

TUBBUT TATTLE

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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?

Robert Hampshire will pump out your loo. Septic tanks, porta-loos— no problems Truck has capacity to handle 2 tanks/trip Phone: 0417423983
Please keep your old glass bottles for Robert too as he is a passionate collector.

Bobcat contractor for hire

Slashing, clearing, small earthworks, levelling, preparation for sheds, carports, water tanks and paving and clean ups
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Happy to come to our area and comes highly recommended by the Tubbut Neighbourhood House

Call Ben on 0434038395



FOR HIRE

The Tubbut Neighbourhood House has the following for Hire:
Trailer—\$5.00 per day
Wood Splitter—\$10.00 per day
You can also borrow many of our gadgets:
Laminator, recording VHS to DVD player, Laptop, tablet, digital photo scanner, convert photos, slides or negatives to digital, record records to USB

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

RedSpa Sanctuary Remedial Massage
Shiatsu
Bowen therapy

Over 20 years Experience.
Home visits available
By Appointment

0422 130 569

Available for cleaning (only)
Contact Natasha 64588162 or 0408477774

Tubbut Neighbourhood House

As Regional Victoria is back in stage 3 restrictions the Neighbourhood House is back to being unable to open to the public however this does not mean that you can't still access our services. If you require a Border permit then you just need to call us with your details and we will be happy to apply online for you and print them out to be dropped off in your letter box. Also if you need any information regarding the current restrictions we will do our best to source the relevant info for your circumstances., such as medical appointments etc... We know this is a very frustrating situation for everyone especially as we are so isolated from what is happening in the more populated areas in our state but if we hang in there we will come out the other side of this.

There are still some **ladies shoes** (Naot Shoes) sent by Operation Angel at the Neighbourhood House (they are size 38 to 40). Come to the Neighbourhood House and grab a pair or two.
There is also still a fair few packs of **bottled water** in the CFA shed at Bonang for anyone in the community who needs it.

Property with pests wanted
*fully insured
*will pay up to \$5000 per annum

Call Doug to discuss
0438833332

Local Job Opportunities

Deddick Valley Isolated Communities Group are looking for Contractors

Recreation Assistant - Practical Projects

We are looking for a motivated and reliable Recreation Assistant to organize and supervise practical projects. The Recreation Assistant will be responsible for planning and executing activity, supervising and assisting participants (as needed), and ensuring that the facilities and equipment are clean and safe for use. To be successful as a Recreation Assistant you should be able to devise engaging and enjoyable activities with community input. An outstanding Recreation Assistant should have a lot of patience, a positive attitude, and be comfortable working with people of all ages. He/she will be strongly community minded across all communities in the Errinundra to Snowy District.

This is a part time, fixed term opportunity.

Community Outreach Assistant

We are searching for a talented and professional Community Outreach Assistant to maintain and develop community outreach partnerships with relevant service providers in the area and further afield. You will work with the team to develop and implement initiatives that increase community visibility and service partnerships. You need to be self-motivated, enthusiastic and community-driven to take on this exciting role. This position requires someone equipped with a positive attitude and readiness to be a team player.

This is a part time, fixed term opportunity.

For full job description and further details please email or call by Friday 4th September 2020

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Mountain Pepper Berries for sale

30g for \$10

Contact Barbara at
249cottage@gmail.com



Mountain Pepper Berry (*Tasmania lanceolata*), 30 g, from Victorian High Country

This rare spice belongs to the Australian super foods with its unique taste, smell and offers plenty of health benefits. The berries have grown in the wild and have been handpicked in the Victorian Alps on private land. Dried full berries ready to be used in your grinder alone or mixed with other spices. Combine the berries with fish, meat, seafood, vegetables, cheese and even on top of your coffee or red wine. The berries will give you a unique taste, first sweet and fruity followed by spicy.

The Mountain Pepper Berry has superior antioxidant capacity compared to the so popular Blue Berries.

What are Antioxidants?

Antioxidants are substances that can neutralise free radicals in your body. They can stop them damaging your health. The best known ones are vitamins A, C and E. And minerals such as copper, zinc and selenium, which can all act as antioxidants. Antioxidants are believed to prevent and delay Alzheimer's disease, autoimmune and cardiovascular disease, cancer and diabetes.

A quick overview:

The Mountain Pepper Berry has the following benefits:

- High in antioxidants as already mentioned above
- Anti-inflammatory
- Antimicrobial
- High in polyphenolic compounds
- Vitamin E, lutein, zinc, magnesium, calcium, iron
- Antifungal
- Antihyperalgesia, Antiseptic and Anti allergic action

And there are even more benefits to this Australian Bush tucker.

The mountain pepper berries also make a unique gift and are a great addition to any kitchen.

Out and About



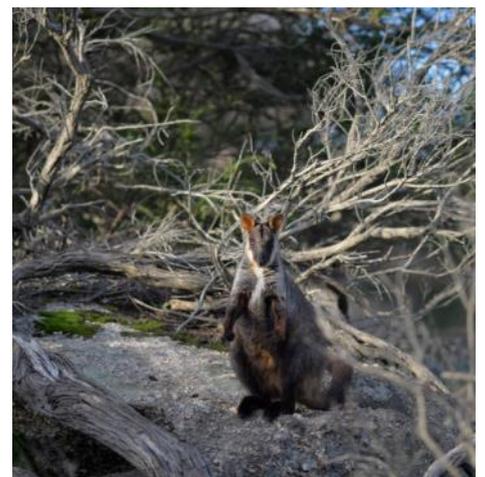
Photos of the last snowfall in Bonang (the one above is heading from Bombala to Delegate)

Photos of the Bonang River in flood by Fiona & Shorty.



