

TUBBUT TATTLER

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September 2026

Tubbut Neighbourhood House

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Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



Some Local Larrikins!

L to R: Geoff Reed, Ian Minchin, Sonny Bryant, Malcolm Ingram, Charlie Cameron, Alan Neven, Ian Reed.
Centre Front: Bob Stokes.



Community Lunch at Tubbut is always well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our next Community Lunch will be Wednesday the **16th of September from 12:00pm** in the Supper room , everyone is invited to attend please RSVP the week before for catering purposes. As usual our Community Nurse Birgit will be in attendance.

CLASSIFIEDS

Available for parties and anything—Tubbut pizza oven (Bonang Hall also has one available for public hire



Septic getting full?

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Rehabilitation and rescue of injured and orphaned native wildlife
Call Joe or Rena

0497200927
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:

Trailer—\$5.00 per day

Wood Splitter—\$10.00 per day

You can also borrow many of our gadgets:

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
11 Craigie St, Delegate
(02) 64598000

The Delegate MPS Assessment and Treatment Care Centre (ATCC)

ATCC

The Delegate MPS Assessment and Treatment Care Centre (ATCC) is not an Emergency Department, for all Emergency type presentations please proceed to the nearest Emergency Department at the Bombala MPS, or phone 000 for an Ambulance. The ATCC is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4pm, please call Delegate MPS (02) 64598000 to make an appointment. Outside of these hours, please consider if your presentation is an Emergency and therefore not for Delegate MPS.

Our nurse-led ATCC is offering:

- Wound Care
- Nursing Assessments
- Blood Pressure readings
- Blood Sugar readings
- Suture or Clip removal
- Injections with Doctors written order
- Other procedures that do not require a doctor

Pathology

Wednesday 9:30am-10:30am. No appointment necessary. Not available on public holidays

Other Community Health Services Available on request

- Dietician
- Diabetes Educator
- Immunisations
- Podiatry
- Child and Family Health Nurse
- Generalist Community Health Nurse
- Women's Health Nurse

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

Handy Man available call Peter on 0492888057

Local Concreter—Tubbut and surrounds

All types of concrete work—slabs, driveways, paths, sheds, repairs and more

17 years experience

Contact: Jason 0413633255

Email: twojsconcreting@gmail.com

Tubbut Neighbourhood House

Wanted

Looking to buy old unwanted livestock & farm gear, for cattle sheep & goats. Interested in yards, panels, fencing, troughs, old milking tables, ramps, as well as tractor rakes or similar.

Old & needing a bit of work is fine too—let me know what you have, cheers.

SMS or call Marnie 0431229481

Giving away

2 Female Kelpie Dogs looking for a good home.

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Exercise. Creativity. Community.



BENDOC MARKET Sunday 13th Sept

BENDOC HALL
Start preparing & Book a Stall

Calling for Musicians, Singers, Jammers – Join in on the fun

- Free Sites • Under cover & outside • Site Insurance covered
- Giftbags for musical contributors • Camping facilities • BBQ
- Art Works • Crafts • Condiments • Plants • Pizza

Please email or call to book your site
bendocpa@bigpond.com 0264581531

Meet & greet **PONIES** from Kanukalistic Care Farm Equine assisted wellness

MEN'S SHED UPDATE

We would like to advise that after successfully re applying for the funding to get the Men's Shed up and running things are starting to move forward, there are some minor structural works to be carried out before we can welcome participants into their new space but we will endeavour to have this completed as soon as possible.

Watch this space for the date of a BBQ lunch and Official Launch of the Tubbut Men's Shed

In the mean time the space is open Tuesday to Friday for the men to come and meet up in their own space.

We are going to join these exercise classes from the Neighbourhood house on the big screen tv
Tuesdays at 9.45 Zumba
10.30 Chair yoga

Thursday 11.15 Chair yoga
12.00 Dance fit

There is a pilates class on Mondays at 12 30. We are not open but you can join from home

Tubbut Neighbourhood House



Fresh eggs for sale on Mckillops Road at Tubbut.

If the hens have been laying you might be in luck. Don't forget to grab a pot of Neven's Honey just up the road also.



