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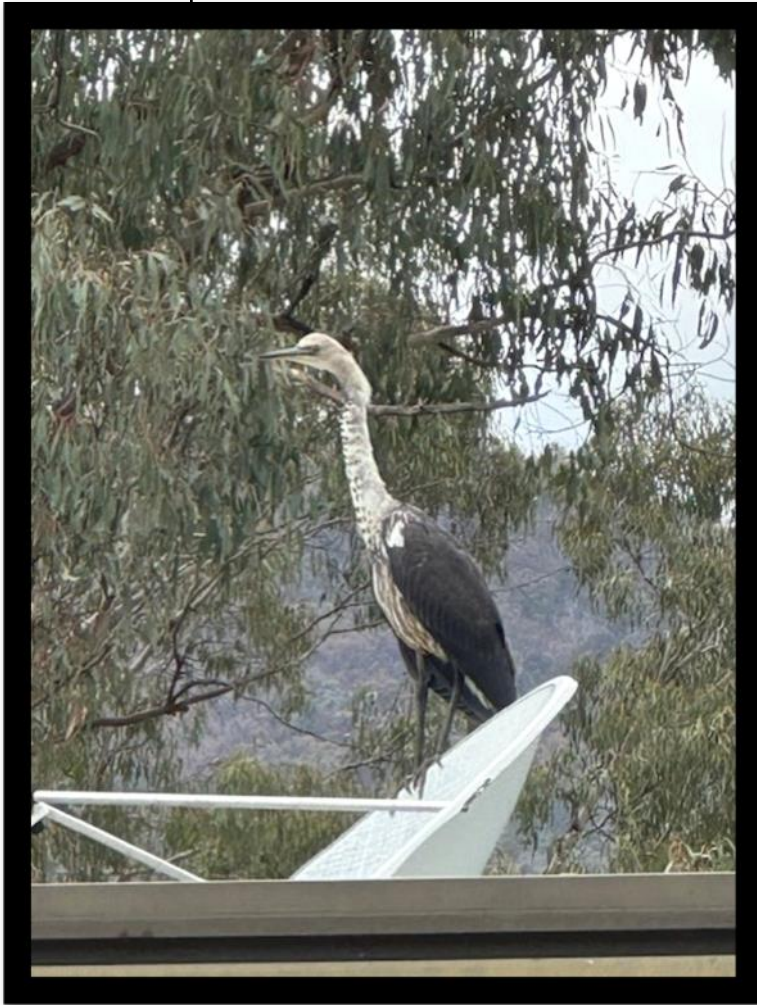
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Picture taken at Tubbut Neighbourhood House

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## COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS

**Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to support local projects that strengthen East Gippsland's community-led recovery.**

This is the sixth grant round of the Gippsland Community Foundation, formed to support our region's long-term recovery from the 2019-2020 Victorian bushfires.

Charitable organisations, not-for-profits and community groups across East Gippsland are encouraged to apply.

Applications open 1 March 2025, and close 6pm 13th April 2025.

Call to discuss your community projects:

- Michelle 0499 241 917
- Cherie 0426 537 189

Apply at:

[www.gippslandcf.org.au](http://www.gippslandcf.org.au)

# CLASSIFIEDS

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Report road issues -  
Regional Roads Vic  
133778



## Wallabia Wildlife Shelter

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Call Joe or Rena  
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24 hours

**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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Wood Splitter—\$10.00 per day

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**For bookings call 1800 999 880**

A clinic where well people come for health monitoring and a variety of nursing procedures such as :

Wound care

Blood pressure readings

Blood sugar readings

Non-urgent and pre-operative Electrocardiograms

Health Assessments

Suture or clip removal

Injections with Doctors written orders

Other procedures that do not require a Doctor

### Pathology clinic (conducted by Pathology West)

Wednesday 9.30am—10.30am

No appointment necessary.

Every week except public holidays.

