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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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Wallabia Wildlife Shelter

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03 51540196
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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WANTED

Old crockery of any colour except white, can have patterns, can be broken.

Please contact Sue Collins 64580287 or the NH, or leave at the Bonang Hall.

These will be used to Mosaic the Pizza Oven at Bonang.

Delegate Multi Purpose Service Craigie St, Delegate

Wellness Clinic

Monday 9am –10am
Every week except public holidays.
No appointment necessary.
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
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Every week except public holidays.

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Tubbut Neighbourhood House

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BIG BONANG ARVO 2022

The Big Bonang Arvo is back !

Date: 27th October

Further information to follow as to services who will be attending.

Report Road Hazards

PH:131170

Rug Weaving

Come along to the Bonang Hall on Thursday the 23rd of June for our first Bonang session or drop in any day we are open at Tubbut to have a go at rug weaving for a great project. See article below

RECLAIM THE VOID

The Neighbourhood house is going to run some workshops where we will be weaving these rugs.

In Australia

We've dug 50,000 holes across sacred land.

We dump 500,000 tonnes of fabric and clothing every year.

Can we give our hands and hearts in healing to create 5,000 rugs to seal one hole?

Reclaim the Void was born from Ngalia elders in Leonora, Western Australia, expressing their pain and grief at 'those gaping mining holes left all over our country'. The idea was conceived to symbolically 'seal' one of the holes with an artwork expressing the story of country.

Country is alive with story, song, dance, law, Tjukurrpa. When we wound country, we wound ourselves, and end up with a scarred physical and cultural landscape. This project carries the desire for healing country, healing community, and healing ourselves. It is about acknowledging the hurt and contributing to restoration. It offers people the chance to learn about country and culture.

The vision is to cover a mining pit with a large-scale 'dot' artwork made up of thousands of handmade circular rag-rugs woven from discarded fabric. Woven by people from all walks of life and backgrounds, the rugs will be joined together into a giant textile artwork which shows an overall pattern that carries the story of the Tjukurrpa of the country on which the pit is situated.

Reclaim the Void is a bold cross-cultural project. It seeks to raise awareness of the story of country and its importance in Aboriginal culture in both its physical and spiritual dimensions. We invite you to join us.

from vision to reality

If we're going to do this, we need a lot of rugs! Maybe 5,000 of them, or maybe more!! We hope that people from communities all over Australia, and around the world, will create rugs for the giant artwork, including school children, crafters & makers, people passionate about reconciliation – everyone! We also hope to commission a number of artists to create rugs. We are developing a 'rugalogue' which will catalogue each rug made, and the stories, poems, images and words that the maker may choose to accompany their rug. The final artwork will include the tapestry of stories of all the people who have contributed to it, and will be a story in its own right, of our collective love, respect, and wish to care for country.

This project already has a life beyond any tangible outcome. It's the journey, the story, the healing and symbolic reclaiming, the acknowledgement of careless over-consumption at others' expense, that is central to *Reclaim the Void*. The concept and intention behind the project is critical. It's a conversation about caring for country and its custodians, and it invites everyone to be part of that through small-scale acts that collectively make something very special.

We're in conversation with a mining company about a site to work with, and have an engineer on board who has drawn up the 'how' of a couple of different options. Kingsley Dixon, specialist in restoration, is also part of our team. This project isn't 'anti-mining', it's about walking forwards together in an act of healing, caring for country and community engagement. One way or another, guided by cultural protocols and the practical possibilities, the final artwork will be brought to life on the country for which it was created - a symbol of hope and healing.

We're thrilled to be partnering with the WA Museum to present an exhibition. Museum CEO Alec Coles says "*The WA Museum is delighted to be partnering with Reclaim the Void for a project exhibition at the WA Museum Boola Bardip and the Museum of the Goldfields in late 2023 or early 2024. Reclaim the Void is a bold and culturally significant Australian story, aligned to the Museum's commitment to presenting indigenous voices and exploring issues of identity and place. The Museum looks forward to being involved in the unfolding of this important and courageous project.*"

Please go to www.reclaimthevoid.com.au for more information

Goongerah Grapervine

The **Goongerah Public Hall** and Recreation Reserve Incorporated has been successful in another grant!! Under the Nature-led Community Recovery grants program. The project titled **'Water for Wildlife'** will provide an outdoor seating area (Zen Garden) at the Goongerah hall surrounded by local shrubs that will provide food for indigenous wildlife like birds and native bees. While seating in this space you can read from the information board that will have images and descriptions of different birds in the area. A mural will also be painted on one of the concrete water tanks which you will be able to see from the road. Water feeders for local wildlife will be positioned all over the hall grounds offering refreshing water for any wildlife that needs it in drier times



Over Easter, **GECO** hosted a citizen science camp in Goongerah. It was a great time to rejoice with old friends and make new ones around the campfire or walking in the forest.

We had heaps of fun learning from the encyclopaedia that David Cameron is, knowing more about Greater Gliders from Rena before seeing them high up in the forests of Errinundra, or witnessing one of Australia's most giant manna gums.

If you would like to know more about GECO check out

<https://www.geco.org.au/>



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CONNECT WELL EAST

GIPPSLAND & WELLINGTON

Recently through Connect Well the Goongerah Hall has received funding to upgrade the Old School House Accommodation. The money will be spent on upgrading the house to improve the upkeep costs and be more conscious of power usage. A new hot water system will be installed by RACV Solar and an upgrade on white-goods. A new fridge freezer, washing machine and drier. The Goongerah Hall is very thankful for the time put into this grant.



ERRINUNDRA NATIONAL PARK -FUNGI, FERNS & FOREST TRIP



East Gippsland Photographic Society stayed in Goongerah on the weekend of the 14th. The group had a lovely weekend touring Errinundra during the day and stayed at the Old School House accommodation at night. A community BBQ was provided followed by a photography presentation. Thank you Kerry Seaton for organising the tour.

