

# 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*

## APRIL

**Lakes Entrance** - Off the beach for gummy, taking pilchards, bronzies on fresh slimies, snapper- chasing squid strips and salmon with poppers and flathead abound. Swordfish are being landed offshore. Good sized flathead and bream are being found throughout the lake system. Reports are that flathead are more common along the sandy flats. There are still reports of mulloway being taken the lakes.

**Lake Tyers** - Prawns are still present in the system, although they are becoming scarcer. Around Cameron's Arm, anglers are finding bream and tailor, particularly along weed edges and drop-offs, while the nearby surf beaches are producing snapper, especially around tide changes and low-light periods.

**Mitchell River** - The area around the Old Butter Factory is yielding the odd mullet and bream, with anglers having success using vibes worked slowly along the bottom, particularly during calmer water periods.

**Tambo River** - Around The Cliffs for bream, while Johnsonville is also fishing well, with bream responding best to fresh prawn presented lightly in the clear water.

**Nicholson** - Bream are along the stretch from the highway bridge down to the river mouth, with local prawn proving effective.

**Metung** - Tailor are actively taking metal slugs and soft plastics on faster retrieves, while good-sized bream are being landed around jetties and other structures, particularly when fished lightly or after dark.

**Paynesville/Holland's Landing** - Flathead are being caught consistently on soft plastics and lures over sandy flats and drop-offs, while nearby surf beaches are seeing Australian salmon biting well on squid and other natural baits.

**Marlo** - Bream are active throughout the system, with Frenches Narrows producing well on sandworm, while the estuary flats are giving up flathead and King George whiting. The Yeerung River is also fishing nicely, producing quality bream in quieter conditions.

**Bemm River** - In the lake, flathead are actively chasing hardbody lures, while bream are also present and responding to both plastics and hardbodies, particularly around structures and drop-offs.

**Mallacoota** - Flathead are feeding well on soft plastics and diving lures throughout the inlet, while the system is also producing solid bream that are taking fresh prawn around snags, jetties.

**High Country** - When crickets and grasshoppers become active, trout start keying in on them along grassy banks. Matching that food source can dramatically improve your chances of hooking quality fish. Walk quietly along the bank and watch before casting — often you'll see trout cruising under grassy edges waiting for insects to drop.



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](https://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.

April

Markets

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

TUES	ONGOING	<p><b>SWAN REACH TWIN RIVERS BOOK EXCHANGE</b> Twin River &amp; Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve Phone: Desma 0432 188 295 <b>10:00am - 2:00pm</b></p>
WED	ONGOING	<p><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 <b>10:00am - 12:00pm</b></p>
SAT	ONGOING	<p><b>LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN</b> Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance <b>8:00am</b></p>
SAT	ONGOING	<p><b>BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN</b> Port of Bairnsdale <b>8:00am</b></p>
SAT	ONGOING	<p><b>OLD TIME DANCING</b> 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 <b>8:00pm - 12:00am</b></p>
20	Mar 20 - Apr 24	<p><b>RHONDA GRAY, PET PRIDE &amp; OWEN REES</b> East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale Closed Public Holidays</p>
28	Mar 28 - May 28	<p><b>AUSTRALIAN WOOD DESIGN EXHIBITION</b> Australia's top wood design awards, featuring woodturning, furniture, carving, and an under-18s category. Orbest Exhibition Centre - 8 Clarke St, Open daily <b>10:00am-3:00pm</b></p>
03	Friday	<p><b>JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE</b> Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper. 1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville <b>8:00pm</b></p>
04	Saturday	<p><b>OMEEO RODEO</b> A great day out for all the family. Activities for the kids as well as food vans and stalls. 80 Bilton St, Omeo</p>

