

# 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*

## JULY

**Lakes Entrance** - Angling in the lake system is still producing great results, with estuary perch chasing soft plastics, bream are around the river mouths and decent sized mulloway are also being landed throughout the system. Flathead are still being landed around the drop offs and deeper channels. Surf beaches, mainly in the deeper gutters have nice sized salmon chasing slugs.

**Lake Tyers** - Bream are showing up in good numbers throughout the Main Arm and right up towards Nowa Nowa, with anglers finding success on lightly weighted baits and soft plastics around deeper edges and structure. Flathead are active across the shallow flats, particularly around the Glasshouse area, where anglers working soft plastics and hard-bodied lures are finding some quality fish.

**Mitchell River** - Good numbers of bream are being caught from Shadoof Lodge through to the Two Bells, with local prawns, shrimp and shell bait. Flathead are also in the river chasing prawn

**Tambo River** - Bream are biting well from Clues Bluff, Burns Flat, the Blue Hole right through to The Cliffs. Soft plastics and lures have been the standout performers.

**Nicholson River** - Plenty of bream action is being reported between the two bridges, with fish taking spider crabs, prawns and soft plastics.

**Metung** - For bream, give around the structured areas a try, using lures, prawn and crab, especially where moving water goes into slower pockets.

**Marlo** - Bream and luderick are biting well around Second Island, with sandworms and local prawns proving the standout baits. Salmon are active near the entrance, chasing laser lures and soft plastics. Offshore at Cape Conran, gummy shark and flathead are providing consistent action, with bluebait, local squid and fresh fish fillets all producing results.

**Bemm River** - Salmon are active around the entrance, providing some solid action for those casting lures and baits. Bream are biting well throughout the system, using local frozen prawns and sandworm.

**Mallacoota** - Trevally continue to show up around the town jetties. Harrison Channel is producing both flathead and luderick, particularly on soft plastics worked through the deeper runs. The Top Lake and river system are fishing well for bream, with squid and soft-shell baits getting the best results.

**High Country** - The trout and salmonids season in Vic and NSW rivers and streams is currently closed. The winter closed season runs from Tuesday 9 June to Friday 4 September 2026 (inclusive). The open season for rivers officially begins on Saturday 5 September 2026.



## 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** **Closed until**  
8:30AM TO 1:30PM  
**September**

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

### LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET


 Date & Time:

**3rd Saturday**

9:00AM TO 12:00PM

Lindenow Hall & car park  
Main St, Lindenow  
Contact: Lynda 0437 778 510

### 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

### BAIRNSDALE SUNRISE ROTARY MARKET


 Date & Time:

**4th Sunday**

9:00AM TO 1:00PM

Howitt Park  
Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale  
Elaine: 0432 602 007

### PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET

 Date & Time:

**4th Saturday**

8:00AM TO 12:00PM

Foreshore Reserve  
Esplanade, Paynesville  
Contact: Michael 0416 048 680



# 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.

## July

Markets

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

<b>TUES</b>	ONGOING	<b>SWAN REACH TWIN RIVERS BOOK EXCHANGE</b> Twin River & Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve Phone: Desma 0432 188 295 <b>10:00am - 2:00pm</b>
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<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>
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<b>SAT</b>	ONGOING	<b>LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN</b> Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance <b>8:00am</b>
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<b>SAT</b>	ONGOING	<b>BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN</b> Port of Bairnsdale <b>8:00am</b>
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<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>
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<b>12 June - 25 July</b>	<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> Closed Public Holidays
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<b>19 June - 19 July</b>	<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. <a href="https://egwinterfest.com.au/program/">https://egwinterfest.com.au/program/</a>
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<b>03 July - 26 July</b>	<b>PAX ART WORKSHOPS, OPEN STUDIO AND PAINT &amp; SIP</b> Caroline Packer (Pax) is hosting Mixed Medium, Watercolour, Disability, and Children's workshops, Open Studio and Paint & Sip at various locations, dates and times. Check website or call for more information. Phone: 0408 500 451 3 Merindah Crt Lakes Entrance, <b>Ticket sales through Humanitix</b> <a href="https://www.carolinepaxart.com/contact">https://www.carolinepaxart.com/contact</a>
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<b>03</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>
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<b>04</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>
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<b>04</b>	Saturday	<b>PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ</b> Skilled volunteers will help breathe new life into broken or worn items, from small appliances, treasured tools or even clothing. Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville <b>10:00am</b>
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<b>04</b>	Saturday	<b>ONE INTIMATE NIGHT - REECE MASTIN</b> 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 <b>7:30pm</b>
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<b>Sun 05 - Sun 12</b>	<b>NAIDOC WEEK</b> Since 1975, NAIDOC Week has been held every year to celebrate and elevate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices, culture and resilience. The 2026 theme 'Fifty Years of Deadly' honors the five decades of NAIDOC Week. <b>See highlight on the next page</b>
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<b>05</b>	Sunday	<b>SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET</b> Esplanade, Lakes Entrance Phone: 0477 014 463 <b>9:00am</b>
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<b>05</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>
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<b>05</b>	Sunday	<b>CASSILIS COMMUNITY MARKET</b> Come along there will be food stalls, car boot sales and more. Swifts Creek Hall 6869 Great Alpine Rd Stall bookings: Debra 0425 850148 <b>10:00am</b>
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09 Thursday	<b>OFF BROADWAY</b> Off Broadway takes the magic moments of your favourite musicals and delivers them in a glamorous and breathtaking production - complete with a powerhouse cast of exceptional musical theatre performers. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482	7:30pm
11 Saturday	<b>METUNG FARMERS MARKET</b> Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung Phone: Tracey 0409 233 643	8:30am – 1:00pm
11 Saturday	<b>MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY ROADSHOW FESTIVAL</b> Featuring a dynamic line-up of comedy legends and fresh faces, this year's Roadshow promises nation-wide happiness and laughter. Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow rolls into Bairnsdale. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482	7:30pm
12 Sunday	<b>BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB</b> Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale	1:00pm
13 Monday	<b>MONDAY RACING</b> Come along and enjoy a day of racing. Bairnsdale Racecourse Racecourse Rd, Bairnsdale	11:00am
18 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
18 Saturday	<b>LAKES LIONESSES INDOOR MARKET</b> The Lions Club of Gippsland Lakes Lionesses are proud to present this indoor market. Stalls include, handcrafts, jams and preserves, fresh produce, candles and more. Devonshire tea will also be available. Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance	9:00am
18 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
19 Sunday	<b>SWAN REACH CAR BOOT &amp; MAKERS MARKET</b> A wide variety of goods for sale including garden items, shed bric-a-brac and locally made products. Twin Rivers Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Recreation Reserve	9:00am