CO-WORKING SPACE UPDATE

The Goongerah Hall are happy to announce a grant approval to upgrade one of the demountable's into a CO-Working Space. The grant came through the East Gippsland Community Foundation of a value of \$24,543.00. This project will create and upgrade the electrical requirements and furniture to suit an 8 individuals working space. A faster internet connection will be installed and a kitchenette will be renovated. This project aims to benefit School children, adult learners, micro and other business owners, community members and groups, lodgers at the Old Schoolhouse B&B and visitors and travellers who need internet/mobile phone access.

ROTARY AID COMES TO GOONGERAH AGAIN.

After the 2020 fires tore through East Gippsland Rotary Aid wanted to help any way they could. The five Rotary Clubs of East Gippsland have come together, forming a Fire Aid Committee, in preference to each club working on their own with possible double up.

This group has helped many people in Goongerah after the fires.

Providing caravans, shipping containers, fruit trees & native shrubs, tools and more. The latest visit they came out with fruit trees people had ordered also shelving and tools to start our very own tool library. The people of Goongerah are so thankful for the support. If you want to know more about the Tool

Library please contact the Goongerah Hall Committee.



More from Goongerah Grapevine

SNOWYRIVERMAIL.COM.AU | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022



The pole camera uses a remote control with a screen to check for wildlife. (PS)

Wildlife residence

A combined effort by several organisations, volunteers, the East Gippsland Shire and a private business has provided essential wildlife 'accommodation' in Goongerah, hard hit by the 2019-20 bushfires.

Almost 100 nest boxes have been installed throughout the valley. They are designed for many hollow-dependent wildlife including Boobook owls, Gang-gangs, parrots, microbats, Sugar Gliders, Ringtailed Possums and Yellow-bellied Gliders.

Birdlife Australia, Forest to Foreshore, Landcare, CMA, the Victorian National Parks Association and a keen woodworker from Melbourne, provided boxes and installation assistance while the East Gippsland Shire funded an eight metre-long pole camera to allow easy monitoring.

"This is an innovative piece of technology which the Bairnsdale based company FaunaTech, developed," president of Goongerah Landcare, Jill said.

"It's proving extremely useful to monitor these boxes high in trees."

"The bushfires and then the tree clearing along thousands of kilometres of roads and tracks, have reduced the number of critically important habitat hollows to a fraction of what was here," local field ecologist, Rena Gabarov, said.

"As these take decades to form in younger, recovering trees, nest boxes are providing important shelter and security for local wildlife to begin breeding up again."

"With so many losses still obvious in the landscape, we are extremely grateful for the resourcing offered by people to be able to at help our wildlife recover and repopulate the forests."



Just some of the 100 nest boxes made and donated to help wildlife recovery after the 2019-20 bushfires. (PS)



Service Equity Update

PROJECT UPDATE 4

Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity



About the project

Over the last three months we have let you know about funding received for Stage 1 of this project - the purpose being to:

Collect evidence and data to support the project (undertaken by our independent research partner CERG - Federation University).

Confirm internet and facility availability in Tubbut and Goongerah (we are also pre-emptively doing this in Bendoc and Bonang too).

Secure funding to upgrade and operate the facilities to improve local health and other service provision.

What's happening in June? *A big Thank You to everyone.*

The survey has now closed - thank you to everyone who took the time to complete it. An additional thank you to all who volunteered for an interview. At time of writing over 20 surveys had been received (with more in the mail) and 15 interviews had been scheduled with community members and stakeholders. Our research partner CERG (from the Federation University) will collate all of this information into a report that we will use to support Stages 2 and 3. Having an independent party collect and collate this data makes it powerful and helps us demonstrate the issues faced in the area when we advocate with funding bodies and government departments.

The Project Reference Group continues to meet fortnightly and has been working on establishing reliable budgets for Stages 2 (building upgrades and maintenance at the old school facilities in Tubbut and Goongerah) and 3 (operational funding to cover health practitioner costs). As Stage 1 begins to wrap up, we will be applying for grants for Stage 2 and have been advocating with the Health Department for operational funding. We are also hopeful to be able to confirm a delivery partner for the health services this coming month.

How can I find out more?

Updates like this will be provided monthly to the Bendoc Wheel and Tubbut Tattler.

We have a project summary we can email or post to you if you want to know more about the project. Or, if you have any questions or comments about this project you can contact: hello@warmcornersconsulting.com

The Local Rag

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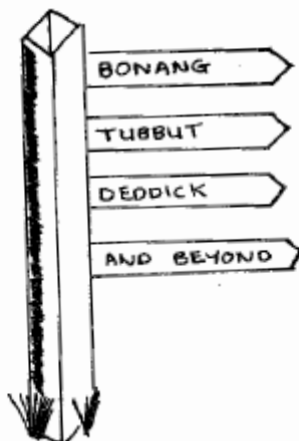
INTERVIEW:

WENDY PEARCE

INTERVIEWED BY: FIONA McILROY

-WELCOME - WITTY

- WALKING - WONDERING



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The Local Rag—continued

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Interview with Wendy Pearce revised for easier reading.

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TUBBUT FILM CLUB - FILM PROGRAMME

28th March	-	The Irishman
25th April	-	All Creatures Great and Small Plus - Soil Field Day Slides and Super 8.
? May	-	Film to be decided
27th June	-	Smokey and the Bandit
25th July	-	Capricorn 1

"Warruga"
Cassamundra.

27th Mar. '80

The Editor,
"The Local Rag".

Dear Sue,

I feel (though I'm certain I speak for all the "Rag" subscribers) that you and the many helpers you've had deserve "mountains of praise" for the time and effort you have put into "OUR" rag.

The "Rag" right from issue one has been jammed packed with information, news, and titbits and the articles are still pouring in, which I think is a good indication of how popular the paper is throughout the district.

Congratulations on the good work Sue & Co. and I hope the "Rag" continues to grow for a long time to come.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Pearce.

6 Dollars and Sense?

Prices today are sky-rocketing according to many. Were things really so cheap in the good old days?

A number of people in the district have copies of old dockets, diaries, account books and old catalogues. These are fascinating to read, or even just to look at with their beautiful copperplate.

