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CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

Other procedures that do not require a Doctor

Pathology clinic (conducted by Pathology West)

Wednesday 9.30am—10.30am No appointment necessary. Every week except public holidays.

Women's Health Clinic

4th Thursday of the month at Delegate MPS Phone 1800 999 880 for an appointment



Available for cleaning (only)
Contact Natasha 64588162 or 0408477774

Tubbut Neighbourhood House

On Thursday the 6th of May we enjoyed a Candle making workshop at Bonang with Tiff from Goongerah, we had 6 very enthusiastic participants who created some very beautiful rolled, scented and coloured candles. We hope to hold a weekend workshop maybe in the Spring so as we can try the shaped moulds we have purchased. Below are some pics of the day and the finished products.



To see photos in colour go to our webpage and look at the Tattler online www.tubbutnh.com

















Out and About



Visiting Bike Riders

On the weekend of our Harvest Festival in March the area had a visit from a lovely couple from Omeo, Dave and Esther were riding their Tandem bike up the Bonang when they had the misfortune of blowing out some spokes.

It just so happened that local Michael Johnson from Bonang came across them and put their bike in his trailer and brought them back to his and partner Deb's home to await the arrival of some new spokes from Bairnsdale by way of their son who arrived at 7:00pm that night. Dave & Esther stayed the night with Michael & Deb then with new spokes in place headed off home to Omeo via McKillops Bridge in the pouring rain, they then spent the night in Walgulmarang before arriving home.

They averaged about 60kms a day and visited Errinundra Boardwalk and took in our beautiful scenery along the way, they absolutely loved the area and have vowed to return.

Creative Art at Tubbut

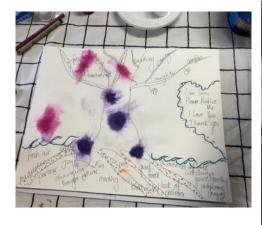
On Thursday the 13th of May the first workshop for Tubbut was held in conjunction with a Community Lunch, we had a great turn out along with representatives from BRV and DELWP who also joined in.

Once again some lovely art was created and we all enjoyed the coffee from the mobile expresso bar. Thanks to Shelly for the soup and rolls and to BRV for bringing these workshops to the area.













Fiction

I met Slim Dusty in my dream
Slim Dusty came to me in my dream. First up I was looking out my front window and there was a mini car in the driveway. I looked again and to my surprise a lady got out of the mini and came over to my window and said "would you please come with me and meet Slim Dusty?'

She said "Slim's been reading your little stories and would like to meet you". I replied "Ok". We left and ended up down the road at the pub, it was a bit wet and cold but the lady told me to go right in where Slim was waiting. He had a big fire going and he had a big grin on his face and said to me "Hi Laurie, I am Slim". I looked across the room and there was a big guitar of his over against the wall. "it's a bit cold mate so I had the publican warm us up with a big fire." He said he's been reading my stories and they've been good and also asked if I had any songs that he could use as he needed some new ones. I said "Yes I have two books full". After we had a beer and a meal Slim said "could I come back to your place and go through those songs" I said "yes for sure" He talked about his life as it had been through the years. Slim said the songs were all interesting but no country songs were in there. After all that he went back to the pub and before he left he gave me a few hints and ideas on how to do a country song so I then sat and wrote this song.

the cows are calling out, there is a big drought on,

Come along with me, I'll talk to a little bee

Someday somewhere the rain should come

There will be some grass for the stock at last

wouldn't it be great to start the tractor plow

and plow from gate to gate

Put some seeds in the ground

at night you could hear nothing but the rain coming down

Odel ay odel ay odel ay yee haw

By Kitten

My metal jack

My old metal hydraulic jack. It'll work up and down to where it's got a crack and work back down when your done with it. When I first saw my rusty old jack I oiled it and cleaned it and then tried to use it. I had my old jack wound up and down. I think it could lift up to two tonne. Well I'm not really sure of all that because I don't have a crank handle to fit my old metal jack. So what do you think about that, I think that's a fair sort of thing. By Kitten

BONANG HALL Notice is given of a **PUBLIC MEETING**

To be held at Bonang Hall on the 10th of June

2021 at 11:00am.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than 3 or more than 9 persons as the Committee of Management for the Bonang hall for a term of 3 years. The current committee's term will expire on the 1st July 2021. All positions will become vacant and nominations will be accepted prior to the day. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting. For further enquires please contact the Secretary Suzanne Collins on 0264580287.

ORBOST MEDICAL CLINIC

In light of the unfortunately news that the Bombala Medical Clinic has closed; Orbost Medical Clinic would like to remind those living in remoter communities that telehealth services are available.

All doctors at Orbost Medical Clinic provide telehealth appointment either over the telephone or via a video link from your computer or smartphone. If a video link is your preference a link is available on the ORH website.

To make an appointment it is as easy and ringing reception staff at Orbost Medical Clinic on (03) 51546777. Request an appointment and inform them how you would like the appointment to be conducted; either in person via telephone or via video link.