Neighbourhood House Activities for September

Every Tuesday we have Basic Tech Support (if we can't help you we can find someone who can)

Wednesday 2nd - Sewing sessions and Nurse

9th - Sewing sessions

16th - Community Lunch and Nurse

23rd - Card Making

30th - Ceramic workshop and Nurse

Thursday 3- Silk Painting at Bonang Hall

10- Craft activities

17- Craft activities at Bonang Hall

24- Craft activities

Fridays Every Friday is Drop in for a Cuppa day, we have jigsaw puzzle on the go, games to play, access to computers and other craft activities to do.

Victorian Trees on Farms Program Closes 1 November

The Victorian Trees on Farms Program is open until 1 November 2026. The program supports rural landowners to integrate trees into farming enterprises to improve productivity, resilience and environmental outcomes. Eligible landowners can apply for grants of up to **\$80,000 for farm forestry plantings** and **\$40,000 for environmental plantings**, with projects designed to deliver benefits such as timber production, carbon sequestration, enhanced biodiversity, improved soil health and reduced erosion.

The Professional Service Provider Register Expression of Interest has also been extended to 1 November 2026. The extension provides additional time for consultants and advisers with expertise in areas such as tree growing, plantation design, farm forestry and environmental plantings to apply for inclusion on the register. For further information, including eligibility criteria, visit the Trees on Farms [Expression of Interest Guidance Note](#) | [Victorian Trees on Farms Program](#) | [Trees on farms](#) | [Plantations and farm forestry](#) | [Crops and horticulture](#) | [Agriculture Victoria](#).

Library Bus Timetable

Thursday 10th and 24th

- Bendoc Recreation Reserve: 10.30am - 11.30am
- Bonang Hall: 12.30pm - 1.30pm
- Goongerah Hall: 2.45pm - 3.30pm

Thursday

- Bendoc Recreation Reserve: 10.30am - 11.30am
- Delegate River, near the tavern: 1.00pm - 2.00pm



Thank you to everyone who came to support our – your Service

Nurse visits to the area will continue – now weekly (see calendar below). Lachlan is back on board and will look after Goongerah and Bendoc. Birgit will concentrate mostly on Tubbut, but can also offer home visits to those who are unable to attend. Marked in the calendar as Nurse visits.

We are waiting for an update on the next Podiatrist visit.
We will have the following visits coming up

October

Skin Checks

1st morning in Tubbut and afternoon in Bendoc
2nd Goongerah till 2 pm

Physio
22nd in Bendoc

November

Physio
17th Goongerah

Physio is not covering Tubbut at the moment, but everyone can book at Goongerah or Bendoc.

11th We are planning to have a Learn Technology Day at the Bonang Hall

FREE session is for anyone 50+ to bring their phones/tablets/laptops and get coached on how to use them to do what they want to do

Our Booking Platform is currently on holidays. Please call us if you want to book in for anything.

Book directly through your local Community Centre

Bendoc – 02 6458 1531

Tubbut – 0482 855 670

Birgit – 0456 167 011

See the calendar for dates of the attending Nurse in your community, book an appointment or just pop in to see them.

**You can also expect a phone call from your Nurse Lachlan in the coming weeks, to introduce himself.
He will be hosting a morning tea to meet him in person**

August 25th in Goongerah 11 am

August 27th in Bendoc 11 am

SHARING INFORMATION

Aside from the super interesting and informative local newsletters, the other way E2S Wellbeing Spaces shares information on Health Specialists attending E2S Wellbeing Spaces is via a bulk SMS Service. Birgit writes the message and a third-party SMS messaging service sends the message out to each community. These messages always start with Hi Bendoc, Goongerah or Tubbut Community. This is a fantastic way to stay up to date and book in early as the services usually book out fast these days.

If you would like to be **added to this service**, please let Birgit know via text or call.

NOTE: The number the bulk SMS is sent from is not an E2S worker number, it is a randomly generated number. When responding to the bulk SMS messages, please respond directly to Birgit on 0456 167 011 so she is sure to receive it and book you in.