From these dockets and account books I have compiled a list of articles with their price in the years between 1909 and 1924 and then modern prices.

Before you rush around and say how cheap things were, remember their incomes were so very much lower and that they were raising much larger families.

A lot of the information came from W.J. Allen's Account Book Dated 1909. He ran a shop at Delegate River near Doug Allen's present house. He was very busy too, by his accounts. He accepted payment by any means possible and these types of payments are also listed below. It is an indication of the scarcity of cash, that these payments were made. Thanks to Doug Allen for the loan of this book. Thanks too, to Gloria Cotterill, who sent out an old docket from Peter Joseph's "Delegate Depot Store" Oct 1924.

The old prices are in Pounds, Shillings and Pence of course, but for those people born 'post-Decimal' 6d was worth 5c 1/- was worth 10c 10/- was worth \$1.00 £1.00 was worth \$2.00.

- Sue Allen.

7 Dollars and Sense? (cont.)

	Old Prices	£ s d	New Prices.	\$ c	
Order from Joseph's Store 1924.	1 Butter	2/-	1 Butter	\$1-00	Order from Eckerman's 1979.
	2 lb Onions	1/-	2 lb Onions	-60c	
	1 Hand Soap	-6 ^d	1 Hand Soap	36c	
	1 pkt Candles	-10 ^d	1 pkt Candles	\$1-02.	
	1 pkt Fruit	1/6 ^d	1 pkt Fruit	-85	
	1 Tomato Sauce	1/-	1 Tomato Sauce	-95	
	1 Tin Floor Polish	8 ^d	1 Tin Floor Polish	-91	
	Total	7/6	Total.	\$5-69	

In using W.J. Allen's Account Book, I shall just list credit and debit columns, you can compare prices yourself - it may be fun! Also note the amounts of flour bought - 50lbs at a time and regularly in those amounts. Bread was the staff of life in those days! Only one of his customers bought cigarettes, all others bought tins of tobacco. These Debits and Credits are not meant to match, just copied randomly for your interest.

Debit		Credit	
1 Tomato Sauce	-6 ^d	By 1 Hdd 38lbs 12 ¹ / ₂ lb	7/6 ^d
1 Tin Jam	10 ^d	By 1 Fox Skin	1/6 ^d
Baking Powder	1/6 ^d	By 6 lb Dead Wd 4	5/-
1 Matchbox	5 ^d	4 Wallerons 4/-	
1 lb Tea	1/6 ^d	By 1 Tin Jam	1/-
50 lb Flour	8/-	By 12 tins preserved meat	1/6 ^d
10 lb Sugar	2/6 ^d		
1 pair Braces	9 ^d	By whip handle	2/-
1 Tobacco	1/-	By shooting 'jessie'	2/6 ^d
1 Pkt Candles	9 ^d	By 1 Piano	£4-14-0
1 Soap	1/-	By 2 Bushells Oak	9/6 ^d
2 pkts Cigarettes	-6 ^d	By 3 lb Rabbit Skin and 1 Sheep Skin	3/-
1 Trousers	8/6 ^d		

News from the Shire

Fiona's 'Top 50' puts spotlight on women leaders

Fiona Weigall has been named as one of Victoria's Top 50 Public Sector Women.

A member of the East Gippsland Shire Council executive, Fiona effectively strikes the balance of being a 'can do' leader, ensuring high standards and providing a strategic vision for the organisation and region.

The IPAA Victoria Top 50 Public Sector Women was announced at a function in Melbourne on Friday. Fiona said it was humbling to be recognised among the state's leading public sector female leaders.

Just five women from the local government sector were acknowledged.

"The accolade is personally very rewarding; I'm very proud to be acknowledged within such esteemed company. I could not, however, be the leader I am without the support and can-do attitude of the great teams of staff colleagues and stakeholders I work with across a diverse range of services and industries," Ms Weigall said.

"The 'Top 50' criteria had a strong focus on management and leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic. In East Gippsland we've also had bushfire response and recovery running parallel.

"To support our community, it's been critical that we managed bushfire recovery projects (often with fatigued teams) and adapted to pandemic changes, but also kept our eye on the future in applying for and successfully receiving tens of millions of dollars in funding for community projects. It's been a team effort."

Fiona said she hoped the recognition contributed in a small way to more women getting leadership opportunities, women being empowered to work in non-traditional roles, and for professionals to forge careers in local government in East Gippsland.

"It's very rewarding when you can encourage, inspire and motivate a diverse group of staff to embrace new opportunities, explore different and better ways of doing things, and to break down barriers for women in non-traditional roles," Fiona said.

Chief Executive Officer Anthony Basford congratulated Fiona by saying it was well-deserved recognition. "This public recognition demonstrates Fiona's leadership qualities, her genuine desire to make East Gippsland a better place, the significant challenges met, and opportunities embraced in East Gippsland in recent years," Mr Basford said.

"On the back of the 2019-20 Black Summer Fires and through the pandemic, Fiona has not stopped in consistently working to provide positive outcomes for the community, the organisation and her staff," Mr Basford said.

As General Manager Assets and Environment, Fiona's areas of responsibility include major projects and capital expenditure, environmental sustainability, recreation and open space provisions, roads and transport, commercial services and waste.

"Throughout pandemic restrictions, Fiona has led her team to ensure the ongoing provision of services to our already bushfire effected community, with workforce safety at the centre of all decision making," Mr Basford said.

Mayor Cr Mark Reeves said Fiona's inclusion on the 'Top 50' list was a feather in her cap.

"As a Councillor group, we have a front row seat to the leadership Fiona displays in the service delivery and helping set the strategic direction of Council," Cr Reeves said.

"We also see the fruits of that labour when we are in communities and seeing how our residents and visitors interact with Council-managed spaces. That could be as simple as walking on a footpath, having your waste collected, enjoying a playground, accessing your property via a road or bridge, or how our public infrastructure supports our region's social and economic growth. Well done Fiona and hats off to your team."



East Gippsland Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Anthony Basford congratulate General Manager Assets and Environment, Fiona Weigall on her inclusion in the IPAA Victoria Top 50 Public Sector Women last Friday night in Melbourne.

