

# 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*

## JUNE

**Lakes Entrance** - Good sized flathead are hiding along the sandy banks chasing soft plastics. Nice sized salmon are being landed off Eastern Beach with hard plastics. In amongst the weeds around Flannigan's Island for luderick and there have been reports that there are still some prawns in the system. But you had better be quick!

**Lake Tyers** - Big black bream are smashing dark-coloured plastics and hardbodies. Large flathead are also throughout the lake system, liking hard bodied lures and plastics. Off the surf beach for salmon.

**Mitchell River** - Mulloway can be found from Shadoof Lodge to the Dog Hole on vibes and hard bodies. Bream from the Grassy Banks to the Two Bells, with local prawn and live sandworm, the odd flathead is around as well.

**Tambo River** - Bream are around the mouth of the river taking cut crab, live sandworm, and local prawn.

**Nicholson** - Decent sized flathead biting on soft plastics and blue bait are around the Highway Bridge and Railway Bridge. Bream can be found from the Swimming Hole up to the Car Bodies, give live sandworm and local prawn a go. Mulloway can be found in the river as well.

**Metung** - Steady catches of bream, particularly in slow-moving patches of water using drifting soft plastics is working well. Try around structures with small hard body crankbaits as well. The odd whiting is being caught at the Drop Off at Nungurner, with pippies and live sandworm.

**Paynesville/Holland's Landing** - Bream are biting around the boat ramps and jetties at Paynesville, using mussel, local prawn, and sandworm. Newlands Arm also have bream around the jetties biting on sandworm and shrimp. Give the mouth of Tom's Creeks a go for bream and The Straits for the odd mulloway chasing lures.

**Marlo** - As the weather cools, salmon are on the move, with decent landings along the Ninety Mile Beach. Metal spoons and pilchards are giving great results, especially early morning and late afternoons.

**Bemm River** - The entrance is open. Soft plastics seem to be the preferred bait for bream at the moment, flathead are around the inlet and in the channel, using lures and plastics. Over at the surf beach, salmon are chasing poppers and blue bait.

**Mallacoota** - Big Kingfish are still roaming through chasing yakkas and squid. Give the shallow edges a try for flathead and pinkies and the deeper water for quality gummy shark on fresh oily baits. Squid are also plentiful.

**High Country** - The Dartmouth Cup Fishing Classic returns over the King's Birthday long weekend, set against the stunning backdrop of Dartmouth Dam. Over three days, anglers target rainbow and brown trout with live weigh ins. There will also be a carp category.



## TOXIC ALGAE

THE FOLLOWING SEAFOOD  
SHOULD NOT BE EATEN




Prawns



Mussels



Crabs

- Any fish harvested from affected waters should have gills and guts removed prior to cooking. 
- The public is advised not to swim in affected waters.
- People who come in contact with contaminated water should wash immediately in fresh water.
- Seek medical advice if experiencing illness after contact.
- Keep pets from coming into contact with affected waters.

Scientific testing identified multiple algae species of concern across parts of the Gippsland Lakes, including elevated levels of Pseudo-nitzschia and a cyanobacteria Nodularia.

A bloom of Karlodinium is suspected to have recently caused fish deaths in Lake Victoria. There is often little surface evidence or discoloured water associated with the blooms.

More information on harmful algal blooms: [www.water.vic.gov.au/waterways/blue-green-algae](http://www.water.vic.gov.au/waterways/blue-green-algae)

<http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/.../Harmful-algal-blooms>

If you see unexplained fish deaths in other areas, please report to EPA on 1300 372 842 or online: [epa.vic.gov.au/report-water-pollution](http://epa.vic.gov.au/report-water-pollution)

## 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 scanning the QR code below

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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 TO 1:00PM

