

# WHAT'S ON

## *East Gippsland*



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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*

## FEBRUARY

**Lakes Entrance** - Footbridge for whiting, snapper and trevally, Bullock Island is great in the morning for bream, mullet, tailor and salmon, biting on sandworm, or local prawn. even metal lures will produce decent results. Surf beaches for salmon and tailor. Anglers are catching a nice mixed bag offshore. Prawns are in the lake, particularly around Kalimna Jetty.

**Lake Tyers** - Flathead are active along the shallow areas of the system taking soft plastics. For bream try sandworm or neutral coloured hard body lures. Tailor are also in abundance chasing lures. Prawns are also running.

**Mitchell River** - Decent sized flathead are being caught around the Old Butter Factory and further down around the Silt Jetties with local prawn. Bream and tailor are active near the river mouth.

**Tambo River** - There have been reports of the odd mulloway hanging out in the river and in the lake system. The river mouth is also worth a shot.

**Nicholson** - Best spots for bream are between the Two Bridges, The Swimming Hole and around the river mouth, taking local prawn and soft plastics.

**Metung** - For whiting and flathead try along the town jetties, structures and Boardwalk using local prawn. The odd tailor can be found around the back beaches chasing metal lures.

**Paynesville/Loch Sport** - Gummy shark are being landed over on the beach along with snapper, salmon, and flathead. Out on the lakes, mullet, garfish and tailor are around, while Black bream are chasing prawn chunks, hard-body and soft-plastic lures. Focus on sandy stretches in the shallows along the lake front, with white soft plastics proving especially effective. Plenty of bait fish and mussels in the lake as well.

**Marlo** - Bream and luderick are in the estuary taking mussels, pippis or local prawn. Gummies and Bronze Whalers can be found off the beach and offshore. Australian salmon, Yellow Tail kingfish and calamari are giving anglers some fun offshore.

**Bemm River** - Prawns and flathead are in the system. Australian Salmon are being landed from the beach.

**Mallacoota** - The bottom lake may still be a bit discoloured with all the unsettling conditions in the area. Bream can be found up around Dahl Bank. Flathead are in the lake also the odd flounder can be found in the top lake biting on soft plastics.

**High Country** - When practicing catch-and-release trout fishing, keep the fish in the water and minimise air exposure.



## 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](http://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.

February

Markets

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

TUES	ONGOING	<b>SWAN REACH TWIN RIVERS BOOK EXCHANGE</b> Twin River & Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve Phone: Desma 0432 188 295 10:00am - 2:00pm
WED	ONGOING	<b>MAKE IT, BAKE IT, GROW IT, SEW IT, SELL IT</b> Nowa Nowa General Store 2081 Princes Hwy, Nowa Nowa Phone: Jeremy 5155 7209 10:00am - 12:00pm
SAT	ONGOING	<b>LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN</b> Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 8:00am
SAT	ONGOING	<b>BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN</b> Port of Bairnsdale 8:00am
SAT	ONGOING	<b>OLD TIME DANCING</b> 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
01	Feb 01 - Mar 04	<b>LOQUII FREUDENFREUDE LOVE IS AN ACT OF RESISTANCE</b> Explores how through social interaction, social media, news cycles, and identity politics deeply entrenched in the world around us can pull individuals deeper into self-reinforcing narratives. East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale
01	Sunday	<b>SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET</b> Esplanade, Lakes Entrance Phone: 0477 014 463 9:00am
04	Wed	<b>JADE HURLEY &amp; RODNEY VINCENT</b> Come along for a toe-tapping afternoon as two of Australia's most loved entertainers join forces for a show packed with music, laughter, and timeless favourites. Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 1:00pm
06	Friday	<b>JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE</b> Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper. 1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville 8:00pm

07	Saturday	<b>EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET</b> Howitt Park Bowls Club (corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy) Bairnsdale Phone: 0419 890 139 8:00am-1:00pm
07	Saturday	<b>MALLACOOTA ARTISAN &amp; PRODUCE MARKET</b> Mudbrick Pavilion 1 Develling Dr, Mallacoota 9:00am
07	Saturday	<b>PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ</b> Skilled volunteers will repair small appliances, clothing, and tools. Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville 10:00am
07	Saturday	<b>TENZIN CHOEGYAL – Whispering Sky</b> Proudly drawing on his nomadic Tibetan lineage, Tenzin Choegyal creates music deeply connected to the wandering people of his homeland. His performances take audiences on a powerful musical journey that transcends cultural boundaries and reveals ancient wisdom. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale 7:30pm
08	Sunday	<b>PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET</b> Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville Phone: 0400 327 526 8:00am
08	Sunday	<b>PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM</b> A local display sharing the maritime history of Paynesville through photographs, artefacts, and donated equipment from local families. Raymond St, Paynesville 9:00am
08	Sunday	<b>BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB</b> Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 1:00pm
08	Sunday	<b>TENZIN CHOEGYAL – WHISPERING SKY</b> Proudly holding the nomadic lineage which is central to his repertoire, Tenzin's music connects deeply to the wandering people of his homeland. Tenzin takes audiences on a musical journey which transcends cultural boundaries and reveals ancient wisdoms. Nowa Nowa Community Hall Hall Rd, Nowa Nowa 2:00pm