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4th Thursday of the month at Delegate MPS

Phone 1800 999 880 for an appointment

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Brodie Bendle

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# Tubbut Neighbourhood House

**The Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Space is a health clinic serving the communities of Goongerah, Tubbut and Bendoc.**

Led by a community Nurse Care Coordinator, the clinic visits:

**Goongerah on Tuesdays  
7023 Bonang Rd, Goongerah**

**Tubbut on Wednesdays  
2584 McKillops Rd, Tubbut**

**Bendoc on Thursdays  
Dowling Street, Bendoc**

**For more information or to make an appointment call  
0456 167 011**

If you would like to book a time out of business hours, or if the Wellbeing Space day in your area does not suit you, the Community Nurse Care Coordinator may be able to arrange an appointment that is easier for you to attend.

**Services include:**

**Health education**

**Health checks and health care plans**

**Telehealth appointments and support**

**Pathology**

**Wound care, dressings, suture removal**

**Urine analysis**

**Help filling medical forms, My Aged Care and Home Care Packages**

**Hosting service providers such as GPs, Women's Health Nurse**

**Mental health support via referral**

**Help navigating health services**

Other services will be added as they become available.

**If you have any questions about the services available at the Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Spaces call 0456 167 011.**

## Have your say on the Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Spaces - Survey deadline extended!

In December 2024, Errinundra to Snowy district residents received a paper survey in the mail (note: envelopes were blank and may have been mistaken for junk mail). This survey is your opportunity to share feedback on the Wellbeing Spaces in Tubbut, Bendoc, and Goongerah.

Larter Consulting are collecting feedback on the service on behalf of the Deddick Valley Isolated Community Group. **Please take a moment to fill the survey - whether or not you've used the service.** Your feedback is important to plan for improvements and future funding applications.

Participation is voluntary and you may skip any questions you prefer not to answer. Your responses will remain confidential, with only the Larter team having access to your data. All data will be de-identified and no personal information, such as your name, will be included in any reports or quotes.

### Survey deadline extended to 31 March 2025

You can either click on the link below to complete the survey online or return the paper survey using the reply-paid envelope provided.

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW5YC7R](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW5YC7R)

If you didn't receive a survey in the mail and prefer a paper version, you can contact the Larter team or pick one up at:

- Tubbut Neighbourhood House
- Bendoc Neighbourhood House
- Bendoc Post Office
- Goongerah Hall
- Bonang Community Hall

**For more information, contact the Larter Team on 0400 999 268**



ERRINUNDRA TO SNOWY  
WELLBEING SPACES  
Tubbut Bendoc Goongerah

## HOLOLENS Training

Did you know your community has a HoloLens device?

This wearable headset creates a 'merged reality' environment that can be used to talk to and show people who aren't in the room with you things in ways that help them interact with you.

**TUBBUT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
5 FEBRUARY 2025  
SESSIONS EVERY HALF HOUR FROM 10.00AM

**GOONGERAH COWORKING SPACE**  
5 FEBRUARY 2025  
SESSIONS EVERY HALF HOUR FROM 1.30PM

**BENDOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
6 FEBRUARY 2025  
SESSIONS EVERY HALF HOUR FROM 10.00AM

Free, fun and interactive sessions where you can learn something new and decide if it will be useful to you in the future!  
1:1 or small group training  
Kids welcome



To book call, text or email Eleni:

**0423 639 452**

[hello@warmcornersco.com](mailto:hello@warmcornersco.com)



Why would experimenting with the Microsoft HoloLens be of interest to you? If you're wearing a HoloLens, you could take a tradesperson on a tour of a building so they could quote a job. If you visit the Community Nurse, the Nurse can wear the HoloLens and receive directions from a GP or specialist about how to bind or treat a wound, or zoom in on a skin blemish. These are just some ideas - you may think of more when you try it!