Council on board for Murray Basin Rail freight push

East Gippsland Shire Council has expressed concern over delays to the rollout of the Murray Basin Rail Project (MBRP) and has asked Premier Daniel Andrews to honour the Victorian Government's commitment to complete the project to its original scope.

Council backed a request from the Rail Freight Alliance (RFA), of which Council is a member, to join a statewide call to get the project back on track ahead of the Victorian State Election.

The RFA considers there are two clear objectives to ensure the success of the MBRP and future freight movements in Victoria: Ensure the completion of the MBRP to the original scope; and ensure the Victorian Rail Freight Network remains in state ownership and control.

As a member of the RFA, Council considers it to be important to support the activities of the alliance and its initiatives, regardless of the location, to raise the importance of rail freight movements in Victoria as a fast and cost-effective way to both transport goods and reduce road transport

News from the Shire

Free shows by two US vocal ensembles will strike a chord

In a celebration of East Gippsland's community spirit and resilience, prominent youth choir the Colorado Children's Chorale and award-winning vocal ensemble California State University Fullerton's University Singers will perform free community recovery concerts at Bairnsdale's Forge Theatre and St Brendan's Primary School Hall in Lakes Entrance in June and July.

The Council-backed all-ages performances are brought to the stage by Forge Theatre and ACFEA Tour Consultants. ACFEA's national manager, Robert Latimer, is a proud East Gippslander and passionate supporter of the arts who has been bringing international talent to the region for two decades. Council thanks Mr Latimer for his generous support.

"These events provide a fantastic opportunity to reconnect as a community after a challenging couple of years," Mayor Cr Mark Reeves said.

"Council thanks the Chorale, the University Singers and ACFEA for their generosity. The concerts offer the perfect way to unwind and relax while celebrating a return to life out of lockdown," Cr Reeves added.

The internationally acclaimed Colorado Children's Chorale, founded in 1974, boasts performances in the White House, the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York, Royal Albert Hall in London and more.

With a repertoire ranging from opera and musical theatre to choral compositions in classical, folk and popular traditions, the Chorale performs with a passionate and joyful theatrical spirit.

The University Singers, directed by Grammy Award winner Dr Robert Istad, have performed throughout the world and regularly perform with professional orchestras, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Acclaimed for their exquisite musicianship, the University Singers boast performances with Andrea Bocelli and an album with composer John Williams.

The community concerts are free events for music lovers from all walks of life. Be quick to book tickets to catch the enthusiasm and musical talent of these world-class performers.

2.00 pm, Sunday 26 June, Colorado Children's Chorale – 'Filling the World with Song'

7.30 pm, Wednesday 27 July, California State University Fullerton's University Singers.

Both shows at Forge Theatre and Arts Hub, 80 McKean Street, Bairnsdale.

2.00 pm, Monday 27 June, Colorado Children's Chorale – 'Filling the World with Song', St Brendan's Primary School Hall, Eastern Beach Road, Lakes Entrance.

Bookings essential at www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/forgetheatre or call 03 5152 1482.

Plan for Orbost's Forest Park updated after community consultation

East Gippsland Shire Council is moving ahead with a \$1.82 million upgrade of Forest Park in Orbost, after surveying community members and making design changes.

Key alterations include:

- Expanding the play area past its current footprint
- The addition of long-vehicle parking adjacent to toilet block and along Forest Road
- Hardstand changes and flood plain measures
- A changed position of the trail head
- Toilet block upgrades to better reflect rural character
- An accessible path between Forest Park and the Orbost Exhibition Centre and Slab Hut
- Ensuring that the design allows for integration with any future precinct-wide works or upgrades

A central boardwalk was removed from the design, and a viewing platform overlooking the river has been added as a future stage.

Community sessions will be held to discuss the new design on Tuesday 24 May, from 10.00 - 12.00 pm at the Orbost Service Centre, and Thursday 26 May, from 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm in Nicholson Street at the end of Lawson Street.

The upgrade will revitalise and enhance the park by providing a place for all ages to gather and connect, as well as creating a destination point for people visiting or passing through Orbost.

Mayor Cr Mark Reeves said community feedback has been valuable in refining the design.

"I'm pleased that locals have been keen to shape the way Forest Park will look in the future and shared their thoughts with Council," Cr Reeves said. "And it was, of course, pleasing to learn that 89 per cent of the community support the redevelopment."

An initial concept for Forest Park was developed in collaboration with community groups and individuals and was issued to the public in June 2021. This was followed by a consultation program which included four information sessions, an online survey and engagement with Orbost students on the play space. Council received 67 online responses and 20 locals attended the sessions, resulting in 752 feedback items.

Support for the plan included:

- The redevelopment overall (89%)
- The location of the toilet block
- Improving the connection between Forest Park and the Snowy River
- Integrating with the East Gippsland Rail Trail

Concerns included:

- Proximity of the play area to Nicholson Street
- Having to cross the access road from the playground to the toilets
- Removing any open space

Suggestions included:

- Ensuring the aesthetic of the toilet block reflects the rural character of Orbost
- Developing a location adjacent to Nicholson Street, which saw 30 per cent support (developing the existing location received 54 per cent support).
- Expanding into the gas-distribution area
- Providing an undercover area separate from the toilet block

This project is made possible with funding from the Australian Government's Community Development Grants Programme. For more information, visit yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au.

News from the Shire



Paint begins on 'Under the Surface' East Gippsland's multi-dimensional art experience

From Tuesday April 26 to Friday May 6, five artists will be collaborating on East Gippsland's inaugural multi-dimensional public art experience, *Under the Surface* along the East Gippsland Rail Trail, running from Bairnsdale to Orbost. Local indigenous artists Alice Pepper and Patricia Pittman will be joined by visiting artists David "MEGGS" Hooke, Ling and Minna Leunig in solo and collaborative works led by the story of the Gunaikurnai community.