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

**EVENT CANCELLED**



# 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.

## June

Markets

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

<b>TUES</b> ONGOING	<b>SWAN REACH TWIN RIVERS BOOK EXCHANGE</b> Swan Reach Recreation Reserve Phone: Desma 0432 188 295 <b>10:00am - 2:00pm</b>		<b>06</b> Saturday	<b>EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET</b> Howitt Park Bowls Club (corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy) Bairnsdale Phone: 0419 890 139 <b>8:00am – 1:00pm</b>
<b>WED</b> ONGOING	<b>BOOT SCOOTIN IN BUCHAN</b> Proudly supported by Buchan Neighbourhood House. Buchan Hall Phone: 5155 9216 <b>6:00pm - 8:00pm</b>		<b>06</b> Saturday	<b>LAKES ENTRANCE COUNTRY CRUISE CAR DISPLAY</b> Checkout the great range of classic cars and hot rods in our Show & Shine. Foreshore Rotunda, Lakes Entrance <b>See highlights page below. 10:00am</b>
<b>SAT</b> ONGOING	<b>LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN</b> Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance <b>8:00am</b>		<b>06</b> 06 May - 08 May	<b>SECONDHAND BOOK SALE</b> Friends of Paynesville Library will be conducting a books sale over the King's Birthday long weekend. Paynesville Community Centre Esplanade, Paynesville <b>10:00am</b>
<b>SAT</b> ONGOING	<b>BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN</b> Port of Bairnsdale <b>8:00am</b>		<b>06</b> Saturday	<b>PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ</b> Skilled volunteers will help bring new life to broken or worn items — from small appliances and clothing to treasured tools at the Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville <b>10:00am</b>
<b>SAT</b> ONGOING	<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>		<b>07</b> Sunday	<b>FIRE ON BABYLON – ODE TO SINEAD O'CONNOR</b> A beautifully poignant, inspiring and at times tragic ode to the life and music of Sinead O'Connor at the Paynesville Wine Bar - 85a Esplanade Paynesville <i>Visit Nowa Nowa Live Facebook page for booking details.</i> <b>7:00pm - 10:00pm</b>
<b>01</b> May 01 - Jun 06	<b>HILARY PETERSON, VELTA FELLOWS &amp; ELISABETH SCOTT</b> East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale For more information on the exhibitions visit the East Gippsland Art Gallery website.		<b>07</b> Sunday	<b>SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET</b> Esplanade, Lakes Entrance Phone: 0477 014 463 <b>9:00am</b>
<b>04</b> Thursday	<b>THE BEATLES ANTHOLOGY</b> Travel down the Long and Winding Road in this live Beatles tribute show — from the Fab Four's matching suits and mop-top hair to the psychedelic era of Tangerine Trees, Marmalade Skies, and Kaleidoscope Eyes at the Forge Theatre & Arts Hub - 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 <b>7:30pm</b>		<b>07</b> Sunday	<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>
<b>05</b> Friday	<b>FIRE ON BABYLON – ODE TO SINEAD O'CONNOR</b> A beautifully poignant, inspiring and at times tragic ode to the life and music of Sinead O'Connor at the Bruthen Mechanics Hall - Main St, Bruthen BYO food & drink. Visit Nowa Nowa Live Facebook page for booking details. <b>7:00pm</b>		<b>11</b> Thursday	<b>MY STORY – STORIES FROM THE WAITING ROOM</b> My Story challenges stereotypes and conventional practices in disability support by sharing lived experiences on stage. Through compelling performance and narrative, the show fosters empathy, understanding, and reflection. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 <b>1:30pm</b>
<b>05</b> Friday	<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 <b>8:00pm</b>			

12 Friday	<b>FRIDAY RACING</b> Come along and enjoy an afternoon of country racing at its best. Bairnsdale Racecourse Racecourse Rd, Bairnsdale 11:00am
12 12 June - 25 July	<b>SOUTHEAST NOW</b> This hugely popular group show of Koorie artists with a connection to Gunaikurnai Country is back and celebrating its eighth year. East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale <a href="http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au">http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au</a>
13 Saturday	<b>METUNG FARMERS MARKET</b> Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung Phone: Tracey 0409 233 643 8:30am – 1:00pm
14 Sunday	<b>PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM</b> Explore the story of maritime Paynesville through photographs, artefacts, historic displays and donated items from local families. Raymond St, Paynesville 9:00am
14 Sunday	<b>BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB</b> Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 1:00pm
19 19 June - 19 July	<b>EAST GIPPSLAND WINTER FESTIVAL</b> Come along and experience how we winter at some of the events and activities as East Gippsland celebrates the sixth annual Winter Festival. <b>Please see back page for all event dates in their program.</b>
20 Saturday	<b>UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE</b> Bairnsdale Uniting Church Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale Phone: John 0419 890 139 8:30am – 11:00am
20 Saturday	<b>BAIRNSDALE REPAIR CAFÉ</b> Community members meet to share skills, and fix items that would otherwise go to landfill. Room 15 The Hub Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale 10:00am
21 Sunday	<b>LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET</b> 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
21 Sunday	<b>SWAN REACH CAR BOOT &amp; MAKERS MARKET</b> Come along and check the wide variety of goods for sale, including garden items, shed bric-a-brac and local made products Twin Rivers Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve 9:00am