# What's On

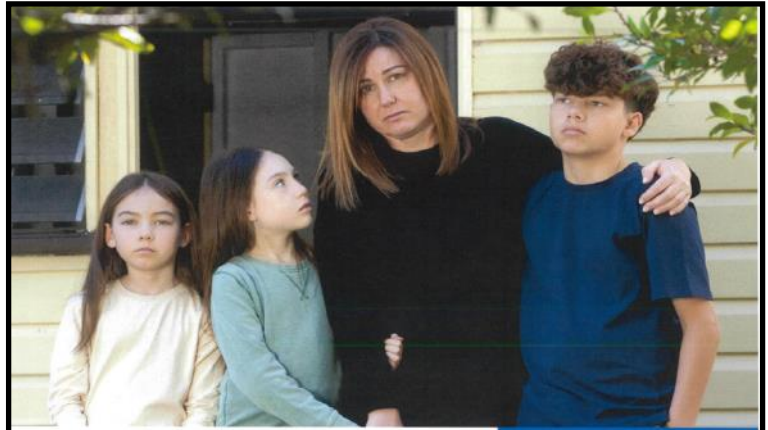


## BOMBALA & DISTRICT CHAMBER MARKET

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY  
22ND  
8AM TO 1PM

Along the Bombala River banks

Enquiries to [bombalamarkets@gmail.com](mailto:bombalamarkets@gmail.com)



## WE ARE HERE ORBOST

If you need assistance – make an appointment and share **your story** with us.

**Where:** Orbost Neighbourhood House  
(Opening 23 January 2025)

**Times:** Thursdays only, 10.30am – 2.00pm

**Phone:** 5154 6742 (Neighbourhood House reception)



St Vincent de Paul Society  
VICTORIA  
*good works*

## Ceramics Workshop at Tubbut

We have the opportunity to hold a 2 day ceramic workshop with Deb Shill.

Deb is an artist who has experience in teaching the basics in ceramics.

Deb painted the mural on the side of the Bonang Hall you may have also seen her work at Canberra, Wheelhouse Restaurant, Silver Dory Restaurant, Mah Jong Chinese Restaurant in Eden NSW, Café Art in Merimbula NSW., Anchor's Away Seafood in Pambula NSW., Chalkboards for Goodfellows Supermarket and Royal Willows Hotel in Pambula NSW

We are asking for expressions of interest, as we can't run this without numbers. Please contact us on 0264580295 or email us at [tubbutnh@oulook.com](mailto:tubbutnh@oulook.com)

A weekday workshop would be preferable but a weekend workshop could be organized if that's where the most interest is.

## Free

The Tubbut Hall has been restumped and quite a mess has been left behind. Please feel free to stop and pick up some of the rubbish on your way to the tip. Or you might find something you can reuse. There are some old stumps that will burn nicely in your fire.

The piles are at the 2 sides and back of the hall.  
*Thanks for your community service.*  
(Please don't take the base boards or pump cover)

Our next community  
lunch is on the  
20th of February  
at Tubbut Supper Room  
12 pm  
All Welcome



# The Local Rag

14. \* By Request: Ted Ingram.

TED: You've got to look to the future. You can learn by looking back, but you must look to the future. You cannot turn the world backwards. Progress will go on, that's human nature. As long as the human brain is on the earth, man will create. Man is a creative person. Man - I mean - woman - I mean - there's just a little bit of difference between man and women. And that's a true saying. Kids never lie or exaggerate. They say what they think. And the story goes that a little boy and a little girl went into a lolly shop with ten cents to buy some jelly babies. The little boy rushed in and said:

"Please Sir, may I have ten cents worth of jelly babies?"

When the little girl came in she said:

"Please Sir, may I have ten cents worth of jelly babies and can you make them all boys?"

The shopkeeper asked:

"Why do you want them to be all boys?"

The little girl answered:

"Because I get just that little bit more."