Sites include:

- Nicholson River Bridge, Nicholson: Patricia Pittman
- Partelli's Crossing, Tostaree: Minna Leunig
- Orbost Butter Factory, Orbost: LING
- Nowa Nowa underpass/tunnel, Nowa Nowa: collaboration between Alice Pepper and Meggs

Each of the artists' practice focuses on flora, fauna and natural environment and the works will draw attention to the natural environment, assist in visual storytelling and connect and grow human relationships with the land through art.

Through a cultural awareness program with the local Gunaikurnai artist collective and community, the visiting artists developed learnings on artistic practices, storytelling, introduction to the local environment and an understanding of land management and preservation. In turn, visiting artists shared their creative skills with locals, encouraging confidence in presenting works at a larger scale, with connection to story. The final result being shared storytelling through public art.

The new work joins existing shelter artworks in Bairnsdale at the beginning of the rail trail by Alfie Hudson, another in Nicholson by local artist Tracey Solomon (see below), and the water tank in Bruthen by Alan Solomon.

Under the Surface follows the route of the former Orbost railway line and passes through a variety of forest and farmland landscapes with snapshot views of the picturesque Gippsland Lakes. The Social Crew has conducted onsite research, engaged key community members and groups, and collaborated with GLaWAC and the East Gippsland Rail Trail Committee to design and curate the project in order to better inform the travelling artists of their subject matter and the land on which they stand.

The project is designed, produced and delivered by The Social Crew Corporation and supported by the Victorian State Government and the East Gippsland Rail Trail Committee.

Under the Surface will be free to be experienced by the public from May 2022.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government and Victorian State Government.

To find out more visit thesocialcrewevents.com or on Instagram @thesocialcrew

Nicholson shelter by Tracey Solomon.



News from the Shire



Council grants a boost for 16 community groups

Almost \$500,000 will be handed out to 16 local clubs, groups and organisations, as part of East Gippsland Shire Council's latest round of community grants. Council has endorsed 16 recipients to share in \$472,982 from the shire's Community Infrastructure Grant Program.

Mayor, Cr Mark Reeves said the funding was provided to support projects that provide a high level of benefit to the East Gippsland community.

"We allocated these grants to help groups get projects happening that benefit a range of people and can be enjoyed by our communities," Cr Reeves said. "It's an important way for Council to support the important work that volunteer-run organisations do to benefit others. The significant Bushfire and COVID recovery funding that Council has received from the Australian and Victorian governments for specific projects has enabled Council to free up some of its own funds to support these important local initiatives," Cr Reeves said.

Twenty-seven applications were received, with 16 groups successful in sharing the funding. The successful applications included building repairs and upgrades, installation of solar panels and lighting, and community gym equipment.

The successful projects, which must be completed by 1 June 2023 under the funding agreement, were:

- Bairnsdale Bridge Club, \$20,000, replacement of an iron roof on the club building.
- Bairnsdale Squash & Racquetball Association, \$45,454, restoration of flooring.
- Cassilis Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, \$45,454, public toilet upgrade.
- East Gippsland Rail Trail Committee of Management Inc., \$29,090, solar lighting in tunnels.
- Ensay Mechanics Institute Reserve, \$45,454, Community Hall revitalisation - kitchen upgrade.
- Lakes Entrance Golf Club Incorporated, \$45,454, sealing of function centre car park.

East Gippsland Shire Council Service Centres and Library Review

Our service centres, call centre and libraries play an important role in our communities.

We are undertaking a review of these services across the shire to ensure we balance community service proposition, look at areas of under or over servicing, and address how we service our growing service channels in a financially sustainable way.

Council has resolved to consult with the community about recommendations in the review.

Learn more and provide your feedback by:

Visiting our Your Say engagement portal online at eastgippsland.vic.gov.au

Contacting our Customer Service Team on 51 539 500 for a hard copy and feedback form.

Attend one of the 4 online meetings:

30 May at 12pm, 2 June at 1pm,

6 June at 5.30pm and 7 June at 5.30pm.

See our website for meeting links or details of meetings to be held in other towns.

Feedback closes 30 June.

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(03) 5153 9500



- Lakes Entrance Mechanics Institute Management Committee Inc., \$13,636, solar panel project.
- Lindenow Recreation and Bowling Club, \$13,760, lighting upgrade.
- Lindenow Sports Ground Committee of Management, \$34,188, relocation and upgrade of the main entrance to the sports ground.
- Nowa Nowa Hall Committee Inc., \$16,448, Nowa Nowa Public Hall Renewal Project.
- Omeo District Health, \$45,000, community gym equipment.
- Omeo Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, \$21,840, upgrade of windows and doors.
- Orbost Pony Club, \$36,363, equine equipment storage shed.
- Orbost Snowy Rovers Football Netball Club Inc, \$25,000, installation of concrete aprons.
- Swifts Creek Bush Nursing Centre \$35,965, accessible carport and mobility handrails.
- Wy Yung Football Netball Club, \$13,636, upgrade of the club kitchen.

"Council recognises the valuable contributions of all of these community groups," Cr Reeves said.

"We're pleased to be able to support them with grants big and small. Though this grant program was a once-off funding opportunity, Council will continue to support our community groups that manage infrastructure on behalf of the community both through our Community Small Grants program and through direct maintenance allocations."

For information on Council grants, visit www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/community/grants.

News from the Departments

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Pest Animal Management Expo

South East field days

Farmers and land managers across Victoria are facing significant issues from invasive pests, whether its wild dogs, cats, foxes or feral pigs.

These pests degrade farmland, prey on livestock and native animals, compete for food and water, pose a biosecurity risk and cause environmental damage if left unchecked.

To manage these pests and their impacts, farmers need integrated pest animal management programs, using the right tools and techniques at the right time and in coordination with other local landholders.

To help farmers get the best information and advice, Agriculture Victoria with support from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, is holding a series of field days in the South East showcasing the latest information and tools available to manage pest animals. The free Pest Animal Management Expos at Buchan and Tubbut will include presentations and displays from government agencies, wild pest management organisations and product suppliers, with demonstrations on control techniques including trapping, baiting and fencing options.

