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MONTHLY MARKETS

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Saturday

Sunday

MARKET/TIME	DAY	TOWN/LOCATION	CONTACT
East Gippsland Farmers Market 8:00am to 1:00pm	1st Saturday	Howitt Park Bowls Club Corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale	John 0419 890 139
Mallacoota Artisan & Produce Market 9:00am to 1:00pm	1 st Saturday	Mudbrick Pavilion 1 Develling Drive, Mallacoota	Additional dates over summer and Easter
Lakes Entrance Surf Club Market 9:00am to 3:00pm	1st Sunday	Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance	Perry 0477014463
Metung Farmers Market 8:30am to 12:30pm	2nd Saturday	Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung	Peter 0448 976 480
Paynesville Lions Club Community Market 8:30am to 1:30pm	2nd Sunday	Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville	Bill East 0438 351 886
Uniting Church Car Boot Sale 8:30am to 1:30pm	3rd Saturday	Bairnsdale Uniting Church Great Alpine Rd and Lanes Rd, Lucknow	John 0419 890 139
Nowa Nowa Creators Market 9:00am	3rd Saturday	Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve	Tracey 0419 565 775
Swan Reach Car Boot & Makers Market 9:00am to 12:00pm	3rd Sunday	Twin River & Lions Community Shed , Swan Reach Recreation Reserve	Desma Payne 0432 188 295
Lindenow Community Market 9:00am to 1:00pm	3rd Sunday	Lindenow Hall & car park Main St, Lindenow	Lynda Ralph 0437 778 510
Paynesville Farmers Market 8:00am to 12:00pm	4th Saturday	Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville	Michael Nelson 0416 048 680
Bairnsdale Sunrise Rotary Market 9:00am to 1:00pm	4th Sunday	Howitt Park Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale	Elaine Bryant 0432 602 007

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FISHING REPORT

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Fishing made easy with our expert tips
and fishing spots*

Lakes Entrance - Flathead are starting to come on the bite with more consistent catches showing up across the system. In the rivers, Bream are responding well to sandworms and fresh local prawn. Trevally and Snapper have been sighted in the lakes, offering some welcome action. Crabbing is still best around Bullock Island, though it's not a favoured spot for fishing. The rougher water and busy atmosphere tend to push local anglers toward quieter areas.

Lake Tyers - Perch and flathead are up around Toorloo Arm. Water condition are nice and clear, with temperatures slowly increasing. Bream, mullet and trevally are biting on hurricane lures and vibes.

Mitchell River - Perch have been active around The Cut and the highway bridge with live prawn doing the trick. Some thumping Bream have been found near Shadoof Lodge on live sandworm and prawn. Down toward the mouth, the odd Flathead is turning up on fresh blue bait.

Tambo River - Best spot for bream is down towards the river mouth and on soft shell and local prawn.

Nicholson - Between the river mouth and the two bridges bream are in abundance. For best results use spider crab, cut crab and local prawn

Metung - Black bream are most active around jetties, boardwalks, and marinas, and respond well to prawns, pipis, sandworms, or shrimp. Dusky flathead tend to inhabit lake structures and shallow sandy or rocky patches, where soft plastics, small lures, or shrimp and prawns are effective. Trevally and pinkies are often caught near jetties and seawalls, and can be targeted using prawns, mussels, or light lures. Whiting and other small estuary fish are commonly found on inshore flats and sandy areas, with pipis, mussels, or small shellfish baits working best.

Paynesville/Holland's Landing - Bream around the jetties are chasing vibes, live sandworm and prawn, mullet are biting on sandworm. Good news—Kingfish have made their way back into the Paynesville system.

Orbost/Marlo - Bream and luderick are taking sandworms while mullet and estuary perch are also on the bite. There's still salmon near the entrance on metal lures. Flathead and occasional gummy offshore and around Cape Conran

Bemm River - The mouth is producing good fish, with locals having success on prawns and plastics. In the channel, salmon are taking metal lures.

