

WHAT'S ON

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PELICAN CHAIR - LAKES ENTRANCE

FISHING Report

*Hook Line And Sinker we have got you covered
Fishing made easy with our expert tips and fishing spots*

MONTH - JANUARY

Lakes Entrance - Bream are in abundance around Lakes, mixing up your baits – sandworm, prawns and even chicken can all produce solid results. Offshore, flathead, whiting, Kingfish and gummy shark are being caught. There is still some weed about and is slowly clearing with time.

Lake Tyers - Good sized flathead, bream and Estuary perch are being taken out of the system at the moment. Lake Tyers may also be one of the places for targeting prawns when they start running in the warmer months ahead.

Mitchell River - The odd trevally can be found around the Butter factory, biting on fresh sandworm.

Tambo River - Around the river mouth is producing great results.

Nicholson - Try around the Hwy bridge, boat ramp and the mouth of the river.

Metung - Flathead, bream, trevally and salmon can be found around the structures and town jetties taking plastics and lures.

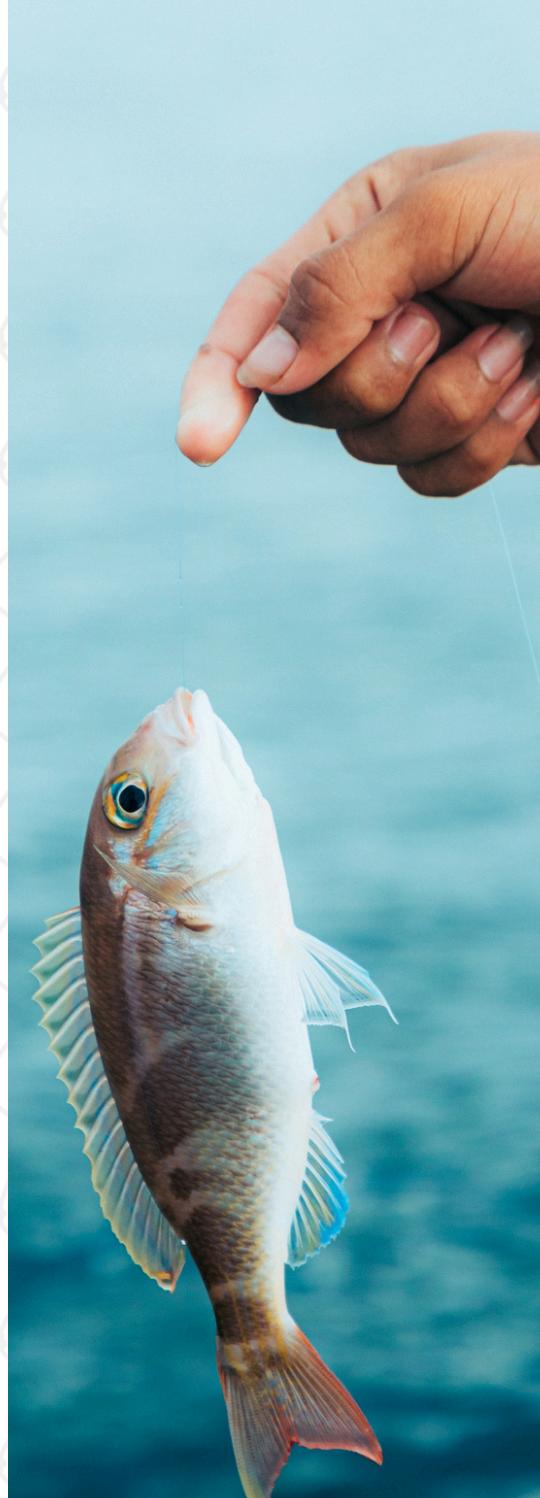
Paynesville/Holland's Landing - Salmon and flathead are being landed over the surf beach near Loch Sport. Gummies are also about.

Marlo - Bream can be found in the estuary biting on yabbies and sandworm. Off the jetty for flathead and salmon, using lures. Surf beaches are also producing nice catches.

Bemm River - From mid-December the entrance was still open with good flow coming through. Nice sized Dusky flathead chasing glide baits can be found at Mahogany's. Trevally, bream, luderick and tailor are in the channel while flathead and bream are in the lake, biting on plastics and hard bodies

Mallacoota - Reports state that prawns are starting to run and will hopefully increase as the weather warms up. Great sized flathead can also be found in the system on sandworm and plastics.