## -ABOUT LOCAL IDENTITIES OF THE PAST-

TED: Charlie West was an identity. There are a lot of tales about poor old Charlie. He had cattle out through the bush and he had a place out at Jackson's Crossing that Isards have got now. He had cattle out the back of Bowen - everywhere really - with a big WST brand. He had camps everywhere in the bush. A camp was a hollow log and he'd have jam and tea and flour shoved up the hollow log. It might be there for 6 to 12 months before he'd come back to it. There were nearly always one or two dogs following him but they never used to work for him. He'd take the cattle either to Jackson's Crossing, or across the Snowy to his other property, or further on. He had people share farming beans on one of his farms in the latter time. I don't know where he died but I don't think he died in the bush. Ninety percent of his time was spent in the bush. You had to be a loner to live like he did. He couldn't read, or write, I believe. There is one tale told about these Italian chaps he had growing those beans down there for him. They wrote their order for him to get in Buchan at Tuck and Ramseys, their provisions, that is. They wrote their order on the door of the hut where they were living, and Charlie pulled the door off the hinges and carted it all the way to Buchan!

He was only seen in Tubbut once or twice a year. All depended on when he came through. Charlie always slept with his head down hill. He reckoned he woke up better. But I tried it. It was no good for me, I finished up at the foot of the hill and he was still up there!

He didn't carry a gun that I know of, but he may have had a revolver. It wasn't ever visible if he did have one.

When he went out bush he would have bread for the first four or five days, then he'd make what they call "Buggers in the Coals". You mix up flour and water, and baking powder or cream of tartar, and mix it with a bit of salt and then you'd get your camp fire going - just push the big coals out of the way, and cook it like a dough scone on the coals. They're really

August 1982

# The Local Rag -continued

good to eat. Charlie always carried sugar and salt in canvas bags.

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## -THE WORK SITUATION-

TED: No, there wasn't a great deal of work outside of the farm. The road was maintained through the Shire. They would have a couple of men with a horse and dray. This would be in the 1920's. They concentrated on river crossings really. The road maintained itself. If you got to a rough bit then you just went around in another place.

## -ENTERTAINMENT-

TED: You entertained yourself. You did a certain amount of reading. You read by hurricane lamp or fire light- but you never had a great deal to read anyway.

## -THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE-

TED: The telephone in the country, I think, is a necessity. Its not a luxury. It is still a life line, but more so in the early days. It would have come to Tubbut around 34 to 36 to the best of my memory. Dellickmore had it years before us. They put the wire in themselves. I remember the first post office. George Hutchison and Mrs. Hutchison had it when I was about five. The telephone line was a bush line, strung on trees. You couldn't phone say Sydney, as the line would be very faint, but telegrams were used a lot.

The Tubbut exchange was actually here before 1945 when we came. My brother had it. Hicksford was the fellow that accepted the telephone, and he had it over where Aures are now. My brother Bert was the P.M.G. foreman in Bombala. I think a local call was 2d. When we first took it over a call to Delegate was 6d. You got sick of phone calls after a while, but if there was anything spicy going on, you'd listen to that. The hours were from 9a.m. to 12a.m. with an hour for lunch, then opening again at 1p.m. and then close for tea at 7 p.m. It was supposed to close but we never did.

## -MAIL-

TED: I was the first person to run the mail into Tubbut. Dad had the contract for £25 a year, from Dellickmore to the Amboyne Crossing, once a week. It used to take me a full day, from about 8 or 9 in the morning till about 4 or 5 in the evening. Then twice a week on the horse. I did it for two years carrying letters and parcels.

## -CARS-

TED: George Hutchison had one of the first cars. They were as scarce as hen's teeth. They were terrific things, these motor cars. They went 25 to 30 m.p.h. flat out and by God that was fast on these roads. The first car that came into Tubbut, Mick Smith drove it in for Bob Walker. I think it was a Buick, around 1926-27. My father got a Rugby Durent eventually.

