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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.



Seniors Football/Netball

Jirra Moffatt and Richard Harrison both kicked three goals each and Wil Matthews was named Best On Ground.

B Grade Netball (above) Best On Court was Rachael Forrest

17 & Under (below) Best On Court was Ruby Forbes.

Bruthen's Presentation Night will be held on September 12th at the Bruthen Mechanics Hall. Doors open at 5.30pm with presentations starting at 6pm. DJ entertainment, Digital Photo Booth, Platters and Finger Food all for the amazing price of \$10 for adults with kids free. It promises to be a fantastic night's entertainment.



Meet The Team



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Doggies Dominate Grand Finals

Congratulations to all three of the Bruthen Football Netball Club teams in the ODFNL Grand Final all bringing home the gold!

Under 17's defeating Lindenow South 31-25. It was a great game of netball well fought for the cup by our young doggies.

B Grade defeating Omeo-Benambra 33-31 in a fantastic fight. What a game. They played hard and fair and bought home the win!

Both netball teams went in as the underdog and owned their court!

Senior footballers defeating Omeo Benambra 96-35. The boys went undefeated all season, played their game, stuck together like mates and now they're Champion Premiers.

The Club would like to thank all their incredible supporters, volunteers, sponsors, families, followers, everyone that's backed the doggies this year in any kind of way, they couldn't do it without the hard work from every one of you.

Enjoy the moment ladies and gents! Celebrate into the week and get around each other.

Up the Dogs.

A festival of activities for everyone

Celebrating the rich diversity of the Gippsland Lakes and the species that rely on its rivers, wetlands and catchments, this community event will showcase the environmental initiatives helping these ecosystems survive and thrive.

The event is a fantastic opportunity to learn about the inspiring projects that protect and enhance the Gippsland Lakes and surrounding catchments, while connecting with local agencies, organisations, and community groups.

Hosted by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, (CMA) the vibrant community event, Celebrate the Lakes, will be held at the Eagle Point Foreshore Hub on Friday 9 October from 11am to 7pm.

East Gippsland CMA Chief Executive Officer Bec Hemming said the event provides an opportunity for community members and organisations to unite in learning about the region's environment, and the projects and initiatives we are all working on together.

"Sharing knowledge and supporting each other to care for and look after the important species and environments is needed now more than ever. The Gippsland Lakes are unique for so many different reasons, this event gives us the opportunity to come together."

"Last year, the event was very well received and enjoyed by many, and we look forward to once again recognising the diverse plants and animals that call the Gippsland Lakes and its catchments home."



For event details, visit East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's website.



Chicago blues Hall of Fame musician coming to Bruthen

Bruthen Arts and Events Council is excited to be hosting Chicago Blues Hall of Fame-inducted, ten times Grammy elected, Australian-born, artist Michael Charles at the Bruthen Hall.

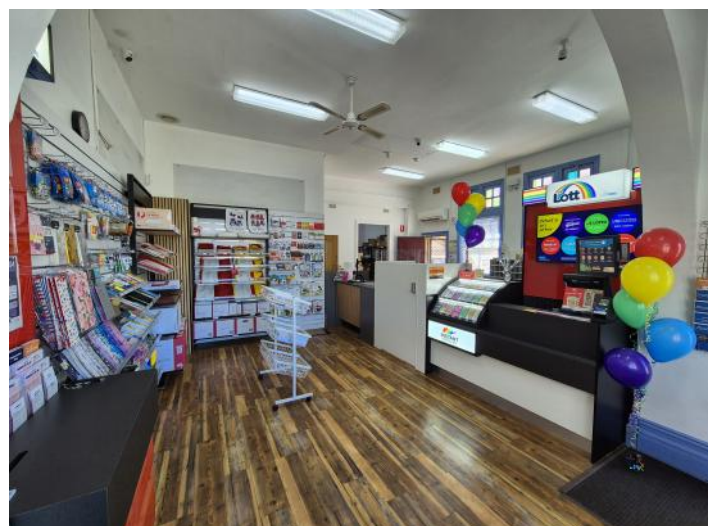
Michael has been based in Chicago for 30 years and tours nationally and internationally with his band as a power trio performing a three-hour non-stop concert of contemporary blues, blues-based rock, ballads and originals, along with a few choice covers from a discography of forty releases.

Michael's career was going well here in Australia, touring, recording, and with numerous television and radio appearances when he was invited by Buddy Guy's management to appear at the infamous Legends in Chicago, Illinois USA.