19 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
19 Sunday	<b>SEA WOLVES HOWL</b> Early each morning, a group of women and gender-fluid people meet on the beach, enter the freezing sea, join hands, howl like wolves. Five characters take us from home to shore, each step evoking stories, memories, fears, triumphs, connections, courage and laughter. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482	2:00pm
25 Saturday	<b>PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET</b> Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville Phone: Michael Nelson 0416 048 680	8:00am
25 Saturday	<b>AUSTRALIAN EAGLES SHOW</b> Fifty years on, Hotel California remains a cornerstone of classic rock — In 2026, The Australian Eagles Show, Australia's premier tribute to the Eagles' unforgettable sound, honours the milestone live in concert. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482	7:30pm
25 Saturday	<b>HIDE &amp; SEEK PARAQUEST – PARANORMAL EVENING</b> Led by experienced paranormal investigators, you will have the unique opportunity to use specialized equipment and techniques to detect supernatural activity. East Gippsland Historical Society Macarthur St, Bairnsdale	8:00pm See highlight on the next page
26 Sunday	<b>HOWITT PARK MARKET</b> Under the big yellow slide on the banks of the Mitchell, just on the east side of the highway bridge, with stalls, plants, clothing, individual, handmade jewellery, and more.. Howitt Park Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale	
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	1:00pm
31 July - 05 Sept	<b>BUSHFIRE &amp; BEYOND, BOOK OF FISH &amp; STORIES &amp; DREAMS</b> Check out this new exhibition featuring 3 great artists telling their stories. East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale <a href="http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au">http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au</a> Closed Public Holidays	



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Stay up to date with upcoming events by subscribing to our Library Connect e-newsletter, pop into your library, or call us on [5152 4225](tel:51524225).

## 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 Region

# NAIDOC WEEK

DATE: SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It's an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures, histories and participate in celebrations. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country. This year's theme, Fifty Years of Deadly is an important milestone to celebrate. It's also a reminder that while we honour what came before, the work continues. Please check local publications and facebook for upcoming events in the area.

[#NAIDOC2026](#) [#50YearsofDeadly](#) [#NAIDOCWeek](#) [#GEGAC](#) [#CommunityConnection](#) [#EastGippsland](#)



Bairnsdale

## HIDE & SEEK PARAQUEST – PARANORMAL EVENING

DATE: SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 8:00PM to LATE

Delve into the mysteries that lie within this iconic heritage site and experience a side of history rarely seen by visitors. Step back in time as we venture into the dimly lit corridors and rooms of this fascinating museum, known for its rich historical artefacts and tales from yesteryears. Led by experienced paranormal investigators, you will have the unique opportunity to use specialized equipment and techniques to detect supernatural activity. East Gippsland Historical Society Macarthur St, Bairnsdale

Reach out to the [East Gippsland Historical Society Official Website](#) or contact them directly at (03) 5152 6363



# 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

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# 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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LAND**

  
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HOTELS & RESORTS

  
**METUNG  
HOT SPRINGS**