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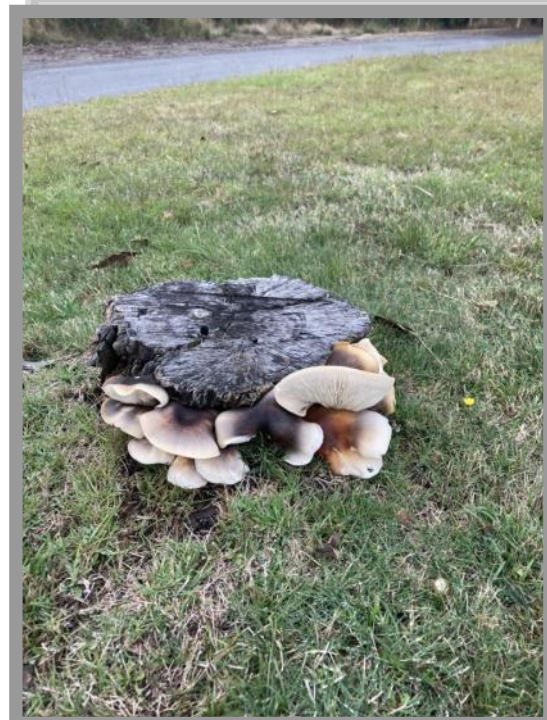
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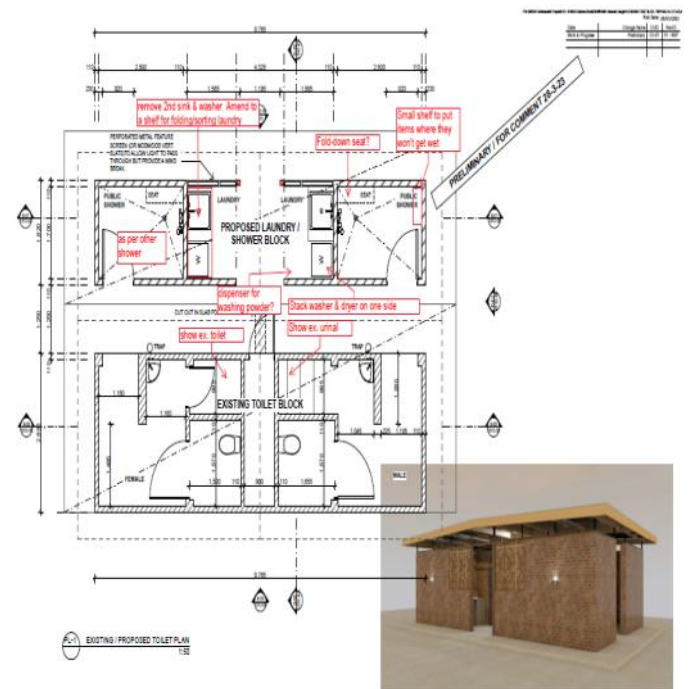
jarrodru@gmail.com

The Our Future Building Possibilities event held at Bonang on the 6th of April was a very informative session.

Those who attended got to enjoy a lovely lunch funded by East Gippsland Community Foundation and prepared by Michael and Paula from EGSC.

The information provided by Gippsland Community legal Services and Martin Richardson EGSC Manager of Statutory and Strategic Planning was extremely helpful for those wishing to clarify certain issues with what they can and can't do in relation to building on their land.

The plans for the amenities upgrade at the Bonang Hall was also on display for everyone to have a look at to put forward any suggestions, this is still up so if you would like to take a look or make some comments please contact Sue Collins on 64580287 to organise a time to view.



Dear Community Members

Thank you Sue and Lisa for organising a fundraiser! Although I'm not aware who gave what, I'm deeply humbled and grateful for your support throughout this testing time. Please accept my abundant thanks in this way.

The amount of donations, get well cards and wishes bring a tear to my eyes. I am a 100% certain that each bit of positive practical support, energy in thoughts, wishes and prayers I am receiving has a positive outcome on my health. I can promise you, that I will do my best to not succumb to the discouraging official prognosis and to be an active part of community once again in the future.

Your support certainly makes things better for my family as well, most of them being overseas, who I can't see in person. I come from tough stock with a good amount of stubbornness. So, if no doctors or treatment appointments get in the way and the weather is being kind, I aim to catch up for the community lunch in May. With the most whole hearted thanks to you all Birgit

The Neighbourhood House is still taking donations for Birgit if you would like to contribute.

EFT Details:

Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group

BSB: 032-715

Account number:155061

STEERS MISSING FROM FAIRVIEW

Three of t4 missing weaner steers are now back at Fairview - Delegate River Road.

One is still missing (since Thursday 6 April). If you see him (NLIS tag only; PIC NG150861; picture of earmark attached) or have heard of his whereabouts, please call Ed on 0492 805 652.