04	Saturday	<p><b>EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET</b> Howitt Park Bowls Club (corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy) <b>8:00am - 1:00pm</b></p>
04	Saturday	<p><b>THE FAR EASTER SURF FESTIVAL</b> The festival celebrates the local surfing community &amp; the towns ocean culture. There will live music, karaoke and an easter egg hunt.</p>
04	Saturday	<p><b>MALLACOOTA ARTISAN &amp; PRODUCE MARKET</b> Mudbrick Pavilion 1 Develling Dr, Mallacoota <b>9:00am</b></p>
04	Saturday	<p><b>EASTER FETE MARLO PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> Market stalls, face painting, BBQ, cakes and much more. 12 Jorgenson St, Marlo Gold Coin entry <b>9:00am</b></p>
05	Sunday	<p><b>SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET</b> Esplanade, Lakes Entrance Phone: 0477 014 463</p>
05	Sunday	<p><b>BUCHAN RODEO</b> A great day out for all the family. There will be all the usual ups and downs of the rodeo, also activities for the kids as well as food vans and stalls. 2063 Bruthen - Buchan Rd, Buchan South</p>
05	Sunday	<p><b>COME &amp; TRY DRAGON BOATING</b> Come along and have a go at Dragon Boating with the Waratahs Dragon Boating Club. Howitt Park boat ramp. <b>9:30am</b></p>
05	Sunday	<p><b>TAMBO VALLEY PICNIC RACES</b> Join in the family fun at the last Picnic Race for the season. There will be lots of fun activities for the kids along with food stalls at Tambo Valley Racing Club 7100 Great Alpine Rd, Swifts Creek <b>11:00am</b></p>
05	Sunday	<p><b>EASTER AT RIVIERA CC</b> Enjoy a sausage sizzle, facepainting and kid's activities, easter egg hunt, give aways, live music and much more. 103 Bairnsdale-Dargo rd., Bairnsdale <b>10:00am</b></p>

05 Sunday	<b>GEEBUNG POLO</b> Join in the best family fun day. There will be novelty events, music food and drinks available on site. Cobungra Station - Front Paddock 1929 Great Alpine Rd, Cobungra <b>11:00am</b>
09 Thurs 9 - Fri 10	<b>SEO LINN LIVE AT THE WATERWHEEL</b> Lake Tyers Beach's Irish Sons and the best Irish rock folk band in the world. <b>Ticketed event - Doors Open 5.30pm</b>
10 Fri 10 - Sat 11	<b>EAST GIPPSLAND FIELD DAYS</b> This annual event attracts thousands of locals and visitors each year. Bairnsdale Aerodrome Bengworden Rd, Bairnsdale <b>9:00am</b>
10 Fri 10 - Sun 12	<b>FRIENDS OF PAYNESVILLE LIBRARY BOOK SALE</b> Come grab a bargain! <b>Cash only</b> Paynesville Community Centre Esplanade, Paynesville <b>10:00am</b>
11 Saturday	<b>METUNG FARMERS MARKET</b> Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung Phone: Tracey 0409 233 643 <b>8:30am</b>
12 Sunday	<b>PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET</b> Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville <b>8:00am</b>
12 Sunday	<b>PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM</b> Discover the town's rich maritime history through photos, artefacts, and local donations. Raymond St, Paynesville <b>9:00am</b>
12 Sunday	<b>BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB</b> Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale
12 Sunday	<b>NOW LISTEN! WE'RE STEPPING OUT - ROSS WILSON &amp; THE PEACOCKS</b> Celebrate 50+ years of music with a new album 'Cool, Mellow & Boss' by Ross Wilson & The Peacocks. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 <b>4:00pm</b>
17 Fri 1 - Sun 19	<b>THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER BUSH FESTIVAL</b> A celebration of bush culture, horsemanship, and high-country heritage. Corryong, Victoria
17 Friday	<b>JUNGLE JIM SMITH - LIVE @ KALIMNA</b> Grab your crew and lock this one in — it's going to be a cracking night of live music. Kalimna Hotel, Lakes Entrance Call to book: 03 5155 3895 <b>8:00pm</b>
18 Saturday	<b>UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE</b> Bairnsdale Uniting Church Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale <b>8:30am - 11:00pm</b>

