princes Hwy near Cottage Ln.
Sunday March 8 th	Macleod Morass	Entrance Gate, Bosworth Rd. Bairnsdale

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GET-TOGETHER AT THE BOWLO

Early last month I attended a terrific 40th birthday with barefoot bowling at the Bruthen Bowls Club. It was sunny and very warm (about 30°) but there was plenty of shade and seating under the trees and shelters to the north of the playing area. To compete is \$10 with all equipment provided and it was heaps of fun. For \$15 their wonderful volunteers provided a lovely lunch. Chips and dips. The sandwiches were just as they should be - delicious, chilled, with soft bread and a variety of everyone's favourite fillings. The party pies, sausage rolls, spring rolls, purses, mini quiches, etc were piping hot. There was a selection of yummy slices from the Bruthen bakery as well. The birthday girl made a delicious Cherry birthday cake and I added a cheesecake so there's no worries about bringing your own celebratory cakes.

Drinks are very reasonably priced.

There are plenty of tables and seating for around sixty inside the clubroom. It would be the perfect place for smaller and mid-size gatherings encompassing all kinds of life celebrations, including commemorating end of life events.

Most Australians avoid thinking of our mortality, but it was fresh in my mind as I'd only just completed my will days before with the genuinely painless, understanding and professional services of Bruthen's own lawyer Geoff Wigney (Empower Law). wigneyempowerlaw@internode.on.net 0408 348 359 bumbcem@bigpond.com 0417 241 562

If you want to try your hand at the game, you might want to consider sampling barefoot bowls on Thursdays from 5 pm (during daylight-saving) followed by a two-course home-cooked meal for \$15.

Give it a shot!

Pamela B

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**

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- ⇒ One full page, full colour feature / advert placed on the inside cover of the Tambo Rambler
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tamborambler@gmail.com

(Word, Publisher, JPG or PNG format with photos please
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Little 8 week-old Skye (right) was calm and content when snapped in her new owner's arms while stopped on their way home to the south coast of NSW after picking her up from Sale before Christmas. What a beautiful present for the whole family!

Sawn & Screwed; Cut & Plastered at the Bruthen Village Maker

Artist: Eileen Thurgood (Top)

All images used in collage or objects used as mini collections have had a previous life. Taking these items out of their historical context and introducing them in new and unexpected ways can provoke various reactions from viewers depending on their earlier interaction or association with the original images or objects.

While retaining memories of their unique past lives, these reassembled images and objects now require the viewer to look at them in a very different way. Whether as individual 2D images or collated into artist books or boxes as more tactile and intimate artworks, they invite closer investigation and consideration

Artist: Di Deppeler (Bottom)

This work is based around recycling wood that would otherwise have been destroyed and the beauty of trees. The wood defines the design for the 3D work. Trees provide inspiration for the 2D work. As many marks of age and usage on the wood as possible are retained. It is the imperfections in life, and certainly in myself and my materials that interest me. It is fun, challenging, sometimes frustrating, mostly exciting, the final result can be good, bad or indifferent. If a piece does not work out, it is redesigned and altered till it feels right. Nothing is wasted.



Extreme Heat Awareness Day – Public Forum
St Mary's Parish Hall, Bairnsdale
Thursday 5 February 2026
5.00 – 6.30 pm

Learn about:

- How heat affects your health — and who's most at risk
- Mental health impacts of extreme heat
- Heat "danger zones" at work — rights & responsibilities
- Keeping each other safe during heatwaves

Plus:

- Choir Refreshments
- Community information stalls

Featuring Red Cross, Mental Health & Wellbeing Local, Gippsland Lakes Complete Health, Keeping Your House Cool, East Gippsland Verge Gardens & Salvation Army.

FREE event — everyone welcome

Info: Nola Kelly | 0412 484 131

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