

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*

MARCH

Lakes Entrance - Salmon are chasing metal lures around the lakes system, while prawns are still plentiful. Whiting are behind Flannigan Island biting on live sandworm and pippis. Lake Bunga beach is offering decent sized salmon and snapper. Offshore for flathead and gummy.

Lake Tyers - The system is still experiencing great fishing and prawning, with good sized flathead being landed on soft plastics. Bream are taking vibration blades and tailor are chasing pilchards.

Mitchell River - Garfish are around the Butter Factory, bream off the Silt Jetties and in the lake, mullet can be found around the river mouth and The Cut biting on live sandworm and local prawn. Bass are also in the river.

Tambo River - Good catches of prawn are still around, give Tambo Bay a try. For bream try from Punt Road to the river mouth, using live sandworm and local prawn.

Nicholson - Try around the mouth of the river using local prawn and live sandworm.

Metung - Mullaway are being caught from the boardwalk, with the odd kingfish as well biting on lures.

Paynesville/Holland's Landing - Larger bream can be found off Hollands Landing and in Newlands Arm chasing live sandworm and local prawn. Prawns are still active around The Barrier and Raymond Island.

Marlo - Flathead, whiting and bream are in the system, biting on fresh prawn and sandworm. Salmon and the odd mulloway are being landed off the beach.

Bemm River - Bream and perch are in the river. Flathead are chasing soft plastics.

Mallacoota - Give Sandy Point, Gypsy Point and Fisherman's Pier a go. As for baits try, soft plastics, minnows, fresh prawn and surface lures. For off the beach angling try Tip Beach. Looking for gummies offshore, give between the Two Islands a try.

High Country - Reminder upcoming closed season: Rivers are closed from Queen's Birthday weekend (June) to the first weekend in September. Weather conditions in the High Country can still be unpredictable even at this time of year, please check the local forecast and inform someone of your journey.



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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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

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

March

	TUES ONGOING	SWAN REACH TWIN RIVERS BOOK EXCHANGE <i>Twin River & Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve Phone: Desma 0432 188 295</i> 10:00am - 2:00pm					
	WED ONGOING	MAKE IT, BAKE IT, GROW IT, SEW IT, SELL IT <i>Nowa Nowa General Store 2081 Princes Hwy, Nowa Nowa Phone: Jeremy 5155 7209</i> 10:00am - 12:00pm					
	SAT ONGOING	LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN <i>Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance</i> 8:00am					
	SAT ONGOING	BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN <i>Port of Bairnsdale</i> 8:00am					
	SAT ONGOING	OLD TIME DANCING <i>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</i> 8:00pm - 12:00am					
	01 Feb 01 - Mar 14	LOQUII FREUDENFREUDE LOVE IS AN ACT OF RESISTANCE <i>Explores how social interaction, social media, news cycles, and identity politics can draw individuals into self-reinforcing narratives. East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale</i>					
	01 Sunday	SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET <i>Esplanade, Lakes Entrance Phone: 0477 014 463</i> 9:00am					
	01 Sunday	CASSILIS COMMUNITY MARKET <i>Come along there will be food stalls, car boot sales and more. Cassilis Recreation Reserve Cassilis Rd, Swifts Creek Stall bookings: Debra 0425 850148</i> 10:00am					
	06 Friday	JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE <i>Join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper at 1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville</i> 8:00pm					
	07 Saturday	EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET <i>Howitt Park Bowls Club (corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy) Bairnsdale Phone: 0419 890 139</i> 8:00am - 1:00pm					
	07 Saturday	BAIRNSDALE ACTION ALL SCALE RALLY <i>Join Bairnsdale & District Model Aero Club for an exciting weekend of scale model aeroplanes, food, raffles and more. Bairnsdale Model Aero Club 1125 Bengworden Rd, Goon Nure</i>					
	07 Saturday	MALLACOOTA ARTISAN & PRODUCE MARKET <i>Mudbrick Pavilion 1 Develling Dr, Mallacoota</i> 9:00am					
	07 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ <i>Skilled volunteers help fix small appliances, clothing, and tools. Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville (rear carpark)</i> 10:00am					
	07 Saturday	HINNOMUNJI CUP <i>Omeo & District Race Club presents the annual Hinnomunji Cup. Gates open 11:00am, first race 1:00pm. A family- friendly day with activities for all ages. Omeo & District Race Club Racecourse Rd, Hinnomunji</i> 11:00am					
	07 Sat 07 - Sun 08	MARLEY POINT OVERNIGHT YACHT RACE <i>Held on the Gippsland Lakes since 1969, this is Australia's only overnight trailer-sailer race. Starting at sunset, sailors race from Lake Wellington through McLennan Straits and Lake Victoria to Paynesville. https://mponr.com/</i>					
	07 Saturday	BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY <i>SRA360/LS sprintcars series round, limited sportsman, div 2 hot rods., Bairnsdale Speedway 120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock</i> 4:30pm					
	08 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET <i>Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville Phone: 0400 327 526</i> 8:00am					
	08 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM <i>A local display sharing the maritime history of Paynesville through photographs, artefacts, and donated equipment from local families. Raymond St, Paynesville</i> 9:00am					
	08 Sunday	BULLUMWAAL GOLD & GEM EXPO <i>See highlight on next page for more information</i> 10:00am					