Many thanks



Goongerah Grapevine



Water for Wildlife is a project the Goongerah Committee Of Management have been working on this year at the Goongerah Hall. Bringing awareness to the beautiful species we are proud to share space with. This yellow tailed black cockatoo can be seen on a water tank at the hall as you drive passed. The mural is part of a grant from BRV fire affected communities. There will also be indigenous animal habitats and information boards to be placed around the hall ground. We hope you stop by and experience our lovely hall.

GECO EASTER CELEBRATION CAMP

GECO would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our GECO Easter celebration camp!

From the walks to the Three Gems with David Cameron, the Threatened Rainforest Walk and Cathedral tree with Rena Gaborov to NVDA training, art workshops with Jess Hutchison, and our famous Deep Fried Tofu, we hope you enjoyed every moment as much as we did.

Special thanks to Jill Redwood for sharing her knowledge on the [Environment East Gippsland EEG](#) Court case history, to [Forest Conservation Victoria](#) legends, and to all the volunteers for making this camp possible. We couldn't have done it without your support and dedication.



PIZZA NIGHT UPDATE

Goongerah Full Moon Pizza nights are such a win for Goongerah. Since the beginning of the year we have been putting on a fantastic pizza night for everyone at the community hall every month. Each time has been a great turnout. Peter Harvey from Gippsland Presbytery, Frontier Services has so generously donated money to fund these events and everyone is so grateful. On these nights we have combined peoples birthdays, special occasions, even just because someone's cool family member was in town and we wanted to hang out. To be able to host these events is vital for our community to come together and reconnect. On the night we sit around and catch up, share new things we have learnt, play music and dance & last month we finally got together and had a bit of a musical jam. This month will not be on a full moon as the date has already been filled so we have chosen the 19th of May. This is Shelly & Rena's birthday party. There will also be an art workshop during the day run by Josh, flier is in the grapevine, FB and an email. Everyone, as always is invited to come along.

**Goongerah Pizza Night
@ The Hall
FRIDAY 19th MAY 2023
6pm start**



**ART WORKSHOP
FRIDAY 19th MAY 2023
With Josh @ the hall**

11 am there will be a Print Making
& Multi Medium ART JAM with Josh
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Goongerah Grapevine

-The girl and the forest - By Kaia

The wind rushed over the river causing ripples and bubbles to appear on the surface of the ice clear water. The girl laughed and sunk down deeper into the hollow of bushes that surrounded her with its yellow and red sweetly fragrant blossoms. The creak and snap of an old mountain ash echoed through the clearing sending a shiver down her spine, but at the same time making her feel safe, far away from the city, from the people who hated her, away from what felt like her prison. As the day wore on, the air cooled to just below freezing and glittering stars shone brightly, reflecting on the river creating a patchwork map of beauty.

Days went by and the longer that she stayed, the more she knew that when it would be time to leave it would hurt her more than if she was never here. When she finally left she knew deep inside her heart that she would be back, she did not know when, why or how she would do that. Without her tinkling laugh the forest seemed quiet. Without her calm nature the forest seemed lonely. As weeks turned to months and life went on bushfires went tearing through the wilderness, wreaking havoc in the undergrowth, making the wise old trees take their last breath. By itself the bush slowly started to heal itself, repairing its wounds and carefully making its boundaries stronger and less penetrable.

After what seemed like a hundred years, there was the sound of a laugh, maybe even a giggle and that small sound brought life rushing back into the old weary forest, back into the small trickle of water that used to gush through the rocks singing and dancing.

She was back home where she felt safe and enjoyed life to its full extent. As she happily looked around the clearing, small differences popped out at her and she gasped. While she was gone it had changed, the bushes covered in blossoms had become shorter, with thicker green leaves big enough to shield their delicate blooms from strong wind and rain. Other things were different as well, but in her joy they did not stand out to her, so she sat down in her nook and smiled. This time her stay only lasted days but it was a happy one and her longing to come back overrode her sadness of leaving. During the winter months powerful winds and rain went lashing through the shadowy ghost like vegetation. Leaving behind it, torn branches, crumpled soaking leaves, grass and swollen muddy rivers. After weeks of torrential rain it stopped long enough for the land to start regrowing, fresh green grass sprouts cautiously peeked their heads out from under the hard sun baked earth, spreading and regenerating the forest.

And she was back again, taller and more muscular but her joyful face had stayed the same. She carefully leant down over the rushing river and dipped her hands under the flow, she brought her hands up to her mouth and took a deep breath of the freshwater and gulped it, cool water slid down her throat cooling and reviving her worn energy. As she looked around the clearing it stood out to her that the plants had regrown further away from the river bank, and their roots were stronger and sunk deeper into the earth than before. She sat down on a mossy cushion and sighed a long tired sigh. Her life had continued on the same as always never changing, while here in the forest it was ever changing, always adapting and transforming to the slightest need of modification. She looked up at the tall tree above her, it was one of the lone survivors but its majestic beauty shone through its old age. Wrinkled dried bark clung to the trunk refusing to let go, paper thin leaves barely hovered over the twigs that held them and the roots were weary and tired, almost unable to stay under the earth with the colossal weight pulling it down.

