

# TUBBUT TATTLER

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Tubbut Neighbourhood House

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Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Next deadline: 27th February 2024



## Community meeting

The independent Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian Fire Season identified a range of opportunities for improvement to how Victoria prepares, responds, and recovers from emergencies

Catch up with **Inspector-General Tony Pearce** to hear and share information about how Victoria is working towards being better prepared for emergencies

**Tuesday 6 February**  
**11.30am-1.30pm**  
**Bonang Hall**

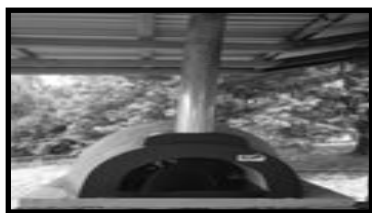
Light refreshments provided

To let us know you're coming  
call (03) 8684 7900

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# CLASSIFIEDS

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**Tattler Contributions:** We welcome your articles, news, reports on local groups, photos from local events, milestones, interesting stories, poems, biographies, births, deaths, historical items, and more. *We also welcome any letters to the editors,*

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## FOR HIRE

The Tubbut Neighbourhood House has the following for Hire:

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Laminator, recording VHS to DVD player, Laptop, tablet, digital photo scanner, convert photos, slides or negatives to digital, record records to USB

**Delegate Multi-Purpose Service, Craigie St, Delegate (02) 64598000**

## The Delegate MPS Assessment, Treatment and Care Centre (ATCC)

The Delegate MPS Assessment, Treatment and Care Centre (ATCC) has replaced the Emergency Department. The ATCC is now open. For Bookings please call Delegate MPS (02) 64598000 or 'walk-in'. Our nurse-led ATCC is a walk-in clinic open 24/7, offering:

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Nursing assessments  
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## Woman's Health Clinic

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at Delegate MPS

Phone 1800 999 880 (Health Direct) for an appointment

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- Women's Health Nurse

To refer to any of the above please ring Community Health Central Intake Team on ph. 1800 999 880

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# Tubbut Neighbourhood House



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WELLBEING SPACES  
Tubbut Bendoc Goongerah

Errinundra To Snowy Wellbeing Spaces are up and running please come along and have a chat to our lovely Nurse Sharon about any Health or Wellbeing issues / inquires you may have. Also discuss the Online options for accessing your current Doctor/ Specialist who maybe long distances away. This service is so important to our area and therefore we all need to support it, it offers a range of services and an opportunity for you to be proactive in your health treatments.

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Thursdays

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# Goongerah Grapevine

## Position Description: Contract Cleaner – Goongerah Wellbeing & Coworking Space

**Position Summary:** We are seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented contract cleaner to join our team at the Goongerah Committee of Management (CoM) to maintain a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene within the Wellbeing Space/ Coworking Space facility. The successful candidate will play a crucial role in creating a safe and welcoming environment for both staff and patients. The successful candidate will have their own ABN and Public Liability Insurance.

**Responsibilities:**

1. Perform cleaning duties according to established protocols and schedules, including but not limited to sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, and disinfecting surfaces in consultation room, common spaces, and bathroom.
2. Ensure all medical equipment and furniture are cleaned and sanitized in adherence to infection control guidelines and WorkSafe Victoria Protocols.
3. Dispose of medical waste and hazardous materials in collaboration with Orbost Regional Health staff, following proper procedures and regulations.
4. Monitor and replenish cleaning supplies, notifying Goongerah Hall CoM or Orbost Regional Health, as appropriate, when stock levels are low.
5. Collaborate with other staff members to coordinate cleaning activities and respond to urgent cleaning needs.
6. Report any maintenance issues or safety concerns to the appropriate personnel promptly.
7. Adhere to confidentiality and privacy policies when handling sensitive information during cleaning tasks.

