

Celebrating East Gippsland Events



Date	Event	Description	Location	Contact
January				
December 20 – January 26	Australia Wood Design Show	Open to public daily between 1-am and 5pm Exhibition also by other medium artists.	Browning St, Orbost	Bert Birthisel, 51541670
January 1	Lakes Entrance Cup	Major Kids Day out!	Bairnsdale Racecourse	Neil Bainbridge 51 524057 www.bdrc.com.au
January 1	Marlo Bush Races	Family fun	Marlo Racecourse	East Gippsland Newspapers, 51521117
January 1	Ensay New Years Sports Day	Creative activities, rural skills, safe kids activities and horse events	Ensay Rec Reserve 9.30am – 6.30pm	Barbara Ph: 51594242.
January 2	Grand Opening of Summer by the Sea campaign	All Day activities including performances, displays, live creatures and competitions	Lakes Entrance Surf Life Saving Club, Lakes Entrance 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 2	Fishcare Workshop	Workshop presented by Fishcare	Lakes Entrance Surf Life Saving Club, Lakes Entrance 2.00 p.m.	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 3 & 4	Snowy River Golf Classic	2 day Stableford golf event Spectacular Saturday night dinner dance with Jazz Band	Orbost Golf Club	Don Osborne 51541674.
January 3	Cultural Awareness Workshop & Indigenous	Cultural Awareness Workshop 2 Works hops presented by Coast Care and Fishcare	Lake Tyers Beach	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 4	East Gippsland Super Summer Series	The Riviera Triathlon Club brings you the 'People's Triathlon Super Summer' including the Y fun Tri Series	East Gippsland: Bairnsdale Enduro Lakes Entrance Marlo Bairnsdale Mallacoota Eagle Point	Riviera Triathlon Club www.triathlete.net/riviera
January 4	Environmental Awareness workshop	Presented by Coast Care / Coast Action	Lake Tyers Beach,	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 4	Environmental Awareness workshop	Presented by Fishcare	Lake Tyers Beach, Waterwheel Tavern	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 5	Festival of Sea Life	Including live performances, displays and competitions	Paynesville Community Centre 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 5	Shore Bird Identification	Day of Shore bird identification along Ocean Grange	Presented by Coast Care Ocean Grange	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 6	Summer fishing Workshop	Presented by Fishcare Raymond Island 10:30 a.m.	Raymond Island	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 6	Special Program on Native Frogs	Presented by Coast Care	Raymond Island	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 7	Life below the water of the Snowy River estuary	Presented by Waterwatch	Marlo, Boat Shed	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 7	Coastcare Workshop	Workshop Presented by Coast Care	French Narrows	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 8 – February 3	Summer Artists Series	Annual showcase of local professional artisans working in	2 Nicholson street, Bairnsdale	East Gippsland Art Gallery 51531988