If you have any questions or require support please do not hesitate in contacting our friendly reception team who will help step you through the process.



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More Bonang History

B' is for Bonang. Like Bendoc, it is in Far East Gippsland, near the NSW border. It is closer to Bombala than it is to Orbost and in many ways its logical capital city is Canberra.

Unlike Bendoc, Bonang does not have a town summary in the 2005 'East Gippsland Thematic Environmental History' (TEH) but the report contains lots of information on the area. The following account is compiled from the TEH and from the 1996 Comprehensive Regional Assessment of heritage places in (or related to) forests, for the East Gippsland Regional Forests Agreement (RFA). Extra information has been added from newspaper reports. The RFA report says: "Bonang township comprises a small, scattered collection of buildings marking the intersection of the Bonang Highway and the McKillops Bridge Road, and is set in a confined pastoral landscape within a remote forested location. It contains elements and buildings related to the period of gold extraction and sawmilling. Bonang Hall and Bonang Store, adjacent buildings, form the town centre." [Unfortunately, the store burned down shortly after this description was written – see a 'before' photo in a previous post, copied over to the comments below.] "In the 1860s, gold was discovered in the Rising Sun Creek at Bonang. A number of mines worked quartz reefs, mainly from the 1880s. The Rising Sun Mine [later the New Rising Sun] was very profitable and had a tramway taking ore to a crusher and water wheel on the Bonang River. The cage from the mine is now located in the township." (Thematic Environmental History) [Other mines in the area were the Croesus, Aurora, Aurora Borealis and Rose of the Valley.]

A post office operated at Bonang from at least 1859.

In 1870, a goldfields common of 2,400 acres was reserved on unappropriated Crown land at Bonang. Bonang, like many other goldfields settlements, must have been a fairly lawless place in early days. In 1870, a man was stabbed during an altercation at the All Nations Hotel. The offender was captured and taken to Tubbut, but Mr Whittakers, the only JP in the district, was away at the time, so the police and the suspect had to return to Bonang and seek out a magistrate in NSW. In 1875, man who had been in the habit of frequenting a sly-grog shanty at Bonang died suddenly, due to suspected 'doctoring' of the spirits sold there.

The Australasian, in 1872, said: "The distance from Bendoc to Bonang, or Benang is between twelve and thirteen miles, over a very mountainous country, with only one farmhouse between. The traveller passes through forests of magnificent timber, and long strips of rich black soil on the mountain slopes. This would be splendid for agricultural purposes, but would require a large outlay for clearing, it being thickly timbered. A curious feature of the district is that for many miles there is nothing but what is known as 'scented' grass. It resembles prairie grass, and grows where the sun seldom gets at in the woods. When dried it has a beautiful perfume, particularly if shaken in a room. I brought seven bunches away with me. Descending a precipitous mountain range, at the sides of which grows the wild cotton tree, I arrived at Bonang or Benang, and after crossing the Bendoc River, passing a few huts and unfinished buildings meant for public-houses, I arrived at a good substantial country store, kept by Mr. William Clancy.

"Mr. Clancy accompanied me to the now celebrated Marriott's Rising Sun Reef, which has just yielded fine returns. The distance up the mountain track is about a mile and a quarter to this reef. I have seldom passed through such a magnificent forest with its stately eucalypti, ferns, and rich vegetation, and the soil a rich black mould.

"Marriott's Rising Sun Reef, in the midst of the forest, was discovered by William Marriott on the 1st November, 1866. With primitive appliances Mr. Marriott worked the reef and obtained the large quantity of 700oz of gold from it. It then passed into the hands of the present company, and the first return since the company was started was brought into Bombala on Monday last, which, as before remarked weighed 70oz, though the manager assured me that he could have obtained, with careful clearing of the tables, five ounces more from the forty tons of quartz." [Lots more detail of the mines follows.]

Another press report, in 1875, said: "There is a considerable amount of building going on, good substantial log huts being the order of the day; and this portion of Bonang, which about twelve months ago only contained one solitary little thatched hovel, with two occupants, can already boast of at least one street with some thirty dwellings, and a population which is daily increasing."

Until Federation in 1901, there were regular complaints about the 25% duty charged by NSW on mining machinery being transported across the border, and related demands for road construction in Victoria that would allow equipment be brought up from Orbost.

Requests for improvement of the roads to Bonang and Bendoc (like Buldah) regularly surface in the reports of meetings of the Tambo Shire [as it was then]. In 1886, a tender was advertised for construction of a bridge over the Bonang River 'near Clancy's' [store]. The next year, several contracts were let for grubbing of stumps and construction of sections of road through what was described as 'Bonang Jungle'. At the same time, Mr Hamilton Reid of Bonang objected to the routing of the road through his land.

During the 1880s, there was a substantial community living at Bonang, but government services were still limited. Religiously-inclined residents were deeply concerned about the lack of church services in the area and the number of children who had not been baptised. There is a fascinating exchange of letters, which I will summarise in a comment below.

More Bonang History Cont..