Rockies rolling on after the fires

The Little River Gorge in the Snowy River National Park in East Gippsland is the only known natural habitat for Southern Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies in Victoria. In the 1990s it was estimated there were between six and 10 individuals left in the gorge – there are now 52, but this endangered species still needs help to survive and thrive. Several organisations have been working together over the past 20 years to increase the genetic diversity and resilience of the population in this remote part of East Gippsland, with renewed effort after the fires. Staff from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) are working with Parks Victoria, Zoos Victoria, Mount Rothwell Biodiversity Interpretation Centre, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, University of Melbourne and the ACT Government on a captive breeding program to improve the genetics of Southern Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies. DELWP Natural Environment Programs Officer, Willow Bourke said: “This year’s fires affected some of the wallabies’ key habitat, with high intensity fire reaching the top of the gorge mainly on the western side and into some of their feeding grounds. “The rocky habitat where they live can limit the spread of fire and probably helped to protect them this year, but open burnt areas have increased accessibility to predators such as foxes which are one of the main threats to this species,” Ms Bourke said. “The Southern Ark Program and Parks Victoria continue to carry out fox control through baiting around the colony and along the Snowy River corridor to protect the wallabies. “Annual camera monitoring shows us which wallabies are where and how they’re faring, and results from this autumn’s monitoring are encouraging. “Two young captive-bred males that were released into gorge last September remain in the same area. Targeted camera surveillance shows they have survived nine months in the wild. We’re hoping these males will be able to breed and introduce new genetics into the wild population. “DELWP and Parks Victoria staff recently visited the Mount Rothwell Biodiversity Interpretation Centre to assist with trapping of Southern Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies that will have health checks and DNA samples taken. “The best individuals will then be chosen to bolster the Little River Gorge population. “We’re aiming to release four males and two females in late August or early September 2020 and we’ll watch their progress through remote camera monitoring over the coming months.” www.delwp.vic.gov.au



The Local Rag

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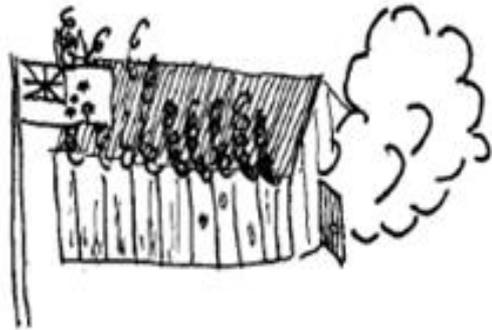
by

Bunny.

On our north side Harry and Jack Walker lived for years. They bought their place off Charlie Morrison. Gordon Walker, Harry's son, owns Harry's portion today. Peter Cameron's estate owns all Jack's portion. Peter was killed last year at a saw mill he had, only 46 years old.

Shinfields and Commons lived a long as I remember at Tingiringi. Shinfields kept the Post Office. There was a school in my time. 17 children attended at one stage. It was the only school I went to. There were 3 teachers. The school started before 1905, $\frac{1}{2}$ time between here and Merambigo, then full time. The third teacher was $\frac{1}{2}$ time with Woodglen. The school was a little over a mile down the road, at the creek crossing.

It was built by the residents, slab walls, iron roof and the chimney was in the west, and SMOKE! One could not have a fire even on the coldest day.



My grandfather, Johnny Crawford, lived at Spring Flat, a place Roy Stuart has today. It is where my mother was born. The house was built of stringy bark and it got burnt down. Grandfather shifted to the Native Dog, the other side of Ando. I never knew where he lived exactly. He then came back to Brown's Camp. In 1906 the Crawfords sold to Jack Eppulstun. He came from Tombong. Billy O'Hare has it today. A lot of people settled on blocks of land. They did not last long. O'hares would buy them out. Nearly all their paddocks are called after the first settlers.

Mr. A. H. Wright owned Tombong, also Ned and Bill Clear and the Ingram family. Mr. Jack Ingram was the first Ingram. My father used to rent Merino Rams. He would lease them off Mr. Wright as long as I can reflect. He would drive them, in those days, on a horse. Mr. E. P. Wright got the Clear place, after the first World War. He called it Knockalong. He married an English girl, who was an artist, (they had one son, Rex, who is there today). After her death he married again.

Mr. Jack Eppelstun used to own a place at Tombong. The Wright family bought it later. He was the father of Jack Eppulstun, who bought Browns Camp. He had 1 girl and 4 boys. The girl Alice, married Allan Crawford, my uncle, and lived in Clermont, Queensland. They had 3 girls and 3 boys. Bill and Ned sold to Herby, who lived on Browns Camp for 75 years. He only sold last year to Jack Mitchell, who also bought a portion of the old Corrowong Station. Bill and Ned went to Grenfell. They have both passed away. Bill married my sister, Mary, and had 2 girls and 3 boys. Cecil was a school teacher. They've all done well for themselves.

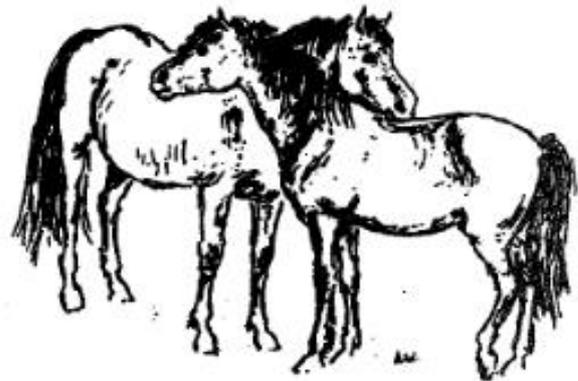
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In 1942 and 43, grasshoppers were bad here. One had to stand at the back door before you could open it, to let the grasshoppers get away. The place was eaten out. Mr. E. P. Wright wrote to us and offered free grass for a time, for cattle, a gesture I shall never forget.

In the early days nearly everyone had a stallion. There was a big call for horses, especially draught horses.