This time she did not leave. It seemed like torture to have to leave again and come back to see it changed. As time went on the girl and the forest grew and changed as one, forever adapting to each other's needs and helping to bring joy and happiness to their lives. The girl grew up and became a woman but never left the forest. The forest needed her and she needed the forest so together they got old, but neither minded because they were happy and that was all that mattered.

Service Equity Up Date

MEDIA RELEASE

17 April 2023



Builder appointed for service hubs in Tubbut, Goongerah and Bendoc

Bonang builder Neil Ingram of Duz-us Alternatives & Constructions has been appointed to carry out building works on high-tech service hubs in Tubbut, Goongerah and Bendoc as part of an innovative project to connect remote communities with health services.

The builders will renovate and fit out rooms in disused buildings in the remote Errinundra to Snowy District in East Gippsland to establish service hubs in each community. The work will create private consulting rooms with high-speed internet access and communications technology.

Once completed, residents will have a place to meet health workers and other service providers face-to-face or via video conferencing.

“Our district is one of the most remote parts of Victoria and covers nine communities with around 300 residents,” Heather Scroope, Project Reference Group member said.

“Currently, residents and service providers drive up to three hours to connect because of limited internet access in the region. This project will be a game changer for everyone.”

The project, known as Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity, will support residents attending medical appointments online. The service hubs also will be available to other services funded to cover the district, local individuals and small businesses, where appropriate.

“This is the second stage of a community-led project which will improve access to health services for communities in our beautiful corner of Victoria,” said Project Manager, Eleni McIlroy of Warm Corners Consulting.

“Access to healthcare is a basic human right, so we are also seeking funding to recruit a community nurse to work in the hubs. The community nurse will provide continuity of care, supporting health promotion, preventative and primary-care activities.”

Construction is planned to complete by the end of the year.

Stage 2 of the Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity is funded through the Victorian Government’s Living Local Regional Grants Program, Connect Well, East Gippsland Shire Council, the East Gippsland Community Foundation and the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal.

Pictured: Neil Ingram and colleague Adam McTeare of Duz-us Alternatives & Constructions.

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The Local Rag

* Interview with Doug Allen

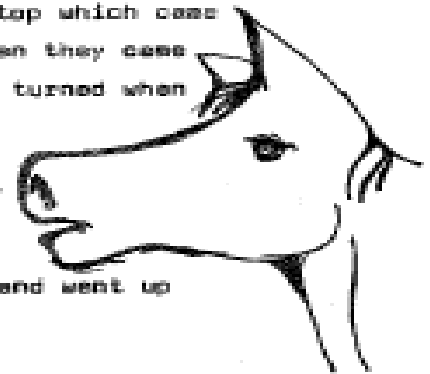
I was fortunate to capture some of Doug Allen's time before he and Betty left Delegate River to go to live near their daughter at Moura. Having heard rumours that the Allen line was a long one, I asked him if we could record it for the Rag. Thank you Doug.

by

Fiona

On Doug's mother's side, all the Cameron's are related, and all the Guthries and the Legges through the Allen side.

Some of the early ancestors came from Fort William. Others from Inverness. There were two parts to the family, the Allens and the McDonalds. There is, in the family still, an old table with a marble top which came out from Scotland.. Other things which were in the house when they came were a cedar desk, an old hand chaffcutter, that used to be turned when they were children.



Q. When did your family first come to Delegate River?

D: As far as we know, they came in the 1840's.

They took this up as a run. It started at Willow Glen and went up Delegate River. It was known as Kirkenong Station.