18 Saturday	<b>LAKES ENTRANCE LIONESS INDOOR MARKET</b> Mechanics Hall. Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance <b>9:00am</b>
18 Saturday	<b>NOWA NOWA MAKERS MARKET</b> Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve Stott St, Nowa Nowa <b>9:30am - 1:30pm</b>
18 Saturday	<b>BAIRNSDALE REPAIR CAFE</b> Join the community to share skills and fix items instead of sending them to landfill. Room 15, The Hub Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale <b>10:00am</b>
19 Sunday	<b>SUNDAY SOIRÉE AT THE RIVERSLEIGH</b> Join us for an autumn garden afternoon with prosecco, grazing tables, live acoustic music by Cam & J, and beautiful photo moments. <b>18+ event</b> , tickets required. Cost: \$75 <b>3:30pm - 8:00pm</b> The Riversleigh Bairnsdale
19 Sunday	<b>SWAN REACH CAR BOOT &amp; MAKERS MARKET</b> Twin Rivers Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve <b>9:00am</b>
19 Sunday	<b>FRED SMITH - DOMESTICITY</b> Songs covering marriage, parenthood, mortgages, and family life. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub, 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 <b>2:00pm</b>
25 Saturday	<b>ANZAC DAY SERVICE</b> Bairnsdale, Orbost, Lakes Entrance, Paynesville. See local publications.
25 Saturday	<b>PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET</b> Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville <b>8:00am</b>
26 Sunday	<b>HOWITT PARK MARKET</b> Stalls, with indoor and outdoor plants, unique new and up cycled clothing, handmade jewellery items and more. Howitt Park, Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale <b>10:00am</b>
26 Sunday	<b>NYERIMILANG HOMESTEAD - DEVONSHIRE TEA &amp; LIVE MUSIC</b> 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 <b>10:00 - 3:00pm</b>
26 Sunday	<b>JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE</b> Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper. Johnsonville Hall 1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville



# 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](mailto: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

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## 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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# EAST GIPPSLAND FIELD DAYS

Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 9:00am 4:00pm

Run by Lindenow Lions Club, this annual event attracts thousands of locals and visitors each year. This is the one opportunity to see a vast range of products in one location.

Prices: Adults \$20, Children under 16 – free – It's best to purchase tickets online to avoid long wait times at the gate

No dogs are allowed on site

Each year East Gippsland Field Days engages a host of family friendly entertainment.

Bairnsdale Aerodrome Bengworden Rd, Bairnsdale

[www.egfielddays.com.au](http://www.egfielddays.com.au)



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# MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC

Date: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 8:00am

The Mother's Day Classic is a much loved, long-standing tradition for many Australian families. Come along and join in the fun of this fundraiser for research into breast and ovarian cancer.

Since 1998, we've been dedicated to walking, running and fundraising to save women's lives on Mother's Day.

In 2024, we took one step further and made it our mission to stop both ovarian and breast cancer in their tracks.

In the last 28 years, our community has donated \$48.23 million to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, and since 2024, \$2.57 million to the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation.

Howitt Park, Bairnsdale

[mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://mothersdayclassic.com.au)



On behalf of our Visitor Information Centre staff and volunteers, we wish you a Safe and Happy Easter



# YEARLY

## Events

### JANUARY

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

### FEBRUARY

#### 2nd weekend

- 📅 Canni Creek Picnic Races
- 📅 Bruthen Blues Festival

#### 3rd weekend

- 📅 Paynesville Music Festival

### MARCH

#### Labour day weekend Events

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

#### First Saturday

- 📅 Orbost Poker Run

### APRIL

#### Easter Weekend

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



- 📅 ANZAC Day
- 📅 East Gippsland Agricultural Field Days

### MAY

- 📅 Mothers day Celebrations

### JUNE

- 📅 Kings Birthday long weekend
- 📅 East Gippsland Winter Festival

### JULY

- 📅 East Gippsland Winter Festival

### AUGUST

### SEPTEMBER

- 📅 Fathers day celebrations
- 📅 Victorian AFL Grand Final

### OCTOBER

- 📅 Omeo RV & Caravan Muster Last weekend.

### NOVEMBER

- 📅 Melbourne Cup
- 📅 Bairnsdale Show 1st Saturday
- 📅 Bairnsdale Speedway - Runs untill Easter

#### Second weekend

- 📅 Omeo Show

### DECEMBER

- 📅 Firkin Exhibition
- 📅 Bairnsdale Christmas Parade
- 📅 Christmas Day
- 📅 Boxing Day
- 📅 New Years Eve

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