In the bush, when I was very young, there were cattle and wild horses in large numbers. The cattle are no longer there but a few wild horses are still around the Snowy River. They are very hard to get though!



I remember when Glasford owned Tubbut. Dave Crawford, (my uncle), Alick Cameron, (Alan Cameron's father), and Billy Hobbs mustered a mob of about 60 bullocks out of the bush country, all short horns and big bullocks. Alick minded them in a corner while the others came and had a cup of tea. That was about 1908.

Delegate Station was owned by Campbells. They came from Duntroon of Canberra. Later it was owned by two Miss Campbells. They left Delegate Station to their nephews, the two Jeffreys of England. Delegate Station was managed by Mr. McKetchie, after Mr. Darpy managed, and Mr. A.H. Jeffreys trained under him. He was very strict and thorough. The station cattle brand is S.C. after Miss Sophia Campbell. In those days it was all short horn cattle.

In 1918 a Mr. Clark was the first man to bring the Hereford Cattle to Delegate district. He lived on the border where L. Loftus and Bill Terlington are at Haydens Bog. Riverview and Wallendibby were the first to use the Hereford Cattle. Delegate Station sold the short horns and went in for the

morning I was going past the station to the dairy, the cows were standing in a row, getting their orders for the day's work from Mr. A.H. Jeffreys. After a while they went in all directions.

They had a dairy. Herb Campbell was the milk man. Every afternoon all the workers took home a billy of milk.

The farmers did all the work with horses. Years before Mr. Siveright used to plow with two horses in a single furrowed plow. He would use two horses in the morning and get 2 fresh ones for the afternoon. It's a big change today with the motor and today the station only employs about 4 men, owing to high wages.

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In the early days all crops were cut with scythes, - a 6 foot blade like a knife on a handle. All hay was made loose, raked up with a hand rake, and carted into sheds.



Before 1904 and 5 the koalas were very thick. They got a disease and died out. The native cats were very thick. I remember my father poisoning a sheep's head and hanging it about 6 inches off the ground. Next morning there were 13 dead cats. They were little spotted animals, the shape of a rat only a little larger. The possums were thick also. People used to set snares on poles and lean it on a tree to catch them. They also used to shoot them when the moon was in, for their skins.

Delegate Station and Corrowong used to wash their sheep before they were shorn. There is a paddock called "the wash pen", down the plain on Corrowong. I never saw it done.

About 1900 there were a lot of gold mines. There is quite a lot of old mines, one at Browns Camp, The Rising Sun at Bonang, and the Roaring Camp and Bonanza in Victoria close to the border line.

Mr. Ted O'Hare was the first man to get a motor car. Later all the stations got a T Model Ford. Mr. Geoff Stewart and Mr. Les Kelly were about the first to have cars to take the people of the district around.

About 1900, a Minister seldom came along. I remember an Anglican Minister, a Mr. Dobby. He was riding a horse and his text was that you cannot judge a book by its cover. There was always a christening when they came around. The hearse those days, was drawn by two black ponies. It was slow up till 1924 when the undertaker got a motor hearse.

About the 1900 there were butter factories, one at Delegate River and Mila Maharata, and Delegate people used to send their cream. I never knew what the process was. A cheese factory was at Mila at Lindon. In the early days there were quite a few hotels, one at the Union on the Corrowong Road, Foley's had one at Delegate River and one at Little Plains. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had the one at the Union. All were closed before my time.

The earlier settlers:

Tom Whealen selected the 250 acre Norman Stuart has. Richmond Skippers was at Jerry's Flat. McQuiggins at Merambigo, later James Hayden. Crawfords, my great grandfather and Williams were at Byadbo, known as Big head bow. Neil Gow owned Wollendibby and Stantons owned Corrowong.

My wife's grandfather, Chas Henry Trevanion had the first hotel at Bombala. It is an old building on the right, about 1 mile this side as you go to Bombala. The remains are still there.

Larry Ryan had Glenroy. The Delegate River Allen's owned from the Glenroy crossing, all Kirkenong and over the border in Victoria. Don Allen is the only Allen left, a great great grandson, son of Doug Allen who has just sold to Don.(1981)

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25th January 1981

I saw the first goanna in this district. It was over 4 feet from tip to tip.

On the 8th February 1981 lots of people, men and women and children, went in six 4 wheel drives to the top of Tingaringi Mountain, which is 4750 feet high. A lovely day. About 2 miles this side of Delegate on the Delegate River Road there used to be three huts built for the aboriginals, (about 20). In 1920 they all left and went to Lake Tyers. Some of them were very good stockmen, In those days they were not allowed to have any strong drink and had to keep away from any pubs.

By Bunny Stuart. From the Local Rag Issue 29 August 1981.

News from the Shire

Dog off-leash areas trial extended across shire

Thursday 16 July

East Gippsland dog owners will be delighted to see the extension of the off-leash dog trial until July 2021, meaning dogs will continue to be allowed off-leash in many areas across the shire.



The decision by East Gippsland Shire Council at its July 7 meeting was to extend the Dogs in Public Places trial period for 12 months.

Mayor Cr John White acknowledged the impacts of both the summer's bushfires and more recently COVID-19 restrictions had limited the amount of data and community feedback provided to Council to undertake a thorough and legitimate evaluation of the trial over the past six months.

"An extension of the trial period for a further 12 months will allow for data collected from the region's peak tourist times, summer holidays and Easter 2021, to be included in the final report by July 2021," Cr White said.

While dogs still need to be on-leash in built up areas, there is greater freedom for responsible pet owners to walk their dogs off-leash in Council managed parks, reserves and outside of towns. Dogs will still need to be on-leash when near playgrounds, barbecue areas, on shared paths as well as when activities are on, such as markets, sports games or training sessions. This allows these open spaces to be shared by all.