**Desirable attributes:**

- Previous cleaning experience desired, willingness to learn essential.
- Knowledge of infection control practices and the ability to implement them effectively or willingness to learn (Orbost Regional Health will provide specialist health-setting cleaning supplies and infection control training – travel may be required to participate in training).
- Attention to detail and the ability to follow cleaning protocols and guidelines.
- Excellent time management skills to ensure cleaning tasks are completed efficiently.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Have a positive can-do attitude.
- Strong communication skills

Pay rate: \$24/hour x 4 hours per week (2 cleans – one before and one after the appointed health service day in Goongerah each week). Initial contract length January 2023- June 2025

Payment to be made fortnightly/monthly upon receipt of correctly rendered invoice.

**Closing date for applicants is the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.**

## Goongerah Hall Reserve Grounds Maintenance

### Job Description

01/01/2024

The Goongerah Hall Reserve Committee of Management is seeking a suitable person to maintain the grounds of the Goongerah Hall Reserve.

Grounds maintenance will be on a seasonal needs basis and consist mostly of lawn care and weed control with some tree/shrub pruning and general clean up duties as these arise.

The position is well suited to someone with strong interpersonal and reporting skills, the fitness to carry out physically demanding tasks and an ability to work independently without supervision.

Applicants must provide their own equipment, have an ABN and Third party liability Insurance.

All applications can be sent in writing to [goongerahhall@gmail.com](mailto:goongerahhall@gmail.com)

**Applications close 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.**



# Situation Vacant



## Situation Vacant

### **Errinundra to Snowy – Administration Support Part Time Fixed Term (10 hours per week until 30/06/2025)**

Orbost Regional Health (ORH) and the Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group (DVICG) are seeking a suitably qualified administration support to establish and deliver a pilot health model in the remote Errinundra to Snowy district of Victoria.

Bordering the ancient Errinundra National Park and the famous Snowy River National Park, the Errinundra to Snowy district is made up of a number of very small communities.

This position provides administrative support to the Nurse Care Coordinator and clients who access the Errinundra to Snowy district wellbeing spaces.

Successful applicants must demonstrate their prior experience:

- Professionally managing calls from consumers and scheduling appointments
- Maintaining client confidentiality
- Showing initiative to work with minimal direct supervision.

If you are interested in applying for the position of **Errinundra to Snowy: Administration Support** please download the appropriate position description at

[www.orbostregionalhealth.com.au/employment-careers](http://www.orbostregionalhealth.com.au/employment-careers)

or contact the Human Resources Department (03) 5154 6651; email: [humanresources@orh.com.au](mailto:humanresources@orh.com.au)  
You must address the key selection criteria when preparing your application.

**Contact Sharon Small on 0456 167 011 for further information on this position**

Your application **MUST** include the following:

- A letter of introduction with your full name, address and contact details, job title as listed in the advertisement and addressing the key selection criteria as set out in the position description.
- A copy of your current curriculum vitae including qualifications, professional affiliations, registrations, employment history, COVID-19 immunisation status, a copy of your driver's licence and the names and contact details of at least three current/recent professional referees.

**Closing date for applications is: 2 February 2024**

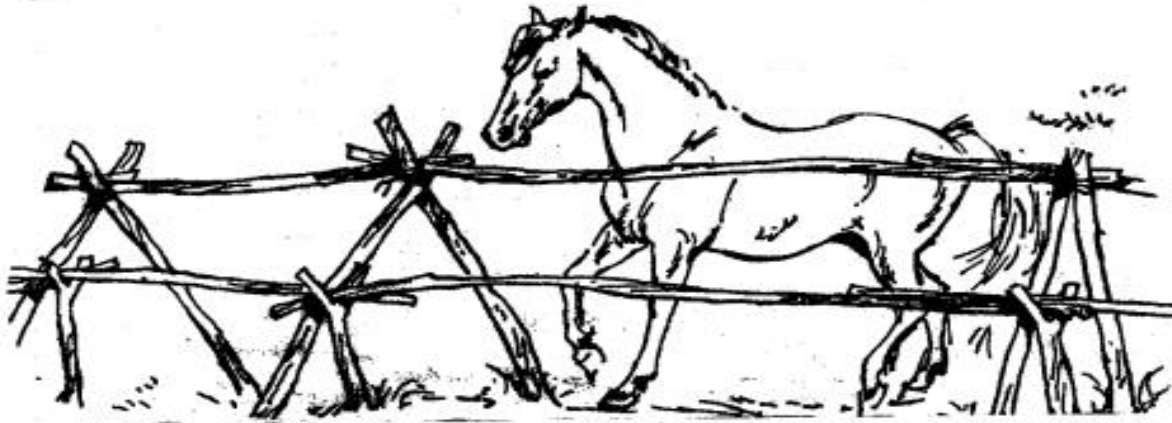
**Closing date for applications is: by 5:00pm**