Q. Were there any other settlers at that time in the area?

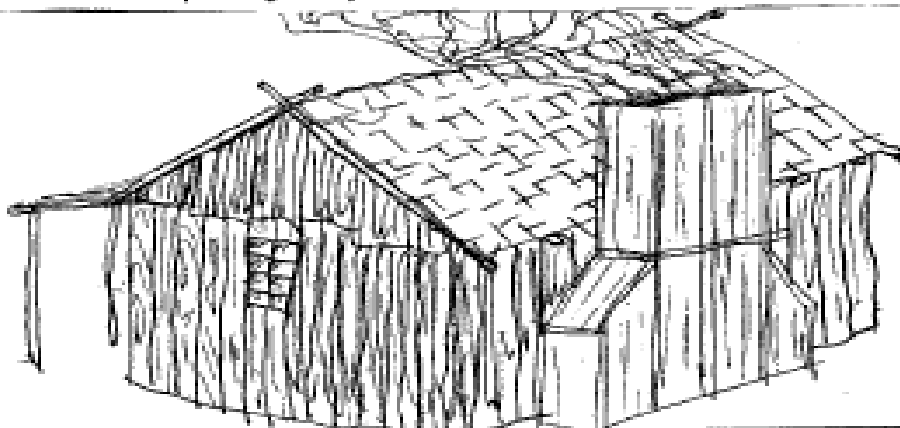
D: I think there were others around. Mrs Guthrie and Jessie Legge are grand-daughters of the man who first took up this run. After them of course, my grandfather, he lived here. When he was married he built this couple of rooms here. (Hand edged timber and slabs) Benjamin Allen was the name of the man who took up the run known as Kirkenong Station. My grandfather built these two rooms in 1884. He was the only son of Great-grandfather's. Then this Station was eventually cut up to closer settlement. That's how all these pieces came about. It was cut up by the Government into 320 acre blocks. They survived on that, though it was all ring-barked bush then. Still plenty of sticks and logs to be burnt, even in my time.

Q. What kind of fences?

D: Chock and log, no wire then.

Q. And the labour for the fencing, who built them?

D: Well, this old chap Benjamin, he used to have ticket of leave men. Convicts



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Q. And in your Grandfather's time?

D: Well he didn't live long enough to do much; he died when he was 27. Then, from him, it eventually came to my father. His mother took it over first, it was left to her. Then it came to my father, he spent all his life on it, and then to me, I was the fourth generation here. I will be the first in four generations to move out. The others are all down at Church Creek now...

Q. Was it taken for granted that you would stay on here?

D: Well I was the eldest son, and these old chaps had the idea that it was always the eldest son. My two brothers moved away. I stuck it out here, and it was eventually left to me.

Q. Did you ever want to go to the city?

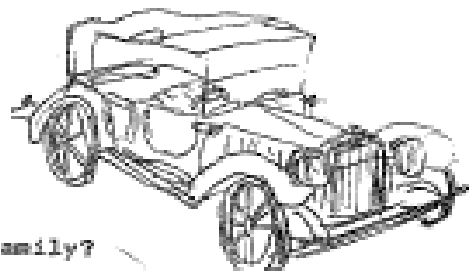
D: No, I never wanted to go to the city myself. I think as kids we used to think we were hardly done by, living in the bush. But I don't think that now. I used to envy the people in the city, but now I'm sure it's the other way round. They envy us.

Q. What can you remember of your schooldays here?

D: One school was only a half-time school, but there was still a full-time school three miles up. Just in Delegate River. There was up to nineteen at each of the schools. Now there is no school at all. All those families supported themselves here. Don't know that they made much money, but they grew their own food and killed their meat or hunted.

Q. When did the telephone come? That must have brought changes.

D: I can remember it coming sometime early in my life, but nothing specific. I can remember when the first train came to Bombala. That was exciting. I was only a bit of a kid. Everyone was out there. And there was one of the Royal Family there. I might be wrong, but someone important.



Q. When did the first car come in your family?

D: About '921, an old Overland.

Q. Were there any Chinese Gardens here when you were a child?

D: I heard talk about them, and I think there were still Chinese about. A few aborigines.

Q. Where were the aborigines living?

D: Well, there was a reserve on the Common near Delegate.

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Q. What happened to it?

D: I think they moved it down to Lake Tyree, or down the coast around Bega. There used to be huts in there. I don't know if they worked around here, they were a peaceful bunch, no harm in the ones that were left.

Q. And Tonghe!, do you know what sort of life he led?

D: He never mixed with the other blacks though. He would have nothing to do with this mob in here. He was from a different tribe, that was wiped out. The stories go that he used to hunt some of his food, and he walked past here regularly. But I know he used to live with or near the Meads. He was civilised enough when he was around here.

The Climate

Q. Any overall change in the climate?

D: I think it has got warmer. When we used to go to school, the inkwells would be frozen. Would have to thaw them in front of the fire before we could start work.

Q. That wasn't just the fact that the building wasn't lined?

D: Could have been that too ... might have been a pretty raw sort of building.

Q. So you think the winters have warmed up, summers too?

D: Well this one has! ...But I really think the winters have warmed up. We have hardly had any snow in the last couple of winters. We have had three foot of snow here, and it's been there for a fortnight. Only once in twenty or thirty years you get a fall like that... this was about '49 I think. Well it's due again isn't it?

