

WHAT'S ON

East Gippsland

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all kinds of wonder



FISHING *Report*

*Hook Line And Sinker we have got you covered
Fishing made easy with our expert tips and fishing spots*

SEPTEMBER

Lakes Entrance - Eastern Beach is fishing well for salmon, chasing salmon slayers, bluebait and pilchards. Trevally are popular around the lakes, particularly off Post Office jetty, with local prawns doing the trick. Around Bullock Island, the odd trevally is being picked up on metal lures. Whiting are starting to show around Shaving Point, with pipis and live sandworm the preferred baits. The odd flathead is also being picked up throughout the lake system, with both hard-bodied lures and soft plastics worth a cast.

Lake Tyers - Bream, taking soft plastics is working well around the river mouths. Perch can also be found around the timber structures.

Mitchell River - Bream are on fire, with fish spread from the river mouth through to the Bluff. Live sandworm has been a standout bait, with bream keen to chase it down.

Tambo River - Try from Rough Road through to the Highway Bridge at Swan Reach, for some good-sized bream. Live sandworm and local prawns are proving popular, particularly around the deeper water and structures.

Nicholson River - Give between the Highway and the Car Bodies a try for bream. using soft-shell, cut crab and live sandworm.

Metung - Around the Metung Boardwalk and boat ramp, local shrimp and prawns are the go-to baits, with bream and other species moving through the area.

Paynesville / Holland's Landing - Bream are active around the mouth of Tom's Creek, with live sandworm and local prawns getting plenty of interest. Along Paynesville Road, luderick are hiding amongst the rocks and can be tempted with live sandworm fished under a luderick lead.

Marlo - The Brodribb River has been fishing well for perch and bream, with soft plastics and live local sandworm getting the best results. Salmon have been a little quiet, but there are still fish to be found along the surf. Bluebait is worth soaking for salmon and tailor, while metal lures can be a good option on the incoming tide when the fish are chasing bait.

Bemm River - The entrance is open, with salmon moving through the channel chasing metal lures. Along the surf beach, salmon are showing interest in bluebait. The lake still has plenty of bream, with live local sandworm a reliable bait when the fish are on the chew.

Mallacoota - The Top Lake is worth a look for both bream and flathead, with soft-shell crab and local prawns getting plenty of attention. Soft plastics are also working well, particularly around the edges and structures.

High Country - Nice sized trout can be found in the rivers, with good numbers of fish showing and readily taking bait, lures and flies.

Please check weather conditions and prepare for any sudden changes before you venture into the High Country.



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](http://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

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
Contact: 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.

September

Markets

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

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

TUES
ONGOING

50'S ROCK & ROLL CLASSES
No partner or experience necessary, beginner and intermediate classes available. First night free.
Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall
Phone: 0472 998 842
7:00pm

WED
ONGOING

BOOT SCOOTIN IN BUCHAN
Proudly supported by Buchan Neighbourhood House. Buchan Hall
Phone: 5155 9216
6:00pm - 8:00pm

SAT
ONGOING

LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN
Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance
8:00am

SAT
ONGOING

BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN
Port of Bairnsdale
8:00am

SAT
ONGOING

OLD TIME DANCING
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

01 Sept - 05 Sept

BUSHFIRE & BEYOND, BOOK OF FISH & STORIES & DREAMS
Come along and check out this new exhibition featuring 3 great artists telling their stories.
East Gippsland Art Gallery
12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale
<http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au>
Closed Public Holidays

04
Friday

JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE
Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper.
Johnsonville Hall
1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville
8:00pm

04
Friday

WILBUR WILDE & REBECCA BARNARD – THE ROYALTY REVUE
Backed by an all-star band, this special concert delivers songs, stories and musicianship that helped shape Australian music.
Forge Theatre & Arts Hub
80 McKean St, Bairnsdale
Phone: 5152 1482
7:30pm

05
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

05
Saturday

MALLACOOTA ARTISAN & PRODUCE MARKET
Mudbrick Pavilion
1 Develling Dr, Mallacoota
9:00am

05
Saturday

PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ
Come along to the Repair Café, where skilled volunteers will help breathe new life into your beloved items.
Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville (enter via rear carpark)
10:00am

05
Saturday

DANE SIMPSON: ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE.....FUNNY
Get ready for a night of guaranteed laughs with one of Australia's funniest, most loveable comedians.
Forge Theatre & Arts Hub
80 McKean St, Bairnsdale
Phone: 5152 1482
7:30pm

06
Sunday

SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET
Esplanade, Lakes Entrance
Phone: 0477 014 463
9:00am

06
Sunday

COME & TRY DRAGON BOATING
Come along and have a go at Dragon Boating with the Waratahs Dragon Boating Club.
Howitt Park boat ramp.
9:30am

06
Sunday

CASSILIS COMMUNITY MARKET
Cassilis Recreation Reserve
Cassilis Rd, Swifts Creek
See highlight on next page 10:00am

11 Sept - 17 Oct

NATURAL FORMS IN LANDSCAPE, IN 2 MINDS
Come along and check out this new exhibition featuring 2 great artists telling their stories.
East Gippsland Art Gallery
12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale
<http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au>
Closed Public Holidays