**Orbost Regional Health values: Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Excellence and Community.**

ORH is an equal employment opportunity employer. We strive for an inclusive working environment for employees from a variety of backgrounds. We welcome applications from Aboriginal people, workers of all ages, people with disability, people who identify as LGBTQIA+ and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

# The Local Rag (cont from July 2023)

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from A.E. STUART (BUNNY) of Tingaringi, continued:  
Those GOOD OLD DAYS..... (quoting Mr. Crawford)

There I served my apprenticeship at shepherding sheep. Out every day, rain hail or snow 364½ days a year. We had the privilege of yarding the flock on Christmas day and that was the only holiday we got in twelve months.

And still some people talk about the "good old days"... I may state here that that was all the education I ever got here in this country. Whatever little I know I taught myself. When we all got together there were several families in one house. That did not last long.

My uncles took separate stations; Uncle David with his family of five, four boys and one girl, took one sheep station, and Uncle Pat took another, with two flocks each. Grandfather, grandmother my brother and myself had another flock on rough scrubby country for twelve months. After the twelve months, Uncle David took a small station of his own and Uncle Pat took charge of a cattle station called Curry Flat four miles from Nimmitabel owned by O'Hare Bros, who also owned Corrowong station.- the two stations being forty miles apart. There I was on horseback every day and as happy as Larry. My brother did not stay long with us, he got work elsewhere with O'Hare brothers droving and so forth. Uncle Pat got married, and we stayed at Curry Flat for six years.

In the meantime Grandfather and Grandmother died, and were buried in the Nimmitabel cemetery. For four years of the six I worked for my keep. The last two years I was supposed to be getting 30 pounds per year, but I think it was the same as the four years, because when we came to settle up I had no money to draw. Still, I was happy. Uncle Pat bought a team and started carrying. Later on he selected 100 acres over in the Jindabyne district, where I worked with him for two years. Then I thought it time I had a try on my own. I spent some time in Gippsland, and at last took permanent position at Grosses' Plain, where I stayed for two years. There I met Miss Kitty Gorman and married her on July 13th 1871. I went to work for John Barry at Moonbah Station.

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Mr. Crawford then goes on to describe minor episodes in his life including a period as a publican which was not profitable. He then says:

In February 1880 I shifted my family, 12 in all, to Walwa and continued in the fur trade. Gold was discovered at Toolong in the Snowy mountains. With my sons I put in 4½ years, which was merely just an existence. After returning to Walwa from the diggings, I shifted to Corryong, where I settled with one of my sons. I tried the MittaMitta prospecting for some time but was still unlucky. I returned to Corryong.

There, Mr. Crawford says he was employed in various avocations subsequently with his wife who had been ill. Mr. Crawford came to Albury. He concludes:

Here we are both well and hearty considering our age. Mother (his wife) is 85 and myself 89 gone. We reared 10 to manhood and womanhood, six sons and four daughters. We have had four weddings in our family. My wife and I celebrated our silver wedding in 1896, our golden wedding in 1921, our diamond wedding in 1931. Mother was born May 12, 1840, Grosses Plains Jindabyne district Monaro NSW.