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# The Local Rag -continued

16. The T model Fords had bands on the gears like a brake band. They had a low gear, top gear and a reverse pedal, and you could use that like a brake because it was just like a clamp that went round a drum. The brakes were manual. The harder you pushed the more the brake went on. The car had to be registered and you had to have a licence. They were easy to get. If you could drive one of these cars you could fly to the moon. Those buggers of things—they could swim in water. I saw a T model Ford bagged up with canvas and it went through a flooded river, - came out the side and away she went. The earlier ones never had batteries. They had a 2 volt coil, and it had a punch like a draught horse kicking. They'd go through bogs - go through anything at 5 miles an hour. You knocked up if it was up a big hill because your foot got tired. You'd have to push to keep the brake on, you see, in low gear and if you let it off it would just swizzle back down the hill. If your foot got cramp it was just too bad.

Thanks Ted, Helen.

After 80 accident free years Bob Laurensen, Eric's father, was hit by a car in Sydney. The accident happened at the end of May and Bob was badly hurt. Both legs and five ribs broken not to mention cuts and bruises. Bob was four weeks in intensive care at Royal North Shore hospital after which, thanks to his wonderful strength and vitality he was well enough to be moved to Ryde hospital where he is now getting better every day.

Bob, as you are one of our valued subscribers we know you will read this so we take this opportunity to wish you a speedy recovery from now on, and to hope that not only will you soon be back at the bowling club but that it won't be long before we see you in Tubbut again.

## *My Final Resting Place*

In the valley, near the river, stands my little home.  
For a feed of rabbit, or of fish, not far do I roam.

For here I feel at ease.

You see, I live where the rivers rush by  
and at night, the night stars in the sky.

For here I feel at ease.

I can walk deep into the scrub, no need to rush.  
For I can hear the silence, the peaceful hush.

For here I feel at ease.

You can have your city and your dirty smog.  
I'll have my clean air, and crisp thick fog.

For here I feel at ease.

You say 'Sorry mate, I can't understand ya!  
When I mention I'm from Cabanandra.

For here I feel at ease.

For my little homestead, I thought of a name quite soothing,  
for I've named my spread, quite right, Done Moving.

For here I feel at ease.

You see I'm quite content, a rare car to pass me by.  
And here I'll get old, and finally rest, and I'll eventually die.

For here I feel at ease.

Coral Stiles

Local Rag, December 1984

## Glass recycling cannot be a cost burden on our community

2024 East Gippsland Shire Council has joined 14 other Victorian councils requesting the State to reconsider its plan to introduce kerbside glass recycling.

The collective of councils understands the importance of glass recycling and commends the Victorian Government on its commitment to increasing resource recovery rates. However, there are alternative approaches that can achieve the desired outcomes more cost effectively and environmentally efficiently, including the successful Container Deposit Scheme (CDS).

Mayor Cr John White said Council had joined the other Councils in advocating to the Victoria Government to ensure the financial cost to ratepayers was kept as low as possible.

“We are in challenging economic times, and we must consider the impact statewide decisions can have on our communities. Kerbside glass recycling is one government program that, if implemented as proposed, will cost our ratepayers more,” John said.

“Fortunately, we have a program – the Container Deposit Scheme – that can provide this service, continue to reduce waste to landfill, and minimise the impact on local families and communities. This is particularly relevant across our vast shire. We do not need a fourth bin collection service imposed on us.”

The letter sent to the Minister for Environment the Hon Steve Dimopoulos highlighted a recently completed research and modelling project, conducted by 22 Victorian local governments, which found that implementing a glass only service would come at a significant cost to local communities, including an estimated \$75 million set up fee and additional average ongoing collection and processing cost of \$27 per household, per annum. The Government would only offset a small portion of this cost burden.

The modelling found that expanding the CDS to include wine and spirit bottles would have similar benefits to a kerbside glass service but would be less of a financial burden to councils as existing infrastructure can be utilised and collections would be funded via the producers of the bottles and containers, rather than local communities.

The Government's CDS has proven to be successful, with record numbers of glass containers collected in its first year of operation. The statewide scheme has easy-to-access infrastructure and clear educational messaging, making it widely embraced by the community.

