

TAMBO RAMBLER

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Successful Art Exhibition

The Mixed Bag Art Exhibition is one of the two big events that Bruthen Arts and Events Council, AKA Bruthen Presents, produces every year. If you haven't already guessed, the Medieval Winter Fire Festival is the other big event. Both require a lot of planning time and a lot of volunteer time and the end result always makes it worthwhile.

Mixed Bag 26 attracted 223 entries and the variety was amazing. The opening night was well attended with 72 people enjoying the art, music, artistically presented canapes and free champagne while chatting.

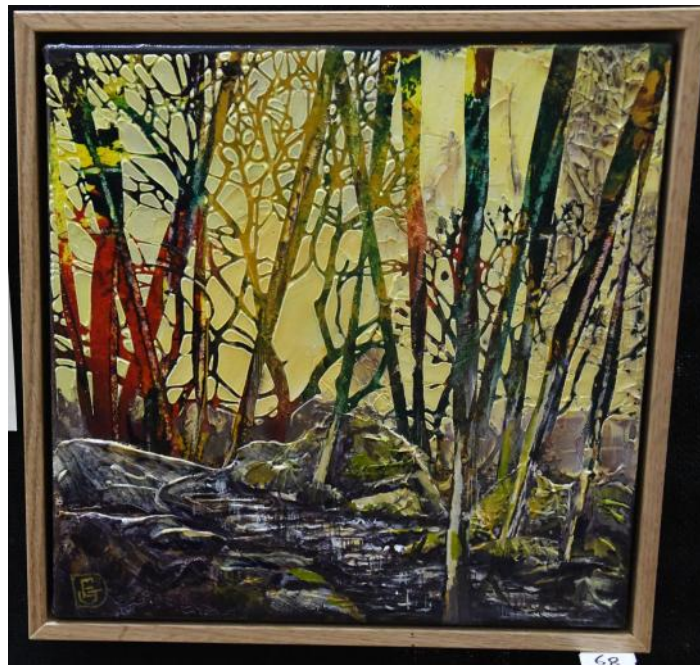
Judges Gavin Roberts and Klara Jones

announced the prize winners with Elena Dickman taking out Best in Show, Peter Tarpey Best 2D, Stuart Gillingham Best 3D and Rocco Mazitelli the Junior winner. At the end of the weekend the people's votes were counted and Craig Terrill won People's Choice with his sculpture of a turtle.

A steady flow of visitors enjoyed the exhibition and demonstrations throughout the weekend.

A huge thankyou to everyone who helped to make yet another successful Mixed Bag art show for Bruthen.

J. Manley



Elena Dickman: Best In Show.

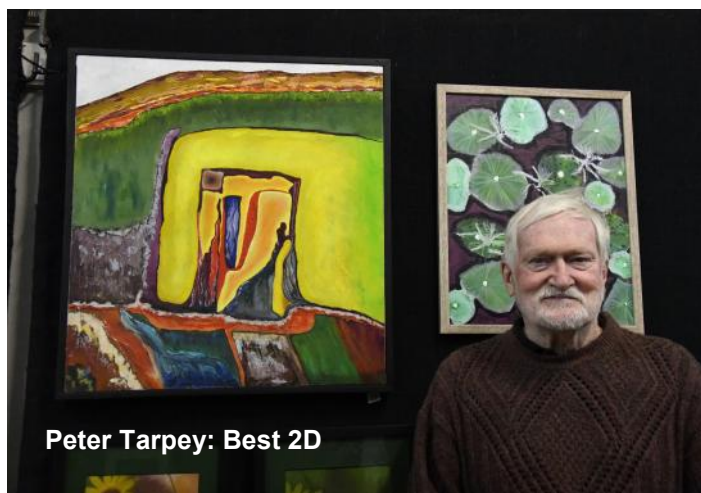


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The Tambo Rambler is proudly sponsored this month by Shoreside Real Estate Lakes Entrance

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.



Peter Tarpey: Best 2D



Wandering poet Rinaldo Antico composed poems to several of the art works, in both Italian and English, which he recited to a very appreciative audience. Pictured: Rinaldo and Elizabeth Kent in front of her work "The Wood Nymph's Village".



Meet The Team



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An Amazing Community Evening for TUPS

The Tambo Upper Primary School enjoyed an amazing community evening at the Forge Theatre last month.

The presentation by the students was the much-anticipated production of Sir David Hattenscarf and the Wonders of the World taking centre stage!