High Country - Early morning and late afternoon are when trout are most active and is the perfect time for fly fishing. Upcoming warmer weather and active insect hatches make dry flies irresistible to trout. Those who prefer to throw minnow shaped lures, small spinners or soft plastics will also find great results.



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](#) 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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MONTHLY Markets

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

1st Saturday

8:00AM TO 1:00PM

Howitt Park Bowls Club
Corner of McEacharn St and
Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale
Contact: John 0419 890 139

MALLACOOTA ARTISAN & PRODUCE MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

1st Saturday

9:00AM TO 1:00PM

Mudbrick Pavilion
1 Develling Drive, Mallacoota
Additional dates over
summer and Easter

LAKES ENTRANCE SURF CLUB MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

1st Sunday

9:00AM TO 3:00PM

Foreshore Rotunda
Esplanade, Lakes Entrance
Contact: Perry 0477014463

METUNG FARMERS MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

2nd Saturday

8:30AM TO 12:30PM

Village Green
50 Metung Rd, Metung
Contact: Peter 0448 976 480

PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

2nd Sunday

8:30AM TO 1:30PM

Gilsenan Reserve
Raymond St, Paynesville
Contact: Bill 0438 351 886

UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE

⌚ Date & Time:

3rd Saturday

8:30AM TO 1:30PM

Bairnsdale Uniting Church
Great Alpine Rd and Lanes
Rd, Lucknow
Contact: John 0419 890 139

NOWA NOWA CREATORS MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

3rd Saturday

9:00AM

Nowa Nowa Recreation
Reserve
Contact: Tracey 0419 565 775

SWAN REACH CAR BOOT & MAKERS MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

3rd Sunday

9:00AM TO 1:00PM

Twin River & Lions
Community Shed, Swan
Reach Recreation Reserve
Contact: Desma 0432 188 295

LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

3rd Sunday

9:00AM TO 12:00PM

Lindenow Hall & car park
Main St, Lindenow
Contact: Lynda 0437 778 510

PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

4th Saturday

8:00AM TO 12:00PM

Foreshore Reserve
Esplanade, Paynesville
Contact: Michael 0416 048 680

BAIRNSDALE SUNRISE ROTARY MARKET

⌚ Date & Time:

4th Sunday

9:00AM TO 1:00PM

Howitt Park
Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale
Elaine: 0432 602 007



WHAT'S ON - UPCOMING EVENTS

East Gippsland events page

PLEASE NOTE, EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE
VISIT EAST GIPPSLAND EVENTS PAGE VIA THE
QR CODE.

Markets

January

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		03 Saturday	EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET Howitt Park Bowls Club (corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy) Bairnsdale Phone: 0419 890 139 8:00am - 1:00pm
	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		03 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ Skilled volunteers will repair small appliances, clothing, and tools. Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville 10:00am
	SAT ONGOING	LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 8:00am		03 Saturday	2026 SUMMER FUN DAYS Come along and enjoy family fun activities. Foreshore and playground area Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 5:00pm
	SAT ONGOING	BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN Port of Bairnsdale 8:00am		03 Sat & Sun	BASTION FESTIVAL See Mallacoota Highlights below 3:00pm
	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		04 Sunday	SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET Esplanade, Lakes Entrance Phone: 0477 014 463
	01 Thurs 01 - Sat 24	JENNIFER MULLET Jennifer's work reconnects personal memories and identity, exploring symbolism from the Gunaikurnai, Bidawal, and Ngarigu (Monaro) peoples. East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale.		04 Sunday	COME & TRY DRAGON BOATING Come along and have a go at Dragon Boating with the Waratahs Dragon Boating Club. Howitt Park boat ramp. 9:30am
	01 Thursday	LIVE MUSIC – BO JENKINS Come along and nurse those new year headaches with some great music. Lindenow Farmers Home Hotel Main St, Lindenow 2:00pm		07 wed	PAXART STUDIO ART WORKSHOP kids mixed media workshop \$30pp Lakes Entrance 2:00pm – 3:00pm
	02 Fri 02 - Wed 31	TWILIGHT SUMMER MARKET Come along to the twilight markets and enjoy local products, food vans and family activities at the slipway buildings Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 5:00pm		09 Friday	PAINT & SIP (BYO) - PAXART STUDIO Acrylic paint - daisy cow \$90 per head 6:00pm – 8:00pm
	02 Friday	METUNG COUNTRY CLUB MEXICAN POP UP The Juan food truck will be at Metung Country Club with burritos, tacos, and more. Enjoy acoustic music and drinks from the bar. No bookings needed. 94 Kings Cove Blvd, Metung 5:30pm until sold out		10 Saturday	METUNG FARMERS MARKET Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung Phone: Tracey 0409 233 643 8:30am – 1:00pm
				10 Saturday	MARLO TRIATHLON Come and join in the fun of our annual triathlon. There are several races for adults & kids alike. 12:00pm For more information please visit: https://rivieratriathlonclub.com.au/events/marlo-triathlon