"Council has had a positive response from the community who enjoy exercising with their dogs in these off-leash areas, providing a great outcome and positive physical and mental health opportunities for our residents and visitors," Cr White said.

Cr White said Council-managed foreshores and beaches remain on-leash at this stage.

Dog owners remain responsible for their dogs and it is important that their dogs are always under effective control. Before going off-leash, it is important for owners to acknowledge both their own and their dog's limitations. If your dog isn't trained to come back when you call it, it is not under effective control and should stay on a leash.

All current law controlling dogs in a public place will still apply, including dogs at large or not securely confined to premises; dog rushes or attacks; and not picking up dog litter and disposing of it properly.

More information on the trial is available from Council's Customer Service Centres and website.



BUSINESS RECOVERY ADVISORY SERVICE

ABOUT US

We are a dedicated team of Business Recovery Advisers supporting bushfire affected businesses in East Gippsland and North East Victoria. Our purpose is to help you restart your business and build a sustainable business model for success now and into the future.



CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE

We offer free, one-on-one advice to help your business minimise loss and plan to recover.



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Call your local adviser Michael Anderson on 0404 126 602 or visit business.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-advice



News from the Shire

Nominations open for new agriculture advisory committee

East Gippsland farmers and farm businesses have a breadth of knowledge that often can go untapped ... until now.

East Gippsland Shire Council has identified the opportunity for local farmers, families, businesses and companies to bring this knowledge to the table for the agriculture sector, and ultimately the region's benefit.

The new Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee will commence in 2021 and now's the time for 10 skilled and passionate individuals to put up their hand as community representatives.

Mayor Cr John White said the new committee will have broad focus on matters of significance to the agriculture sector and provide advice to Council on the delivery of initiatives, funds and programs that support the agricultural sector across the region.

"We are looking for representatives of companies, businesses, families and single practitioners who are actively engaged in the agriculture sector in East Gippsland. We know the talent is out there, so please put your name forward.

"East Gippsland has some well-established industry events, and significant knowledge across various agriculture and horticulture sectors. There is a willingness to ensure the prosperity and sustainability of agriculture in our region."

The committee will comprise a maximum of 15 members, of which 10 will be representatives of families, businesses, companies, and single practitioners actively engaged in agriculture. These members will be broadly representative of the sector to generate the widest possible range of views and will have direct and ongoing input into shaping and developing East Gippsland agriculture program.

The committee will also include a representative from Agriculture Victoria, East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and Food & Fibre Gippsland plus two councillors (one being the Mayor).

Cr White said the creation of the new advisory committee is consistent with Council's practice of having a range of advisory and consultative bodies in place to successfully support areas of its operations, and ultimately build a stronger sector.

"The new advisory committee commencing in 2021 will replace the current East Gippsland Drought Reference Group," Cr White said.

"The work of the Drought Reference Group has been significant. The group has provided valuable advice and insights into how Council could most effectively support the community during the prolonged drought," Cr White said.

"It has also helped drive advocacy to the Victorian and Australian governments in respect of funding and longer-term actions to help ensure the sustainability of the agriculture sector."

The agriculture sector is responsible for 9.7 per cent of the region's jobs. Total annual economic output is estimated at \$4.686 billion, with agriculture, forestry and fishing contributing \$572.994 million (12.2 per cent). A further \$740.997m (15.8 per cent) is contributed by manufacturing.

[Nominations must be lodged by September 9, using the Expression of Interest form on our website.](#) For further information phone Kaylene Wickham, Drought Assistance Officer, on 5153 9500.

East Gippsland Shire Council is seeking six skilled and passionate community members for its Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Operating in its current form since 2017, the primary role of the committee is to provide strategic advice to Council, including on the development and delivery of initiatives, and policies that support economic prosperity in the region.

Chief Executive Officer Anthony Basford said Council is looking for the six skill-based members to join the committee from early 2021.

"To ensure the committee is well equipped to perform its role we're always keen to hear from interested community members. We know there is great interest in how our region responds to recent challenges and how we can all drive our economy. There's no better time than now to put up your hand and contribute," Mr Basford said.

"Applicants should possess the relevant skills and experience and a depth and breadth of knowledge of East Gippsland's industry sectors, including manufacturing, construction, agriculture, forestry and fishing, tourism and hospitality, retail, professional services, education and training and health.

"I look forward to a wide range of applicants showing their interest."

A formally appointed committee of Council, the committee comprises two councillors, two executive members of East Gippsland industry peak bodies, and six skill-based members. The committee meets at least four times per year and members may be called on for advice between meetings.

Interested nominees can find the terms of reference on our website. Nominations must be lodged by September 9.

Questions regarding the EOI process can be emailed to Kaylenewi@egipps.vic.gov.au

General questions regarding the committee can be made to Council's Manager Economic Recovery, Sharon Raguse, by calling 5153 9500.

News from the Shire

Bushfire planning applications a priority



Bushfire planning applications are, and will remain, a priority for East Gippsland Shire Council as more residents impacted by the summer's bushfires look to rebuild.

Council's General Manager Place and Community Jodie Pitkin said as the clean-up program progresses the volume of planning permit applications, as expected, was increasing.

"To date, our planning team has received 42 bushfire rebuild planning permit applications. Of those 42, 24 have been approved, 1 permit was not required, 3 have been for temporary accommodation, and 14 applications are under assessment," Ms Pitkin said.

"It's anticipated that with appropriate planning and provision of accurate information that rebuild applications should be able to be processed inside of 6 weeks."

Some applications will be straightforward and others more complex.

"Our commitment is to carefully step through the process with each applicant to ensure applications meet the standards of today," Ms Pitkin said.

"We understand there can be frustrations as some people navigate the complexities of planning by themselves. That's where our bushfire planning support service is a valuable resource for anyone considering a rebuild.