The Australian Town & Country Journal, 1888: "From this place I went to Bonang, a little place kept alive with gold-mining, and built of bark houses in the centre of the forest in the mountains. The timber here is very fine; a measurement of some dozen trees showing an average of 30ft in circumference. This place has one store, at present under the management of Mr. Keith, and about a dozen bark houses. Several good reefs have been found... There is some fine ground around Bonang, and pig-growing will be one of the big industries in the near future. A good deal of money has been spent on the new road through this part of Gippsland; and so far a fair track has been cut as far as Reed's, at Goongerah. From that point to Mount Buck, about twenty miles, there is only a bush track, with the trees blazed which shows the way to Orbost.

"I met at Bonang Mr. J. J. Pleydell, of Orbost, who has been making the road I have just mentioned, and he asked me to accompany him to Orbost with the first bullock dray which has ever gone from the New South Wales side to Gippsland. To people in other parts of Australia this may seem not a very big undertaking. But when it is explained that this opens up a wheel traffic where the pack-horse has been used, and is the first vehicle of any kind which has ever attempted this trip, they will see that Mr. Pleydell deserves great praise. The trip took about a week (from January 28 to February 4). We arrived in Orbost without a single upset, and the dray in good condition. Mr. Pleydell had a good driver, and three men to help him, with myself; and we brought a ton of loading through. We had sixteen bullocks, six in the dray, and the rest to remove logs and help to clear the way." [http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article71094627]

In September 1889, surveys were being carried out for a railway line to link from NSW, through Bonang to Orbost and thence to Melbourne. A Warden's court [court of petty sessions] at Bonang – in preference to Bendoc - had been promised by the Victorian Attorney-General but not yet implemented and there was still no resident police protection. A State school was expected shortly "which is sadly required, there being over 50 children within a radius of a mile growing up in ignorance," as one report said. It went on: "We are a peculiarly isolated community, being, as it were, at the antipodes of the colony, and it is a blot upon the boasted progress of the colony to say that our civilised rights are so neglected." [http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article162066534]

Half time schools were approved for Bonang and Delegate River in 1885, subject to the residents providing suitable buildings. The Bonang school was apparently moved away later. In 1915, the Education Department decided to move it back again and the local residents held a dance to raise money to refurbish the old building. It was operating by 1917, but burned down in April 1923. In 1930, the Education Department advised that the Public Works Department was preparing an estimate of the cost of a new school at Bonang to accommodate 32 children. It was operating by 1937 and was still there in 1951.

As the gold mining became less viable, the population began to decline. One report in 1911 noted that five families had moved to the Orbost district, where they had much better economic prospects and their children could get a better education.

"During the 1930s depression, the CRB used gangs of men on unemployment relief to work on a number of roads in the region. Two routes to the Monaro were upgraded at this time, including the Bonang Highway." (Thematic Environmental History)

The RFA report describes the later period: "With the decline of mining, economic activity was maintained with sawmilling. The town declined with the closure of the mill and now is dependent on the requirements of surrounding pastoral areas."

From Helen Martin Gippsland History page 19/10/2018



The Bonang Hall probably around 1990.



The storage shed at the Old Bonang Store.

The Local Rag

Issue No. 6. September 1979.

REPCO RALLY DELEGATERNER



DELEGATE RIVER - 3 a.m. 18th August.

It had been a long cold night at the Kirkenong Road turn-off, with the first cars in the Repco Round Australia Rally, originally expected at about 11 p.m. Some light rain earlier in the evening had cleared, the night had become cold and starry, the occasional mopoke being heard over the hum of the portable generator, and the spasmodic conversations around the couple of not very good campfires.

The long delay in arrival time for the cars, was apparently due to a revised schedule from Sydney, which they left between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. A few minutes after 3 o'clock the long wait ended, with the sound and glere of the lead car.

With some 500 watts of headlamps and Cibie driving lights showing the way through the mountain darkness, the lead Commodore, with Peter Brock at the wheel, rumbled into the checkgioint. The second car, also a Commodore, pulled in a few seconds behind Brock, and as the Cibies slowly faded into temporary darkness, and the VB's muttered into silence, the drivers and navigators extricated themselves from the rally-packed interiors. These two vehicles had picked up the best part of half an hour since leaving Canberra, and the drivers had time to have a wander around and drink some coffse until it was time to commence the next section to Buchan.

While these lead cars were waiting for the next section to commence, other cars were pulling in behind them. Orivers and navigators, most of them dressed in distinctive and lightweight rally gear, were giving their vehicles a quick check as they shivered and gulped coke or coffee. A few co-drivers were huddled sound asleep amongst gear and spars tyres in the back seats. They were probably the warmest people there:

A few minutes before 4 a.m. it was time for Peter Brock and his crew to head for Buchan. The V8 sprang to life, the Cibies lit up, and with a spurt of gravel, the Commodore roared into the darkness. Until 5 o'clock or so, when there were no vehicles still waiting to leave, the cars left at elactronically timed two-minute intervals. From then on, the departure timing became lass precise, as these later competitors were regarded as having little chance of winning. Many drivers were simply told to leave when they were ready.