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Look inside,  
and revisit  
Martins Creek,  
through the  
eyes of the  
Jensen Family,  
from 1890 →.

Cover price - 60c.



# The Local Rag -continued

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## HISTORY OF BENDOC.

AS TOLD TO  
COLIN HANDELY  
BY AN OLD  
RESIDENT

In the early 1920's Bendoc was still suffering the effects of World War 1, like most other places. Many young men had gone to war, there was extra expense on everything. The men who did return moved on as there was no work around, the gold had finished, very few prospectors, the only work was at a small sawmill of Bill Reed's on Haydens Bog Creek at the back of Jamiesons.

The present Bendoc Hotel was built about 1922 by W. Mustard. The old one that was burnt down was Dudleys, opposite the current one.

A new schute of gold was found on the surface at the Victoria Star Mine in 1923. A few men were employed then the boiler from Reeds mill was taken to power the pumps to pump out the original shaft. Two teams of 14 bullocks owned by Charlie Hayden and Charlie Dunn (Whit Ingram's wives' father) were used to shift Reeds boiler. In 1924 Constable Shannon (a very proper policeman) was transferred after 25 years at Bendoc.

In 1925 after years of scratching, the community got together and built the Bendoc Hall which was opened in December.

In 1926 the first Orboast mail was brought from Orboast by motor vehicle - an international truck owned by Tom Malin. Till this time it was carried by buggy for the last 20 years, it was a days trip each way.

At the end of the 20's the Bendoc rifle club was formed. 3,4,5, and 600 yards range was used every week or so and saw an excellent standard of shooting.

Once a year in April a competition was held of shooters from Delegate, Bombala, Orboast and Combienbar, but Bendoc was never beaten. Jack Jameson (Clive Jameson's father) scored 33 consecutive Bulls eyes.

When the depression started, men of all nationalities and trades passed through Bendoc, heading north and south looking for work. At this time the Tubbut Road from Bonang was under construction. Big gangs of men of all backgrounds were employed from Melbourne for a period of 3 or 4 months which unfortunately for the bookkeepers etc was about how long their hands took to harden, then they were returned to Melbourne and another lot sent up. Only a few locals managed to obtain jobs.

When the road grants ran out the work stopped and started again when the money came through. At one of these times of no money six men decided to go to Clarkesville to look for reef gold. A syndicate of 6 was formed and in a very short time discovered a reef carrying good gold and named the Jewellery Shop. A battery was built on Sassafras Creek at the first crushing, the day they cleaned the gold off the copper plates (covered with mercury to absorb the gold), one of the men produced a gun upon being told he no longer had a share in the mine. One man was wounded in the back and another hid behind a tree. The law arrived and the mine was closed. This strike proved no asset to Bendoc as far as work was concerned. It has been claimed by some that if that mine had been worked properly at todays prices would turn in \$40,000 worth of gold altogether.



# The Local Rag -continued

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the foot of Delegate Hill. A short job. Only 3 locals were employed. Joe Shannahan from Bairnsdale was the contractor.

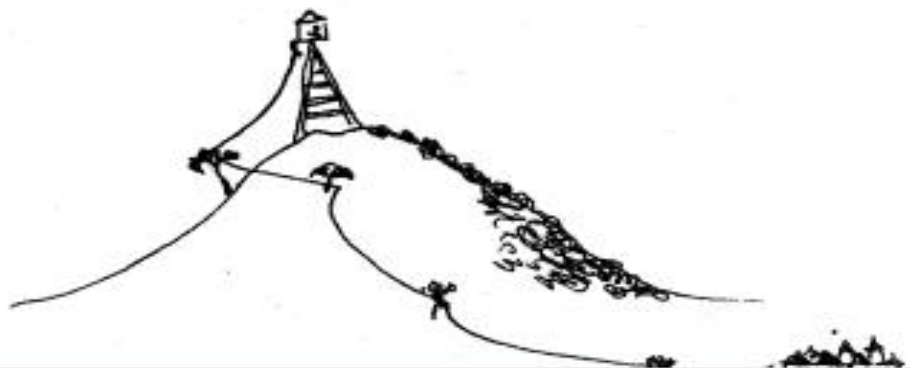
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The Victoria Star had been going since 1920, closed for lack of finance in June 1933 and reopened Jan 1935 by a Melbourne company of Victor Leggo, the man famous for his pickles, who had the largest share. It reopened with new machinery. A new mess house was built for 35 men, the mine produced gold till the spring of 1938 then shut down forever.