The students delivered a wonderful performance, showcasing their talents, confidence and hard work in front of a very proud audience. It was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends come along to support our students and celebrate this special occasion.

A huge thank you to all of the school's staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the evening such a memorable experience. A very special shout-out to Ms K, who brought the production together and expertly led our whole school throughout the performance.

What a fantastic achievement!



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Local musos back home after great gigs in Belfast and Edinburgh

Well-known and much-loved local musicians Todd Cook and Martin Potts have returned to our shores after what was evidently a hugely enjoyable and successful tour of Ireland and Scotland, with multiple gigs in Belfast and at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Now that they are back, you can catch them with fellow band member Brent Hodgkins as they perform as The Rufous Whistlers at a number of local gigs, details of which can be found at <https://www.toddcook.com.au/gigs>. One of these is the upcoming event 'Celebrate The Lakes' at Eagle Point on Friday October 9th.

This is a terrific community event hosted by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and featuring a diverse range of groups and activities. The Rufous Whistlers also performed at the event last year, along with the Alleycats Choir, and in keeping with the theme "Welcome Back The Birds" introduced their original song "Shorebird". Incidentally, this song was also performed with great enjoyment as a collaboration with 35 people at the Crescent Art Centre in Belfast.

And now a bit of inside info about the tour, from Todd himself

Martin Potts and I played our own headline show at the Belfast Crescent Art Centre with a collaboration with the Belfast Ukulele Jam bringing a local connection to our evening. They learnt our song 'Shorebird' and played along during our performance with ukulele, singing and percussion. We sold out the venue and had an amazing night.

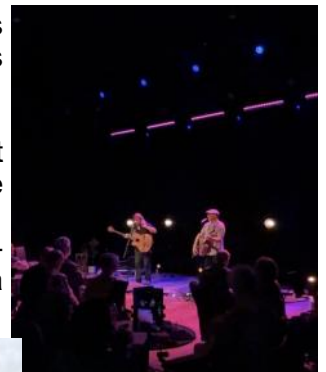
With the success of our show at the Belfast Art Centre we were invited to play at an event for The Fleadh Cheoil (music festival in Irish). The Fleadh has been going for generations and had never been to Northern Ireland before so it was a very momentous occasion. I was invited back to the Art Centre to be involved in a multicultural storytellers evening. I performed our song Brilliant Green about recovery after bush fires and our song Shorebird about the amazing migratory birds that live in Gippsland. The Shorebird song went down well as there was a colony of Migratory Red-Tailed Swifts that had lived in the art centre for over 100 years.

Then we caught the boat over to Edinburgh, where we performed 25 shows for the Edinburgh Fringe. We had a 3 pm show booked at a great venue in Newtown called the Fingers Piano Bar which is a well-established music venue. We also picked up a show in Cowgate which is in the Old Town area of Edinburgh and a night-time show in a beer garden in a local pub. With thousands of shows available, flying, connecting with people and word of mouth are about the only way to get people to your show. Our show kept building and building throughout the

weeks and our room was mostly full each day which is a great achievement.

Catch us next weekend Friday 9th of October at Celebrate the Lakes, Eagle Point 5-6pm

Saturday, October 10th - Solar Folk Festival Nowa Nowa.



The Rufous Whistlers performing at "Welcome Back The Birds" at Eagle Point, 2025.

Seasonal letter from the FFMVic Chief Fire Officer – Spring 2026

Victoria is facing one of its warmest and driest spring outlooks in some time, increasing the risk of an earlier and more active fire season across parts of the state.

For Forest Fire Management Victoria, preparing for bushfires is a year-round job. Across parks and forests, our crews work every day to reduce bushfire risk through fuel management, preparedness activities and maintaining the capability to respond quickly when fires occur.

This year's seasonal outlook reinforces why that work is so important.

Throughout spring, we will continue working with our emergency management partners to monitor conditions and undertake fuel management and preparedness activities in the lead-up to summer.

We are also preparing our people and equipment for the season ahead so we can respond quickly when and where bushfires occur.

With more than 1,800 frontline personnel, specialist emergency management staff, firefighting vehicles, heavy machinery and a world-class aerial firefighting fleet, our focus is on detecting, responding to and containing bushfires as quickly as possible to minimise impacts and help keep communities safe.