The Local Rag

REPCO RALLY (cont.)

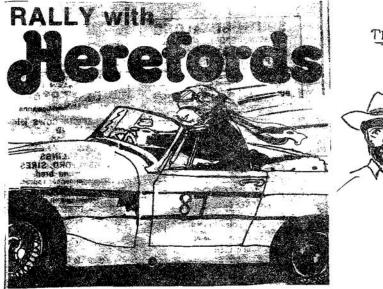
Local personality, Max Roberts, also driving a Commodors, and in fourteenth place, was probably the star of the event, being virtually mobbed from the time he pulled in till when he left. It was in the boot of his vehicle that we saw the bank of batteries to power all the extra lamps. An organiser later told us that many rally vehicles have an additional alternator fitted to charge these batteries and to power the lamps.

Amongst the General Motors' advertising fanfare about Commodores filling the first three places, it is interesting to note that these three vehicles had the most Comprehensive back-up service of any cars in the event, and this extended to aircraft to fly in needed parts to any point on the route. Privately entered Commodores did not do so well, and taken on the average, could not be said to have performed conspicuously better than any other make or model.

By 10 a.m. on 18th August, it was all over, and the pale winter sun filtered through the high cloud to a deserted point where a little unmarked road turns off the Bonang Highway into the timber. Gone were the colourful cars; the drivers and crews in their red and blue rally outfits; the little tent illuminated by the portable generator, and locals with their awe and admiration for men and cars who had been around Australia in fourteen days.

Those of us who forewent a night's sleep, saw part of what was probably the last rally of its kind. Due to the energy crisis and the protests of those people who object to the spending of the vast sums of money involved in such an event, it is unlikely we will see another. For a few hours, during a winter's night in 1979, Delegate River became part of Australia's motoring history.

- Don Allen

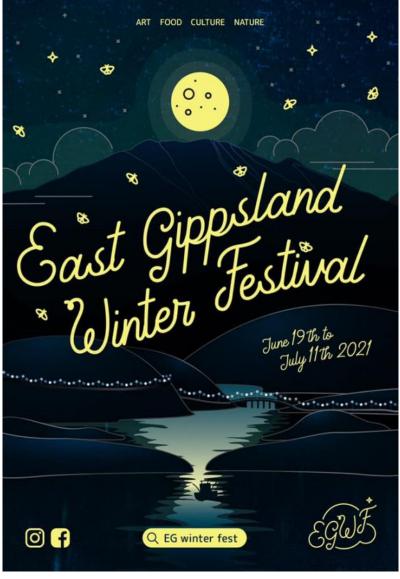


THAT doesn't look
like Max Roberts!!!





What's On





Colour & Creativity Workshop

Join Madelaine and Thérèse for a fun afternoon connecting with your creative side. Using acrylic paint or

CatholicCare Victoria's Bushfire Community Recovery Service provides mental health and wellbeing support to communities across East Gippsland. Art is a fun and therapeutic activity great for calming the mind and body, developing self-awareness, and cultivating mental wellbeing.

✓ For any experience ✓ Free workshop ✓ Materials supplied workshop ✓ Fresh Coffee

Upcoming Colour & Creativity Sessions:

- New DATE Goongerah Hall Thursday 27 May, 11am 2.30pm. Lunch, espresso coffee, Ink dye on paper and acrylic paint on canvas (was previously 20 May).
- Bonang Hall Thursday 3 June, 11am 2.30pm. Lunch, espresso coffee, Ink dye on paper and acrylic paint on canvas. DELWP attending to answer any questions.
- Bendoc Hall Wednesday 9 June, 11am 2.30pm. Lunch, espresso coffee, Activity TBC. Red
 Cross attending to answer any questions.
- Goongerah Hall Thursday 17 June, 11am − 2.30pm. Lunch, espresso coffee, Activity TBC. Red Cross attending to answer any questions.
- Tubbut Hall Thursday 1 July, 11am 2.30pm. Lunch, espresso coffee, Activity TBC. Red Cross attending to answer any questions.

EVENT DETAILS

East Gippsland will come alive this winter with the first-ever East Gippsland Winter Festival which celebrates all things art, food, music, beer and wine.

The official opening event is on Friday, 18th June, with the festival kicking off from Saturday, 19th June to Sunday, 11th July and will showcase the region's villages through a series of pop-up events, cultural activities, workshops, exhibitions, winter feasts, tours and family activities. There'll be night time activities too so be sure to pack your winter woollies.

The festival commences on Friday, 19th June in Bairnsdale where the laneways will come to life with an art and light projection at the Laneway

Launch illuminating the town and creating a merry-festival-vibe with live music, roaming performers along with food and wine offerings.

There will be collaborations between some of the region's food and wine heavyweights. Lightfoot & Sons Wines and SARDINE eatery + bar pair up for the Pinot Picnic on Sunday, 20th June in Calulu near Bairnsdale to celebrate all things Pinot Noir. And you can snuggle into Lightfoot's barrel room for a masterclass, then bask under the wintry skies on the deck or lawns with a picnic box.