"This new service – contact us on 5153 9500 for more information – provides the upfront assistance for people without the need to engage a consultant. The team can assist in ensuring all relevant information is submitted with the application in the first instance, reducing the likelihood for unnecessary delays."

Ms Pitkin said the Bushfire Rebuild Support Service has received 64 referrals since coming online, of which 35 have been referred to planning advisors, and 29 are still under assessment.

"It won't be for everybody, but we have received some positive feedback about the service already," Ms Pitkin said

"This is an optional service and some people will find it more convenient to work with their own architect, builder and planning consultant.

"It is important that people understand that while rebuild permits are exempt from advertising, they are not exempt from referrals to other agencies (such as the CFA, East Gippsland Water, Catchment Management Authority or DELWP) and other planning scheme requirements. This is still a process Council is legislated to work through and can take time. There have also been very few fast-track changes made by the State.

"Since the fires, Council has advocated for timely information and decisions be provided to the community, pressed for the clean-up to get underway and use local sub-contractors, made changes to allow for temporary structures (i.e. shipping containers), and resourced our own planning team (including a duty planner who is on duty to respond to simple initial enquiries) and services."

Ms Pitkin said families who lost their primary place of residence in the fires and who have registered for temporary housing on Sunday received news the Government has announced its temporary housing program.

"The Government has indicated short-term modular housing will be an option available for households identified as currently being in emergency accommodation or in private accommodation arrangements. They will be able to live in these homes for up to three years while they progress their permanent rebuild."

A range of bushfire information and support, including rebuild support, is available through the recovery hubs and Council

The Library Bus is still not coming to our area at the moment but here are some great options provided by the library.

[Axis 360](#)

Search and borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks. Tablet and smartphone users can download the free Axis 360 app from the Apple or Google Play stores. Axis 360 allows library members up to eight titles on loan which can be returned before their due date.

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News from the Shire

Upcoming fox control program in the Kenny and Colquhoun Forests

Advice for Hunters who use scent-trailing hounds and other Stakeholders

The Southern Ark project is a wildlife management project undertaken in the State Forests and National Parks across East Gippsland Forest Management Area. The on-ground focus of Southern Ark is the ongoing control of foxes using buried 1080 and PAPP baits, for the benefit of native wildlife. Foxes are a major threat to a wide range of native species. Southern Ark has been in operation since 2005, operating across 3,600 bait stations distributed across one million hectares of State Forest and National Parks, mostly to the east of the Snowy River.

Increasing the area to be baited – including Kenny and Colquhoun Forests

The **Bushfire Biodiversity Relief and Early Recovery (BBRER) program** is a State Government-funded response to the fires that burnt across Victoria in late 2019 and early 2020. The BBRER program has requested that the Southern Ark team increase the area that it currently baits foxes to include the Colquhoun and Kenny forests (see accompanying map), in order to reduce the predation risk for native mammals, birds and reptiles as their populations start to recover post-fire.

Working in co-operation with hunters who use scent-trailing hounds

Acknowledging that there are several stakeholders that use these forests, and in particular hunters who use scent-trailing hounds to hunt Sambar Deer, the Southern Ark team is adopting a modified approach to the usual fox control approach of having toxic baits buried within bait stations throughout the year.

To minimise the impact of the fox control program on hunters who use scent-trailing dogs during the open season, a short intense period of fox control will be undertaken across a ten-day period in October.

In this program over 400 bait stations have been established and baited with unpoisoned (“free-feed”) baits across the Kenny and Colquhoun forests. A prolonged period of free feeding with unpoisoned baits will take place, with all bait stations being rebaited on a weekly basis for nine weeks. This approach ensures that a regular pattern of visiting bait stations and bait consumption is developed amongst resident foxes; experience has shown that once foxes learn there are baits buried in the bait stations, they regularly return to the stations to see if baits have been replaced.

After the nine weeks of free-feeding, a **10-day period of poison baiting will take place**. All free-feed baits will be replaced with fox-strength PAPP baits on **Monday the 5th of October**. The stations will be checked on Wednesday the 7th of October, Friday the 9th of October and Monday the 12th of October. Any baits taken by foxes during this time will be replaced with another PAPP bait. On **Wednesday the 14th of October all PAPP baits will be removed** and free-feed (unpoisoned) baits will again be placed in the bait stations. From the 14th of October, free-feed (unpoisoned) baits will be maintained in bait stations until December 1st 2020. As this is outside of the season where hunters can use scent-trailing dogs to hunt deer, PAPP baits will be placed in the bait stations and the toxic baiting program will be sustained until the end of March 2021 (funding dependent).

Safeguarding Scent-trailing Hounds and Companion Dogs

The poison baiting programs are undertaken in a manner that puts maximum pressure on foxes while minimising the risks to domestic dogs. Bait stations have been established at one-kilometre intervals, and all baits are buried at least 15cm below the surface of the ground. This program is also using fox-strength (400mg) PAPP baits, which are unlikely (but not guaranteed) to kill dogs that weigh more than 15kg. PAPP baits also have an antidote however this must be administered by a vet within 30 minutes of the bait being eaten.

When the toxic baiting commences, A3-sized corflute Warning Signs will be positioned on all vehicle tracks running into the area of forest included in the baiting program to advise those visiting the forest that the baiting is taking place.

We are asking that you refrain from hunting with scent-trailing hounds and companion dogs in the Colquhoun and Kenny Forests from Monday the 5th of October until Wednesday the 14th of October, and that you do not interfere with either the free feed or the PAPP baits during anytime of this project.

Further information

Enquiries concerning this fox control program can be directed via email to Andrew Murray, Southern Ark Operations Manager, on andrew.murray@delwp.vic.gov.au.

News from the Shire

GROWING BACK EAST GIPPSLAND

2021 STUDENT CALENDAR COMPETITION



SELECTED ENTRIES WIN \$50!