High Country - Across the High Country, anglers are seeing great results with worms and paddle-tail soft plastics. These baits are proving effective in both rivers and lakes, attracting a variety of species

DECEMBER 1ST - 31ST

LAKES ENTRANCE CHARTERS

Far out Fishing
Charters

0428 401 819

Lakes Charter
Fishing

0458 669 820

Lakes Entrance
Offshore
Charters

0434 778 275

FISHING LICENCE

A Recreational Fishing Licence is required when fishing in Victoria between the ages of 18-70 years (exemptions apply). you can [buy a licence](https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/fishing-licence) by visiting vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/fishing-licence or popping into your local information centres OR by scanning the QR code.



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SAFETY TIPS

Wear a life jacket when on a boat.

Check the weather forecast before heading out.

Always tell someone where you are going

Use sunscreen and wear protective clothing.

Ensure you have a current fishing licence

Be aware of your surroundings.

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Lakes Entrance and Bairnsdale Visitor Information Centres are agents for issuing Recreational Fishing Licences.

WHAT'S ON - UPCOMING EVENTS

East Gippsland events page

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DECEMBER

Markets

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

	TUES ONGOING	SWAN REACH TWIN RIVERS BOOK EXCHANGE Twin River & Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve Phone: Desma 0432 188 295 10:00 am - 2:00pm		05 Friday	BRUTHEN CAROLS Carols in the Gardens - Ugly Festive Outfit & Crazy Christmas Hair Competition- Community Fun Main St, Bruthen 6:00pm
	WED ONGOING	MAKE IT, BAKE IT, GROW IT, SEW IT, SELL IT Nowa Nowa General Store 2081 Princes Hwy, Nowa Nowa Phone: Jeremy 5155 7209 10:00am - 12:00pm		06 Saturday	EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET Howitt Park Bowls Club (corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy) Bairnsdale 8:00am - 1:00pm
	SAT ONGOING	LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 8:00am		06 Saturday	MALLACOOTA ARTISAN & PRODUCE MARKET Mudbrick Pavilion 1 Develling Dr, Mallacoota 9:00am - 1:00pm
	SAT ONGOING	BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN Port of Bairnsdale 8:00am		06 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ Bring your broken items and let our skilled volunteers help give them new life at the Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre. 10:00am
	SAT ONGOING	OLD TIME DANCING Come along and join in the fun of old-time dancing. Please bring a plate to share for supper at the Picnic Point Hall -114 Drevermann St, Bairnsdale 8:00pm - 12:00am		06 Saturday	BAIRNSDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE Come along and check out all the floats from local businesses and community groups and get into the spirit of Christmas. Main St, Bairnsdale 11:00am
	01 Mon 01 - Sat 06	PRESENTLY HERE & ROADS WELL TRAVELLED Two great exhibitions by different artists of ceramics and oil paintings East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale		06 Saturday	BAIRNSDALE CHRISTMAS LANEWAY 3875 FESTIVAL Celebrate Christmas with market stalls, food, shopping, and free family fun as Laneway3875 and the Nicholson Street Mall come alive. Nicholson St, Bairnsdale 11:30am
	01 Mon 01 - Tue 09	FROM THE KILN 2025 Come along and check out the work of members of the East Gippsland Ceramic Group. Butter Factory Art Space 2 Macleod St, Bairnsdale 11:00am		06 Saturday	EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY – JAN PIANTA SCHOOL OF DANCE A milestone production where iconic images are reimagined through movement, each dance telling its own story at the Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Ph: 5152 1482 2:30pm
	02 Tuesday	THE EAST GIPPSLAND CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG Led by a joyful community choir, this is more than a concert. Enjoy classic carols, fun surprises, a special gift, and a room full of festive voices. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Ph: 5152 1482 1:30pm		06 Saturday	FLORIBUNDA – LIVE MUSIC A destination dance party – into the wilds!! <u>Floribunda Tickets</u> , <u>Genoa Hall</u> , <u>Genoa / TryBooking Australia</u>
	05 Friday	JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper. 1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville. 8:00pm		06 Saturday	SIDE BY SIDE Come along and enjoy live music with Olivia Lay, Anna Scionti and Ricki Wood. Bruthen Mechanics Hall Main St, Bruthen 7:00pm