See the calendar for dates of the attending Nurse in your community, book an appointment or just pop in to see them

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Nurse visits	19 Nurse Tubbut	20	21	22
23	24	25 Nurse Goongerah	26	27 Nurse Bendoc	28	29
30	31					

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Nurse visits	2 Nurse Tubbut	3	4	5
6	7	8 Nurse Goongerah	9	10 Nurse Bendoc	11	12
13	14	15 Nurse visits	16 Nurse Tubbut	17	18	19
20	21	22 Nurse Goongerah	23	24 Nurse Bendoc	25	26
27	28	29 Nurse visits	30 Nurse Tubbut			

Bonang School History

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT BOOK.

1 2

Date of Visit

192

Time spent, from to

Inspector of Schools.

School No. 1182 At Bonang.

Date of Visit 5/11/1926. Time spent, from 4 to 11.

R. H. Menden.

Inspector of Schools.

1. **Inspection and examination.** Present 60.
 1. **Grounds.** The site is unpaved. A portion of which is used for flower beds and plots. Good attention is given to the growing of flowers; some well grown seedlings were seen. The agricultural work does not appear to have been so successful. The areas cleared and good playing spaces are available.
 2. **Buildings** primitive equipment.
 The leased building is small but addresses the educational needs for the present. There is no shelter; a verandah serves the purpose. Lighting and ventilation are adequate. The site is in a generally satisfactory condition. A new building is necessary and both should be considered. The interior of the school is not lined. A good effort has been made to make the walls attractive. Pictures, diagrams and aids are well arranged. Base of wild flowers add to the general appearance. The old desks have a well cared for appearance. The teacher's table and desk are neatly arranged; good regard is paid to the maintenance of as attractive an environment as the circumstances permit. There is a small library, a sum of \$1, raised in connection with the school.

Inspector of Schools.

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Individual reports should be issued. These the parents should sign and return to the Head Teacher. The work programme was inspected. The programme was coarse, the time taken should be more detailed. In some of the composition lessons, the rules (often revised) are not stated. The drawing programme does not always show the definite work to be done. It is hoped that the school will affiliate with the Schools' Horticultural Society and that opportunities may be found to take a more prominent part in their activities.
Instruction. The school writing is of a good standard; it is consistent throughout in the 5th grade and in the first. Reading except in grade III is fluent but not sufficiently distinct; more attention should be given to expression in both reading and composition. The habit of speaking scarcely above a whisper, which was noted in the previous report, is not yet overcome. The pupils when at play speak quite distinctly. These children require much practice in oral composition and a strong effort should be made to secure free and natural oral expression. The fundamental work subject in this school is mathematics. The 5th grade is weak on certain work included in the course.

savings bank was recently invested in additional books. Some fine supplementary readers have been obtained. At present the school has not complete meteorological equipment; it is hoped that some means may be found of raising funds to purchase the instruments necessary. The school records are in order and the maintenance account balanced.

3 Organization

There are eleven pupils in attendance; grades 5, 3, 2 and 1 are represented. All the pupils of school age in the district are in attendance; there are two other very young children. Of the pupils, six are retarded. The retardation is due to late entry and illness. An effort has been made to reduce the high percentage. The second grade girl should now be tried wholly in her normal grade. Good work is being done to advance the old pupils a grade. It is felt that the Head Teacher has given good consideration to the problem. The pupils are young. The last yearly examinations have been held. The papers were of a suitable standard. A careful report has been written by the Head Teacher; it should be written in the roll in the space provided. It is desirable that, in order to promote the interest of parents in the progress of their children,

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Date of Visit

192

Time spent, from to

Inspector of Schools.

for 4th grade; it is essential that all such work must be carefully taught and that much attention should be given to individuals. In this small school much personal tuition is possible. Stories told should also constantly given. The nature study is on good lines but not much has been done; it is not desirable to notich the course in any subject. Political geography, as well as some of the other subjects must be given their due prominence. Grade I responses fairly well to the oral history questioning. A large map of Australia, constructed in the grounds by the 5th grade pupils, is used in the teaching of geography. A fair standard is reached in drawing. The school singing is tuneful and an effort is being made to improve standards. The present Head Teacher has been in charge since June. With more experience, more attention to the individual, and consideration for the weak subjects mentioned, he should secure a very fair measure of success.
 Discipline and tone: very good.
 6. None conveyed.
 7. Suitable accommodation is at present available.
 8. Head Teacher: Mr. Ernest A. Eaton 23647.