	11 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville Phone: 0400 327 526	8:00am		17 Saturday	RADIO LUXEMBOURG Iconic star of stage and screen John Waters celebrates the songs of the British Pop Invasion that changed the world of modern music forever Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482	8:00pm
	11 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM Showcases the town's maritime history through photographs, artefacts, and donated items from local families. Raymond Street, Paynesville.	9:00am		18 Sunday	SWAN REACH CAR BOOT & MAKERS MARKET Come along and check the wide variety of goods for sale including garden items, shed bric-a-brac and locally made products. Twin Rivers Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve	9:00am – 12:00pm
	11 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale	1:00pm		18 Sunday	LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET Come along and check out the huge variety of things to see, do and buy. Lindenow Hall and car park. Main St, Lindenow	9:00am
	13 Tues 13 - Sat 31	POP-UP PLAYGROUPS, HIPPY GATHERINGS Brought to you by Uniting Gippsland. Various locations – APEX Park - Lakes Entrance, Wy Yung - All abilities playground, East Bairnsdale - Hoddinott St, Amy Shand Park - A J Freeman Reserve Paynesville - Eastwood Park	10:00am		18 Sunday	PAXART STUDIO ART WORKSHOP watercolouring our waterways \$60 per head	3:00pm – 5:00pm
	16 Friday	METUNG COUNTRY CLUB POP UP PAELLA NIGHT Wyanga Park Winery is coming to the Metung Country Club. Walk in and enjoy (menu to be confirmed)	5:00pm		21 Wed	PAXART STUDIO ART WORKSHOP kids mixed media workshop \$30 per head	2:00pm – 3:00pm
	17 Saturday	UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE Bairnsdale Uniting Church Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale Phone: John 0419 890 139	8:30am – 11:00am		24 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville Phone: Michael Nelson 0416 048 680	
	17 Saturday	LAKES LIONESSES INDOOR MARKET Stalls including local crafts, jewellery, candles, woodwork second hand books and more Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance.	9:00am		24 Saturday	BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY Enjoy an action-packed night at Bairnsdale Speedway featuring sprintcars, sedans, junior races, and canteen food and drinks.	4:30pm
	17 Saturday	BRIDGE TO BRIDGE SWIM Join the fun at our annual triathlon, with races for adults and kids, including solo and team events—visit website https://www.rivieratriathlonclub.com.au/events/bridge2bridge-swim	9:00am		25 Sunday	HOWITT PARK MARKET A range of stalls with plants, handmade jewellery, clothing, and décor, located by the Mitchell River in Bairnsdale	9:00am
	17 Saturday	NOWA NOWA MAKERS MARKET Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve Stott St, Nowa Nowa Ph:0419 565 775	9:30am – 1:30pm		25 Sunday	NYERIMILANG HOMESTEAD - DEVONSHIRE TEA & LIVE MUSIC Come along and enjoy Devonshire tea at the homestead while being entertained by 'Moore Fiddlin' Around'. Nyerimilang Heritage Park 20 Cliff Rd, Nyerimilang	10:00am
	17 Saturday	BAIRNSDALE REPAIR CAFÉ Community members meet to share skills, and fix items in Room 15 The Hub Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale	10:00am		26 Monday	AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS Bairnsdale Classic Car Club will host a free Australia Day Breakfast. Rotunda Main St, Bairnsdale	7:00am
	17 Saturday	BEACH NETBALL Lakes Entrance Netball Association is hosting its annual beach netball competition at the main beach			26 Monday	AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS Rotary Club of Orbost will host a free Australia Day Breakfast. Orbost Forest Par	7:30am

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Monday

NATHAN 'WHIPPY' GRIGGS

Come along and check out the magic of whip cracking with a professional whip cracker and whip maker.
Metung Village Green, Metung 6:30pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Bairnsdale Park Run