08 Sunday	HOOKED ON LAKES <i>Discover the wonders of East Gippsland, eat local Victorian seafood, learn more about where it comes from and how to cook it, and let the kids loose in the Kids Zone or a free fishing clinic run by experts.</i> Lakes Entrance Foreshore Reserve 11:00am
08 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 1:00pm
08 Sunday	DOLLY FOREVER <i>Step into the world of country music icon, Dolly Parton, in this dazzling theatrical tribute!</i> at the Forge Theatre & Arts Hub - 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 2:00pm
09 Monday	ORBOST AGRICULTURAL SHOW <i>Come along and check out all the fun of a real agricultural show.</i> Newmerella Recreation Reserve Princes Hwy, Newmerella
14 Saturday	METUNG FARMERS MARKET Village Green - 50 Metung Rd, Metung Phone: 0409 233 643 8:30am – 1:00pm
15 Sunday	LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET Lindenow Hall and car park. Main St, Lindenow 9:00am
15 Sunday	SWAN REACH CAR BOOT & MAKERS MARKET Twin Rivers Lions Market Garden items, bric-a-brac, and locally made products. Swan Reach Rec Reserve 9:00am
15 Sunday	OPERA BY THE LAKES NYERIMILANG <i>See back page for more information</i> 12:00pm - 4:30pm
15 Sunday	LIVE, LOCAL & ORIGINAL <i>Showcasing Gippsland musicians Harry Hook is Real, Todd Cook, and Olivia Lay. Celebrate local creativity at the Forge Theatre & Arts Hub</i> 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 2:00pm
20 March 20 - April 24	RHONDA GRAY, PET PRIDE & OWEN REES East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au
21 Saturday	UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE Bairnsdale Uniting Church Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale Phone: John 0419 890 139

21 Saturday	NOWA NOWA MAKERS MARKET Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve Stott St, Nowa Nowa Phone:0419 565 775 8:30am
21 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ Volunteers help fix small appliances, clothing, and tools at Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville (rear carpark) Date changed to March 14th 10:00am
21 Saturday	BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY <i>Come along and join in the fun with VSC standard saloons, limited sportsman, VSC sedans State title.</i> Bairnsdale Speedway 3:00pm 120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock
22 Sunday	HOWITT PARK MARKET Howitt Park Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale 8:00am
22 Sunday	MYSTIC MARKET <i>Come along and check out all things mystic. Tarot, readings, mediums, crystal and more at the Lindenow Hall</i> Main St, Lindenow 10:00am
22 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE CUP <i>Come along and enjoy an afternoon of country racing at its best.</i> Bairnsdale Racecourse Racecourse Rd, Bairnsdale 11:00am
28 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville Phone: Michael 0416 048 680 8:00am
28 Saturday	DATSUN ROADSTER NATIONAL SHOW & SHINE <i>Come along and check out the range of cars on display.</i> Lakes Entrance Foreshore 9:00am
28 Saturday	AUSTRALIAN WOOD DESIGN EXHIBITION <i>Australia's top wood design awards, featuring woodturning, furniture, carving, and an under-18s category.</i> Orbost Exhibition Centre - 8 Clarke St, Open daily 10:00am–3:00pm
28 Saturday	CFA JOHNSONVILLE MOWER RACES <i>Join in the fun of lawn mower racing. This is a fundraising event for local community groups including the CFA.</i> Salt Creek Johnsonville 9:00am
28 Saturday	CANN VALLEY AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL <i>Traditional country fair with local produce, preserves, art, gumboot throwing, tug of war, and a pet parade.</i> Noorinbee Hall, 600 Monaro Hwy 11:00am