STALLS & DEMONSTRATIONS

- Parks Victoria
- DELWP pig management information
- Local government and other organisations
- Fencing industry demo
- Bait and pest industry representation
- National pig, cat, wild dog and fox coordinators
- WDP wild dog management techniques demo
- Victoria Police (firearms management/ recreational hunters)

PRESENTERS

Jason Wishart - Biosecurity Manager
Established Invasive Animals, Agriculture Victoria

Sam Armstrong - Victorian Feral Pig
Coordinator, Agriculture Victoria



DETAILS FOR BUCHAN FIELD DAY

Date: Wednesday 8 June

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Address: Buchan Recreation Reserve
Buchan Orbost Rd, Buchan VIC 3885

DETAILS FOR TUBBUT FIELD DAY

Date: Thursday 9 June

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Address: Tubbut Resource Centre
McKillops Rd, Tubbut Vic 3888

Cost: Free, lunch provided

RSVP: Monday 6 June 2022

Registration Required: <https://east-gippsland-pest-animal-managment.eventbrite.com.au>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

PLEASE CONTACT: Darren Hickey, Agriculture Victoria,
Ph: 0457 609 140, Darren.hickey@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Please note that when you arrive at the event, you will be required to show evidence of your COVID-19 vaccination status before being allowed entry. Evidence of COVID-19 vaccination status may be digital or paper, i.e. certification from a medical practitioner, or an Australian Immunisation Register immunisation medical exemption form that is completed and signed by a medical practitioner that states you are unable to receive a dose, or a further dose, of a COVID-19 vaccine due to a medical contraindication or an acute illness. If you are unable to show evidence of your COVID-19 vaccination status, or proof that you are an excepted person, you will be deemed to be unvaccinated and therefore refused entry to the event. If you have any queries about providing your vaccination status, or you are providing a medical exception, please contact Darren on 0457 609 140.

News from the Departments

Reshape Our Future youth forums are finally happening across Melbourne and regional Victoria in June 2022, presented by YACVic.

Reshape Our Future youth forums are a fun, free and powerful event for young people aged 12-25, to have your say on what matters to you and make new friends who care about the same things as you.

After lockdowns kept us physically apart, it's so important now more than ever for a space where young people can come together, learn and take action to Reshape Our Future together.

CONTACT US

If you need further information, please contact support@yacvic.org.au. Enquiries will be handled by Derm Ryan (he/him) and Jacob Gamble (they/them).

For location-specific enquiries, contact:

Warrnambool - Karen Walsh (she/her), KWalsh@YACVic.org.au Melbourne - Julia Baron (she/her), JBaron@YACVic.org.au Wangaratta - Derm Ryan (he/him), DRyan@YACVic.org.au Robinvale - Rhiannon Jennings (she/her), RJennings@YACVic.org.au Bairnsdale - Carla Hall (she/her), CHall@YACVic.org.au



PREMIER FILM SCREENING

MINE-FIELD

THE MINING INVASION OF VICTORIA'S RURAL COMMUNITIES

"A controversial film that exposes the lies, corruption and incompetence at the heart of mine regulation in Victoria"

Kalbar Resources arrived in East Gippsland pushing a plan for a massive radioactive mineral-sand mine at Glenaladale, just 500mtrs from Victoria's vegetable growing food-bowl, threatening the iconic Gippsland Lakes.

Filmed over three-years, Mine-Field shows how a farming community fought a ruthless mining company and won. And it reveals the devastating impact of mining on other Victoria rural communities.

7pm Monday 06 June
Sun Cinema Bairnsdale

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More info Barking Media: 0493 434 015

Community members and helping professionals invited to share experiences of working and living in multiple disaster affected communities

You are invited to take part in an online interview or focus group that aims to improve understanding of and responses to multiple disaster affected communities.

The findings will provide valuable information by helping researchers understand the scope of the impacts and needs of those affected by multiple disasters and the COVID-19 Pandemic; as well as identify opportunities to improve responses to multiple disasters.

This study has been funded by the National Mental Health Commission, and is being conducted by an independent organisation, Phoenix Australia - Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, University of Melbourne.

Participation involves completing an online focus group or individual interview that will ask questions about your experiences of supporting individuals and communities who have experienced multiple disasters, in addition to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It will take approximately 60-90 minutes. Participation is voluntary and there are no penalties for not participating. Participants will be reimbursed \$80 for your time.

The interview and focus group data will be entirely de-identified and confidential. Phoenix Australia will examine the focus group data, and this cannot be accessed by other organisations, including the National Mental Health Commission. If you are concerned about your privacy then you may like to take part in an interview, instead of a focus group.

Interested in participating?

Scan the below QR code to submit an expression of interest and a member of the research team will be in contact to provide more information on the project and participation (you will be under no obligation to take part).

Who is Phoenix Australia?

We're Australia's National Centre of Excellence in Posttraumatic Mental Health, the internationally recognised experts in trauma-related mental health and wellbeing.

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We understand trauma and renew lives.

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Build 'Em Up

Podcast

Episode 13
Steve Ronalds & Sallie Jones
dairy cows and mental health

The podcast series [*Build 'Em Up*](#) has 13 episodes celebrating positive community-based stories from rural people helping their communities. The most recent podcast highlights the work of local company Gippsland Jersey, which is giving dairy farmers a fair gate-price for their local milk and supporting farmers' mental health.

News from the Departments



CHIMNEY CHECK IS CRUCIAL FOR WINTER SAFETY

CFA is urging residents to keep themselves safe by checking and maintaining their fireplaces, chimneys, fireboxes and flues.

Firefighters respond to numerous chimney fires every year that start from fireplaces and wood heaters.

In 2021, CFA firefighters responded to 130 chimney fires, almost half of which occurred during the winter months.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan urged Victorian households to have chimneys professionally cleaned annually to avoid the build-up of creosote – a highly flammable black tar-like residue – that could clog chimneys.

"Winter is the perfect time to curl up in front of a warm fire, but chimney fires can quickly turn into house fires," CO Heffernan said.

"Spending a few minutes now to check your chimney could be one of the most important fire safety actions you take this season, and you can easily check for creosote build-up or obstructions by simply using a torch before lighting a fire.