26 Friday	<b>PRIMAL</b> A thrilling adults-only circus show blending comedy, sensuality and high-energy acrobatics. Inspired by the animal kingdom and human relationships, this nonstop spectacle explores identity, sexuality and perception at the Forge Theatre & Arts Hub - 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 7:30pm
27 Saturday	<b>PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET</b> Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville Phone: Michael 0416 048 680 8:00am
28 Sunday	<b>HOWITT PARK MARKET</b> This market is under the big yellow slide on the banks of the Mitchell, just on the east side of the Hwy bridge, with indoor and outdoor plants, unique new and up cycled clothing, handmade jewellery and all sorts of indoor and outdoor décor. Howitt Park Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale. 9:00am
28 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 1:00pm
<b>July</b>	
03 Friday	<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 8:00pm
04 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
04 Saturday	<b>PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ</b> Skilled volunteers will help bring new life to broken or worn items — from small appliances and clothing to treasured tools at the Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville 10:00am
04 Saturday	<b>ONE INTIMATE NIGHT – REECE MASTIN</b> With only one of these incredibly unique and beautiful shows every few years or so, this is not one to be missed. For Mastin fans this shows setlist provides a plethora of tracks and treats that don't make the usual rock set and takes you on a walk through the other side of Reece's collection and range. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 7:30pm

## 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](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

## 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

## Lakes Entrance

# COUNTRY CRUISE CAR DISPLAY

SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 10:00AM - 2:00PM

The Lakes Entrance Country Cruise Car Display is a premier annual gathering of vintage cars and classic hot rods. The event is hosted by the Eastern Valley Street Rodders. Running from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> this event will once again have vehicle displays, social gatherings, and organized cruises.

**Friday** - Dinner, registration and Meet & Greet at the Central Hotel.

**Saturday** - The main Show & Shine is on the **Lakes Entrance Foreshore**, with music at the Servo Bar adjacent to the Rotunda.

**Sunday** - Cruise to Bruthen and car display, followed by dinner at the Central Hotel, Lakes Entrance.

**Monday** - Farewell breakfast at Apex Park.



## Orbost Arts Centre

# ENCHANTED - COMMUNITY ART SHOW

5th June - 31<sup>st</sup> July

Art that takes us on a magical journey through creativity; immerse yourself in a world where imagination knows no bounds and art comes to life to enchant and delight those who come seeking wonder and whimsy...

This winter we will be inviting entries from East Gippsland Artists of all ages, on the theme of 'Enchanted'. Entries open 1st May, all mediums welcome, and there are prizes for the Viewer's Choice winners!

**Opening night: Friday 5th June - 5:30pm**

**Tickets- \$15**

8 Clarke St, Orbost

Visit: [orbostartscentre.com](http://orbostartscentre.com)

Email: [admin@orbostartscentre.com](mailto:admin@orbostartscentre.com)



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# 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

#### Third Sunday

- 📅 Opera by the Lakes - 3rd Sunday

### 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
- 📅 NAIDOC week

### 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 until Easter

#### Second Weekend

- 📅 Omeo Show

### DECEMBER

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

# WINTER FESTIVAL EVENTS PROGRAM

# EGSC DASHBOARD



# EAST GIPPSLAND WINTER FESTIVAL

## 19 JUNE - 19 JULY, 2026

**IN EAST GIPPSLAND, WINTER ISN'T SOMETHING TO ESCAPE, IT'S SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE.**

Head east for a month-long festival of luminous art, live music, long-table feasts, and unforgettable experiences.



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