Michael and his band will be performing at the Bruthen Hall on Saturday November 6.

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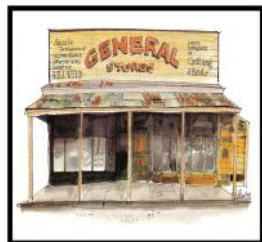
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Bruthen Bowls Club News

As the September issue is upon us, and with the pennant season and daylight savings commencing in October, we have a few things in the pipeline. As details haven't been finalised yet, watch out for signs around town. We are most grateful to all our sponsors, some of whom have been supporting the club for a number of years, which enables us to host some events.

We are encouraging the local primary schools to come to an after-school session to see how much fun they can have. (They must be accompanied by an adult or senior sibling). If possible, this will be extended to secondary schoolers too, especially those who played in primary school. Coaching and handy hints, as well as bowls, are available. You just need flat-soled shoes.

Look out for our Barefoot Bowls on alternate Thursday evenings during winter, which is a nice easy introduction to the sport. (Next one September 3rd). Our dinner menu is different every week, always delicious, and is prepared by volunteers. (Only \$15 per adult, \$5 for children over 12, free for littlies). Our bar prices are very reasonable too. Barefoot Bowls will increase to weekly once daylight



savings starts. Roll on the warmer weather! Don't forget our clubroom is available for any social engagements at a very reasonable price. We recently hosted the Bruthen Fire Brigade for their presentation night. (Photo of volunteers in the kitchen). Christmas break-ups too will be upon us before we know it, so just contact Len Hooton on 0427 188188, or Don Cameron on 0409 608782 for details, or see us on our active Facebook page. Alternatively, email us at bruthenbowls@gmail.com.



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An Exhibition of **Art** in Mixed Media

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Friday 7pm - Grand Opening with live music, nibbles and prizes. \$15 entry (Artists Free)

Saturday 10am to 4pm - Exhibition entry. \$2. Art and Craft demonstrations. \$5 to have a go. Art Supplies INXS market stalls.

Sunday 10am to 4pm - Exhibition entry \$2.

For more information see:- www.baec.com.au/events
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Bruthen General Store

(7 Days a week during business hours.)

Bruthen Recreation Reserve

(For sport events / caravan park.)

Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House

(During business hours.)

Bruthen Fire Brigade

(On responding appliances & in the station.)

Mossiface Memorial Hall

(On the front veranda.)

Wiseleigh Memorial Hall

(On the front veranda.)



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I	E	Q

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?

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

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

Mobile Library and Customer Service July - Dec 2026 West Schedule

What can you do at this mobile service centre?

- Borrow books, CDs, DVDs, 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
- Use a computer with free internet access
- Have a chat and much more

Mon	Tambo Crossing Swifts Creek Primary** Benambra - neighbourhood house	9.45am - 10.30am 11.00am - 11.30am 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Tue	Bupa Eastwood ## Maddocks Gardens ##	9.00 am 10.00am
Wed	Tambo Upper - near school** Swan Reach Kinder ** Bruthen Main Street Clifton Creek - near tennis courts	9.00am - 10.00am 10.15am - 10.45am 11.15am - 12.30pm 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Thu	Bruthen Kinder ** Swan Reach - near school** Swan Reach Kinder ** Sarsfield - recreation reserve	9.00am - 9.30am 10.00am - 11.00am 11.15am - 11.45am 12.15pm - 1.00pm
Mon	Eagle Point Primary Newlands Arm - old general store Clifton Waters Retirement Village	9.30am - 10.30am 11.00am - 12.00pm 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Tue	Metung - near school** Metung - Patterson park Nungurner - near school** Calvary Lakes Entrance **	9.00am - 10.00am 10.15am - 12.00pm 12.15pm - 12.45pm 2.15pm - 3.00pm
Wed	Ensay Swifts Creek - near steam engine	10.30am - 12.00pm 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Thu	Bairnsdale Christian College** Lindenow Main Street Lindenow Primary**	9.00am - 10.30pm 11.00am - 12.15pm 1.15pm - 2.15pm

Individual sites - roster posters available on request

Closure periods and public holidays highlighted in blue

School holidays highlighted in red

Sites marked** are not visited during school holidays
Sites marked ## only visited the first Green Tuesday of the month
Sites marked with ** only visited on last Yellow Tuesday of the month

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Bruthen Health Services What's available

Opening times

Mondays & Wednesdays, 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

GP Clinic

Wednesdays – by appointment only
To book, call **5155 8300** and select option 1.