	06 Saturday	Flaggy Creek's Annual Christmas Party Join the Flaggy Creek Hall Committee for a fun-filled Christmas celebration! A BBQ dinner is provided. BYO drinks, and please bring a plate to share for supper plus a donation for the raffle hamper. (Please keep children's gifts to a value of \$10.) From 5:30pm Santa arrives at 7:30pm		14 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE ANNUAL TOY RUN Join the Toy Run with a Salvos breakfast at Bairnsdale Riverside Caravan Park. 2 Main St, Bairnsdale Contact Gary: 0487 705 236 8:00am
	06 Saturday	THUNDERSTRUCK – AC/DC TRIBUTE Experience a high-energy night of classic rock as Thunderstruck brings the best of AC/DC to the stage. Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 9:00pm		14 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM Explore Paynesville's maritime history through photos, artefacts, and local donations at the museum. Raymond St, Paynesville 9:00am
	07 Sunday	SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET Esplanade, Lakes Entrance Ph: 0477 014 463 9:00am		14 Sunday	CHRISTMAS CAROLS FESTIVAL Enjoy food trucks, rides, market stalls, a petting zoo, face painting, giveaways, and a Christmas show bag for each child —plus a visit from Santa! at Riviera Christian Centre - 103 Bairnsdale— Dargo Rd, Bairnsdale 11:00am
	07 Sunday	ORBOST CAROLS St Andrew's Uniting Church Brown St, Orbost		14 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 1:00pm
	00 Day	TONI CHILDS – A RETROSPECTIVE Enjoy a special two-hour performance as Toni Childs shares her iconic songs and the stories behind them. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Ph: 5152 1482 7:30pm		14 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE CAROLS St John's Anglican Church Francis St, Bairnsdale 4:00pm
	12 Fri 12 - Sat 24	JENNIFER MULLET Jennifer's work reconnects with personal memories and explores identity through the symbolism of Gunaikurnai, Bidawal and Ngarigu (Monaro) storytelling and art at the East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale eastgippslandartgallery.org.au		14 Sunday	CAROLS ON THE GREEN Come along and join in the festivities and the carols at the Village Green Metung Rd, Metung 6:00pm
	12 Friday	SING A LONG ABBA Sing along to all the hits of ABBA with all the words to all the songs on the big screen, backed by a 5 piece band on stage at the Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Ph: 5152 1482 7:30pm		19 Friday	LIVE MUSIC & SANTA VISIT Come along for some live entertainment with Matt & Vanessa Mallacoota Golf & Country Club Nelson Dve, Mallacoota 6:00pm
	13 Saturday	METUNG FARMERS MARKET Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung Ph: Tracey 0409 233 643 8:30pm		19 Friday	A CAROL EVENT - KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS St Brendan's Catholic Church Golf Links Road, Lakes Entrance 7:00pm
	13 Saturday	CANN RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS EVENT Come along and join in the celebrations for the festive season. There will be carols, kids fun, food vans and more. Santa may even show up. Cann River Community Centre Princes Hwy, Cann River 4:00pm		20 Saturday	UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE Bairnsdale Uniting Church Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale 8:30am – 11:00am
	14 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville Ph: 0400 327 526 8:00pm		20 Saturday	NOWA NOWA MAKERS MARKET Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve Stott St, Nowa Nowa Ph:0419 565 775 9:30am – 1:30pm
				20 Saturday	BAIRNSDALE REPAIR CAFÉ Community members gather to share skills and fix items instead of sending them to landfill. Room 15, The Hub, Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale 10:00am
				20 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE CHRISTMAS CAROLS Gilsenan Reserve Paynesville 7:00pm