Everyone has a role to play in preparing for the season ahead. Victorians can do their part by having a bushfire plan, downloading the VicEmergency app and staying up to date with Fire Danger Ratings.

If you're visiting parks and state forests, please take extra care with campfires and always know and follow the rules.

Together, we can all play a part in reducing bushfire risk and helping keep Victorian communities safe.

New dates locked in for Detox Your Home events

The Victorian Government has published the 2026-27 schedule for its popular Detox Your Home program, giving Victorians more opportunities to safely dispose of household chemicals and other hazardous waste free of charge.

Detox Your Home events allow Victorians to drop off items such as pesticides, cleaning products and other household chemicals that cannot be disposed of through kerbside collection.

The program helps keep dangerous materials out of landfill and waterways, reducing the risk to community health and the environment while making it easier for households to do the right thing.

The program has seen the safe removal of 7,000 tonnes of toxic chemicals – equivalent to the weight of 40 trams, helping to keep Victorian homes, neighbourhoods and the environment safer.

Events will be held at locations across metropolitan and regional Victoria, with residents encouraged to check dates and details for their nearest drop-off point.

Bookings are essential. For full details on locations, dates and accepted materials, visit environment.vic.gov.au/hazardous-household-chemicals/detox-your-home.

Visit Forest Fire Management Victoria for more information about how we're preparing for the bushfire season.

Chris Hardman AFSM, Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria

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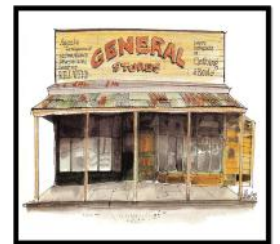
Courtesy bus operates Wed, Fri, Sat nights only

For enquires or bookings contact Bruthen Inn Hotel.

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Michael Charles to play in Bruthen

Grammy nominated Blues musician Michael Charles is touring Australia and Bruthen is his first stop with a concert at Bruthen Mechanics Hall.

Tickets for the show are \$25, book through <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1655356>.

Start the evening with a barbecue dinner provided by Bruthen Arts and Events Council.

A bar will be available for your beverages. No BYO drinks please.

Barbecue starts 6pm. Show starts at 7pm.

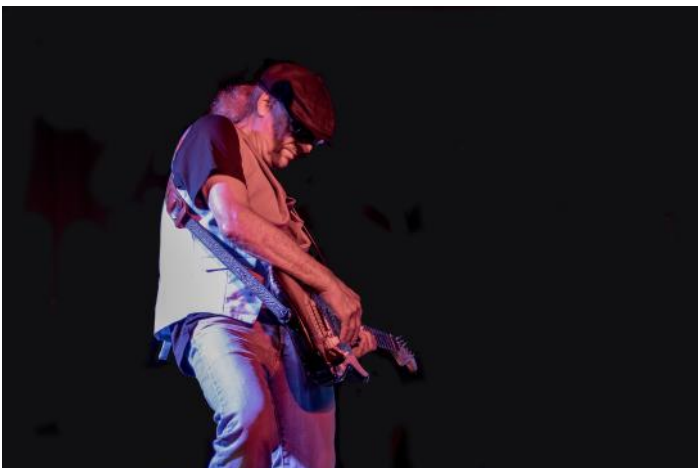
A bit about Michael.

In 1984 a young muso in Melbourne, with a newfound confidence, felt it was time to break out and take a solo billing. "Michael Charles" wrote, recorded, released, and promoted his music while touring across Australia.

In 1989, a turning point in his life and career came in the form of an invitation to appear at Buddy Guy's Legends in Chicago USA. It was not too long after he decided to make America his home.

As of 2026 his USA career comprises a catalogue of 43 releases, an induction into the Chicago Blues Hall of Fame, ten times Grammy elected and recognition of remaining one of America's most driven artists, annually touring across USA, Canada, and Australia, delivering at each stop an unprecedented concert of original, guitar forward, contemporary blues, blues-based rock and ballads.

Celebrating his 42nd anniversary in 2026, MC graces the stage at Bruthen Mechanics Hall. We invite you to share the experience as he conjures up all the memories, the love, and the gratitude to the country and the people where it all began.



Bruthen Seniors News

As the year disappears quickly, apparently this happens as we age, Bruthen and District Seniors continue to enjoy life and lunches.

Great meal at Lakes Entrance Sports Club third Wednesday of September.

This week we will enjoy another meal from JustZapIt and a guest speaker from Ambulance Victoria to demonstrate the use of a defibrillator. There are a few around town, so being familiar with the



operation will make an emergency situation less stressful for all.