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Growing Back East Gippsland is a visual art competition inviting the students of East Gippsland to produce an original piece of work to be included in a collaborative creative project.

Any queries can be directed to: growingbackeastgippsland@gmail.com

Good luck!



HOW TO ENTER IN 3 EASY STEPS

Step 1:

Create your masterpiece using any medium you'd like. Paint, pencil, photography, short story, we encourage a total mix of mediums. Your only limit is your imagination, but there are a few simple guidelines to follow!

Entry Guidelines:

Theme: Regrowth & Hope
Size: Landscape A4
Ages: Students from prep to year 12

Step 2:

Once your piece is complete, photograph (an iPhone snap will do) or scan your artwork so you can send us a digital version. We will be judging all the entries digitally, so a well lit photo with no shadows or better yet a scan of the artwork would be best.

Please also hang on to the original, we might need to scan it ourselves for reproduction in the calendar if it's a winning entry!

Step 3:

After you have taken a photo or scanned the artwork, send the entry to us! It's as simple as that really. Entries should be submitted via the Gippslandia website:

www.gippslandia.com.au/growingbackeastgippsland

The Competition opens on Mon 24 August 2020 and entries must be submitted by 28 September. Judging will take place in October 2020. Winning entries will receive a gift card for \$50, and their artwork will be included in our Regrowth Calendar and Virtual Gallery.



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News from the Department

We are committed in recruiting Aboriginal people who want to work on Country to help protect Victorian communities from bushfires by becoming seasonal firefighters as part of Forest Fire Management Victoria crews.

Each year we employ field-based seasonal firefighters to assist with planned burning and the prevention and suppression of bushfires in parks and forests.

It's a job where no two days are the same. Seasonal firefighting is a great way to contribute, be challenged, work as part of a team and develop career pathways in an organisation that supports the Self-determination of Aboriginal people.

A significant pool of positions are made available using provisions of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*, whereby only Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply. Applicants will be required to provide a completed Aboriginality form, which can be found on our website.

What is Forest Fire Management Victoria?

Forest Fire Management Victoria crews are made up of firefighters from DELWP and Parks Victoria including rangers from Traditional Owner organisations. These crews work in partnership with other emergency agencies to prevent and suppress bushfires in Victoria's national parks and state forests. Our crews also support the CFA to fight fires on private land.

Becoming part of Victoria's firefighting team means you can be part of protecting Victorian communities on Country from the threat of bushfire.

How to become a PFF?

Applications must be completed online at: jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/pff

For more information you can:

- Contact your local DELWP or Parks Victoria office
- **Contact the Aboriginal Employment and Cultural Strategy team on aboriginal.employment@delwp.vic.gov.au (for general enquiries on Aboriginal employment)**
- Contact the DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136 186
- For more information on forest firefighting, visit ffm.vic.gov.au

What is Project Firefighter (PFF) employment?

We employ several hundred project firefighters, on a full-time basis for a fixed term each year, at more than 80 locations around Victoria. PFFs help suppress bushfires and assist in prevention works, including planned burning. We train three categories of PFFs each year:

- Firefighters (including positions designated for Aboriginal people)
- Fire Support Officers (limited positions)
- Rappel crews (limited positions)

What do I need to do to become a PFF?

These positions would suit people who are sound decision makers, community minded, looking for a unique challenge and want to work on Country.

All preferred applicants will be required to undertake pre-employment screening, including:

- A declaration and consent form
- A National Police Check
- Medical Assessment
- Task Based Assessment.

If offered a role you are required to provide a completed Aboriginality form or provide a copy of one you already have. Applicants that successfully complete these will then proceed to General Firefighter Training.

Skills required

All firefighters

- Require a current manual drivers licence
- Have an ability to work safely and effectively in a team
- Have an ability to follow verbal and written instructions
- Take initiative to seek information to solve problems and proactively look for things to do
- Maintain adequate fitness levels
- Maintain self-discipline, resilience and flexibility

Other skills and experience that are advantageous are:

- Bush/grass land firefighting
- A current first aid certificate
- Construction induction training
- Chainsaw operation accreditation
- Using tools, brushcutters, pole saws, small pumps
- Using field radios and other communication equipment
- Map reading, navigation and orientation skills
- Driving 4WD vehicles and heavy vehicles
- Operating bulldozers and heavy machinery
- Skill or experience in forestry, parks or rural works.



Note: This is only part of the information brochure for the full details of position go to ffm.vic.gov.au

News from the Departments



BENDOC POLICE NEWS

Hi All,

Welcome to the August edition of Police News for Bendoc and surrounding areas.

Here we are again in stage 3 restrictions just when we thought things were looking up!!

Vic Pol is aware of the impact the restrictions and border closures are having on the community and encourage anyone who is feeling anxious or over whelmed, to reach out and talk to someone or phone mental health services such as Life Line (13 11 14) or Beyond Blue (1300 22 4636).

Please remember to support each other through these tough times 😊

Current Events:

Recent rain fall has seen minor flooding and landslides in the area and police are aware that this may create issues for vehicles travelling along the Bonang Highway. Please be vigilant and drive to the conditions and call emergency services if you need help or come across trees or debris on the roads. Vic Pol work closely with SES and Vic Roads so if you call 000, we will always contact the appropriate service to attend.

Police continue to visit Bendoc weekly and encourage community to contact the member at the station or call Police if they require assistance.

Report incidents or contact police in the following ways.

000 for immediate police attendance or urgent matters

Police Assistance Line on 131 444 for any non-urgent matters, to report a crime or leave a message for a police member to contact you

Online Reporting www.onlinereporting.police.vic.gov.au



The information provided will remain confidential. Only statistical summaries may be released.

1. Overview

Financial assistance is available to eligible **Victorian residents** to assist with day to day **EXPENSES** for bushfire affected families, of up to a maximum of \$1,000 per family/household.