On Saturday, 26th June be spellbound by the Lakes Light Festival in Lakes Entrance with a parade of lanterns, weaving around lit-up sculptures that pay homage to the region's flora and fauna along with laneway light projections and a jetty-side virtual reality installation.

Attend a Lantern Making Workshop at the Great Alpine Gallery on Tuesday, 29th June in Swifts Creek and create a beautiful star lantern to hang in the street and help light up the charming village along the iconic Great Alpine Road.

Over the weekend (3rd & 4th July) there is a deep winter event at Sailors Grave and the Bruthen Fringe Cafe. In Lakes Entrance, guests can enjoy a night of hearty winter foods, sourced locally and served with Gippsland wines and beers at the Slow Movement Community Dinner. There will also be live music, performances, woodfire pits and spectacular light displays.

Over the last weekend, Friday, 9th to Sunday, 11 July there is a Laneway pop up event in Bairnsdale. On Sunday, local chef Rob Turner of Northern Ground will host a long table style event at Kings Cove, Metung to celebrate local food, wine and cooking. Ticket holders can tour the Metung Hot Springs site and have the opportunity to try the pop-up bathing tubs. Also, on Sunday there will be a Quasitrad Music Concert at the Marlo Hotel.

Program can be found at https://egwinterfest.com.au/program/

<u>Markets</u>		
Bairnsdale Farmers Marke (Secondary College Oval)	t 1st Sat. of the month	8am-12pm
Bairnsdale Sunrise Rotary (<i>Howitt Park</i>)	4th Sun. of the month	8am–1pm
Wyndham Village Market (Wyndham Hall)	4th Sun. of the month	8.30am-1pm
Merimbula Seaside Market (Ford Oval)	3rd Sun. of the month	8am- 12:30pm
Eden Local Produce Marke (Chandros Street)	et 3rd Sat. of the month	9am– 1pm
Pambula Rotary Market (Rec.Reserve)	2nd Sun. of the month	8am– 1pm
Candelo Market (by the River)	1st Sun. of the month	8:30am- 12.30pm
Cooma Rotary Market	3rdSun. of the month	8:30am-1:30pm
Paynesville Lions Club (Gilsenan Reserve)	2nd Sun. of the month	8am -1pm

News from the Dept & more What's On

Firewood Collection Areas

Collection area near Deddick, Tubbut Amboyne Boundary Tk, Ingram Tk, Rosendale Tk 2WD access

Collection area near Bonang, Bendoc

Old Bonang Highway, Playgrounds Rd, Old Bendoc-Bonang Rd

4WD access only

Collection area near Bendoc, Buldah and Bonang

Clarkeville Rd, Coast Range Rd, Jake Break Rd, Flu Tk, Hepburn Rd

2WD access

(There is a planned burn proposed for this firewood collection area. This firewood collection area may be closed at short notice to allow for burning)

Collection area near Bendoc, Bonang

Rays Tk, Jacksons Tk, Old Victoria Crossing Tk, Monarch Gully Tk, Border Tk

2WD access

(There is a planned burn proposed for this firewood collection area. This firewood collection area may be closed at short notice to allow for burning)

Firewood collection is restricted to within 50 meters from the road edge. State Forests are multiple use forests, consider wearing highly visible clothing.

Closing date: 30/06/2021



SUPPORTING THE RECOVERY OF FIRE-AFFECTED BUSHLAND IN VICTORIA

Speakers include

- Deirdre Griepsma (Parks Victoria) -Working for the greater good - managing threats for biodiversity recovery after the 2020 fires.
- Brett Mills (Trust for Nature) Deer control on protected private land.
- Paul Harvey (Trust for Nature) Post-fire Challenges and Opportunities on Private Land.
- Andrew Murray (DELWP-Southern Ark Project) - The post-fire survival of Victoria's Long-footed Potoroos in Far East Gippsland.
- Tom Crook (EGCMN)- Where are the Owls and what about the Rainforest?; Partnerships for biodiversity in post-fire East Gippsland.
- Andrew Briggs (NE CMA) Recovery of riparian areas - the challenges and long term approach needed.
- John and Robyn Hermans (Trust for Nature) - An East Gippsland Covenantor's perspective

WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 10AM-12:30PM

https://www.aabr.org.au/supportingthe-recovery-of-fire-affectedbushland-in-victoria/











Lior - Between You and Me

This performance sees one of Australia's most successful and respected singer/songwriters performing an intimate concert of songs drawn from his new album - *Between You and Me* as well as selections from his vast back catalogue of recordings.

This is a chance to hear the acclaimed singer/songwriter **Lior** in a manner harking back to archetypal 'salon' concerts; where both audience and performer share an evening enjoying the connection that only proximity can offer.

Lior burst on to the Australian music scene in 2005 with his stunning debut album - 'Autumn Flow'. Recorded and released entirely independently, and spearheaded by 'This Old Love' and subsequent singles 'Daniel' and 'Autumn Flow', the album became one of the most successful independent debuts in Australian history.