Please let our Customer Service team know you'd like your appointment in Bruthen.

Community Health Nurse

Mondays & Wednesdays

- \$12 per consultation
- \$6 concession

No one will be turned away if payment is difficult.
Bookings via **5155 8300**, option 1.

Pathology Collection

Mondays & Wednesdays, 8.30 – 11.00 am
Nurse fees apply.

Room & Bus Hire

All bookings are managed by our Customer Service team. Call **5155 8300**.

These services are available to Bruthen and district residents.

For more information about Gippsland Lakes Complete Health and our full range of services, visit glch.org.au or find us on social media.



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WILDLIFE EMERGENCY CONTACTS (2026)

Wildlife Victoria – emergencies 0384 007 300 24 hour emergency response. They will refer you to an appropriate carer.

The following are also willing to help:

Local Wildlife Carers

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

Jo-Lee 0401 293 375 (Metung). Birds/possums.

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

Wendy 0423 712 397 (Wy Yung). Birds of prey

Main Street Vet Clinic – 5152 6666. Will take and refer on to local carer or if necessary – euthanise.

SNAKES:

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

Spring firewood collection now open

Victorians can prepare for next winter by collecting free firewood for personal use from state forest collection areas from September 1, until 30 November.

Firewood for domestic use from state forests comes from naturally fallen trees and by-product from forest and fire management works. As a result, the amount that is available will vary.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Gippsland region, Quinton Pakan, said people who relied on firewood for heating and cooking should plan for their needs early and organise their collection as soon as maps become available.

"Maps for this spring season's designated collection areas will be online from Tuesday September 1st, at www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood," he said.

"It's important Victorians plan their firewood needs early as most wood takes longer than 12 months to dry," Mr Pakan said.

"People can collect up to two cubic metres per person per day with a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year as long as they collect from designated firewood collection areas during a firewood season."



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Bird of the Month: Painted Button-Quail

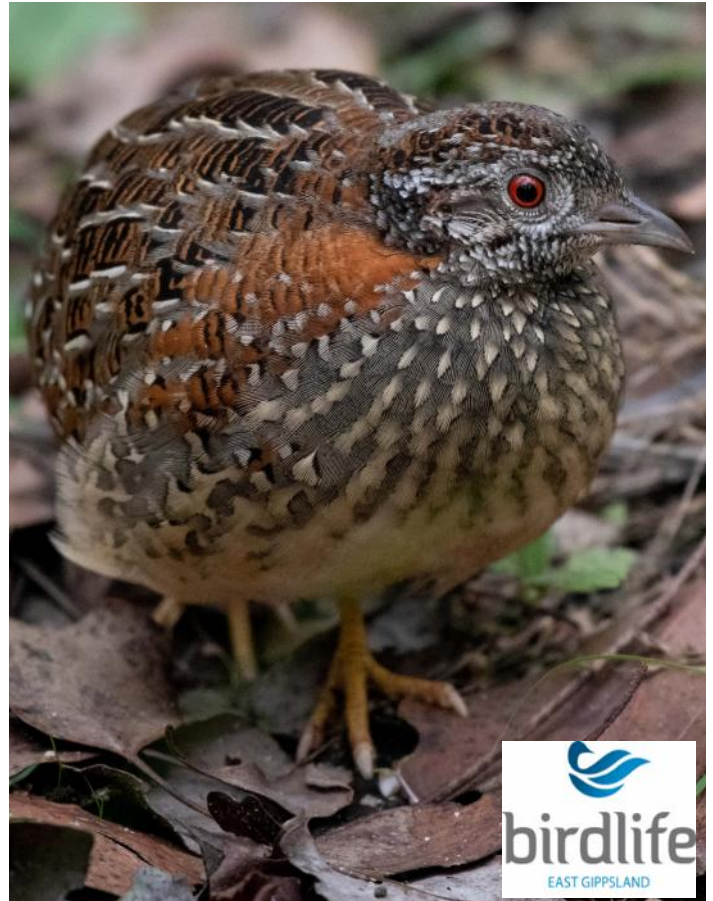
Button-quails are cryptic ground-dwelling birds. While superficially similar to true quails, they are unrelated. Shy and elusive, they are usually encountered when they are disturbed and flushed from their cover. They burst from almost underfoot with a startling whirr of wings, flying fast a metre or so above the ground before dropping and running for cover. The attached photo of a Painted Button-quail was taken on the Bruthen Walking Trails, a pleasant surprise on a morning walk.