In early 1935 a relief gang of road men were sent to Bendoc to connect Bendoc with the Bonang Highway at the Gap. Mr. F.T. Dowling turned the first sod at a ceremony; the Gap road was completed in 1937. About this time it was difficult to get from Bendoc to Delegate as the Haydens Bog Rd. was too boggy and the Gulf Rd. across the foot of Delegate Hill was impassable due to poor crossing over the Bendoc River, so a track was used on the Haydens Bog side of the Hill around Gwen Legge's place. The Orbest Shire Engineer decided to survey two new roads, one from Bendoc direct to Lower Bendoc and one from the 3 ways to link with the bridge over the Bendoc River at Rodwells. These were finished in 1938. The road from Bendoc to Haydens Bog was grubbed and formed to Locks' farm.

At this time the last road built before the war was 2 miles off the Clarkeville Rd. Then C.R.B. grants stopped due to the war effort and all sign posts on the roads were removed. As part of the war effort a Wolfram mine was opened on Round Hill. All the young men of the area were in the forces when in July 1941 a forestry permit was issued to Jack Mawson, a Bombala sawmiller, to cut silver wattle for defence purposes, sizes ranging from 3" x 1" to 3" x 12". The other sawmills in the area of Bill Jameson and Ernie Jamesons and McDonnell Bros of Bonang were cutting the same material.

In 1941 the VFC opened the Bendoc division where Moores house now stands, a tower was built on Delegate Hill and connected with a phone line of fencing wire between the trees. Wattle was cut in the sawmills till the war ended when they returned to hardwood. People after so many years of war and work set up sporting clubs, the Border and District Tennis Association continued till 1951. In this year Mrs Windle resigned from the Bendoc Post Office after 45 years service. Keith and Dulcie Bent took the service over and it was moved from near the present Monaro Sawmill to what is now Groves house. Sawmilling was the only work in Bendoc then. The Snowy Mountains Authority was in full swing and needed lots of timber so they decided to buy land in Bendoc south of the Bendoc Hotel.



# News from the Shire

East Gippsland Shire Council has expressed its disappointment to the State Government following the recent announcement of a cap on rate increases of just 2.75% in the 2024-25 year.

This comes at the same time as State Government increased its own charges substantially more, such as public transport fees by an average of 5%, Ports Victoria fees and charges by 10%, admission prices to zoos for schools by almost 10% and electrical safety certificates by up to 11%.

Deputy Mayor Cr Jane Greacen OAM said the rate cap is a vital component to developing the 2024-25 annual Budget which will be released for public comment in April.

“Our key focus is always to deliver high quality services to our community efficiently and sustainably and we will of course cut our cloth to size, however a rate cap of 2.75% for 2024-25 is disappointing and doesn’t even recognise the increased cost of maintaining the status quo, let alone delivering new services to meet community expectations,” Cr Greacen said.

“We understand rate increases are never popular. Our rates and charges revenue made up less than half (42%) of Council’s operating revenue in 2022-23 so, and like all councils, we are reliant on grant to maintain and improve our services and assets. We are responsible for assets worth \$1.2 billion.”

The State Government provides recurrent funding that contributes to specific Council services such as libraries, emergency management and school crossing supervisors. Many of these funding allocations have not seen inflation increases in 2023-24, or very limited increases.