	10 Tuesday	<b>IRELAND – THE VOYAGE</b> <i>From the producers of Celtic Illusion, this theatrical experience celebrates Ireland's history and heritage with authentic voices, live music, and Irish dance.</i> Forge Theatre & Arts Hub, 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale <b>7:30pm</b>		21 Saturday	<b>BRUTHEN COMMUNITY MARKET</b> <i>Come along and check out the broad range of goodies available. There will be something for the whole family. Local community groups will be selling refreshments throughout the day.</i> Main St, Bruthen <b>8:00am</b>
	12 Thursday	<b>THE AUSTRALIAN INXS TRIBUTE SHOW</b> <i>A fully immersive "Wembley-style" INXS experience, featuring a 6-piece band and stunning video show, performing all the hits that made INXS legendary.</i> Forge Theatre & Arts Hub, 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale <b>7:30pm</b>		21 Saturday	<b>UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE</b> <i>Bairnsdale Uniting Church</i> Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale <b>8:30am</b>
	14 Saturday	<b>METUNG FARMERS MARKET</b> <i>Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung</i> Phone: 0409 233 643 <b>8:30am – 1:00pm</b>		21 Saturday	<b>NOWA NOWA MAKERS MARKET</b> <i>Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve</i> Stott St, Nowa Nowa <b>8:30am</b>
	14 Saturday	<b>CANNI CREEK PICNIC RACES</b> <i>Enjoy a day of picnic racing with bush-timbered facilities, food and drinks, Fashions on the Field, the Footballer's Gift, prizes, and more!</i> <b>11:00am</b>		21 Saturday	<b>BAIRNSDALE REPAIR CAFÉ</b> <i>Community members meet to share skills, and fix items that would otherwise go to landfill.</i> Room 15, The Hub, Dalmahoy St <b>10:00am</b>
	14 Saturday	<b>THE BIG CHILL OUT</b> <i>Get ready to relive the music that defined a generation in The Big Chill out, a joyous, soul-stirring celebration of the legendary Big Chill sound track and the Motown revival it sparked.</i> Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 <b>7:30pm</b>		21 Saturday	<b>GOOD INTENTION – LUKE KIDGELL</b> <i>Luke is known for his viral crowd-work interactions that often lead to some fairly unusual, yet hilarious encounters. Despite not having much control over his impulsive thoughts, he insists that deep down he means well.</i> Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale <b>7:30pm</b>
	15 Sunday	<b>LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET</b> <i>Come along and check out the huge variety of things to see, do and buy at the newly rejuvenated market.</i> Lindenow Hall and car park. Main St, Lindenow <b>9:00am</b>		22 Sunday	<b>HOWITT PARK MARKET</b> <i>A vibrant market by the Mitchell River with stalls selling plants, handmade jewellery, unique clothing, and indoor and outdoor décor.</i> Howitt Park, Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale <b>8:00am</b>
	15 Sunday	<b>SWAN REACH CAR BOOT &amp; MAKERS MARKET</b> <i>Come along and check the wide variety of goods for sale including garden items, shed bric-a-brac and locally made products.</i> Swan Reach Recreation Reserve <b>9:00am</b>		22 Sunday	<b>NYERIMILANG HOMESTEAD - DEVONSHIRE TEA &amp; LIVE MUSIC</b> <i>Come along and enjoy Devonshire Tea at the homestead while being entertained by 'Moore Fiddlin' Around'.</i> Nyerimilang Heritage Park 20 Cliff Rd, Nyerimilang Phone: 5156 3253 <b>10:00am</b>
	18 Wed	<b>KITTY FLANAGAN – GLAD GAME</b> <i>Kitty Flanagan brings her new stand-up show, tackling big questions about social media, phone calls, empaths, and more at the Forge Theatre &amp; Arts Hub</i> 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale <b>8:00pm</b>		23 Monday	<b>STEAMERS RUN</b> <i>See highlights on next page for more information</i>
	20 Fri 20 - Sun 22	<b>BRUTHEN BLUES FESTIVAL</b> <i>Come along and enjoy all the fun of the annual Bruthen Blues Festival. Check out Bruthen Inn Facebook page for more information.</i>		27 Feb 27 - Mar 01	<b>PAYNESVILLE CLASSIC BOAT RALLY &amp; GIPPSLAND LAKES BOAT SHOW</b> <i>See highlights on next page for more information</i> Paynesville Foreshore Esplanade
				28 Saturday	<b>PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET</b> <i>Foreshore Reserve</i> Esplanade, Paynesville <b>8:00am</b>