Painted Button-quails are large woodland button-quails with a slender bill and a rufous-brown blaze on the shoulder. They have a grey breast and belly with a dense overlay of buff, drop-shaped spots and white spotting on the forehead. The adult Button-quail has grey-brown upperparts with fine black and rufous barring and white streaking. The female is brighter than the male with a larger rufous shoulder patch, a blacker forehead with cleaner white spots and longer buff spots on the breast.

The Painted Button-quail has an unusual resonating booming call like the Common Bronzewing. The booming call is used in courtship and between pairs that have lost contact while foraging. They are found in dry open forests and woodlands, especially eucalypt, with abundant leaf litter and an adequate understorey of grass, small shrubs and fallen timber. Seen singly, in pairs or small groups, the Painted Button-quail will forage on the ground by spinning about on alternate legs to expose seeds and insects, making saucer-sized depressions known as platelets. Noticing these platelets on the forest floor may be the first hint of their presence.

The female lays 3-4 eggs in a saucer-shaped domed nest of leaves, sticks and grasses built on the ground beneath a tuft of grass, small bush or at the base of a tree or rock. She is Polyandrous and after laying her eggs she moves on, making her booming call to attract a new male to mate with. She may do this 3-4 times in a breeding season. The male incubates and feeds the young for 7-10 days after they hatch, closely attending the foraging chicks. The chicks can fly 10 days after leaving the nest.

Threats faced by the ground dwelling Painted Button-quail include clearance and grazing of woodland habitats and predation by introduced and feral predators. While areas burnt by bushfires are often quickly re-colonised if there is dense regeneration of



Painted Button-Quail

seeds, low intensity, controlled burns may not encourage this seed regeneration so may be detrimental to this foraging species.

Photo by Sue Allison.

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

September 2026 Outings Schedule.

DATE	LOCATION	9AM MEETING PLACE
Monday Sept 7 th .	Raymond Island	Ferry Terminal Car Park on Raymond Island.
Sunday Sept 13th	Fairy Dell	Deep Creek Rd turn off on Great Alpine Rd Wiseleigh.
Saturday Sept 21 st	Buchan Racecourse Canni Creek	Buchan Racecourse Car Park, Canni Creek.
Saturday Sept 28 th	Cooringle	Newmerella Recreation Reserve

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Less than four weeks to enter #LOVEGIPPSLAND Calendar competition

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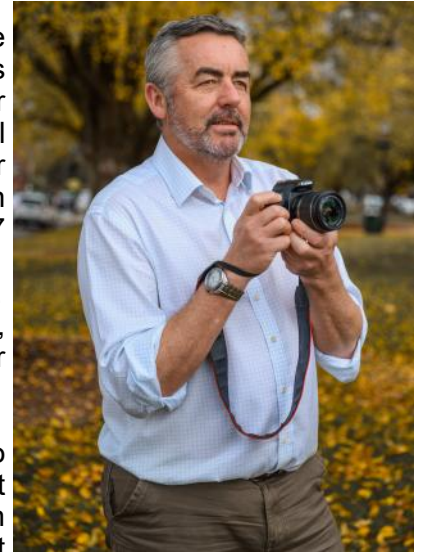
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All submissions must carry the author's full name, address and phone number. They may be published anonymously if preferred.

Gippslanders have less than four weeks left to submit their entries in Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester's 2027 #lovegippsland calendar competition. Now in its 15th year, the popular photography competition encourages locals to share their best images of the region and celebrate what



makes Gippsland one of Australia's most spectacular places to live, work and visit.

Mr Chester said this year's theme, "My Gippsland", invites photographers to showcase the region's natural beauty, character and diversity.

"I love Gippsland, and this calendar showcases the very best our region has to offer," Mr Chester said.

"Whether it's our stunning coastline, rivers, lakes, mountains, rolling farmland, historic buildings, or wildlife that make Gippsland such a special place, I encourage everyone to get involved.

"Each year I am amazed by both the quality and quantity of entries, and I'm already seeing another incredible collection of photographs from right across Gippsland."

Thirteen photographs will be selected for inclusion in the 2027 #lovegippsland calendar, including one image to feature on the front cover.

More than 30,000 free calendars will be distributed throughout Gippsland at the end of the year, showcasing local photography in homes, businesses and community organisations across the region.

The photographers behind the three best entries will each receive a hamper featuring local Gippsland products.