		the East Gippsland area.		
January 8	Fishcare Workshop	Presented by Fishcare	Cape Conran, Eastern camping area	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 9	Life below the water of Mallacoota Estuary	Presented by Waterwatch	Mallacoota	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 9	Fishing Workshop	Presented by Fishcare	Bemm River 10:30 a.m.	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 9	Coast Care workshop	Workshop Presented by Coast Care	Winghan Inlet	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 9 & 10	Buchan Shine 'N' Show	An historical car and machinery Display	Buchan	Suzanne Davies 51559216 E: brc2@net-tech.com.au
January 10	Fishing Workshop	Presented by Fishcare	Mallacoota 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 11	Fishing Workshop	Presented by Fishcare	Mallacoota 10:30 a.m.	Lisa Crisp 51531707
January 11 – 16	Summer Cricket Festival	State under 18 Championship round to be played in East Gippsland	Wy Yung cricket ground, Wy Yung	Tony Clariage 0438 538 770 Email: claro@b150.aone.net.au
January 24	Fun Day in Cann River	A day of family fun, Jumping castles, face painting, craft and food stalls and activities for kids.	Community Centre, Cann River	Simon Crawshaw, 51587266 / 51586465 Email: linx_cann@hotmail.com
January 25	Up the Creek Ride on Lawn Mower Races	Fun day of ride-on lawn mower racing.	Tambo Valley Racecourse, Swifts Creek	Bob 51594520
January 26	Australia Day Celebrations	A variety of celebrations around the region including breakfasts and activities.	Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance Orbost and Omeo	Andrea Court Ph: 51539500 andrea@eqipps.vic.gov.au
February				
February 7	Canni Creek picnic Horse Races	Celebrating the 117th year of the Picnic races. Fashions on the field, entertainment and BBQ. "The place to re - unite friendships".	Buchan & Gelantipy Race Club Inc.	Ian Dunkley 51552639 E: ian@egcdep.org.au
February 13 -15	Bruthen Blues Bash	Popular Blues festival and street activities. Market stalls throughout Bruthen's Main St and much more	Main Street, Bruthen	Bruna- Bruthen Inn 51575201 Tanya – Le Café 51575665
February 16	Metung Cup	The day will include family activities	Bairnsdale Racecourse	Neil Bainbridge 51 524057 www.bdrc.com.au
February 20 & 21	Paynesville Jazz Festival	Musical Performances and market Paynesville	Paynesville	Michael Beazer 51560448
February 27- March 9	The living room	A collaborative exhibition by Mallacoota artists. In the east gallery and Mallacoota Artsend of Victoria in west gallery	East Gippsland Art Gallery. 2 Nicholson street, Bairnsdale	East Gippsland Art Gallery 51531988
February 28	East Gippsland Regional Youth Festival	Sporting, Music, arts and market stall activities.	BARC Complex and Skate Park, Bairnsdale Midday – 10.30pm	Chris Taylor Ph. 51504802
February 28 – March 4	Grand Prix Rally Sheparton – Albert Park	The Grand Prix Rally is an exciting blend of driving skill events, road navigation and social activities, and caters for all levels of driving skills and competitive aspiration. It has attracted some of the most famous names in Australian and international sporting, including Sir Stirling Moss, Sir Jack Brabham, Peter Brock, Norm Beechey, Daryl Beattie and Kieran Perkins to name a few.	From Shepparton to Albert Park with over night stops at Bright, Lakes Entrance, Traralgon and Cowes	Octagon Australia Pty Ltd 123 Moray Street South Melbourne Victoria 3205 Tel 03 9685 3500 Fax 03 9686 6660 email julie.maher@octagon.com

March

March 6 - 8	Alpine Discovery Festival - Champion Woodchop & Festival	Hinnomunjie Races- Saturday 6 th Woodchop- Sunday 7 th 4X4 Discovery rally- Sunday 7 th Tambo valley Picnic Races- Monday 8 th	Hinnomunjie, Swifts Creek and Tambo Valley racecourses.	Robert Williams 5159 4333
March 6 – 8	Annual Labour Day Weekend Tournament	Tennis Tournament	Bairnsdale Tennis Club	East Gippsland Newspapers, 51521117
March 13-14	Celebration of Organics	Two day gathering featuring guest speakers, displays, demonstrations and organic farm tours. Fully catered using organic produce.	Paynesville	Robyn Grant, 51571586
March 19 -30	Painting Exhibition	An exhibition of illustrative Italian village paintings in pen & wash by Megan Jackson will be on view in the west gallery. The west gallery will exhibit a collection of wildlife paintings & Paper tole artworks by Margaret van Dam	East Gippsland Arts Gallery Bairnsdale	East Gippsland Art Gallery 51531988
March 21	Catch a Carp Day	A fun family fishing day and competition for catching a carp, including displays and lucky entrant prizes.	Port of Bairnsdale, off Riverine Parade	Tonia Stokes 51520456 Email: fishcare.gippsland@dpi.vic.gov.au
March 26	The Worlds Longest Lunch- Paynesville	Chef's from Fisherman's Wharf, TAFE, Henry's café & will join forces with Hospitality students to present a stupendous event. One Long table overlooking the Gippsland lakes in Paynesville will feature fresh local produce and wine.	Paynesville, Fisherman's Wharf 11am – 5pm	Andrea Court Ph: 51539500