A swag of accolades followed, amongst them three *Aria* nominations (including Best Male Artist), as well as Triple J's prestigious 'J Award' nomination for Album of the Year. Subsequent releases *'Corner of an Endless road'*, (2008) and *'Tumbling into the Dawn'* (2010) were also a huge success, debuting at #2 on the Australian Albums chart and topping the independant charts for several weeks, as well as earning the gifted songwriter a further three Aria nominations.

Lior is know for his dynamic and moving performances, and has earned a reputation as a one of Australia's finest live performers. He is part of a rare breed of artists who have achieved a great degree of success and critical acclaim, whilst maintaining an independence and individuality in their craft.

Don't miss the chance to see him in this one-off intimate solo show. www.lior.com.au

This show will be presented with restrictions in compliance with the Forge Theatre and Arts Hub's COVIDSafe plan protecting the health of the audience, performers and theatre staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Venue: Forge Theatre - Auditorium

Performance Times: Thursday 10 June, 7:30 pm

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes - NO INTERVAL

Full: \$30

Ticket Prices: Concession: \$25 (Seniors/Pensioners)

Group 8+: \$25 Students: \$21

Forge Friend: Adults: \$25 Concession: \$20

lews from the Shire

Below is an email from the Shire re Hall upgrades in our area.

Dear Committee of Management,

The purpose of this message is to notify your committee that a bushfire recover grant application has been submitted for funding to upgrade approximately 40 public halls and recreation reserve buildings throughout East Gippsland.

As you know, community facilities including public halls and recreation reserve buildings are essential to enable communities to remain socially connected, physically active and positively engaged with a broad range of community activities and events. In times of emergency, these same facilities often play a critical role supporting communities to plan for, respond to, and recovery from emergency events. During the 2019/2020 bushfire event over 30 community facilities were utilized in either a planning, response, relief or recovery role.

The proposed upgrades are directly related to improving our communities facilities when used for emergency relief or recovery purposes. Proposed upgrades include:

- Initial risk and condition assessments;
- Ember proofing to improve resilience during bushfire events;
- 3. Adapting electrical switchboard systems to accommodate backup electrical supply when mains electricity is lost; and

Upgrading of telecommunication systems including AV infrastructure, WiFi capability and a resilient online connection.

If grant funding is received, the intention is to undertake the risk and condition assessment prior to the coming fire season and commence upgrade works as soon as possible.

It is likely that the outcome of the grant application will be known soon. If successful, you will be recontacted to make arrangements for the initial risk and condition assessment to occur.

Note: The risk and condition assessments have been completed and we are just awaiting the final confirmation.

News from the Dept

Dear Community and Stakeholders

Forest Fire Management Victoria's Joint Fuel Management Program (JFMP) is updated each year, built on the latest long term Bushfire Management Strategies.

The Snowy District invites you to have input into our Joint Fuel Management Plan.

How you can get involved:

If you would like to contribute to this year's JFMP scheduled update, please forward your nomination to the contacts provided in the Action section below - BY 11th June 2021.

We are currently seeking new fuel management nominations from our local communities.

Your involvement could include providing suggestions for new planned burns or changes to proposed burns. Other suggestions may include non-burn fuel treatments – slashing, mowing & clearing works and mulching.

All conversations with stakeholders and communities are important and help to shape this plan.

We welcome your comments all year round and encourage you to be involved in the Snowy Districts fuel management planning process.

Action:

If you and your communities have areas of public land that you would like to nominate into these plans, please contact: Ross Cutlack - Senior Forest & Fire Management Officer – Fuel Management, Snowy District

Email: ross.cutlack@delwp.vic.gov.au or

Phone: 03 5161 1222 and ask to speak to someone in the Snowy Fuel Management Team.

se Note: These nominations will need to fit within wider policy and strategy and are not guaranteed to be included, but we welcome the opportunity to discuss any nominations with you.

What is the Joint Fuel Management Plan:

The Joint Fuel Management Plan (JFMP) provides the opportunity for those who live near public land or are interested in a particular area to talk to us about the timing and scheduling of planned burns and other bushfire fuel management activities in that area.

The Joint Fuel Management Plan is reviewed and updated each year with the latest local knowledge, fire ecology, fuel hazard and other local information.

Planned Burning Zones:

Fuels are managed differently across different areas. In areas close to towns, planned burns are more frequent to protect people and assets.

In other areas, burns can be managed to reduce the spread of bushfires across the landscape. The focus here is on maintaining and improving ecosystem resilience, as well as for

Below is information on the different zones.

Fire Management Zones:

Asset Protection Zone - Aim to reduce fuel through planned burning or other methods approximately every 5 to 7 years.

Bushfire Moderation Zone - Aim to reduce fuel through planned burning or other methods approximately every 8 to 15 years. Length of time between planned burns in some areas can vary due to ecological considerations.