In comparison, a household glass only service still requires mechanical processing to remove contamination, resulting in no gate fee reduction from the separated collection. Additionally, utilising the CDS infrastructure and existing transport fleet would result in less transport emissions when compared to a kerbside glass only service. Expanding the CDS to include wine and spirit bottles also aligns with the National Environment Ministers' agreement to a nationally harmonised CDS by the end of 2025.

There are also declining volumes of glass being collected.

“By focusing on expanding the highly successful Container Deposit Scheme to include wine and spirit bottles, and exploring other cost-effective alternatives, we can achieve our shared recycling goals while minimising the financial burden on households and local communities during the current cost of living crisis,” the co-signed letter to the Minister requested.

## ‘Surprise’ ... here’s a new State levy

The Victorian Government’s new Emergency Services Levy will result in a significant cost burden on local ratepayers and East Gippsland Shire Council.

Replacing the Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) with the larger Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF), effective from 1 July 2025, has raised significant concern across the community and has come as a surprise to Council.

Mayor Cr John White said there was no consultation with local government prior to the recent announcement by the State, yet it will be Council who will be asked to collect the tax.

“This is not a local government charge. It is the State using us to collect revenue without considering the implications on Council and our ratepayers,” John said.

“It is unbelievable that in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis, where local government has had its rates capped at below inflation, the State can impose a new charge that will be more than double what some people currently pay through the current Fire Services Levy.”

The new levy will be collected in the same way as the Fire Services Levy – through Council rates notices. The rate (cents per \$1,000 of capital improved value) will be lifted from 8.7 per cent to 17.3 per cent, meaning the State will raise an extra \$2.1 billion more than the old Fire Services Levy.

“The impost seems larger on areas with significant rural areas such as East Gippsland,” John said.

“Our modelling indicates that owners of residential properties with a capital improved value (CIV) of \$750,000 will pay 99% (\$64.25) more. For industrial properties with a \$1 million CIV it will be 34% (\$519) more, for commercial 100% (\$666), and for primary producers 189% (\$543) more. Multiply that out for properties with higher CIV’s and it is a cost no one will have budgeted for. Most will find it difficult to afford, and it will take millions out of our local economy.

“This Government grab is significantly out of step with the advice we received from the State on Christmas Eve that Council rates will be capped at 3% next year.

” The new levy has not considered the significant extra administration burden on Council. There is also no clarity on how proposed exemptions for emergency services volunteers would be administered.

The Mayor said Council will continue to seek answers and was also looking for support from the local government sector on the issue, including Rural Councils Victoria and the Municipal Association of Victoria, both of whom were contacted by Council last week.



# News from the Shire

## Council inks Animal Aid contract extension

East Gippsland Shire Council has approved a 12-month extension to its current contract with Animal Aid for the provision of pound and animal shelter services.

The decision ensures the continuation of essential animal welfare services in the region until 31 December 2025. In making the decision Council recognised the consistent level of service provided by Animal Aid, which aligns with its commitment to animal welfare and community support.

Mayor Cr John White said Animal Aid, a not-for-profit organisation, has been providing high-quality pound and shelter services in East Gippsland since 2019, and employs local staff and engages numerous volunteers.

“Animal Aid’s commitment to animal welfare, education, and rehoming aligns with our aim of fostering a compassionate and responsible pet-owning community,” John said.

“This decision ensures the continuation of vital animal welfare services that our community relies on.

“Animal Aid makes an important contributing to the East Gippsland community. We wish to thank the extensive volunteer base and donors, who play a huge and important part in maintaining animal welfare in East Gippsland.”

With the holiday season approaching, consider what you can do to help Animal Aid with their important work. You can assist by donating pet food, becoming an animal foster carer or adopting a pet.

For more information visit [animalaid.org.au](http://animalaid.org.au).

## Back-to-school safety reminder

As students return to school this week, it’s an important reminder for drivers to slow down and stay alert in school zones.

East Gippsland Shire Mayor John White is using the start of the new school year to highlight the importance of road safety around schools.