Assessment of this application and any decision to approve funding are matters for the CWA of Victoria in its absolute discretion.

2. Funding

Our Bushfire Relief Fund has received donations from the general public, businesses, organisations and members of the CWA of Victoria.

These donations have been made directly to our Association.

Eligible families include those:

- Whose usual permanent residence was/is located in a Shire identified in Section 5 of this form OR/ AND
- Whose usual work was/is located in a Shire identified in Section 5 of this form AND
- Who were impacted by the recent Bushfires

3. Program Duration

Payments will be available until program funds are fully expended.

4. Submit your application

Please submit complete applications and mandatory information to:

POST: Bushfire Relief
CWA of Victoria
3 Lansell Road
TOORAK VIC 3142

EMAIL: bushfirerelief@cwaofvic.org.au

Gippsland Primary Health Network are now recruiting participants for interviews / group discussions to learn more about **dementia**.

This will inform their ongoing **Needs Assessment**.

As a first stage, they would like to hear from;

1. people living with dementia or worried about their memory,
2. family and carers of people living with dementia, and
3. professionals working with dementia services and supports.

Participants can choose between taking part in an interview (30-45 minutes, phone or Zoom) or a group discussion (60-90 minutes via Zoom).

Non professionals will receive a \$50 supermarket voucher.

Later, a survey will be designed based on themes in interviews and group discussions.

Ways to access more information or to complete the consent form to participate in an interview or group discussion;

To find out more, go to <https://www.gphn.org.au/tell-gippsland-phn>

- includes online form to provide consent
- Phone Gippsland PHN on (03) 5175 5444 to request a mailed copy of the information or to ask questions

News from the Departments



Community update on progress of the Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian fire season – No.3

Inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian fire season - Community update 3

The Inspector-General for Emergency Management (IGEM) would like to provide an update on progress of the independent Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian fire season.

Inquiry Phase 1 – Preparedness and Response

The Phase 1 report focusing on the preparedness for and response to the 2019–20 Victorian fire season was delivered to the Victorian Government on 31 July 2020.

Arrangements for tabling of the report in Parliament are at the discretion of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Once tabled, the report and community submissions received during Phase 1 will be publicly available from igem.vic.gov.au

Inquiry Phase 2 – Relief and Recovery

Phase 2 of the Inquiry focuses on the effectiveness and progress of relief and recovery activities and arrangements during and after the 2019–20 Victorian fire season.

We had a terrific response from the community in Phase 1 of the Inquiry and encourage affected community members to now focus on the following Phase 2 ‘matters for consideration’ as they prepare their written submissions:

- effectiveness of immediate relief and recovery work and arrangements, including at the regional and incident levels
- creation of Bushfire Recovery Victoria, the National Bushfire Recovery Agency and how these entities work together for the benefit of affected Victorian communities, including consideration of long-term efforts directed at social, economic (including small business, tourism and agricultural sectors) and environmental recovery
- effectiveness of how roles and responsibilities for recovery have been divided between Emergency Management Victoria and Bushfire Recovery Victoria.

IGEM acknowledges that for many people, recovery can be a long-term process. Therefore, we’re undertaking the engagement in two stages: during the first stage we’ll gather feedback about the effectiveness of the emergency relief and initial recovery activities (first 6 months after the fires). During the second stage, we’ll gather feedback on the progress and effectiveness of recovery activities in the medium term (12+months after the fires).

We would like to hear from individuals and organisations about:

- how the 2019-20 Victorian fires affected you
- what worked well in the delivery of emergency relief and recovery activities during the first 6 months
- what didn’t work as well as you would have expected or preferred

your suggestions for improvement.

We also recognise the added challenges the coronavirus emergency is having on bushfire recovery, and encourage individuals and communities to share these impacts during the engagement process.

All community views about relief and recovery provided during Phase 1 of the Inquiry will be considered in Phase 2. While our focus is on the effectiveness and progress of relief and recovery activities and arrangements, information relating to Phase 1 can still be provided.

Submissions addressing the Inquiry’s Terms of Reference for Phase 2 can be made through:

completing the online submission found at www.igem.vic.gov.au

emailing a submission to: igem@igem.vic.gov.au

mailing a submission to: Inspector-General for Emergency Management GPO Box 4356 Melbourne VIC 3000

Please help spread the word by sharing this community update with others.

For further information, questions, or suggestions please contact our community engagement advisor, Anne-Louise Lindner by email Anne-Louise.Lindner@igem.vic.gov.au or phone 03 8684 7900.

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News from the Departments

James Merlino
Deputy Premier
Minister for the Coordination of Education
and Training – COVID-19
Minister for Education



Online Wellbeing Support For Families

The Victorian Government is helping parents and carers manage home learning and stay resilient during the coronavirus pandemic by providing a range of free online resources.

Minister for Education James Merlino introduced child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg for a webinar on Tuesday 25 August – and following high demand, a second will be held, Tuesday 15 September – aimed at providing parents and carers with practical skills, knowledge and strategies for managing the lockdown period and remote learning.

The webinars will focus on strategies and tools to help families manage their wellbeing, including establishing a supportive parental role and dealing with uncertainty and disappointment. Families will have an opportunity to ask Dr Carr-Gregg questions.

The Government has also partnered with *Raising Children Network* and funded a 10-episode podcast called 'Raising Learners' featuring parenting experts from organisations including the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Career Education Association *Victoria* and eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman-Grant.

Raising Learners will provide parents with practical advice, tips and ideas for supporting children's health, wellbeing and engagement at school. Topics will include connecting with your child's school community, how to best support your child's learning, what to expect for VCE and VCAL students and how to keep your child safe online.

These themes were drawn from common parent questions received by the Department's coronavirus hotline and Parentline.

The first three episodes will be launched on 1 September, the remaining episodes will be available throughout Term 3 and 4. Raising Learners will be available via Raising Children Network and podcast apps.