### ORBOST POKER RUN

Founded in 2010 the Orbost Poker Run is a fantastic day of riding scenic roads, a BBQ Lunch and a night of live music, raffles and an auction all in the name of charity. Proudly supporting, Ronald McDonald House Monash. Visit the facebook page for more information.

9:30am

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Saturday

### VINTAGE CAR SHOW

This is a fundraiser for the children's charity Variety. This year we are part of the boat rally. As the Rally finishes up at 4pm, jump on the ferry and it's a short walk to the Abbey. We get over 100 cars of all types in the most beautiful location. Entry is free. Why not have dinner at the Food Vans and a drink from the Bar.

The Abbey  
First Pde, Raymond Island

4:00pm

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Saturday

### BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY

Come along and join in the fun with VSC sprintcars, VSC open, ladies and junior standard saloons, limited sportsman, VSC 1200 juniors, VSC sports sedans. Food and drinks available at the canteen.

Bairnsdale Speedway  
120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock

4:30pm

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Saturday

### AKMAL

Stand-up, movies, sketch, TV appearances, radio DJ, talk show host and a published author, Akmal is one of Australia's most respected, successful and accomplished comics. Lightning quick and a master of unscripted comedy gold, Akmal has an incredible ability to deal with hot topics in a hilarious and slightly offensive way.

Forge Theatre & Arts Hub  
80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

8:00pm

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Saturday

## East Gippsland

# STEAMERS RUN- PAYNESVILLE CLASSIC BOAT RALLY - GIPPSLAND LAKES BOAT SHOW

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

### Steamers Run

Returning for their third run in 2026, the St Ayles Skiff community is preparing for another epic five-day journey across the Gippsland Lakes. Covering around 100 kilometres, the traditional Steamers Run celebrates the region's heritage, beauty and community spirit as crews row from Bairnsdale to Paynesville, stopping at key lakeside towns along the way.

### Paynesville Classic Boat Rally

On land and water, the weekend offers plenty of chances to see these magnificent vessels up close. Saturday's Grand Parade sees all available boats sail past the crowds and through McMillan Strait into Lake Victoria. A range of feature events and tall ship cruises will run throughout the weekend along the Paynesville Foreshore.

### Gippsland Lakes Boat Show

This inaugural event, presented by the Boating Industry Association of Victoria, will showcase boats, boating and the boating lifestyle to Gippsland and surrounding regions, running alongside the Paynesville Classic Boat Rally.

## East Gippsland

# OPERA BY THE LAKE

Date: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

This iconic event is on again at the stunning Nyerimilang Heritage Park, Nyerimilang Rd, (near Lakes Entrance, Victoria) Performers will be:

**Georgia Wilkinson** - International Soprano

**Daniel Belle** - International Tenor

**William Le Brun** - Australian Idol finalist

**Simon Loveless** - Accompanist

We also have our two local sopranos, Maddie Crombie & Maddie Clark, accompanied by the marvelous Julie Lockhart. As usual, pre-concert entertainment will be provided by East Gippsland Brass and East Gippsland Symphonia.

**Boxed lunches again are available from Albert & Co.**

A Reserve \$95

B Reserve \$85

C Reserve \$75

Child (Under 16) \$20

**Tickets from Try Booking ([www.trybooking.com/DDWNO](http://www.trybooking.com/DDWNO)).**

**Further information? Please contact [akford@tpg.com.au](mailto:akford@tpg.com.au)**

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Wishing you love and joy  
today

FEBRUARY 14th

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# 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)
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- Orbost Poker Run 1st Sat
  - Opera by the Lakes - 3rd Sunday

**APR**

- Easter Weekend
- Omeo Rodeo on Saturday
  - Buchan Rodeo on Sunday
  - Geelong Polo at Cobungra/Sunday
  - Tambo Valley Picnic Races
  - Easter Sunday
  - Paynesville Book Sale
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- 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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*East Gippsland Info Hub*

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 *Location Nyerimilang Heritage Park*