April

April 3 - 4	Region 11 CFA Rural State Championships	State CFA competition providing teamwork, comradeship and knowledge of equipment.	Howitt Park, Bairnsdale 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days	David Skinner 51564209
April 9-12	Mallacoota Easter Arts Festival	Every Easter, the remote seaside village of Mallacoota explodes into life with its unique community arts festival. A vibrant celebration as the streets come alive with events such as the Easter Saturday Street Parade, fire and sculptural installations, community theatre, concerts & cruises. This year featuring 'Poetry in Motion' project.	Mallacoota	www.mallacootafestival.org
April 10	Omeo Rodeo	The action will be hot at the 50th anniversary with some of Australia's best riders on show.	Rodeo reserve behind the saleyards. Omeo	Brenda Flannagan 51 591420
April 10	Lindenow Cup	The day will include family activities	Bairnsdale Racecourse	Neil Bainbridge 51 524057 www.bdrc.com.au
April 9- 12	Forrests Forever	Four day Forest ecology camp, including car touring & bush walking into old growth and rain forests with botanists & ecologists.	Goongerah Camp Ground	Jill Redwood 5154 0145 egipp@bigpond.com www.eastgippsland.net.au
April 9 – 11	Bairnsdale Country Music Festival	9 th - Nicholson Hotel (all proceeds to R.C Hospital Appeal) 10 th (morning)-Entertainment and sausage sizzle in mall. 10 th (night)- RSL Bairnsdale Entertainment 11 th - Entertainment and full catering Lucknow Rec Reserve	RSL, Bairnsdale and Morwell. Lucknow Football Oval	Barbara Saunders, 51568333

April 11	Mt Nowa Nowa Challenge Run	14 km run to the top of Mount Nowa Nowa and return to hall. Also available, 4km run / 4km walk. Presentation and Lunch afterwards.	Bruthen Road, Nowa Nowa 10am – 11.30am	Glad Kingston 51557305
April 14 – 17	Errinundra To The Snowy – Wilderness Bike Ride	4 days of great riding through spectacular wilderness and coastal parks in East Gippsland. A fully supported recreational cycling tour into the forests and small communities of Far East Gippsland.	Far East Gippsland	Liz Mitchell Ph 5154 6637 Fax 51542224 Email: wilderness.ride@orh.com.au PO Box 238 Orbost, 3888 www.wildernessbikeride.com.au
April 16 - 18	All Australian Line Dancing Champions hips	The finest of Australian line dancers competing in the All Australian Line Dancing championships.	Nagle College, Bairnsdale	Lorraine Williams 51530345
April 30 – May 1	East Gippsland Field Days	A huge range of exhibitors and numerous quality promotions at the Field days, around 6000 visitors are attracted to the event each year, most of them looking for new products, services and information.	Bairnsdale Aerodrome, Bairnsdale	Phil Rickards, 51531398 PO Box 7 Nowa Nowa
May				
May TBA	Back to Back in Bairnsdale	This event demonstrates historically significant techniques for garment and other textile manufacture, using traditional methods.	Lucknow Hall, Bairnsdale	Heather Stuart, 51579210
May 23	Black Bream Catch & Release Day	Full day, free entry, registration, rules, conditions, bait and displays.	Four Rivers in East Gippsland, Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Bemm Rivers	Tonia Stokes, 51520456
May 29	White Wreath Day	In remembrance of all Victims of suicide	9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Fanita Clark (07) 3219 7279 Email: white.wreath@bigpond.com Web: www.whitewreath.com
June				
June 12-13	International Back to Back Wool Challenge	Competition of Shearer's using the wool of a sheep to make a jumper in the quickest possible time. Jumpers are auctioned off in the next year to raise money for Cancer research.	Day Avenue, Omeo 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Jean Jenkins, 51591233

Markets held monthly:

1st Saturday: Farmers Market, Bairnsdale
1st Sunday: Surf club market, Lakes Entrance
2nd Sunday: Community Market, Paynesville
4th Sunday: Community Market, Lucknow

Visitor Information Services:

Bairnsdale Visitor information center: 5152-3444
Bairnsdalevic@egippsvic.gov.au

Lakes Entrance Visitor information center: 51551966
lakes@lakesandwilderness.com.au

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