Following an unprecedented response with more than 12,000 registrations, a second webinar will now be held on Tuesday 15 September at 7:30pm.

Places are still available for *Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families* webinar on Tuesday 15 September at 7:30pm. For more information and to register, visit: eventbrite.com

Quote attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"The health and wellbeing of students and families is particularly important during this uncertain time. That's why we're providing tailored resources to help parents and carers support their children – and themselves."

Quotes attributable to child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

"Coronavirus has turned the lives of many Victorian families upside down, asking them yet again to navigate a new reality of remote learning, working from home and for some, financial hardship."

"Never has it been more important to provide families with simple, practical and evidence-based strategies to help them maintain the family's wellbeing and build resilience."

Quote attributable to Raising Children Network, Executive Director, Professor Julie Green

"All parents need support to help their children thrive, and podcasts are great ways to deliver engaging, reliable and credible information on topics that are on parents' minds. Raising Learners will focus on how parents can support their"

Victoria Together is an online hub to support Victorians through the coronavirus response.

As a dedicated platform, Victoria Together is connecting Victorians to our state's best digital experiences and activities.

Just as importantly, we're connecting Victorians to one another.

Victoria Together includes content from:

- Museums Victoria
- Zoos Victoria
- Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)
- Victoria's art galleries
- musicians, comedians and performers

health and wellbeing practitioners

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that this website may contain images and voices of people who have died.

Is this suitable for children?

Lots of the content on this site is definitely suitable for kids - but as with any online activity, we'd recommend parents' discretion and monitoring.

How do I get my content added?

You can submit your content for inclusion on this site. We evaluate whether all submissions meet our publishing and quality criteria, which are included on the submissions page.

<https://www.together.vic.gov.au/>



It's difficult to get us all together right now so the Fire Safety Outreach Program is coming to you! If you want to be Fire Safe all year-round check this out.

The Fire Safety Outreach program is a free service for community members and professionals to access information and fire safety education from trained CFA community education officers.

Our community education officers will get in touch at a time that suits, via whatever communication method works for you.

Find out about:

- Bushfire planning for your household
- Property preparation for bushfire
- Understanding the fire danger ratings
- Where to gain trusted information during emergencies
- Fire restrictions, what you can and cannot do
- Home fire safety information
- Support education sessions for your community groups and clubs



To register your interest for the program please contact
E: firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au or M: 0419 874 484 (BH)
We will then make contact with you and refer you to one of our
CFA Community Education Officers

For further fire safety information head to: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

SMOKE ALARMS

ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

Are you sick of hearing the sound of a nagging smoke alarm? Change your old smoke alarms to a new unit with a lithium battery that has a 10 year lifespan.

New smoke alarms that have a 10 year lifespan ensure families can feel the highest level of security. Working smoke alarms are your best defence against preventable residential fires, especially during the night, when people lose their sense of smell. These new alarms provide the security of knowing you and your family are protected, while also ensuring you're not interrupted every year with a nagging smoke alarm.

WHY SHOULD I HAVE A SMOKE ALARM?

When you're asleep you lose your sense of smell. A smoke alarm is your electronic nose. It will alert you if there is smoke from a fire. A small fire can grow to involve an entire room in just two to three minutes. A smoke alarm provides early warning and time to escape.

SMOKE ALARMS ARE COMPULSORY IN EVERY HOME

Since 1 August 1997, Victorian law states that smoke alarms (complying with Australian Standards AS3786) must be installed in all homes, units, flats and townhouses. It is the responsibility of all owners and landlords to install working smoke alarms.

Homes constructed before 1 August 1997 need only standalone, battery powered smoke alarms. Homes constructed after 1 August 1997 must have smoke alarms connected to 240 volt mains power. These smoke alarms must also have a backup battery installed in the smoke alarm in case there is a loss of power

SMOKE ALARMS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

A specialised smoke alarm is available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Due to the cost of this type of smoke alarm, the Department of Human Services may be able to provide financial assistance via a subsidy. For more information go to the Vicdeaf Smoke Alarm Subsidy webpage.

SILENCE IS DEADLY

CFA and FRV have developed the Silence is Deadly campaign to remind Victorians to install smoke alarms in all bedrooms and living areas.

Recent research reveals that only 16% of Victorians have smoke alarms in their bedrooms and many are confused or unsure about their usage, location and maintenance.

Smoke alarms should be installed in every living area and bedroom, including in hallways and stairs between floors. This increases the opportunity that a fire will be detected more quickly and will give your family the best chance of escape.

Recipes

Best-Ever Banana Bread

INGREDIENTS

2 c. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1/2 c. (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
1 c. granulated sugar
1 large egg plus 1 egg yolk
1/4 c. sour cream
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
3 ripe bananas, mashed
1/2 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/2 c. chopped toasted walnuts



DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a loaf pan with parchment paper and grease with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt.

In another large bowl, mix together melted butter, sugar, egg and egg yolk, sour cream, and vanilla. Add mashed bananas and stir until combined. Gradually add dry ingredients to wet ingredients until just combined.

Fold in chocolate chips and walnuts and transfer to prepared loaf pan.

Bake until a toothpick comes out clean, about 1 hour. Let cool 10 minutes in pan, then turn out onto a cooling rack to cool completely.



Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups brown rice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 pounds ground turkey
- 3 cups baby spinach, chopped
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 zucchini, shredded
- 1/2 cup peas, canned or frozen

Directions:

1. In a large saucepan of 3 cups water, cook rice according to package instructions; set aside.
2. Heat olive oil in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add ground turkey and cook until browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the turkey as it cooks.
3. Stir in spinach, carrots, zucchini, peas and brown rice until the spinach has wilted and the mixture is heated through, about 3-5 minutes.
4. Let cool completely.

**DIY
HOMEMADE
DOG FOOD**

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September 2020

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