20 Saturday	LIVE MUSIC – XTRA COVER Come along and check out this live event with heaps of variety and lots of fun at Lakes Entrance Bowls Club 8:00pm
21 Sunday	SWAN REACH CAR BOOT & MAKERS MARKET Twin Rivers Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve 9:00am
21 Sunday	LAKES ENVY DANCE ACADEMY CONCERT Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Ph: 5152 1482 4:00pm
21 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE CHRISTMAS CAROLS All Abilities Playground 7:00pm
24 Wed	ORBOST CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL The annual Christmas Eve festival is back with market stalls, Santa, kids entertainment, food & drinks, late night shopping, fireworks and carols by candlelight Nicholson St, Orbost 6:00pm
26 Friday	BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY Enjoy VSC sprintcars, sedans, juniors, and more. Food and drinks available at the canteen at Bairnsdale Speedway 120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock 4:30pm
26 Fri 26 - Jan 26	LAKES ENTRANCE SUMMER CARNIVAL Chants Carnival returns on Boxing Day with rides, games, and fun for all. Foreshore Reserve, Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 6:00pm
27 Saturday	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - THE FIGUMENTS TALKING HEADS SHOW Mallacoota Golf & Country Club Nelson Dve, Mallacoota
27 Saturday	LAKES ENTRANCE TWILIGHT MARKET Market & food stalls along the grassed area of the foreshore near the footbridge Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 5:00pm
28 Sunday	HOWITT PARK MARKET Shop a variety of stalls featuring plants, handmade jewellery, clothing, and décor at Howitt Park, Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale
31 Wed	NYE – MALLACOOTA Live entertainment with Stone Nation Mallacoota Golf & Country Club Nelsons Dve, Mallacoota
31 Wed	LAKES ENTRANCE NEW YEARS EVE Live entertainment on the foreshore, market & food stalls along the Esplanade & Myer St. Fireworks near the footbridge at 9.30pm & 12pm 6:00pm

31 Wed	PAYNESVILLE NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATIONS Paynesville NYE Enjoy live music on the floating tin shed and fireworks at 10pm. Esplanade, Paynesville 6:00pm
31 Wed	NEW YEARS EVE NICHOLSON HOTEL FIREWORKS
31 Wed	NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS BUCHAN Buchan Business & Tourism Association proudly bring NYE celebrations to life. Buchan Caves Hotel Service Rd 9:00pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

THE EAST GIPPSLAND CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Tuesday 2nd December - 1:30pm
Forge Theatre & Arts Hub
80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

BRUTHEN CAROLS

Friday 5th December - 6:00pm
Main Street Bruthen.

FLAGGY CREEK CAROLS

Saturday 6th December - 6:00pm
Flaggy Creek Community Hall, Flaggy Creek Rd.

ORBOST CHURCH CAROLS

Sunday 7th December - 6:00pm
St Andrew's Uniting Church
Brown St, Orbost

CANN RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS EVENT

Saturday 13th December - 4:00pm
Cann River Community Centre
Princes Hwy, Cann River

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Friday 13th December - 7:00pm
St Brendan's Catholic Church.
40 Golf Links Rd, Lakes Entrance Ph: 0468 840349.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS FESTIVAL

Sunday 14th December - 11:00am until 6:00pm
Riviera Christian Centre 103 Bairnsdale – Dargo Rd

BAIRNSDALE CAROLS

Sunday 14th December
St John's Anglican Church
Francis St, Bairnsdale

CAROLS ON THE GREEN - METUNG

Sunday 14th December - 6:00pm
Village Green
Metung Rd, Metung

PAYNESVILLE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Saturday 20th December 7:30pm
Gilsenan Reserve
Paynesville

BAIRNSDALE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday 21st December - 7:00pm
All Abilities Playground

FORREST PARK CAROLS - ORBOST

Wednesday 24th - 8:00pm
forrest park, orbos

YEARLY EVENTS

*Plan your upcoming holiday with our
whats on yearly calendar*

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lakes Entrance Summer Festival• Australia Day Celebrations• Koalas of Raymond Island Fundraiser Markets Jan & Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canni Creek Picnic Races 2nd weekend• Bruthen Blues Festival 2nd weekend• Paynesville Music Festival 3rd weekend	LABOUR DAY WEEKEND EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Tennis Tournament• Hinnomunji Races• Marley Point Overnight Yacht Race• Echelles Yachting Championships• Orbost Show (monday) <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orbost Poker Run 1st Sat• Opera by the Lakes - 3rd Sunday
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
EASTER WEEKEND EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Omeo Rodeo on Saturday• Buchan Rodeo on Sunday• Geebung Polo at Cobungra/Sunday• Tambo Valley Picnic Races Easter Sunday• Paynesville Book Sale <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• East Gippsland Agricultural Field Days		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter Festival June - July
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter Festival June - July• NAIDOC Week		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bairnsdale Orchid Show
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Omeo RV & Caravan Muster Last weekend.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speedway November till Easter• Bairnsdale Show 1st Saturday• Omeo Show 2nd weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firkin Exhibition 1st week

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Centre, we wish you
a joyful festive
season and a safe,
happy, and
prosperous 2026.



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