Sent H.

G. J. form to

R. H. Menden.

Bonang School History

5/11/1923

Visited for inspection and examination.

Grounds :- At present there are no school grounds, consequently nothing is done in the way of practical agriculture or of gardening at the site. The paddock of Mr. Clancy is used as a playground. The old plots and gardens are being maintained. It is hoped something more will be done in the way of organised sport.

2 Buildings, Furniture, Records.

Since last visit, the leased school building has been destroyed by fire. Such the schoolwork was disorganised for a time, as the furniture and books were also burned. School is now carried on in the room belonging to Mr. Clancy. It will suffice until action is taken to erect a larger and better lighted room. A special report on this is being forwarded. The room is kept clean, tidy and well ventilated, the 5 desks, the teacher's desk and the school, also the BB (blackboards), have at last been delivered. All the old school records were destroyed in the fire. New records have been made out and are complete to date. The maintenance account is balanced to the 20th of October. Some suggestions on the keeping of the school records were made to the head teacher. There are no pictures, no library, and no meteorological equipment. Everything was burned. A beginning in there will again be made.

It is hoped some aids and apparatus will be made, as suggested to the head teacher, flowers and greenery should be utilised more freely for decorative purposes.

3 Organisation:- The school is fairly well organised, but the head teacher is inexperienced in rural schoolwork, hence there are some omissions. The complete organisation of a rural school was discussed with the head teacher, who seems anxious to learn, and willing to work to the best of his ability to place the school organisation on a sound basis. The progress and the promotion examinations should be placed on a better footing, as was fully discussed. The examinations should include all subjects, a full report on the results of it should be written, and reports should be issued to parents. Papers and questions should be filed for references. The time table is to be altered to allow for daily spelling. The daily work programme is complete to date, but a weekly one should also be kept. Until the teacher is familiar with the programme, he should, for his own guidance, divide the course of instructions up into about nine divisions, and from these the weekly programme should be drawn up. Punctuality and regularity of attendance should be insisted on. Monitors rosters should be posted.

Recitation, Singing, Agriculture and Nature Study lists should be prepared

4 Instructions :- In some respects, the teacher's ideas of standard are far too low. In addition teaching should be more definite and should reach the difficulties of the individual. The teacher must see that the pupils' work is up to the required standards.

Carelessness if not checked, will develop. Children should be encouraged to do their best work. Habits of neatness and tidiness should be developed. The recorded books in nature study, drawing and writing are much below, in some cases, the standard required. The work done now is not so good as it was earlier in the year. This is due, in part, to the unfavourable working conditions. Physical Training should include the indoor exercises, the rescue and release methods used in swimming and squad drill. The training should be given exactly as shown on the timetable. Singing should be taught. Five voice exercise should be practised, and few new songs taught each year. The teacher has a timing fork, but no serious effort to teach singing has yet been made. Practical hygiene should receive closer attention. Spelling is a weak subject. This subject, must, for the future, be taught and tested daily. The various aids were discussed with the head teacher. Writing is fair but in some cases letter formation is careless, and height and slope of letters vary far too much. The oral reading is fairly good, but no recitation seems to have been learned at all. The neglect of any portion of the programme cannot be allowed. The speech of the pupils also needs attention. They should be trained in the correct use of the vocal organs. Oral tests given in geography and history revealed woeful ignorance. The bulk of the programme has not been covered. Pupils in grade I And II knew practically nothing about their tables. The same criticism applies to the multiplication tables in grade III, the money tables in grade IV, and measurement tables in the other grades. No memory work of any kind seems to have been done. The questions of mental tests was discussed with the teacher. It would appear that the teacher has not made an earnest attempt to cover the programme, hasn't given sufficient time in preparation, and has done very little real class and individual teaching, on grammar, no pupil knew anything about inflected words, and the analysis of sentences was weak. Only one pupil in the school reached the pass standard in mathematics, in general the school work is weak in connection with all the activities. The teacher has not correct ideas of standard and matters are going from bad to worse. The present unsatisfactory state of the school cannot be tolerated. The teacher must examine himself as to his fitness for the work of a teacher. If he decides to continue, then a vast improvement in all grades and in all subjects will be expected. A considerable time was spent with the teacher on requirements and methods. It is felt that ignorance and inexperience are the main causes of his failures.

