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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 or popping into your local information centres OR by scanning the QR code.

SCAN



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
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Markets

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

February

	TUES ONGOING	SWAN REACH TWIN RIVERS BOOK EXCHANGE Twin River & Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve Phone: Desma 0432 188 295 10:00am - 2:00pm		07 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		07 Saturday	MALLACOOTA ARTISAN & PRODUCE MARKET Mudbrick Pavilion 1 Develling Dr, Mallacoota 9:00am
	SAT ONGOING	LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 8:00am		07 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ Skilled volunteers will repair small appliances, clothing, and tools. Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville 10:00am
	SAT ONGOING	BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN Port of Bairnsdale 8:00am		07 Saturday	TENZIN CHOEGYAL – Whispering Sky 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
	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		08 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville Phone: 0400 327 526 8:00am
01 Feb 01 - Mar 04		LOQUII FREUDENFREUDE LOVE IS AN ACT OF RESISTANCE 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		08 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM A local display sharing the maritime history of Paynesville through photographs, artefacts, and donated equipment from local families. Raymond St, Paynesville 9:00am
01 Sunday		SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET Esplanade, Lakes Entrance Phone: 0477 014 463 9:00am		08 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 1:00pm
04 Wed		JADE HURLEY & RODNEY VINCENT 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		08 Sunday	TENZIN CHOEGYAL – WHISPERING SKY 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
06 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			

<p>10 Tuesday</p>	<p>IRELAND – THE VOYAGE From the producers of <i>Celtic Illusion</i>, this theatrical experience celebrates Ireland's history and heritage with authentic voices, live music, and Irish dance. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub, 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale 7:30pm</p>	<p>21 Saturday</p>	<p>BRUTHEN COMMUNITY MARKET 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. Main St, Bruthen 8:00am</p>
<p>12 Thursday</p>	<p>THE AUSTRALIAN INXS TRIBUTE SHOW A fully immersive "Wembley-style" INXS experience, featuring a 6-piece band and stunning video show, performing all the hits that made INXS legendary. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub, 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale 7:30pm</p>	<p>21 Saturday</p>	<p>UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE Bairnsdale Uniting Church Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale 8:30am</p>
<p>14 Saturday</p>	<p>METUNG FARMERS MARKET Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung Phone: 0409 233 643 8:30am – 1:00pm</p>	<p>21 Saturday</p>	<p>BAIRNSDALE REPAIR CAFÉ Community members meet to share skills, and fix items that would otherwise go to landfill. Room 15, The Hub, Dalmahoy St 10:00am</p>
<p>14 Saturday</p>	<p>CANNI CREEK PICNIC RACES Enjoy a day of picnic racing with bush-timbered facilities, food and drinks, Fashions on the Field, the Footballer's Gift, prizes, and more! 11:00am</p>	<p>21 Saturday</p>	<p>GOOD INTENTION – LUKE KIDGELL 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. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale 7:30pm</p>
<p>14 Saturday</p>	<p>THE BIG CHILL OUT Get ready to relive the music that defined a generation in <i>The Big Chill</i> out, a joyous, soul-stirring celebration of the legendary Big Chill sound track and the Motown revival it sparked. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 7:30pm</p>	<p>21 Saturday</p>	<p>HOWITT PARK MARKET A vibrant market by the Mitchell River with stalls selling plants, handmade jewellery, unique clothing, and indoor and outdoor décor. Howitt Park, Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale 8:00am</p>
<p>15 Sunday</p>	<p>LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET Come along and check out the huge variety of things to see, do and buy at the newly rejuvenated market. Lindenow Hall and car park. Main St, Lindenow 9:00am</p>	<p>22 Sunday</p>	<p>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 Phone: 5156 3253 10:00am</p>
<p>15 Sunday</p>	<p>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. Swan Reach Recreation Reserve 9:00am</p>	<p>22 Sunday</p>	<p>STEAMERS RUN See highlights on next page for more information</p>
<p>18 Wed</p>	<p>KITTY FLANAGAN – GLAD GAME Kitty Flanagan brings her new stand-up show, tackling big questions about social media, phone calls, empaths, and more at the Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale 8:00pm</p>	<p>27 Feb 27 – Mar 01</p>	<p>PAYNESVILLE CLASSIC BOAT RALLY & GIPPSLAND LAKES BOAT SHOW See highlights on next page for more information Paynesville Foreshore Esplanade</p>
<p>20 Fri 20 – Sun 22</p>	<p>BRUTHEN BLUES FESTIVAL Come along and enjoy all the fun of the annual Bruthen Blues Festival. Check out Bruthen Inn Facebook page for more information.</p>	<p>28 Saturday</p>	<p>PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville 8:00am</p>

28 Saturday	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
28 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 4:00pm First Pde, Raymond Island
28 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 4:30pm 120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock
28 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 comedians. Lightning quick and a master of unscripted comedy gold, Akmal has an incredible ability to deal with hot topics in an hilarious and slightly offensive way. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 8:00pm 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

East Gippsland STEAMERS RUN- PAYNESVILLE CLASSIC BOAT RALLY - GIPPSLAND LAKES BOAT SHOW

Monday 23rd Feb & Friday 27th Feb - Sunday 1st 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 15th 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).
Further information? Please contact akford@tpg.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

APR

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

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