“We know school drop-off and pick-up times can lead to increased traffic, so we encourage the community to exercise extra caution during these busy periods. After the holidays, it’s easy to forget how crowded the roads around schools can become,” said Cr White.

“Road users can contribute to safety by staying focused, being patient, and following the speed limits in school zones. These limits are in place to protect our children, so it’s important that drivers are aware of and respect them,” Cr White added.

Speed limits around schools are reduced to 40 km/h in the mornings from 8:00-9:30 am and in the afternoons from 2:30 -4:00 pm on school days.

It’s also a good time to remind children about the importance of **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road, and to keep checking until they are safely across. Drivers are reminded to park legally near schools to help ensure a safe environment for everyone. Please follow all parking signs and restrictions.

School crossing supervisors will be back on duty to help keep students safe in 16 locations across East Gippsland; from Omeo and Swifts Creek to Paynesville and Toorloo Arm, as well as at multiple sites in Lakes Entrance and Bairnsdale.

Council pay the majority of funding to provide School Crossing Supervisors across East Gippsland as one of 100 services delivered across the region.

Paul Pace, who has worked as a school crossing supervisor since 2006, said he enjoys working with the community, the kids and the parents.

“I try to learn all the kids’ names, they love it when I know their names,” Paul said.

“The best part of my job is keeping kids and parents safe.” Paul’s advice to drivers is to be aware, keep off your phone and slow down.

To the children and other people using the crossing, “Please listen for the whistle and show the new kids what to do, especially in these first few weeks,” Paul said.

We can all work together to ensure children’s safety is everyone’s responsibility. Please slow down, stay alert, and drive with extra care near schools. Your attention and caution play a key role in protecting our youngest road users. To report safety concerns at school crossings in East Gippsland Shire, call (03) 5153 9500.

# News from the Shire

## East Gippsland welcomes 15 new Aussie citizens

East Gippsland has 15 new citizens following a citizenship ceremony held in Bairnsdale today.

The new citizens, hailing from the Philippines, New Zealand, England, Taiwan, Vietnam, Germany, Malaysia, Russian Federation, the United States of America, Thailand, and Uganda, formally pledged their commitment to Australia in front of a large gathering of family and friends at St Mary's Parish Centre.

The ceremony was presided by East Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Cr John White and Kaylene Williamson performed the Welcome to Country.

The Mayor congratulated the new citizens, acknowledging their journey to becoming part of the Australian community, expressing her admiration for their commitment to embracing the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and wishing them a happy and successful future in Australia.

"This is a special day for our newest citizens and their families. Some of our new citizens have been community members for many years, and other are recently new to East Gippsland. It is a pleasure to have them all part of our community," John said.

The Mayor reflected on how this year marks the 76th anniversary of Australian citizenship, a milestone that began on 26 January 1949 with the introduction of the Nationality and Citizenship Act.

"Since then, more than six million people from over 200 nations have been granted Australian citizenship," John said.

"Taking up Australian citizenship is a serious step. It is a symbol of commitment to the country which you have chosen to make your home. However, no one who becomes an Australian citizen is expected to renounce their cultural identity.

"The customs and traditions you have grown up with are a part of your heritage. It is important that you maintain these links with your past, for this cultural mix, is what makes Australia a unique and special country."

Each conferee received a certificate, a commemorative citizenship coin, and a native plant as a gift from Council, marking the completion of all legal requirements for Australian citizenship.

The ceremony was live-streamed so family and friends, near and far, could be part of the celebration. The ceremony is available to watch on the Council's YouTube channel



**Celebrating a new chapter for 15 proud conferees officially becoming citizens in Bairnsdale**

## East Gippslanders are in for a spectacular 2025 with the Forge Theatre securing major Creative Victoria touring performances.

The Victorian Government-funded Touring Victoria program through Creative Victoria announced six recipients of touring funding in 2024 to perform shows across the state, with three coming to East Gippsland for five shows.