Landscape Management Zone - Planned burning will focus on maintaining and improving ecosystem resilience, and fuel management will also be undertaken for risk reduction. **Prescribed Burning Exclusion Zone** - No planned burning, mainly to protect particular areas that cannot tolerate fire.

News from the Shire

Bushfire bridge rebuild completed, Wairewa celebrates

East Gippsland Shire Council and members of the Wairewa community officially opened the Hospital Creek Bridge at Wairewa last Friday afternoon, April 30.

The opening of the bridge was important milestone in celebrating the strength of the community and the recovery after the 2019/2020 Black Summer Bushfires. The celebration also marked the successful completion of Council's bushfire impacted timber road bridge replacement program.

During the 2019/2020 fires Council had 13 timber road bridges and two heritage listed pedestrian bridges either destroyed or damaged beyond repair. Many other bridges managed by Parks Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and Regional Roads Victoria were also damaged or lost.

The first bridge replacement – the Waterholes Creek bridge in Deptford – was replaced within six weeks of the fire impacting the area. The remaining 12 bridges have been completed over the last 12 months at a combined value of more than \$4.5 million.

Local contractors Tambo Constructions and Jarvis Norwood Constructions were the successful tenderers for all the impacted bridge replacements.

Although some delays were caused by COVID-19, Mayor Cr Mendy Urie said the bridges were able to be replaced quickly due to pre-planning by Council.

"We were able to action the replacement of such a large number of timber bridges relatively quickly due to the pre-planning work our team has done over recent years to ensure that all our bridges in need of replacement were designed and ready to tender for replacement, and the fast and efficient work of our local contractors," Cr Urie said.

The Hospital Creek Bridge provides vital all-weather access for eight farming and lifestyle properties in the valley. The bridge is an alternative road to Buchan and Orbost when the Wairewa Road is flooded and inaccessible. The bridge also enables essential links for the community and its visitors, such as access to the recently reopened waste transfer station, the old school memorial plaque and hundreds of kilometres of back tracks in the bush for bird watchers, flora and fauna seeks and other recreational users.

The reinstatement of the bridge is an important milestone in Wairewa's recovery. The completion of the timber bridge replacement program is also a milestone is the recovery for East Gippsland and all the impacted communities.

"I wish to thank the Wairewa community and all the other communities impacted by damaged bridges for their patience and understanding while the rebuilds took place," Cr Urie said.

"The Wairewa Hall Committee, Community Recovery Committee and the wider community have worked tireless over the past 14 months. A 'can-do' community, no time was wasted in setting up a recovery committee after the fires which gave access to resources to start the rebuild. It is a credit to your resilience and community spirit to see how you have banded together during this time".

Following the opening of the Hospital Creek Bridge, Councillors and staff joined the Wairewa community at the hall, where the community declared its new playground open.



The Wairewa community celebrate the official opening of the reconstructed Hospital Creek Bridge



Mayor Cr Urie cuts the ribbon officially opening the bridge alongside Cr Mark Reeves, Cr Arthur Allen and members of the Wairewa community

News from the Shire

Call for community input on Forest Park, Orbost upgrade

Plans are being developed for a \$1.82 million upgrade of Forest Park, the picturesque gateway to Orbost, and community members are being invited to share their thoughts on the draft design with East Gippsland Shire Council.

Forest Park is a much-loved passive recreation area and rest stop for locals and visitors. The upgrade will revitalise and modernise the park by providing a place for community members of all ages to gather, connect and enjoy the location and facilities.

Community members can view the design and give feedback at Council's website, customer service centres and face-to-face at a number of drop-in sessions over the next few weeks.

Mayor Cr Mendy Urie said the park is a beautiful space and focus for Orbost residents and has been the site of many important community activities.

"No doubt this will continue in the future as the park's facilities are enhanced," Cr Urie said.

"It is also envisaged that the upgraded park will provide a destination point for people passing through Orbost along the highway, potentially providing an economic advantage to the town with increased visitor stopovers."

The works will include a new toilet and amenities block, more parking, an extensive adventure playground,

a picnic area, refreshing the interpretation of the gateway to the East Gippsland Rail Trail.

The detail of the playground area is being co-designed with students from Orbost Secondary College. Their brief is to "design, plan and pitch a proposal for the new Forest Park playground; playground should have elements suitable for ages 1-15". This exciting initiative is being facilitated through the Broadening Horizons Program.

The community is invited to view the plans online at Council's Your Say East Gippsland page, yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au or at the Orbost Service Centre. Council's project planner will also be at the Orbost Service Centre, 1 Ruskin Street to meet community members and discuss the draft design on:

- Wednesday, May 12 from 11am to 1pm
- Wednesday, May 19 from 10am to 1pm
- Friday, May 21 from 10am to 2pm
- Wednesday, June 2 from 10am to 2pm



"This project will stimulate the local economy and provide significant community benefits to a town in transition. The project will also assist to enhance the town's status as an 'age-friendly town' and attract retirees and 'tree changers' to live in Orbost," Cr Urie said.

While it is a large area, Forest Park is flood prone so this will limit which areas can be developed. Council will consult with East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority on this matter.