Q. Have we always had unseasonal frosts like November 4th last year?

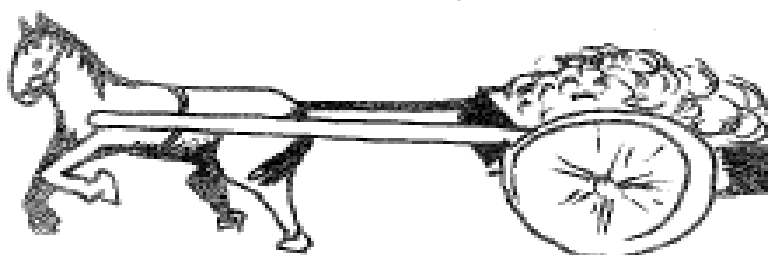
D: I think that's always been in this area. You can get a frost anytime.

Q: Did you plant by the moon?

D: Oh lots of people did, but we never worried much. When the ground was right, and the weather right, it went in. Whether there was a full moon or no moon at all.

Q. Were there men working on the roads here during the Depression?

D: No, mainly the Galantipy - Tubbut road. The roads are not much better now than they were then. Might be a bit better graded. Used to have a horse with a slide and an iron bar. An old horse with a tip-cart to cart a bit of gravel and fill the pot-holes. Which doesn't get done now.



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Q. Were they still using horses to drive when you were a child?

D: Oh yes, horse and buggy, I remember that well. It would take about an hour to Delegate. We never went to Tubbut, I don't think. That was one reason why I enlisted when war broke out. Great opportunity to see the world. Which we did. And I got back. That must be one of the main things eh? Travel at someone else's expense.

Q. Did it make you dissatisfied with being here or...?

D: No it made me want to come home. I was quite happy to come back.

Q. What were the crops and stock like?

D: Well, it was only horse and mouldboard plough, couldn't plant as much as you do now.

Q. Did you spread much manure?

D: I can't remember doing any of that, it was just native pasture.

Q. What implements did you work them with?

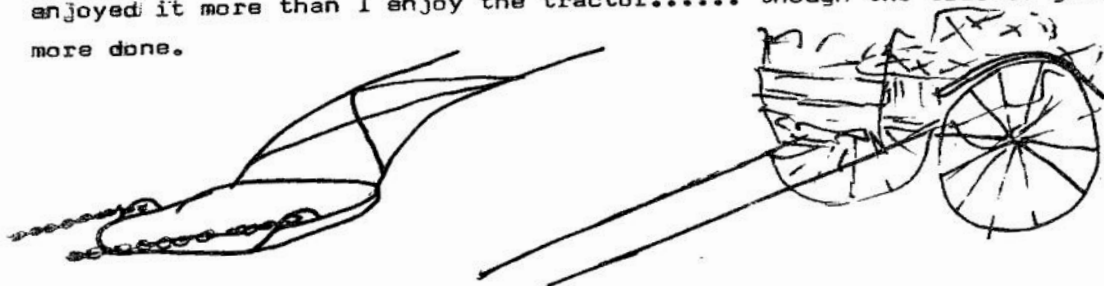
D: Plough, harrows, mower, reaper and binder... three horses for that... cultivator and rake. You used the cultivator to scarify between the rows of spuds with one horse. Used to be raked by hand too, before the hay rakes. Big heavy rakes with wooden pegs in them. Haven't seen any of those around now. From there they progressed to dump rakes, and stationary hay presses and balers. They even used horses for chaffcutting, going round and round. Up there, where Donny lives now, Taylor's place, I remember where we ploughed up, the site was still there worn down where the horse used to go round and round. Bit of old machinery still there. Be a dizzy horsetoo.... Had to go the one way.

Q. Do you remember any dramatic event with the horses?

D: I remember when the horses bolted with the reaper and binder, that was dramatic enough. Something started them, could have been a quail fluttering out, and they took off. Stopped at the fence though.

Q. How much of the grain would you feed the horses with?

D: Well, we used to grow ten acres, but we'd sell a bit of that. Didn't have to feed the horses between planting and harvesting really. Only use them to snig posts and get firewood. Odd jobs. They used to build dams with a horse and scoop, and a plough. You can go with a horse where a bulldozer can't go to. I worked up till the Fifties with horses. I enjoyed it more than I enjoy the tractor..... though the tractor gets more done.



News from the Shire

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Did You Know?

Terracycle accept a wide range of products including shoes, cosmetic brands, stationary and cleaning product packaging to be recycled and will help you find recycling solutions for tricky items.

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DRAFT HOUSING AND SETTLEMENT STRATEGY

OPEN FOR FEEDBACK

26 April - 27 May 2023

We want your ideas about planning for our existing and future communities, for our children and our new residents to all live happy, healthy lives in suitable housing and sustainable settlements.

The draft strategy was developed following community input into the Housing and Settlement Strategy Discussion Paper and looks to guide future housing and settlement growth to 2041.