5 Discipline and tone are very good.

6 No pupils are conveyed.

7 Indirect Education :- Some interest is shown in the magazine of the inspectorate. A Penny Savings Bank has been his *tituled*. To date no Junior Red Cross work is done. It is hoped the affiliated Red Cross Circle will be formed to work on lines suggested to the teacher.

News from the Shire

Disability community invited to join new network

East Gippsland Shire Council is inviting people with disability, their families, carers and support organisations to be part of a new way of having their say on their projects and decisions.

The East Gippsland Disability Network is now open for expressions of interest, offering a dedicated and safe space for people with a disability, carers, friends, family and organisations that work with the disability community to share their views on Council projects and decisions.

The network builds on the work of the former Disability Advisory Committee, which supported Council's approach to disability access and inclusion for many years. This new model widens that circle, giving more people across the shire the opportunity to get involved in a way that suits them.

People who join the network will have access to a private online hub, where they'll be able to discuss projects, share feedback and help identify barriers that might otherwise go unnoticed. There will also be opportunities for in-person engagement.

Mayor Cr Jodie Ashworth said the network was about making sure Council's decisions reflected the real experiences of people with disability across the shire.

"We are committed to making it easier for you to have your say and be involved in shaping our community," Cr Ashworth said.

"This network gives us a genuine, ongoing way to listen - not just once, but as an ongoing conversation that helps us design better spaces, services and programs for everyone."

Council is committed to making the process itself accessible, with information available in easy read and large print formats, and support on hand for anyone who needs help completing the expression of interest.

"If you have lived experience with disability, are a family member, friend or carer of a person with disability, or an organisation or stakeholder representative, we'd love for you to apply to join the network," Cr Ashworth said.

Expressions of interest can be submitted through Council's website, by phone (03) 5153 9500 or email at feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au. You can lodge an EOI to join at any time.

Council pushes major ESVF levy reform ahead of State Election

With the Victorian State Election approaching in November, East Gippsland Shire Council has placed the reform of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) levy at the centre of its advocacy campaign, calling on all candidates and parties to commit to fairer outcomes for rural and regional communities.

Council is actively seeking commitments to overhaul the levy structure, which it says is placing or is set to place a growing and disproportionate financial burden on East Gippsland households, farmers, primary producers and businesses already managing higher costs associated with disaster risk, insurance pressures and the rising cost of living.

As part of its 2026 State Election advocacy program, Council is working alongside Rural Councils Victoria, the Municipal Association of Victoria and other regional councils to push for significant reform, including a full review of how the levy is calculated, administered and distributed.

Mayor Cr Jodie Ashworth said the State Election provides a critical opportunity to secure long-term change.

"Heading into this election, we are asking all parties and candidates to commit to meaningful reform of the ESVF levy," Cr Ashworth said.

"This is not a minor adjustment – it is a structural issue that continues to place an unfair burden on rural communities like ours. People in East Gippsland support emergency services and volunteers without question, but they need a system that is fair, transparent and reflects regional reality."

Council first raised concerns about the levy when it was first announced, calling for its abolition due to its disproportionate impact on regional ratepayers. Since then, it has continued sustained advocacy through 2025 and into 2026.

The advocacy campaign is focused on three key priorities: a review of the levy structure to ensure it reflects capacity to pay; improved transparency around how funds are collected and distributed; and bipartisan support for long-term reform of emergency services funding.

Community feedback has highlighted ongoing concerns about the lack of clarity around the levy, uncertainty about exemptions and rebates, and the cumulative impact on rural households and businesses.

"We hear from farmers, small business owners and volunteers who are all saying the same thing – they understand the importance of funding emergency services, but they don't understand why rural communities are being asked to carry such a heavy share of the cost," she said.