On 3rd Wednesday we'll head to the Chinese in Paynesville for lunch with Peter our trusty bus driver.

If you would like to join us, you'll be made welcome. Our next Bunnings BBQ fundraiser will be November 14th, always looking for people to flip a snag or two. The proceeds go towards the \$15 meal subsidy and our end of year celebration.

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SAT 10 OCTOBER | **11AM - 2PM**
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A forum on the future of our Lakes

The Gippsland Lakes and their future are the subject of a free community forum in Bairnsdale this month, and everyone is welcome.

The Lakes at a Crossroads brings together the people who care for our internationally significant wetland, listed under the Ramsar Convention since 1982, to talk plainly about where it is headed. The evening opens with a Welcome to Country by Aunty Marjorie Thorpe, Gunaikurnai Elder. Keynote speaker Dr Bruce Lindsay, a senior environmental lawyer, will explain what protects the Lakes and what more can be done before the Ramsar management plan is renewed.

He is joined by the East and West Gippsland Catchment Management Authorities and the Chair of the Gippsland Lakes Coordinating Committee, each on their plans for the Lakes, followed by your questions to the panel, hosted by Deputy Mayor Cr Tom Crook.

Thursday 8 October, St Mary's Parish Hall, Bairnsdale. Refreshments 6pm, 6.30pm start. Free, please book: trybooking.com/DQAQU

#LOVEGIPPSLAND Stronger Communities Grants now open

Gippsland community organisations can apply for grants of up to \$20,000 to help deliver local infrastructure projects under Round 10 of the #lovegippsland Stronger Communities Programme (SCP).

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester has called for expressions of interest from eligible local groups, with grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,000 available across the electorate.

"In total, Gippsland has been allocated \$150,000 for projects that deliver practical social benefits and strengthen local communities," Mr Chester said.

"The Stronger Communities Programme has helped dozens of local organisations turn good ideas into worthwhile projects that increase participation, improve facilities and make our towns better places to live.

"Previous grants have supported projects such as the development of Sale's Seed Community Garden, a wet-weather shelter at Bruthen Lions Park, extensions to the Gippsland Immigration Park Heritage Walk in Morwell, and improvements to the playground and picnic area at Mathison Park in Churchill.

"These are exactly the types of grassroots projects that make a real difference in regional communities.

"Local groups are very good at making every dollar stretch further, combining these grants with their own fundraising and volunteer effort to deliver projects that might otherwise be out of reach."

Mr Chester urged potential applicants to carefully review the Round 10 guidelines before submitting an expression of interest.

"Projects must meet the eligibility requirements and directly align with at least one of the program objectives," Mr Chester said.

"I encourage any community organisation considering an application to check the guidelines early and make sure their proposed project is eligible."

Authorised by Darren Chester, The Nationals, 89 Raymond Street, Sale: 5144 6744

Expressions of interest are now open and will close at 5pm on Monday, November 23, 2026. EOIs must be submitted via Mr Chester's website, www.darrenchester.com.au, to be considered.

EOIs will be assessed by a Community Consultation Committee, with shortlisted organisations invited to submit a full application.

A FREE COMMUNITY FORUM

THE LAKES AT A CROSSROADS

Gippsland Lakes Forum
A Ramsar Wetland at a Climate Crossroads



THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026

6.00pm refreshments • 6.30pm start • 8.45pm close

St Mary's Parish Hall, 135 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale

WELCOME TO COUNTRY - 6.30PM
Aunty Marjorie Thorpe, Gunaikurnai Elder

KEYNOTE
Dr Bruce Lindsay
Nature Lead & Senior Specialist Lawyer, Environmental Justice Australia

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Sean Phillipson, East Gippsland CMA
Eleisha Keogh, West Gippsland CMA
Eric Sjerp, Chair, Gippsland Lakes Coordinating Committee

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Bruthen to Bairnsdale Morning	Monday & Friday AM	Tues, Wed, Thurs AM
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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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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
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Wendy 0423 712 397 (Wy Yung). Birds of prey

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Melbourne Cup at Mossiface & Wiseleigh Hall

The Melbourne Cup might be running in Flemington, but there's no reason Mossiface & Wiseleigh can't have a little race day fun of their own!

The Mossiface-Wiseleigh Hall Committee, with the help of our Folks Oaks sub-committee, is looking at putting on a relaxed and informal community afternoon at the hall.

