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What's On
2025



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FISHING REPORT

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

Lakes Entrance - Cunninghame Arm to Metung, king fish and whiting are biting well with local prawn, also try mussels and pipis. The Footbridge for gurnett, trevally, and snapper. Surf beach for gummy. Offshore are landing nice sized gummy and salmon. Prawns are still abundant in the lake.

Lake Tyers - Surf beach for salmon, using metal lures, pilchards and squid, give Lake Bunga a go as well.

Mitchell River - Anglers are having good results fishing for bream along the Silt Jetties, with cut crab and local prawn.

Tambo River - Bream are active below the Highway Bridge, biting on local prawn and cut crab.

Nicholson - Around the river mouth for bream, best baits being cut crab and local prawn.

Metung - For bream try the Motel Jetty and around the Boardwalk, using local prawn and pipis. Whiting can be found opposite Shaving Point. Salmon and flathead are also around the Boardwalk and higher up into the lake system chasing pilchards and squid. Prawns are running around the Metung and Nungurner areas.

Paynesville/Holland's Landing- Bream are hiding under the jetties structures and boats, for best results use small prawn or an empty No 4 hook. Flathead have been spotted in the shallows around Raymond Island biting on soft plastics Prawns are still around the Paynesville area.

Marlo - Flathead, luderick, bream and the occasional mullet can be found in the system, taking pipis and pilchards. Surf beach has tailor and salmon chasing metal lures.

Bemm River - At the time of publication, the entrance is still closed. Flathead are in the lake and channel chasing soft plastics, bream are also in the lake system taking local prawn and soft plastics.

Tamboon Inlet - No report.

Mallacoota - Flathead are biting on pipis, pilchards, squid, lures and soft plastics. Bream are around but not as prevalent, the odd mullaway has also been sighted.

Omeo High Country - No report.

FEBRUARY 1ST - 28TH

LAKES ENTRANCE CHARTERS

Far Out Fishing
Charters

0428 401 819

Sea Myth Fishing
Charters

0427 357 755

Lakes Charter
Fishing

0458 669 820

Lakes Entrance
Offshore
Charters

0434 778 275

SAFETY TIPS

Wear a life jacket
when on a boat.

Check the
weather forecast
before heading
out.

Always tell
someone where
you are going

Use sunscreen
and wear
protective
clothing.

Ensure you have
a current fishing
licence

Be aware of your
surroundings.

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 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

Make it , Bake it , Grow it , Sew it , Sell it

Saturday

Sunday

| MARKET/TIME | DAY | TOWN/LOCATION | CONTACT |
|---|--------------|---|--------------------------------|
| East Gippsland Farmers Market 8:00 am to 1:00 pm | 1st Saturday | <i>Howitt Park Bowls Club</i> Corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale | John 0419 890 139 |
| Lakes Entrance Surf Club Market 9:00 am to 3:00 pm | 1st Sunday | <i>Foreshore Rotunda</i> Esplanade, Lakes Entrance | Perry 0477014463 |
| Metung Farmers Market 8:30 am to 12:30 pm | 2nd Saturday | <i>Village Green</i> 50 Metung Rd, Metung | Peter 0448 976 480 |
| Paynesville Lions Club Community Market 8:30 am to 1:30 pm | 2nd Sunday | <i>Gilsenan Reserve</i> Raymond St, Paynesville | Bill East 0438 351 886 |
| Uniting Church Car Boot Sale 8:30 am to 1:30 pm | 3rd Saturday | <i>Bairnsdale Uniting Church</i> Great Alpine Rd and Lanes Rd, Lucknow | John 0419 890 139 |
| Nowa Nowa Creators Market 9:00 am | 3rd Saturday | Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve | Tracey 0419 565 775 |
| Swan Reach Car Boot & Makers Market 9:00 am to 12:00 pm | 3rd Sunday | <i>Twin River & Lions Community Shed</i> , Swan Reach Recreation Reserve | Desma Payne 0432 188 295 |
| Lindenow Community Market 9:00 am to 1:00 pm | 3rd Sunday | <i>Lindenow Hall & car park</i> Main St, Lindenow | Lynda Ralph 0437 778 510 |
| Paynesville Farmers Market 8:00 am to 12:00 pm | 4th Saturday | <i>Foreshore Reserve</i> Esplanade, Paynesville | Michael Nelson 0416 048 680 |
| Bairnsdale Sunrise Rotary Market 9:00 am to 1:00 pm | 4th Sunday | <i>Howitt Park</i> Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale | Elaine Bryant 0432 602 007 |

PLEASE NOTE, EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.



WHAT'S ON - UPCOMING EVENTS

East Gippsland events page

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE VISIT EAST GIPPSLAND EVENTS PAGE VIA THE QR CODE.