"What we're seeking is not only fairness, but certainty. Families and businesses need to be able to plan ahead without worrying about unpredictable or disproportionate increases."

Council's advocacy also highlights the administrative burden placed on local government, which is responsible for collecting the levy on behalf of the state, and seeks improved recognition of these costs in any future funding model.

As part of its election advocacy program, Council will continue to engage with candidates, parties and regional partners to secure clear commitments on ESVF reform before voters go to the polls in November.

Council is encouraging the community to stay informed as the election approaches and to understand where candidates stand on issues affecting regional fairness, cost of living and emergency services funding.

Council's advocacy package also includes priority investments in roads, health, housing, flood and drainage infrastructure, sporting facilities, emergency services, forestry transition and public land management.

News from the Shire

Canberra campaign to grow spring visitation

East Gippsland Shire Council has launched a new spring visitor campaign targeting the Canberra market, marking the first major activation under the region's new regional marketing model.

The campaign represents a deliberate shift towards a more evidence-led approach to destination marketing and will serve as a pilot to test how strategic investment in visitor attraction can support East Gippsland's economy and local businesses.

The campaign, Spring Tastes Different in East Gippsland, has been specifically designed to encourage visitors from Canberra and the ACT to explore East Gippsland during the spring shoulder season.

Through a targeted mix of radio, digital, print and outdoor advertising, the campaign will showcase the region's natural beauty, food and drink experiences, coastal villages, country hospitality and unique seasonal experiences.

Mayor Cr Jodie Ashworth said Council had an important role to play in supporting sustainable visitation and helping local businesses capture economic opportunities throughout the year.

"Tourism is a major contributor to East Gippsland's economy, supporting local businesses, jobs and communities. Council has a leadership role in ensuring our destination marketing is strategic, evidence based and aligned with regional goals.

"This campaign isn't just about promoting East Gippsland. It's about understanding our markets, testing new approaches and building the knowledge to make future marketing investment more effective."

Canberra was selected following brand and market research undertaken earlier this year as part of the Regional Marketing Strategy development process. The research identified a strong opportunity to increase awareness and consideration of East Gippsland among ACT audiences, with Canberra residents already demonstrating an affinity for nature-based experiences, road trips and short regional escapes. It also highlighted that East Gippsland is not currently achieving its full potential share of this market.

The timing of the campaign has also been carefully considered. While East Gippsland experiences strong visitation during peak holiday periods, spring presents an opportunity to encourage travel during the shoulder season, supporting a more balanced distribution of visitors and extending economic benefits to local businesses beyond the traditional peak tourism months.

Importantly, the initiative has been deliberately designed as a pilot project.

The pilot will generate insights to shape future destination marketing efforts by testing key assumptions around target audiences, messaging, media channels and campaign effectiveness, helping Council refine its approach over time and make more informed decisions about where marketing investment can have the greatest impact.

An evaluation framework has been built into the campaign, with measures including engagement, website traffic, conversions and broader insights into market response, creative performance and channel effectiveness. These learnings will help inform future campaigns and support the ongoing implementation of the Regional Marketing Strategy.

"One of the most valuable outcomes of this project will be the knowledge we gain," Mayor Ashworth said.

"By testing, measuring and learning, we can make more informed decisions about future marketing investment and ensure we continue building East Gippsland's profile in markets that offer the greatest opportunity for sustainable growth.

"The spring campaign will run throughout August and September across a range of media channels in Canberra and the surrounding ACT region.

New recycling hubs

Items that can be dropped-off are small batteries, light bulbs, unwanted or broken small e-waste such as electric toothbrushes, kids toys, charging cords, and computer equipment. Medicine blister packs can also be recycled

New Recycling Hubs can be found at:

- Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre (BARC) – 80 McKean Street, Bairnsdale
- Bairnsdale Library – 22 Service Street, Bairnsdale
- Lake Entrance Library – 18 Mechanics Street, Lakes Entrance
- Lakes Aquadome – 43 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance
- Mallacoota Service Centre – 70 Maurice Avenue, Mallacoota
- Omeo Service Centre – 179 Day Avenue, Omeo
- **Orbost Service Centre – 1 Ruskin**

SPOTTING SCAMS—HOW DO I STAY SECURE?