The rate cap of 2.75% in 2024-25 is a sharp decrease from the 2023-24 of 3.5% and also lower than the Reserve Bank of Australia’s CPI forecast for 2024-25 of 3.4%.

"We have already implemented numerous business efficiencies, such as internal restructures, adopting a Shared Services model of employment with Wellington Shire Council and undertaken collaborative purchasing projects such as our bulk electricity contract.

“We will continue to prioritise what the community wants through our public consultation on the annual budget.

"Combining the community aspirations while also delivering on our legislative requirements is a difficult balancing act each budget year.

"It is disappointing to see while we are asked to work within a 2.75% rate increase, the State Government has this month increased a number of its own charges well above 5%," Cr Greacen said.

Residents and ratepayers who would like to give feedback on Council’s draft 2024-25 Budget are asked to check Council’s website, social media and local newspapers in April for details

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Pymesville Service Centre  
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Orbost Service Centre  
2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

**Monday 26 February**  
Omeo Service Centre  
9.30 am – 12.00 pm

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# News from the Shire

## Australia Day winners announced

The 2024 East Gippsland Australia Day Awards were announced earlier today (Saturday, January 20) at a community celebration at the Eagle Point Foreshore Hub.

Hosted by the East Gippsland Shire Council, the awards embraced the Australia Day theme: reflect, respect, celebrate, covering the entire shire. The event included a Welcome to Country by Aunty Glenys Watts, a flag raising by the Bairnsdale and Paynesville Scout Group, entertainment by East Gippsland Brass, and the Australia Day address from this year's ambassador, Adam Bloem.

Approximately 100 community members gathered to honour the contributions of this year's nominees.

Deputy Mayor Cr Jane Greacen OAM said "we had exceptional nominees, as we do each year, and selecting winners was no easy task. Each winner contributes significantly to our community, and these awards are a small way we can show our appreciation and gratitude," Cr Greacen said.

"It was a fantastic day, set against the backdrop of our newest community space, the Eagle Point Foreshore Hub. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit a nomination to acknowledge some of the great people and events that help make East Gippsland a strong community, and congratulations to this year's winners and nominees. While you don't do what you do for the accolades, you can be deservedly proud of being recognised at the 2024 East Gippsland Australia Day Awards," Cr Greacen said.

The 2024 East Gippsland Australia Day Award winners are:

### **Citizen of the Year – David Murphy**

Following a distinguished career as a safety officer on Victorian oil and gas rigs, David retired in 2012. Shortly thereafter, he underwent training as an RSL Compensation Advocate. Since then, David has been dedicatedly serving veterans and their families in East Gippsland.

He provides encouragement and guidance to those navigating bureaucratic complexities, helping individuals who are having trouble working through the system. In situations where veterans and their families feel isolated, David offers hope and works tirelessly to secure favourable outcomes for them.

*Finalists: Angela Dunkley, Phil Schneider, Cheryl Jakobi, Geoff Enever, Sue Carroll.*

### **Young Citizen of the Year – Danika Woods and Jasmine Westaway (joint winners)**

Danika Woods exemplifies true resilience in the face of adversity. Despite encountering obstacles in her learning environment due to a disability, she emerged as an outstanding role model and achieved the distinction of being the first person in her family to graduate from high school.

Her selflessness and unwavering commitment to serving others were evident in her active participation in "Project Ready" where she not only completed the program the previous year but also dedicated time each week to support disengaged students.

Jasmine Westaway stands out as an ambitious all-rounder and high achiever involved in a diverse range of activities. In sports and recreation, her dedication to athletics is noteworthy, including tasks such as program assignment, setup assistance, and motivating and supporting young participants through warm-up activities

Additionally, Jasmine has made significant contributions to both the Orbost Secondary College Senior and Swing Band community from an arts and culture perspective. Over the past year, performances have been featured in events such as emergency services presentation night, Orbost Show Day, school functions, and band tours.