February

Markets

Art & Entertainment

Events & Activities

WED
ONGOING

MAKE IT, BAKE IT, GROW IT, SEW IT, SELL IT
Nowa Nowa General Store
2081 Princes Hwy, Nowa Nowa
Phone: Jeremy 5155 7209
10:00am - 12:00pm

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
Come along and 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

31
Fri 31 Jan
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Sat 15 Mar

THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL ART TEXTILE BIENNALE
Highlighting the finest examples of modern art textiles, featuring submissions from both Australian and international artists. This exhibition celebrates a diverse range of works that explore and push the boundaries of the textile medium.
East Gippsland Art Gallery
12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale
<http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au>

01
Saturday

EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET
Howitt Park Bowls Club (corner of McEachern St and Princes Hwy)
Bairnsdale
Phone: 0419 890 139 **8:00am -1:00pm**

02
Sunday

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

05
Wed 5 Feb
-
Mon 3 Mar

THE WAYMAKERS – JOSEPHINE JAKOBI
Acacia mearnsii, the Black Wattle, is a pioneer. This tree thrives in East Gippsland, occupying niches in the forest, especially around the edge. It seeds prolifically and responds rapidly to disturbance. Fire, flood, disruption of the soil, will trigger a flush of germination.
Orbost Art Centre, 8 Clarke St, Orbost
Gallery open - Wed - Sun
10:00am – 3:00pm

08
Saturday

METUNG FARMERS MARKET
Village Green
50 Metung Rd, Metung
Phone: Tracey 0409 233 643 **8:30am -1:00pm**

08
Saturday

THE U2 SHOW ACHTUNG BABY 'DESIRE TOUR'
Regarded as THE #1 U2 TRIBUTE band in the country internationally. In 2025, they take their new "DESIRE TOUR" Australia wide. A high energy show with greatest hits, including intimate acoustic versions of fan-favourites.
Forge Theatre & Arts Hub, 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale, Phone: 5152 148 **7:30pm**

09
Sunday

PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB MARKET
Gilsenan Reserve
Raymond St, Paynesville
Ph: 0400 327 526
8:00am

09
Sunday

PAYNESVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM
Paynesville Maritime Museum operates a small museum display which tells the story of maritime Paynesville with photographs, artefacts of the time and representations and has also been the recipient of many kind donations of equipment etc from local families. Raymond St, Paynesville
9:00am

09
Sunday

BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB
Bairnsdale RSL
2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale **1:00pm**

14
Fri 14
-
Sun 16

BRUTHEN BLUES & ARTS FESTIVAL
Blues Inn Bruthen
Come along and be entertained by the many artists over this wonderful weekend.
Various locations

14
Friday

LOVE SONGS & DEDICATIONS
Join us for a blast through your favourite 80s love ballads! Two of Australia's most electric singers will wind the clock back and sing their hearts out to your personal dedications.
Forge Theatre & Arts Hub, 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 **7:30pm**

14
Friday

JULIAN JAMES & BECI KATE SOUTH EAST COAST RUN
Lake Tyers Beach Tavern, presents musicians Julian James and Beci Kate performing a diverse range of songs, from alt country, folk soul, bluegrass, blues and hills country.
Lake Tyers Beach Tavern, Lakes Tyers Beach Rd
Phone: 5156 5855 **8:00pm**



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| | 15 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 | | 22 Saturday | PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville Phone: Michael - 0416 048 680 8:00am - 1:00pm |
| | 15 Saturday | BRUTHEN COMMUNITY MARKET Come along and check out all the stalls. There will be a great variety of locally made products, food vans, art, craft and much more. Main St Gardens, Bruthen 9:00am - 1:00pm | | 23 Sunday | GIPPSLAND MOTOPLEX/BAIRNSDALE DRAGWAY TEST & TUNE Come along and check out the variety of cars at this month's test and tune event. Gippsland Motoplex/Bairnsdale Dragway 150 Aerodrome Rd, Bairnsdale |
| | 15 Saturday | NOWA NOWA MAKERS MARKET Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve Stott St, Phone: 0419 565 775 9:30am - 1:30pm | | | |
| | 15 Saturday | BAIRNSDALE REPAIR CAFÉ Community members meet to share skills, and fix items that would otherwise go to landfill. Room 15 The Hub Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale 10:00am | | 22 Saturday | BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY Come along and join in the fun. SSA junior sedans, sprintcars, VSC junior standard saloons, unlimited sedans and div 2 hotrods. Food and drinks available at the canteen. Bairnsdale Speedway 120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock 5:30pm |
| | 15 Saturday | CANNI CREEK PICNIC RACES Come along and join in on all the fun of picnic racing. At Canni Creek, the on-course facilities are unique in appearance having been carved out of bush timber over the history of the meetings and are now adequate to cater for extremely large crowds. Food & Beveridge, Fashions on the field, Footballer's Gift, prizes, attractions and more... https://www.buchanracesatcannicreek.com.au/ 11:00am | | 23 Sunday | HOWITT PARK MARKET This large market is under the big yellow slide on the banks of the Mitchell River, just on the east side of the highway bridge. There are plenty of stalls, with indoor and outdoor plants, unique new and up cycled clothing, individual, handmade jewellery items and all sorts of indoor and outdoor décor. Howitt Park, Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale 9:00am |
| | 16 Sunday | SWAN REACH CAR BOOT & MAKERS MARKET Come along and check the 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 - 12:00pm | | 23 Sunday | NYERIMILANG HOMESTEAD - DEVONSHIRE TEA & LIVE MUSIC Come along and enjoy Devonshire tea at the homestead while being entertained by 'Moore Fiddlin' Around'. Nyerimilang Heritage Park, 20 Cliff Rd Phone: 5156 3253 10:00am |
| | 16 Sunday | LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET Come along and check out the huge variety of things to see, do and buy. Lindenow Hall and car park. Main St, Lindenow 9:00am | | 23 Sunday | TOUCH A new dance work that delves into the minds of 2 South Asian dancers with similar cultural backgrounds but who pursued different art forms, including, Ballet & Bharathanatyam. In blending these genres, power & beauty emerge through acceptance & respect. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 1482 2:00pm |
| | 16 Sunday | VALENTINES CONCERT Gippsland Opera proudly present this concert performance by several local artists who will also be starring in the next Production Line Theatre Company show. St Mary's Church, Pyke St, Bairnsdale Bookings essential, allocated seating and afternoon tea included. Tickets available from The Book Orchard or Andrea Ford - 0409 771 526 2:00pm | | 26 Wed 26 - Thurs 27 | HOBIE FISHING SERIES – ROUND 1 It's been over a decade since we last cast our lines here and anglers got to experience the incredible fishing Lake Tyers offers. This picturesque, fish-rich location is set to challenge and thrill as we kick off an unforgettable season. For more information and registration https://www.facebook.com/HobieFishingAsiaPacific/ |
| | 21 Fri 21 - Sun 23 | PAYNESVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL Proudly brought to you by the Paynesville Business & Tourism Association this weekend of live music will be as spectacular as per usual. Various venues, open air and ticketed. There will be food vans and kids activities. For more information https://paynesvillebta.com.au/event/paynesville-festival-of-music/ | | | |