- Gunditjmarra/Kokathasinger-songwriter David Arden will tour *MEERTA – Rise Up! The Ballad of James Arden*, a story about Aboriginal Identity, resilience and celebration to 10 regional Victoria destinations, including Bairnsdale on Friday 13 June at 7.30pm.
- Nicholas Clark Management will tour three new Australian works: *IMAGINE LIVE*, based on Alison Lester's book (Wednesday 21 May, 6pm); *In Common* by One Fell Swoop Circus (Sarsfield 21 January, Omeo 23 January and Mallacoota 25 January - 4pm and 7.30pm shows at all locations); and *Velveteen Rabbit* from Born in a Taxi (September school holidays).

- Finucane & Smith will tour the whole-of-community knees-up show *The Exotic Lives of Lola Montez*. Spanning writing to opera to burlesque, the community focused performance will draw entire towns into the celebration at The Forge on Friday 5 September at 7.30pm.

Mayor John White said it was a real coup to have these high-quality shows coming to East Gippsland.

"We are thrilled to be able to host such a diverse range of performances and it says a lot about our growing arts community. We encourage everyone to be part of the celebration and to book your tickets when available through the Forge," John said.

### Bumper program to start 2025

Meanwhile, the Forge has a bumper program scheduled to get 2025 underway with a variety of shows at not only The Forge in Bairnsdale, but Swifts Creek, Mallacoota, Sarsfield, Nowa Nowa, Bruthen, Lakes Entrance and Omeo.

"The program includes children's comedy, acrobatics, comedy and music and more ... and that's just in the next six weeks!" John said.

- FRITZ – a whimsical and enchanting clown show: various locations, 13-17 January
- The Listies: Make Some Noise (Australia's favourite kids' comedians): various locations, 15-20 January
- In Common by One Fell Swoop Circus: various locations, 21-25 January
- Homebrewed – an afternoon flight of local theatre: The Forge, 1 February
- The U2 Show Achtung Baby 'Desire Tour' U2 Greatest Hits: The Forge, 8 February
- Love Songs and Dedications - '80s love ballads: The Forge, 14 February
- TOUCH – a collaboration between two forms of dance, ballet and the Indian classical artform Bharathanatyam, with a special option to add a Chai High Tea by local small business Himalayan Bliss: The Forge, 23 February

[For more information or to book tickets](#), visit our website or call the box office on 5152 1482.

# Puzzles

## Word Search

G	G	Z	B	S	T	N	A	R	G	Y	P	P	A	H
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 Projects  
 Grants  
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 Renew  
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## Sudoku

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1			2					3
3		2					6	
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## Word Ladder

Starting with the top word  
 change one letter at a time to reach bottom word

Frock

Drive

Bling

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Clink

Phone

Trunk

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3	1	2	5	7	4	8	6
6	2	9	3	4	5	1	8
4	3	7	8	1	6	2	9
8	4	3	6	5	1	9	7
7	9	1	4	8	2	5	3
2	6	5	7	3	9	4	1

Sudoku and  
 Word ladder  
 Answers  
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Drive	Frock	Bling
Drove	Flock	Bring
Prove	Click	Drink
Phone	Clink	Trunk



# Recipe

## Swedish Apple Cake

### Ingredients

3-4 apples  
3 eggs  
1 and 1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1 and 3/4 cups plain flour  
2tsp baking powder  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 pinch salt  
7 tbsps. butter  
3/4 cup milk  
4 tbsps. brown sugar  
1tsp ground cinnamon

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 175 Grease the sides of the spring form pan and line the bottom with baking paper.

Peel and core the apples and cut them into medium slices.

Whisk the eggs and sugar together. Sift in the flour, baking powder and vanilla, stir until you have a smooth batter.

Melt the butter and stir in the milk. Add this milk mixture to the cake batter, stirring until smooth.

Spread the cake batter evenly in the spring form pan and arrange the apple slices on top in circles, letting them sink into the batter on their own. Sprinkle the top with brown sugar and cinnamon.

Bake for about 45 minutes until the cake is firm.

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