*Finalists: Banjo Jackson, Juliette Heart, Lilly Legget.*

### **Community Event of the Year – Metung Fun Run**

The Metung Fun Run is a fantastic community event raising funds for Metung Primary School and Metung Lions Club. The event has been held for over 10 years and continues to grow each year. The 2023 event had over 355 participants and raised \$15,000 from registrations, sponsorships, and merchandise.

The event attracts runners from all over to East Gippsland, brings the local community together and celebrates the natural beauty Metung has to offer. Supported by so many volunteers and businesses, the Metung Fun Run is a great event that also prompts children and adults to get active.

*Finalists: East Gippsland Winter Festival, Carols by Candlelight Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance parkrun, Orbost Pony Club.*

Refreshments were provided by Paynesville Lions Club and CoffeeTrix.

Council holds the shire-wide awards prior to Australia Day to allow winners and finalists the opportunity to attend celebrations in their own towns on Australia Day, January 26.

Photographs from the event and details of award winners and nominees are available on the Council's website [www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au)



# Recipes

## Coconut scones with homemade lemon curd

375g 92 1/2 self-raising flour  
1 tbsp caster sugar  
60g unsalted butter, chilled, chopped  
240ml coconut milk  
3 tsp demerara sugar  
3 tsp desiccated coconut  
Double cream to serve

### Lemon Curd

2 eggs  
2 egg yolks  
100g (1/2 cup) caster sugar  
125ml (1/2 cup) lemon juice  
50g unsalted butter, chopped  
1 tsp finely grated lemon rind

### Step 1

For the lemon curd, whisk the eggs, yolks and sugar together in a small saucepan. Stir in the lemon juice, butter and rind. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly for 4 minutes or until thick. Remove from heat and strain through a sieve into a bowl. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or until chilled.

### Step 2

Preheat oven to 220C/200C fan forced. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Sift the flour into a large bowl. Stir in the caster sugar. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Make a well in the centre.

### Step 3

Add 220ml of the coconut milk to the well. Use a flat-blade knife to mix until just combined. Knead on a lightly floured surface until smooth. Shape dough into a 2cm-thick disc. Use a 6cm round cutter to cut 12 rounds from the dough, rerolling scraps. Place scones slightly apart on prepared tray. Brush with the remaining coconut milk. Combine the demerara sugar and desiccated coconut in a bowl and sprinkle over scones. Bake for 17-18 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Halve and serve warm filled with lemon curd.

## Cinnamon Donut Muffins (with Apples)

### Ingredients

#### MUFFINS:

1 cup apples finely chopped, 2 small, about 140 g  
3/4 cup granulated sugar 150 g, Note 1  
1/4 cup oil neutral-tasting like canola, 60 ml  
1 egg large, at room temperature  
3/4 cup whole milk 180 ml  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 3/4 cup all-purpose flour 225 g  
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
a pinch of salt

#### CINNAMON SUGAR COATING:

4 tablespoons granulated sugar  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter

### Donut Muffins

**Preheat the oven** to 375°F/180°C. Brush the muffin tin holes with oil (or spray them with baking spray).

**Apples:** Peel, core, and chop them into small cubes. Set them aside.

**Whisk** sugar, oil, egg, cinnamon, milk, and vanilla extract in a large

**Mix** flour, baking powder, and salt in another bowl.

**Combine batter:** Add dry ingredients to the wet and whisk briefly until just combined. Don't overmix; a few streaks of flour in the batter are ok. Fold in the apples with a rubber spatula.

**Bake:** Divide the batter between the muffin holes and bake for 18-20 minutes until golden brown (**Note 2**).

**Cool** for 5 minutes in the tin. Coat them while they are still hot, just cool enough to handle.

### Cinnamon Coating

**Mix sugar and cinnamon** in a small bowl.

**Melt the butter** in a small pan.

**Dip each muffin** in the butter and then **turn it in the cinnamon mixture** (I like to cover them entirely with the topping). Place them on a wire rack to cool completely.