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

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

*From December, Weekly Sunday Markets at Iceworks
5 Carpenter St, Lakes Entrance*

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

Marlo Live Music/Open Mic

1st Sun 2:00pm – 6:00pm

19 Argyle Parade, Marlo - Ph: (03) 5154 8201

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

Bruthen Open Mic

3rd Sunday 2:30pm

84 Main St, Bruthen

BLUES INN BRUTHEN

Bruthen

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Friday 14th - Sunday 16th February 2025

The newest Blues Weekend in Gippsland is back in 2025. Featuring local, Melbourne-based and Interstate acts to fill all your Blues needs! This is a weekend no Blues fan can miss!

Incorporating the Bruthen Market - Saturday 15th February

Friday: Olivia Lay, Smoke Stack Rhino

Saturday Arvo: FREE Live Music 2:30-5:30pm The Bitter End

Saturday Night: Lil G, Paul Buchanan's Blues Xpress, Bill Barber & The Holding Cell, Shotgun Sam & His World Famous Blues Band

Sunday: The Maskell Love Band, Jarrod Shaw, Rhiannon Simpson, Geoff Achison & Tom Waters; Brush with the Blues Tours

Booking essential

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Paynesville
**HEART OF THE
GIPPSLAND LAKES**

East Gippsland

PAYNESVILLE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd February 2025

This biannual event is proudly brought to you by the Paynesville Business & Tourism Association. The weekends live music will be as spectacular as usual. Various venues, open air and ticketed. There will be food vans, workshops, street parade, roving entertainment, water and kids activities.

For more information

<https://paynesvillebta.com.au/event/paynesville-festival-of-music/>

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YEARLY EVENTS

*Plan your upcoming holiday with our whats on yearly calendar
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JANUARY

- Lakes Entrance Summer Festival
- Australia Day Celebrations
- Koalas of Raymond Island
Fundraiser Markets Jan & Easter

FEBRUARY

- Canni Creek Picnic Races
2nd weekend
- Bruthen Blues Festival
2nd weekend
- Paynesville Music Festival
3rd weekend

MARCH

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

- Annual Tennis Tournament
- Hinnomunji Races
- Marley Point Overnight Yacht Race
- Echelles Yachting Championships
- Orbost Show (Monday)
- ~~Orbost Poker Run 1st Sat~~
- Opera by the Lakes - 3rd Sunday

APRIL

EASTER WEEKEND EVENTS

- Omeo Rodeo on Saturday
 - Buchan Rodeo on Sunday
 - Geebung Polo at Cobungra/Sunday
 - Tambo Valley Picnic Races
Easter Sunday
 - Paynesville Book Sale
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- East Gippsland Agricultural Field
Days
 - Colour YA World
 - Bairnsdale & District Art Show

MAY

JUNE

- Winter Festival June - July

JULY

- Winter Festival June - July
- Bruthen Orange Festival

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

- Bairnsdale Orchid Show

OCTOBER

- Omeo RV & Caravan Muster
Last weekend.

NOVEMBER

- Speedway November till Easter
- Bairnsdale Show 1st Saturday
- Omeo Show 2nd weekend

DECEMBER

- Firkin Exhibition 1st week

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PHOTO LOCATION

*Sunset over the Gippsland Lakes
Lakes Entrance Victoria*