8:00am Sat
Port of Bairnsdale - Ph:0409 122 766

Lakes Entrance Park Run

8:00am Sat
Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda
lakesentrance@parkrun.com

Old Time Dancing

8:00pm Sat Picnic Point Hall
114 Dreverman St, Bairnsdale

Make it, Bake it, Grow it, Sew it, Sell it

10:00am – 2:00pm Wed
2081 Princes Hwy, Nowa Nowa

East Gippsland Historical Society Museum

10:00am – 3:00pm Mon - Wed
40 Macarthur St, Bairnsdale - Ph: 5152 6363

MONTHLY EVENTS

Johnsonville Dance

1st Fri 8:00pm – 12:00am
Johnsonville Hall
1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville

East Gippsland Historical Society Museum

1st Sun 10:00am – 3:00pm
40 Macarthur St, Bairnsdale - Ph: 5152 6363

Paynesville Maritime Museum

2nd Sun 9:00am – 12:30pm
Raymond St, Paynesville - Ph: 0419 347 845

Bairnsdale Country Music Club

2nd Sun 1:00pm
Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale

Johnsonville Hall Dance

2nd Sun 1:00pm
Johnsonville Hall, 1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville

Bairnsdale Repair Café

3rd Sat 10:00am – 2:00pm
Room 15 The Hub Bairnsdale,
27 Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale

Nyerimilang Devonshire tea

Last Sun 10:00am – 2:00pm
Nyerimilang Heritage Park , 20 Cliff Rd, Nyerimilang
Ph: 5156 3253

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NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS

WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Looking for Fireworks and Festivities around the East Gippsland area, please see the list below:

Lakes Entrance New Year's Eve Festival
4:00pm -4:00am
Lakes Entrance Foreshore

Paynesville New Years Eve
Floating Tin Shed Family Fireworks
5:00pm - 11:55pm,
Paynesville Foreshore

Buchan New Years Eve Fireworks
5:30pm -12:00am,
Buchan Caves Hotel Service Road

Metung New Years Eve Fireworks
9:30pm Display,
Metung – 64 Kurnai Avenue

Nicholson New Years Eve Fireworks
10:00pm Display
Nicholson,Retreat Hotel, 929 Princes Highway

East Gippsland

WHAT'S ON IN MALLACOOTA OVER THE HOLIDAYS

THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY - SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY

There's a lot happening in Mallacoota over January including live music, markets, wildlife demonstrations, family shows and much more.

3rd Jan - **MALLACOOTA ARTISAN & PRODUCE MARKET**
Mudbrick Pavilion, 1 Develling Dr, 9:00am

Sat 3 & Sun 4 Jan - **BASTION FESTIVAL**
Join us for a day of unforgettable music and sunshine. Bastion continues to evolve every year so expect a new stage design along with an extensive list of esteemed bands and DJs to carry you through the afternoon and night. Mallacoota Golf & Country Club, Nelsons Dve, 3:00pm

For venues, event and times go to visitmallacoota.com.au



YEARLY Events

JAN

- Lakes Entrance Summer Festival
- Australia Day Celebrations
- Koalas of Raymond Island Fundraiser Markets

FEB

2nd weekend

- Canni Creek Picnic Races
- Bruthen Blues Festival

3rd weekend

- Paynesville Music Festival

MAR

Labour day weekend Events

- Annual Tennis Tournament
- Hinnomunji Races
- Marley Point Overnight Yacht Race
- Echelles Yachting Championships
- Orbost Show (monday)

• Orbost Poker Run 1st Sat

- Opera by the Lakes - 3rd Sunday

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Easter Weekend

- Omeo Rodeo on Saturday
- Buchan Rodeo on Sunday
- Geebung Polo at Cobungra/Sunday
- Tambo Valley Picnic Races
- Easter Sunday
- Paynesville Book Sale

• East Gippsland Agricultural Field Days

JUN

Winter Festival June - July

JUL

- Winter Festival June - July
- NAIDOC Week

OCT

Omeo RV & Caravan Muster Last weekend.

NOV

- Speedway November till Easter
- Bairnsdale Show 1st Saturday
- Omeo Show 2nd weekend

DEC

- Firkin Exhibition 1st week
- Bairnsdale Christmas Parade

For events and entertainment visit

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Wishing you all a safe
and happy 2026

 Lakes Entrance Fireworks

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