Scam messages are one of the most common ways cybercriminals try to steal your information online. There are some easy steps you can put in place to protect yourself.

1. Think before you click on a link.

The link itself could contain malicious or nasty software. If you can, hover over the link to see the actual web address it will take you to.

2. Never provide your details via a link in a message.

To visit a website (such as your bank) it's safest to manually type the official web address into your browser. You could also use a search engine to find the official website and log in that way. Look for the first result that is not an advertisement, as cybercriminals sometimes create ads for fraudulent websites.

3. Contact the person or business to check if they sent the message.

Use the contact details you find through a legitimate source. Don't rely on the contact details in the suspicious message.

These scam messages are very convincing and lots of people fall for them. Don't feel embarrassed if it's happened to you! Go to www.cyber.gov.au for more information

Recipes (Food and Craft)

Choc chip and oat slice

Ingredients

Butter, unsalted, melted to grease
75g (1/2 cup) self-raising flour
75g (1/2 cup) plain flour
90g (1 cup) rolled oats
70g (2/3 cup) desiccated coconut
140g (2/3 cup, firmly packed) brown sugar
130g (2/3 cup) sultanas
95g (1/2 cup) milk chocolate bits
125g butter, unsalted, melted, cooled
1 egg lightly whisked

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Brush a 17 x 27cm (base measurement) slab pan with melted butter to grease. Line the base and 2 opposite long sides with non-stick baking paper, allowing it to overhang.
2. Sift the combined flours and into a bowl. Add the oats, coconut, sugar, sultanas and milk chocolate bits, and stir to combine. Make a well in the centre and add the melted butter and egg. Use a wooden spoon to stir until well combined. Spoon mixture into prepared pan and use the back of a spoon to smooth the surface.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown and firm to the touch. Remove from oven and set aside to cool completely. Cut into squares to serve.

Salt dough for ornaments

Ingredients

4 cups of flour
1 cup of table salt
1.5 cups water

Instructions

1. Measure out the flour and water.
2. Add the water.
3. Stir with a wooden spoon.
4. Keep stirring until the dough is mostly together and is hard to stir any longer.
5. Knead a few times with hands to bring the dough together.
6. Place dough between two pieces of parchment paper and roll out.
7. Preheat oven to 250
8. Create your ornaments
9. Bake ornaments for 90 minutes to 2 hours or until just firm to the touch

- To help preserve your finished dried ornaments, you can coat with a layer or two of Mod Podge or spray with a sealer.
- If the dough is too wet and sticky, knead in a little more flour. If it's too stiff, add a little more water. It should be easy to work with—soft and not too stiff and not excessively sticky.
- Try to get the dough to an even thickness before baking so the ornaments bake evenly.
- Bake for the time indicated and then longer if your ornaments still feel soft. They should be firm to the touch without much give.
- Let cool fully before painting.

Homemade Glue

Mix 1 cup of all-purpose flour, 1 cup of cool water, and 1/8 teaspoon of salt in a saucepan. Heat on low and stir for 5 to 10 minutes until thick, then let it cool completely before using it on paper or cardboard

Cloud Dough (Play Dough)

Ingredients

2 cups corn starch
1 cup hair conditioner
Liquid food colouring, *optional*

In a large bowl, add corn starch and hair conditioner. Add food colouring if being used. Mix with a large, wooden spoon.

Once the ingredients start to come together, use hands to knead until dough is formed.

If dough is too sticky, add more cornstarch, one tablespoon at a time.
If dough is too dry, add hair conditioner, one tablespoon at a time.

Edible slime

Ingredients

1 tbsp psyllium husks
Food colouring, to tint

*Not recommended
to eat this but it is
safe if it ends up
in the mouth*

Instructions

- 1- Place the psyllium husks, 250ml (1 cup) water and food colouring in a large microwave-safe bowl. Stir until evenly combined. Microwave on High for 5 minutes.
2. Set aside to cool to room temperature, stirring occasionally to release the heat.
- 3- Store in sealable plastic bags in the fridge for up to 1 week.

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Medium

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Easy

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Easy solution

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Medium Solution

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