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Sunday

NYERIMILANG HOMESTEAD – DEVONSHIRE TEA & LIVE MUSIC
Enjoy Devonshire tea with live music by 'Moore Fiddlin' Around'.
20 Cliff Rd, Nyerimilang | Ph: 5156 3253

10:00 - 3:00pm

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Tuesday

THE BOX SHOW JUNK MUSIC SHOW
A high-energy music-in-education performance with drumming, dance, theatre, and comedy, exploring sustainability in a fun, imaginative way.
Forge Theatre & Arts Hub
80 McKean St, Bairnsdale
Phone: 5152 1482

10:00am

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

East Gippsland

BULLUMWAAL GOLD & GEM EXPO

Date: Sunday 8th March - 10:00am - 4:00pm

Step back into the rich history of East Gippsland and celebrate the spirit of the goldfields at the Historic Bullumwaal Hall!

Join us for a wonderful day featuring gold, gems, history, displays and a great community atmosphere. Whether you're a keen prospector, gem enthusiast, history lover, or simply looking for a lovely day out — there's something for everyone.

Proudly hosted by the Prospectors & Miners Association of Victoria, East Gippsland Branch. We'd love to see you there!

Where: Historic Bullumwaal Hall, Bullumwaal Rd, Bullumwaal
We'd love to see you there!

More info: www.BullumwaalGoldExpo.com.au



East Gippsland

CFA JOHNSONVILLE MOWER RACES

Date Saturday 28th March - 9:00am

This lively community event features thrilling lawn mower racing, where local competitors race modified lawn mowers around an exciting course. It's not just about speed—spectators can enjoy family-friendly entertainment, food stalls, and activities for all ages.

The event also serves a great cause, raising funds for local community groups, including the CFA, supporting vital services and projects in the Johnsonville area. Whether you're there to cheer on the racers, participate, or simply soak up the festive atmosphere, it's a day full of laughter, excitement, and community spirit.

Salt Creek Johnsonville



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WHAT'S ON



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
 - Geebung 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

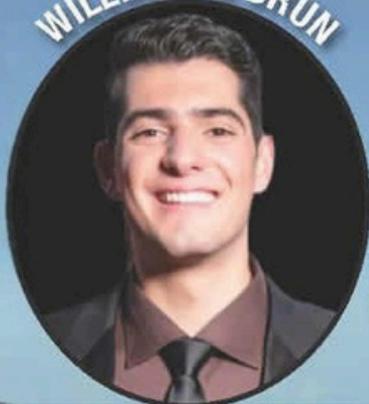
- Firkin Exhibition 1st week
- Bairnsdale Christmas Parade

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Opera BY THE Lakes

2026

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International Soprano
Star of Phantom of the Opera
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Sunday 15 March
(12 'til 4:30)

Nyerimilang Heritage Park

(Near Lakes Entrance)

Pre-concert entertainment by
East Gippsland Brass and East Gippsland Symphonia

DANIEL BELLE



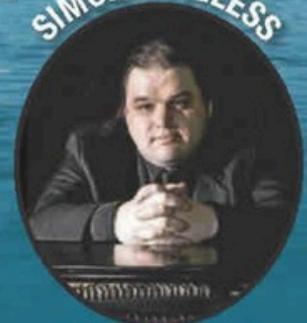
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and *Les Misérables*

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A Reserve \$95 per person,
B Reserve \$85 per person,
C Reserve \$75 per person,
Child (U16) \$20 per person,
Groups (10 or more) \$10 discount
per person – ring box office to book.

Tickets available from TryBooking
www.trybooking.com/DDWNO,
Information Centre Bairnsdale & Lakes Entrance
Or ring Andrea Ford on 0409 771 526

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Pre order a delicious \$22 boxed lunch provided by Albert & Co (Lakes Entrance) or bring your own picnic.
Tea & coffee available from Red Cross. Cakes available from Nungurner Primary School.
Wine available from Friends of Nyerimilang (no BYO).

www.gippslandopera.com.au

For events and entertainment visit

FORGE THEATRE & ARTS HUB



East Gippsland Info Hub

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