There are four ways to give feedback:



Online

1. Complete the survey: bit.ly/EGHousingSettlementStrategy



Hardcopy

2. Request a copy of the draft Strategy and survey at a Customer Service Centre, Library or by calling us.



Written Submission

3. Write a submission and deliver it via email or post.



In Person

4. Come to a drop-in session near you:

- Buchan Recreation Reserve
 - 5.30-7.30pm, Tuesday 2 May 2023
- Omeo Recreation Reserve
 - 4.30-6.30pm, Wednesday 3 May 2023
- Paynesville Service Centre
 - 4.30-6.30pm, Monday 8 May 2023
- Bairnsdale Library
 - 4.30-6.30pm, Thursday 11 May 2023
- Mallacoota Mud Brick Pavilion
 - 5.30-7.30pm, Tuesday 16 May 2023
- Cann River Community Centre
 - 12-2pm, Wednesday 17 May 2023

- Drop in at any time during the 2 hour period. We suggest you allow a minimum of 20 minutes.

- All ages are welcome at this interactive session. Tea and coffee will be provided.

- A range of activities will be available to explain the draft Strategy and provide feedback. There will be no formal presentation.

- Orbest Service Centre
 - 4.30-6.30pm, Wednesday 17 May 2023
- Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall
 - 4.30-6.30pm, Monday 22 May 2023
- Goongerah Hall
 - 1-3pm, Friday 26 May 2023

Contact us: 03 5153 9500

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Volunteers are the change makers of our community

National Volunteer Week will be celebrated across East Gippsland from 15-21 May acknowledging the important role volunteers play in our community.

Volunteers help build our community and make it a better place for everyone. Volunteers are the change makers, they put in an incredible amount of hard work in keeping our community connected and stronger.

Mayor Cr Mark Reeves said we have hundreds of volunteers who devote countless hours to our community.

"Volunteers range from individuals and groups running community events, sporting clubs, social and service clubs, fundraise for equipment, help those less fortunate, care for our environment and we want to say a huge thank you," Cr Reeves said.

To celebrate National Volunteer Week, East Gippsland Shire Council is hosting complimentary events throughout the region to recognise every volunteer for everything that they do for the community and a chance to say thank you.

Council invites all volunteers from all walks of life to join us for a celebration at the following locations:

Wednesday 17 May at 7.30 am – Johnsonville Hall for breakfast

To RSVP: www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1054190&

Thursday 18 May at 10.00 am – Paynesville Men's Shed for morning tea

To RSVP: www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1054206&

Friday 19 May at 10.00 am – Marlo CFA and Coast Guard Shed for morning tea

To RSVP: www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1054175&

Everyone is encouraged to spread the word within the community, volunteer groups, clubs and organisations, to join in the celebrations and to thank all of our wonderful volunteers.

East Gippsland Volunteer Honour Roll

Registrations are still open for the East Gippsland Volunteer Honour Roll, a Council initiative launched last year with over 117 volunteers nominated with a combined 1,565 years of service.

"The Volunteer Honour Roll is a permanent list of names recognising those in our communities who give up so much of their time to support the community," Cr Reeves said.

"While volunteers don't look for praise, we would like to use National Volunteer Week to let all volunteers know they are appreciated. If you or know of someone who is deserving of a pat on the back for their efforts in the community, nominate them now and we'll ensure they are included on the roll."

News from the Shire

Draft Budget released for public feedback

East Gippsland Council has released its Draft Budget 2023-24 for community consultation, which includes the largest capital works ever proposed, while meeting the rate cap of 3.5%.

"Council was mindful of cost-of-living pressures and challenging events the community has been experiencing while drafting this budget. We now welcome feedback," Mayor Cr Mark Reeves said.

"It should be noted that our record capital expenditure spend of \$105.246 million includes multi-year projects that have been carried over and is backed by around \$50 million in government grants," Cr Reeves said.

"Of the total capital works spend, \$56.2m are new projects funded by government grants and other contributions (\$26m) and Council cash (\$30.2m)."

Cr Reeves said the new and upgraded facilities Council had been able to deliver post the Black Summer bushfires had been significant, and worthy of celebration.

"Our large capital works budget has delivered projects such as new skate parks, improved and new sporting facilities, bridges, upgraded streetscapes and the list goes on," Cr Reeves said.

"The Draft Budget 2023-24 continues to have a strong focus on the renewal of infrastructure, both in completing projects underway and new projects. Towns the length and breadth of our shire will see great work continue on streetscaping, road renewal and upgrades, footpaths, parking and transport improvements, recreation and sporting spaces," Cr Reeves added.

"These projects directly support our economy in the construction phase, but also have long-term economic impacts and flow-on for visitation and business."

The Draft Budget proposes an average rate increase of 3.5%, in line with the rate cap set by the Victorian Government. Rate changes by property type will be an average 4.12% for residential; 2.46% for commercial/industrial; and just 0.18% increase for farms. Individual increases are determined by land valuations, which are not set by Council.

"As most people who own, or who have attempted to purchase property in the past two years will know, property valuations have increased significantly. Property valuations for our shire have risen, on average, 18.02% (residential), 15.9% (commercial/industrial) and 13.17% (farms)," Cr Reeves said.