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Bird of the Month: Tawny Frogmouth

Tawny Frogmouths are mid-sized nocturnal predatory birds. They are quite widespread in low numbers though they can be quite difficult to see. Sometimes mistaken for owls, they are readily distinguishable by their broad gape and flattened bill, their long-graduated tail and distinctive forehead tufts.

Alarmed frogmouths often adopt a 'broken stick' posture in which the body is aligned along a branch, the head and bristles angled upwards, eyes closed to slits, mimicking an extension of the tree branch. When threatened they may hiss loudly and strike a defensive pose with eyes and beak wide open, though their disguise postures are their best form of defence. The grey mottled plumage resembles bark and is effective camouflage as they rest quietly in tree canopies during the daytime, or perch stiffly at night from a low perch or fence post watching and listening for prey. They hunt by a 'perch and pounce' strategy to catch large insects, spiders, frogs, small mammals and ground birds which they capture and handle with their strong bill, not with their relatively weak legs and feet.

Tawny Frogmouths are found right across Australia. The subspecies found in the south and east of Australia is the largest. Sedentary birds, they prefer treed habitats with access to open areas and cleared ground, perching stock-still in pairs or family groups by day; at night they are likely to be hunting singly. They can be found in urban environments with adequate treed areas, water and food sources, but are less likely to be encountered in deserts, rainforests and wet dense eucalypt forests. On a recent Spring Birdlife survey on Raymond Island, a highlight of the morning was two Tawny Frogmouths sitting on their respective nests, camouflaged very effectively in the tree canopies.

The call of the Tawny Frogmouth is a low, resonant, rapid "ooo-oom-oom-omm" or the male "ar-oom, aroom, aroom-aroom". Breeding season is August to December, after rains in more arid regions. The nest is an untidy, loosely constructed platform of large sticks lined with leaves, usually located in a tree fork or the broken end of a branch 2-15m high up. They form monogamous pairs and share the incubating, feeding and care roles. The male incubates by day and the female by night, over a period of 30 days. After the chicks have hatched, the whole family may be seen roosting together. The



Tawny Frogmouth family by Jack Winterbottom.

young are ready to leave the nest at about four weeks of age.

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

Birdlife East Gippsland acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we meet and we pay our respects their Elders past and present.

October 2026 Outings Schedule.

DATE	LOCATION	9AM MEETING PLACE
Monday Oct 5th	Echo Bend Campground	345 Dunbars Rd Glenaladale
Sunday Oct 11th	Oneonta/Lake Tyers Beach	75 Bream Rd. Lake Tyers Beach
Oct 18 to 23 Spring Camp	BLEG Spring Camp, Mallacoota	
Monday Oct 26th	Mt. Elizabeth	Collins Rd turn-off from Great Alpine Rd.

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Tambo Rambler Advertising Costs

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- ⇒ 9 x 5 cm - Cost \$15.00
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COLOUR Advert Option 1: Full Page

- ⇒ One full page, full colour feature / advert placed on the inside cover of the Tambo Rambler
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Kyah offered amazing opportunity

Our congratulations to local girl Kyah Hood who, thanks to her amazing skills and ongoing commitment, has been awarded a place in a team playing at the Indigenous Netball Championships in Brisbane, from 12-19 January 2027.

To help with the costs involved, Kyah's proud mother Melissa has set up a GoFundMe site at <https://gofund.me/6120a5482>, while Kyah is also working part-time after school. We hope people are inspired to contribute in some way to support her in this milestone event.

Hi, my name is Kyah Hood, I am a young local athlete who is passionate about playing Netball.

Just recently, I received some exciting news – I have been invited to play at a high skill level in Brisbane in January 2027 at the Nissan Arena Stadium for a Netball Tournament.

Unfortunately, Victoria did not register a team to compete in next year's competition, so I have been invited to play for the WA team.

I am also the face you see here serving ice-cream, working hard to save my earnings to help achieve this dream.

To make this happen, I am kindly asking for any donation big or small to make attending this event possible for me to showcase my talent and represent our community and show other young athletes that they too can achieve their dreams.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if you are able to sponsor me, I would be very grateful.

For further information, you can contact Melissa Hood on 0472 733 539.

Donations can be made directly to the Boorloo WA Indigenous Netball Team bank account using K Hood as the payment reference

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Thank you, Kyah.