"Creosote is caused by general use but can also build up faster if you are using incorrect fuels such as green wood or treated timbers, so make sure you only burn dry, clean wood to reduce the risk of fire starting from a fireplace or wood heater."

"We also urge everyone to always extinguish their fire before going to bed or leaving the house."

CO Heffernan said it is also important to ensure gas heaters are being used safely and correctly, and urged Victorians to have their gas heaters inspected and serviced by a qualified technician every two years to avoid a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

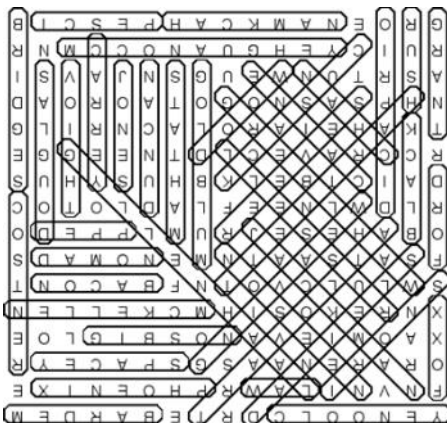
"The colder months are some of the riskiest times of the year for fires in the home, and most of these fires can be prevented," he said.

"Taking a few moments to check your heaters and fireplaces before winter sets in could mean the difference between life and death for your family.

"It's important to remember that no matter the season, having interconnected smoke alarms in all bedrooms and living areas can provide vital seconds to allow you and your family to escape in case of a fire," he said.

Chimney and heating tips

- Have chimneys cleaned annually and gas heaters inspected and serviced every two years.
- A secure guard or fireproof screen should always be used to prevent sparks and wood from falling out of the fireplace and causing a fire or burn injury.
- Never dry clothes or have flammable items such as curtains close to a heater or open fire – make sure they are positioned at least one metre away and constantly monitored to reduce risk of a fire.
- Children and pets must be supervised near all types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and heating.
- Always extinguish any open flames, and turn off heaters before going to bed or leaving the house.



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Open Short Story Competition



It's time to get writing for the 2022 Boroondara Literary Awards Open Short Story Competition.

The Open Short Story competition is inviting literary works between 1,500 and 3,000 words.

Submissions are open from 4 April to 29 July, 2022



For more information, scan the QR code, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/literary-awards or call 9278 4036



GIPPSLAND FORESTRY HUB
Promoting the Forestry Industry

Gippsland Forestry Taster Program Pilot

A Gippsland Forestry Hub initiative to link forestry education and career opportunities in the community

This 3-day program will showcase how a career in Forestry can be very gratifying, whether it's working outside planting, driving a Harvester on a coupe, or mapping out future plantations with some particularly good skills behind you, it can take you into a rewarding career.

We are running two 3day courses so you can

- Meet great industry mentors
- Learn skills to support a rewarding career
- See first-hand what the industry has to offer

Course 1 – June 20th, 21st & 22nd June 9.00am-3.00pm

Course 2 – June 27th, 28th & 29th June 9.00am-3.00pm

Location: Innovation Centre, 1 Monash Way, Morwell 3840

For more information, please contact:

admin@gippslandforestryhub.com.au or phone 0429 300 716

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About Windermere

Windermere is a community service organisation providing assistance to children, families and individuals across south eastern Melbourne and Gippsland.

We believe that **everyone is someone** in our community. Our aim is to make a difference in the areas of:

- assistance and support for **victims of trauma, assault and/or violent crime**
- **family wellbeing** to create positive behavioural changes
- **community strengthening** designed to respond quickly to relevant and emerging needs
- **development and early childhood education** including disability and developmental delays support and childcare services.

Windermere is the provider of the Victims Assistance Program in the southern region of metropolitan Melbourne and Gippsland. The program is focused on meeting the individual needs of the victim, and works to assist people to identify their own strengths and resilience to enhance their recovery.

Visit www.windermereorg.au for more information.

Other Useful Services

Lifeline

13 11 14

Kids Helpline

1800 55 1800

Safe Steps 24 hour family violence response service

1800 015 188

Men's Referral Service

1300 766 491

The Victims of Crime Helpline

Open 8am–11pm every day

Call 1800 819 817

Text 0427 767 891

Email vsa@justicevic.gov.au

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service.

For more information, visit www.relayservice.gov.au

www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au

Victims Assistance Program



Windermere

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The Victims Assistance Program

The Victims Assistance Program (VAP) is a network of agencies across Victoria that provides services to victims of violent crime against the person. Agency staff aim to assist victims to effectively manage and recover from the effects of crime and tailor services to individual needs.

The Victims Assistance Program is a **free service** that provides information, practical assistance and referrals to other services. It offers support to access the criminal justice system (for both reported and unreported crimes) and to lodge Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VOCAT) applications where eligible.

Services available

The Victims Assistance Program can help you with:

- communicating with police
- changing locks and other emergency security
- managing your safety
- organising transport and medical services
- finding other services that can help you
- getting ready for court
- making a Victim Impact Statement for court
- making a submission to the Adult Parole Board
- organising counselling
- applying for financial assistance.

Who is the service for?

Any person who has experienced or witnessed a violent crime can use the service.

If you are unsure if you are eligible for this service, call the Victims of Crime Helpline on 1800 819 817.

Locations of service

Southern Metropolitan region

Windermere in Narre Warren is the central location for the Southern Metropolitan Victims Assistance Program.

Arrangements can be made to see people in their home or at other locations throughout the region.

The service is also co-located with Victoria Police at Frankston and Dandenong Police Stations.

Gippsland region

In Gippsland, Windermere is centrally located in Morwell with outposts to other major towns in all Gippsland regions.

During the assessment process, arrangements will be made to meet people in their home or at another appropriate location in Gippsland.

The service is also co-located with Victoria Police at Bairnsdale and Sale Police Stations.

Contacting the service

The Victims of Crime Helpline can refer you to your local service. Call the Victims of Crime Helpline on 1800 819 817. The Helpline is open every day from 8.00am–11.00pm.