Council is continuing to provide a rate rebate of \$62.47 to eligible properties owned by people who qualify for a Victorian Government-approved pension rebate. The rate waiver in the 2023-24 year for properties where the main dwelling was destroyed or deemed uninhabitable due to the 2019-20 bushfires continues.

User-pays waste charges to increase

The Draft Budget proposes waste fees and charges will increase by 7% to 8%, and the waste levy from \$37 to \$51. Waste fees and charges will increase for kerbside collection and at waste facilities.

A green waste disposal fee of \$12 per cubic metre will be introduced to assist in offsetting significant processing costs.

"We will provide a free green waste period throughout November to support people in preparing their properties for the fire season and a green waste coupon to allow the disposal of up to 1.5 cubic metres of green waste at transfer stations at no cost.

"The waste fee increase is a user-pays response to the increase in the Victorian Government's landfill levy imposed on Council as well as other compliance cost increases. Council has no control over these imposed costs," Cr Reeves said.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Peter Cannizzaro said the Draft Budget strikes a balance between maintaining the delivery of essential services and funding vital new projects.

The Draft Budget is open for public consultation until 12pm, Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Submissions can be made via Council's YourSay page.

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News from the Shire

Charging our way to being EV friendly

East Gippsland is on the road to being electric vehicle (EV) friendly, with a network of charging stations now operational across the shire.

The new infrastructure will benefit EV owners, visitors, tourism operators and local businesses alike ... and the environment.

In a first for the region, East Gippsland Shire Council is installing seven 50kW fast chargers by the end of this year. Four of those stations - Omeo, Bairnsdale, Orbost and Cann River - are now available, while Mallacoota, Lakes Entrance and Buchan are planned.

Council is also working with private companies to support the installation of additional stations.

Mayor, Cr Mark Reeves said the installation of about 14 EV charging stations across the shire will benefit the growing number of local people considering purchasing EVs.

"We have strategically located the stations to ensure they are all within range for local people, and also complement charging stations outside East Gippsland," Cr Reeves said.

"Having the charging stations available also opens a new tourism market for us. Visitors with EVs can now confidently travel to East Gippsland, and travel within and through our great shire.

"In time, this will mean money in the cash registers for local cafes, bakeries and pubs, and foot traffic through local stores."

The initiative is part of Council's ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable transportation options.

"By investing in EV charging infrastructure and using 100 per cent renewable energy, we are taking an important step towards a cleaner, greener future," Cr Reeves said.

COUNCIL CHARGERS

Four Council chargers have been funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Round 2 (\$400,000) and Council (\$50,000).

Dual plug 50kW fast chargers are available in:

- Bairnsdale: 121 Nicholson Street carpark
- Omeo: Tongio Road
- Orbost: 5 Wolseley Street carpark
- Cann River: Ward Street

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester said the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program was designed to fund important local projects.

"The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program is designed to support councils identifying and funding shovel ready projects that will benefit the region," Mr Chester said.

"More people are considering electric vehicles and having these charging stations in our region makes it a more attractive place to explore and boost our tourism economy."

A further three chargers will be added before the end of 2023 as part of planned streetscape upgrades thanks to joint State Government Destination Charging Across Victoria (\$150,000) and Council (\$150,000) funding and will see 50kW fast chargers installed in:

- Mallacoota: town centre
- Buchan: town centre
- Lakes Entrance: Gray Street carpark

At 50kW, a vehicle plugged in to a charger will add about 50km of range per 10 minutes plugged in. The cost for using Council charging stations will be 40 cents per kilowatt hour, which is competitive with other charging options in Australia.

OTHER CHARGERS Council has also supported external electric vehicle charging providers in installing chargers.

Evie Networks - 50kW DC EV chargers:

- Bairnsdale: Francis Street – available
- Lakes Entrance: Visitor Information Centre carpark – not yet available
- Paynesville: Raymond Street – not yet available
- Bruthen: Visitor Information Centre - not yet available

Tesla - 75kW DC chargers:

• Cann River: Ward Street - now available, but only charge Tesla cars at this stage. In the coming months they will be made universal and will be modified to charge most other EV models.

You can learn more about electric vehicles and the charging network at the Gippsland EV Expo.

The expo will be held on Saturday, May 20 at St Mary's Parish Centre, 135 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale.



News from the Shire

Youth Agritech Expo promises farm-tastic fun

Gippsland is preparing for an exciting three-day event designed to educate and inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders.

The Youth Agritech Expo, to be held 15-17 May in Bairnsdale and Sale, will offer a range of free workshops and activities for students, parents and teachers.