Entries close at 5pm on Friday, September 25, 2026, with a maximum of two entries permitted per person.

Photographs must be landscape-oriented and submitted at a minimum file size of 4MB and a maximum of 10MB. Images selected for the calendar must be available at a resolution of at least 300 DPI.

Entrants should provide their name, hometown, contact details, image location and a caption for their photograph.

For competition details or to submit an entry, visit www.darrenchester.com.au.

Celebrate THE LAKES

COMMUNITY EVENT

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026

Eagle Point Foreshore Hub
11.00am - 7.00pm

Free Event
Everyone Welcome
More info here:



WHAT'S ON:

Nature & Wildlife

- Walk to the bat house
- Meet the snakes
- Befriend the frogs
- Get to know dolphins
- Be baffled by bugs
- Dig into Landcare
- Get hooked on fishing
- Uncover platypus secrets
- Talk conservation
- Connect with bird life

Culture & Art

- Cultural dancing
- Basket weaving
- Temporary wildlife tattoos
- Threatened species art

Food & Entertainment

- Tour the bay by boat
- Sing along with live bands
- Enjoy coffee and donuts
- Stay for lunch and dinner
- Dine on woodfired pizza
- Grab a baked spud
- Enjoy a mexican feast



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and First Nations people of the land that this event will be held, Gunaikurnai Country and recognise their continuing connection to Country, Culture and Community.



Taste the Wild Side of Mallacoota

Fresh seafood. Salty adventures. One unforgettable spring escape.

Mallacoota is serving up the ultimate spring escape when the Wild Harvest Seafood Festival returns from 25 – 27 September 2026.

For three delicious days, this spectacular coastal town serves up the freshest local seafood, live music, family adventures and unforgettable experiences celebrating the place where the ocean shapes everything - from the food on your plate to the stories of the people who call it home. The festival's beating heart is the Wild Harvest Market, where the catch is as fresh as it gets. Wander from stall to stall tasting oysters, mussels, abalone and sea urchins harvested from the pristine waters of Bass Strait, meet local producers, browse handcrafted treasures and soak up the laid-back seaside atmosphere. Come hungry - you'll want to try it all.

But Wild Harvest is about much more than great seafood. It's a celebration of Mallacoota's deep connection to the sea. Watch a beautifully produced short film sharing generations of local maritime stories, then step outside and experience the coastline for yourself.

Pull on your sneakers for a guided rockpool ramble, learn to cast a line at a family fishing clinic or roll up your sleeves for a community beach clean-up. Across town, live music fills cafés, pubs and public spaces, while MA Space comes alive with exhibitions inspired by the coast.

East Gippsland Shire Council is proud to support the Wild Harvest Seafood Festival as a major sponsor, an event that delivers real economic benefits to Mallacoota and the wider region.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate everything our local seafood industry has to offer, from the incredible catch our divers and fishers bring in, to the generations of knowledge and stories they carry with them," Mayor Cr Jodie Ashworth said.

"Events like the family fishing clinics are a brilliant way to get the next generation involved and excited about our local waters. Paired with live music echoing through cafés and pubs across town, it really captures what makes Mallacoota and the community such a special place to celebrate."

Looking for something a little different? Climb aboard the historic M.V. Loch-Ard, dive into the legendary Divers Appreciation Dip, spread out a picnic rug for the relaxed Pizza Picnic, or discover why adventurous food lovers can't get enough of fresh sea urchin tastings. Every day brings a new reason to stay a little longer.



wildharvestseafoodfestival.com



And when the festival winds down, the adventure is only just beginning.

Paddle the glassy waters of Mallacoota Inlet, wander secluded beaches, explore the ancient wilderness of Croajingolong National Park, spot kangaroos, seals and birdlife, or simply settle in for long lunches overlooking the water. It's the kind of place that invites you to slow down, breathe deeply and stay one more night.

To make your spring escape even sweeter, Mallacoota Foreshore Holiday Park is offering 10% off accommodation during the festival. Book a minimum three-night stay between 25–28 September 2026 and use the code Wild26 at mallacootaforeshore.com.au to access the offer, subject to availability.

Whether you're chasing incredible seafood, planning a family getaway or rounding up friends for the ultimate coastal road trip, the Wild Harvest Seafood Festival is your invitation to discover one of Gippsland's most unforgettable corners.

Wild Harvest Seafood Festival 25–27 September 2026 Mallacoota, East Gippsland

For the full program and tickets, visit wildharvestseafoodfestival.com.