You can also contact Windermere directly:

Southern Metropolitan region

48 Webb Street
Narre Warren VIC 3805

Open 9am–5pm Monday–Friday
(except public holidays)

Call 03 9705 3200

Email victims.assist@windermere.org.au

Gippsland region

142–144 Commercial Road
Morwell VIC 3840

Open 9.00am–5.00pm Monday–Friday
(except public holidays)

Call 1300 946 337

Email victims.assist@windermere.org.au

You should be treated with respect

The *Victims' Charter Act 2006* is a law in Victoria that says that police, victims support services and prosecutors should treat you with:

- respect
- courtesy
- dignity.

If you believe that you haven't been treated with respect or given the right information, you can make a complaint.

For more information call the Victims of Crime Helpline on 1800 819 817, or visit www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au

Files and records relating to you will be kept secure at all times as required under legislation. Personal information will only be disclosed to a third party with your consent or if required to do so by law.

If you believe your privacy has been breached you may contact Windermere's privacy officer by visiting www.windermere.org.au for further information.

Puzzles

Word Search

Movie Actors

Find and circle all of the Movie Actors that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of a movie for which Jeremy
Irons won an Oscar.

Y E N O O L C D R T E B A R D E M
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O R A R E N A A S G S P A C E Y R
X A O M I E V A N O S B I G L O E
X N R E K O S I H M C K E L L E N
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F S A T S A A T N M E N O M A D S
O B A H E S E J R U M L P P E D O
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D A I C T B E L K B H U S Y H U S
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A S R T U N W E U G S N J A V S I
R U I C Y E H G U A N O C C M N R
G R O E N A M K C A H P E S C I B

BACON, Kevin
BARDEM, Javier
BLACK, Jack
BRIDGES, Jeff
CAINE, Michael
CARREY, Jim
CHAN, Jackie
CLOONEY, George
COSTNER, Kevin
CUSACK, John
DAMON, Matt
DANIELS, Jeff
DEPP, Johnny
DICAPRIO, Leonardo
DOUGLAS, Michael
DUNCAN, Michael Clarke
FORD, Harrison
FOXX, Jamie
GIBSON, Mel
GOLDBLUM, Jeff
GRANT, Hugh
GYLLENHAAL, Jake
HACKMAN, Gene
HARTNETT, Josh
IRON, Jeremy
JACKMAN, Hugh
JONES, James Earl
LAW, Jude
MC CONAUGHEY, Matthew
MCKELLEN, Ian
NEESON, Liam
PESCI, Joe
PHOENIX, Joaquin
REEVES, Keanu
RUSH, Geoffrey
RUSSELL, Kurt
SPACEY, Kevin
STATHAM, Jason
TRAVOLTA, John
VOIGHT, Jon
WAHLBERG, Mark
WEAVING, Hugo
WOOD, Elijah

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Sudoku

#1

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#2

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Recipes

APPLE CRISP

Ingredients:

For the Topping:

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick unsalted butter (cold, cut into small pieces)
- 3/4 cup quick-cooking or rolled oats

For the Filling:

- 2 1/2 to 3 pounds apples (about 5 to 6 large apples)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon



Ingredients

For the cupcakes:

- 3/4 cup unsalted butter softened to room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup milk at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

For the frosting:

- 1 cup unsalted butter softened to room temperature
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1-2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- cinnamon sugar for decorating (optional)

STEPS:

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter a 2-quart baking dish or six to eight 1- to 2-cup baking dishes. Combine the flour, 3/4 cup brown sugar, salt, and butter in a mixing bowl or food processor bowl. Work the butter in with hands or pulse in a food processor until the mixture is clumping together. Add the oats and mix or pulse to blend thoroughly. Set aside. Peel, core, and slice the apples. If desired, chop a few of the apples further for a varied texture. Add the apple slices in a bowl with the lemon juice and toss periodically to keep the apples from becoming brown. Add the 1/3 cup brown sugar and cinnamon to the apple and lemon juice mixture and toss. Transfer the apple mixture to the prepared baking dish(es). Top the apple mixture evenly with the crumb mixture. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until the apples are tender and topping is browned and crisp.

CHAI SPICE CUPCAKES WITH CINNAMON FROSTING

Instructions for the cupcakes:

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and prepare two 12-cup muffin or cupcake tins with paper liners. Set aside. In a large bowl with a hand mixer or in the bowl of your stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, add the butter and sugar. Mix the butter and sugar together on high speed until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well and scraping down the sides of the bowl after each addition.

Measure the milk and add the vanilla to the milk. Set aside. Measure the flour, baking powder, salt and spices into a separate bowl and whisk them together to combine. Add about 1/3 of the flour mixture to the butter mixture and mix on low speed just until combined. Add half the milk mixture, mixing well just until combined. Add another 1/3 of the dry ingredients, mix, and then add the rest of the milk and mix. Finally, add the remaining dry ingredients and mix well until everything is well combined, scraping down the bowl. Divide the batter between the prepared 24 cupcake liners and bake for about 18-20 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit, or until a toothpick inserted into one of the cupcakes in the middle of the oven comes out clean.

For the frosting:

Whip the butter on high speed in your stand mixer or in a bowl using your hand mixer. Add the powdered sugar one cup at a time (add the cinnamon with the first addition), mixing after each addition. Add the heavy cream one tablespoon at a time and whip the frosting on medium-high speed for several minutes until it's light and fluffy.

Assembly:

Add the frosting to a piping bag, fitted with an open tip (or no tip at all). Pipe the frosting onto the cooled cupcakes (NEVER frost hot cupcakes...the frosting will melt!) in a circular motion, and sprinkle with some cinnamon sugar (optional) Refrigerate until ready to serve, or serve immediately.

June 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
23 (May)	24 (May)	25 (May)	26 (May) NHH -Bonang	27 (May)	28 (May)	29 (May)
30 (May)	31(May)	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Pest Animal Management Field Day- Tubbut Library Bus - Bonang	10	11	12
13 Queens Birthday	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Rug Weaving - Bonang Library Bus- Bonang	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			