To help prepare the draft plan, Council has worked collaboratively with: Orbost District Community Recovery and Transition Committee (ODCRTC), The Orbost Development Group, the Orbost Chamber of Commerce, the Orbost Exhibition Centre and the Orbost Historical Society. This has involved multiple site walkthroughs and online meetings. Engagement of these groups will continue through the development of the project.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications via the Regional Recovery Partnerships program is contributing \$1.3 million to the project, with Council providing \$520,000.

Feedback closes Monday, June 7.

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Recipes

Apple and cinnamon crumble cake

INGREDIENTS

- 400g Bramley apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1cm chunks
- Finely grated zest and juice 1 lemon
- 225g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 225g caster sugar, plus extra for dredging
- 3 large free-range eggs
- 225g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 50g ground almonds

For the apple crumble topping

- Knob of butter
- 2 eating apples (we used pink lady), cored and sliced
- 30g butter, chilled and cubed
- 5og plain flour
- 30g soft brown sugar
- Pinch ground cinnamon

You'll also need...Deep 23cm spring form cake tin lined with non-stick baking paper

METHOD

- 1. Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Toss the apples with the lemon juice in a medium mixing bowl. In a larger mixing bowl, use an electric mixer to cream together the 225g butter, caster sugar and lemon zest until pale and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, adding a little flour with each.
- 2. Using a large metal spoon, gently fold in the remaining flour and the cinnamon, baking powder and ground almonds. Drain the apple pieces well, pat dry with kitchen paper, then stir into the cake batter (discard any juice left in the bowl). Spoon the batter into the tin, gently level, then bake for 45 minutes.
 - 3. As soon as the cake goes in the oven, make the topping. Melt the butter in a frying pan, then add the sliced apples and cook for 2-3 minutes, turning, to caramelise. Leave to cool. In a bowl, rub the butter and flour between your fingertips to a coarse breadcrumb-like mixture. Stir in the sugar, cinnamon and a pinch of salt, then toss with the cooled apple.
 - 4. After the cake has had its 45 minutes in the oven, take it out, then sprinkle the crumble over the top and bake for 15-20 minutes. The cake is ready when the crumble topping is evenly golden brown and the cake feels firm to the touch. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then remove from the tin and put on \square a serving plate. Serve warm or leave to cool.



https://www.deliciousmagazine.co.uk/recipes/apple-and-cinnamon-crumble-cake/

In The Garden

Edible Weeds

Purslane –

- succulent native to Australia
- High in omega 3
- High in oxalic acid so needs to be eaten in small amounts
- Can be cooked or used in salads

• Purslane grows low along the ground, generally under 8cm Occasionally it will create a bunch or cluster, which can grow about 15cm high. It grows from a central taproot, so all the branches of an individual plant will come together at the same place.

Leaves grow out from the stalk in a "star", of four leaves will be in groups of often 2 large and 2 small. Purslane leaf edges are smooth

If you break the stem of purslane, there is NO sticky white liquid (called latex), Purslane may be a little sticky, but it will be clear, not white



Sheep Sorrel

- High in oxalic acid so needs to be eaten in small amounts
- Can be cooked, used in soups or salads
- The leaves can also be dehydrated ,ground and used like a dried herb at a later date.

• Can grow up to around 30cm in height. The leaves look a bit like an arrowhead with 2 distinct basal lobes.

The mature plant is mainly prostrate in appearance and spreads through creeping underground stems.

The leaves grow alternate and form a rosette, they are oval/spade like in shape and on long petioles (stem of leaf). The leaf is hairless and between 2cm-10cm in length and 2cm-4cm wide.

The flowers are small and only around 0.2cm in size, each flower has 6 sepals, no petals and range in colour from yellow to a reddish brown, they are clustered near the top of the stem in a branching inflorescence.

The seeds have 3 sides and are only around 0.1cm in size and are a rusty brown in colour.

Wild Fennel

- Seeds and pollen can be dried and used to spice meats and other dishes
- Fronds and stalks can be cooked and eaten the same as store bought fennel It grows erect the leaves are finely divided into lacy, thread like segments and resemble a carrot top. The leaves can grow up to around 40cm-50cm in length and are quite dark green in colour.

It produces many clusters of flowers whose petals roll inwards. It is yellow in colour forming flat topped umbrella like groups that are around 5cm-2ocm across. The seeds change from green in colour to a yellowy brown as they mature. They are oblong and ribbed in shape and are around 0.5cm long and about 0.2 cm wide.





Wood Sorrel (oxalis)

- Is often mistaken for clover. It can be distinguished from clover by the shape of its leaves, which have a very definite heart shape. Clover, on the other hand, has leaves that are shaped like a tear.
- Can be used in salads and as a garnish
- High in oxalic acid and is poisonous in large amounts and has been linked to kidney stones



Yellow petals can be used in salads Leaves can be cooked like spinach Roots can be dry baked and used as a coffee substitute The leaves are a source of vitamin A and K, calcium and iron





May 2021

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June 2021

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