The expo is supported by education providers and programs, including Central Queensland University (CQU) via its *Raising Aspirations in Careers and Education (RACE) - Gippsland project*; Next Generation Farm Safety; *EXCITED 4 Careers in Agriculture*; Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network (GELLEN); TAFE Gippsland and Gippsland Tech School.

East Gippsland Shire Council is supporting the event, and is joined by the East Gippsland Community Foundation, Wellington Shire Council, Agriculture Victoria, the Youth Affairs Council Victoria's Future Proof program, Victorian Department of Education, Gippsland Agricultural Group Inc and GippsDairy.

"We're proud to support the Youth Agritech Expo and help young people in our region discover the immense potential of the agriculture industry," East Gippsland Mayor Cr Mark Reeves said.

"The partnership between education providers, agribusinesses and local councils at the expo is a testament to the collaborative efforts in promoting agriculture as a viable career option right across our region."

The expo will include workshops, field trips and hands-on activities, and aims to showcase the many opportunities in the agriculture industry to the region's youth. Participants can learn about cutting-edge agritech solutions, social enterprises and sustainable farming practices.

The Expo kicks off Monday 15 May with the EXCITED for Agriculture Teacher Professional Development workshop at The Hub Bairnsdale, followed by the EXCITED for Agriculture teacher, parent, and industry networking event to be held at The Grand Terminus Hotel.

On Tuesday 16 May, CQU's RACE Gippsland Food and Fibre Industry School Partnerships Program offers full and part-day excursions for primary and secondary students to agribusinesses. The excursions are free, including transport, and provide a hands-on learning experience to understand the real-world applications of agriculture.

On the evening of Tuesday 16 May, the GELLEN Emerging Jobs of the Future Forum will take place at Sale Racing Club for teachers, career advisors, and industry personnel.

A key event will be held on Wednesday 17 May at The Hub in Bairnsdale and will include a range of sessions and workshops for primary and secondary students and youth not currently in education.

Sessions will include CQU's RACE Gippsland Social Enterprise workshops, RACE Gippsland Agritech Roadshow activities, Next Generation Farm Safety secondary student and family sessions, as well as GELLEN and GippsDairy immersive agriculture experiences and a presentation by Food Futurist Tony Hunter.

"We encourage everyone to attend the Youth Agritech Expo and join us in unleashing a farm-tastic future," said Cr Reeves.

CQU RACE Gippsland PhD candidate, Molly O'Dea, said the Youth Agritech Expo is a unique opportunity to showcase the incredible opportunities that the agriculture industry offers to youth in the region.

"The Expo is not only about education but also about inspiration. It's about showing our youth the exciting possibilities in agriculture, from cutting-edge agritech solutions to social enterprises and sustainable farming practices," Ms O'Dea said.

"We want to inspire them to be part of the next generation of agricultural leaders and innovators."

"Teachers, parents, and industry personnel can connect, network and exchange ideas about the latest developments in agriculture," Ms O'Dea said.

"It's a great opportunity to engage with industry experts and a must-attend event for anyone interested in the future of agriculture in Gippsland."

Bookings for the Youth Agritech Expo can be made at agritech.simplybook.me. For more information about the Expo, contact Molly O'Dea at molly.odea@cqumail.com.

Booking for the GELLEN Emerging Jobs of the Future Forum, from 6pm at the Sale Racing Club, can be made via info@gellen.org.au

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Sudoku Solution

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Recipes

Ricotta dumplings with orecchiette, peas and prosciutto

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Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups orecchiette pasta
- 1/4 cup (60ml) olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
- 1 cup freshly podded or frozen peas
- 1/2 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (60ml) dry white wine
- 4 thin slices prosciutto or ham, sliced
- 2 tablespoons mint leaves
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RICOTTA DUMPLINGS

- 250g fresh ricotta
- 2 tablespoons grated parmesan, plus extra to serve
- 1/3 cup (50g) plain flour
- 1 egg, plus 1 extra yolk
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
- Large pinch freshly grated nutmeg

Method

For the ricotta dumplings, briefly process all the ingredients in a food processor with salt and pepper until smooth. Chill until needed.

Cook pasta in a pan of boiling salted water according to packet instructions, adding peas for the final 2 minutes of cooking time, then drain. Rinse briefly in cold water to cool slightly, then drain again. Toss with 1 tablespoon of the oil.

Heat remaining oil in a large pan over medium-low heat. Add onion and cook for 5 minutes or until soft. Add the wine, prosciutto, peas and pasta and lightly toss for 1 minute or until pasta is heated through. Arrange the contents of the pan with its juices in a single layer over a large serving platter.

Meanwhile, bring a pan of salted water to the boil. Drop the ricotta batter by the teaspoon into the boiling water, cooking 6 at a time, and simmer for 2 minutes. Drain on paper towel while you cook remaining dumplings, then scatter over the pasta. Season well with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, scatter with mint and a little extra parmesan, then drizzle with extra oil and serve warm.

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