	11 Friday	NATHAN CAVALERI – GROWING PAINS A soulful, real-time reckoning with the highs, lows, and healing that define a life lived out loud. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482
	Sat 12 - Sun 13	SNOWY RIVER SPRINT Round 3 of the Australian Tarmac Rally Championship, set in the stunning surrounds of Lakes Entrance and Buchan. Across two action-packed days, crews will take on over 260 kilometres of competitive rallying across 18 stages, Buchan Orbost Rd 7:00am NB Road Closures will be in place.
	12 Saturday	METUNG FARMERS MARKET Village Green 50 Metung Rd, Metung Phone: Tracey 0409 233 643 8:30am – 1:00pm
	13 Sunday	MYSTIC MARKET Lindenow Community Hall Main St, Lindenow
	13 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET Gilsenan Reserve Raymond St, Paynesville Phone: 0400 327 526 8:00am
	13 Sunday	PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM Paynesville Maritime Museum operates a small museum display which tells the story of maritime Paynesville with photographs and artefacts. Raymond St, Paynesville 9:00am
	13 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 1:00pm
	18 Friday	SWANEE Fresh from the release of his acclaimed new album Believe, Lately, a special collaboration with Australian music icon Ian Moss, bringing together two of the country's most distinctive voices. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 7:30pm
	19 Saturday	BRUTHEN COMMUNITY MARKET Join in the fun at the Bruthen Market! Enjoy food and drink stalls, marvel at the arts and craft items, and relax in the warm country atmosphere. Main St, Bruthen 8:00am
	19 Saturday	UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE Bairnsdale Uniting Church Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale Phone: John 0419 890 139 8:30am – 11:00am
	Sat 19 - Sun 20	MIXED BAG 2026 The Annual Bruthen Art Exhibition of Art in Assorted Media Featuring works from throughout the East Gippsland region and beyond, this exhibition provides an opportunity for anyone to display their work. Bruthen Hall Main St, Bruthen 10:00am
	19 Saturday	ELVIS & BUDDY ROCK AND ROLL MANIA Bursting with energy and passion, Rock and Roll Mania brings to life timeless hits that changed music forever. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 7:30pm
	20 Sunday	SWAN REACH CAR BOOT & MAKERS MARKET Garden items, shed bric-a-brac and locally made products. Twin Rivers Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Rec Reserve 9:00am
	20 Sunday	LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET Check out the huge variety of things to see, do and buy. Lindenow Hall and car park. Main St, Lindenow 9:00am
	20 Sunday	DARREN COGGAN – THE POEMS, PRAYERS & PROMISES OF JOHN DENVER Celebrating one of the most inspiring and prolific singer songwriters of our time, remarkably re-created live, by Darren Coggan. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 2:00pm
	22 Tuesday	AI IN ACTION Learn more about AI from a real professional. Courtney McWatt, head of customer engineering from Google Cloud will be presenting at this forum. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale 6:30pm For more information email info@egmi.com.au
	Fri 25 - Sun 27	AFL GRAND FINAL BOOK SALE Find yourself a bargain at the Friends of Paynesville Library book sale. Paynesville Toonalook CWA will also be there on Saturday. Cash only Paynesville Community Centre 10:00am – 3:00pm
	25 Friday	BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY LS 360 sprintcars - Rumble at the Rock, limited sportsman, open & junior saloons. Bairnsdale Speedway 120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock 4:30pm
	Fri 25 - Sun 27	WILD HARVEST SEAFOOD FESTIVAL Three days of fresh local seafood and more. Mallacoota township See highlights on the next page https://www.wildharvestseafoodfestival.com/

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Saturday

PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET
Foreshore Reserve
Esplanade, Paynesville
Phone: Michael Nelson 0416 048 680
8:00am

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Sunday

HOWITT PARK MARKET
This large market is under the big yellow slide on the banks of the Mitchell, just on the east side of the highway bridge. With indoor and outdoor plants, clothing, handmade jewellery items and more.
Howitt Park Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale
9:00am

27
Sunday

NYERIMILANG HOMESTEAD - DEVONSHIRE TEA & LIVE MUSIC - BLAST FROM THE PAST
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

27
Sunday

JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE
Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for afternoon tea.
Johnsonville Hall
1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville
1:00pm

East Gippsland

CASSILIS COMMUNITY MARKET

Date Sunday 6th September 10:00am -2:00pm

Come along there will be food stalls, car boot sales, fresh produce and more.

Save the date for a great community get together.

Cassilis Recreation Reserve
Cassilis Rd, Swifts Creek

Stall bookings : Debra 0425 850148



Mallacoota

WILD HARVEST SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Date: Friday 25th - Sunday 27th September

Three days. Fresh local seafood. Wild places. Live music. Big adventures. And plenty of reasons to come to Mallacoota this September.

The Wild Harvest Seafood Festival celebrates the fruits of the land and sea, and the Indigenous custodians that have been connected with this land for thousands of years. There are succulent seafood feasts, oyster and champagne cruises, a lively seafood market, bush food walks, fishing workshops, kids' entertainment and much more

<https://www.wildharvestseafoodfestival.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

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