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Whats 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 – Trevally, Snapper, Bream and Salmon are biting in Cunningham Arm on pipis, mussels and local prawns. Kalimna is producing Salmon, Tailor, the odd Whiting, plus Trevally and Bream. North Arm has Flathead and Bream, while the surf beaches are seeing active Salmon on pilchards, bluebait and squid.

Lake Tyers - Flathead are in the system biting on soft plastics. Be aware fishing may be a bit slow. Taylor can be found up near Blackfellows Arm. Mitchell River – Bream are active throughout the system, with the mouth of the river producing the best results. Soft plastics and local prawn are the go-to baits.

Tambo River – The power lines are the hotspot for Bream, with the river mouth and The Snags also producing occasional catches. Soft plastics are working well in the clearer water.

Nicholson – Bream are biting around the river mouth and under the bridge, particularly during the incoming tide. Pipis and peeled prawns are delivering consistent results.

Metung – Bream and Trevally are active around the jetties on prawns and mussels. Flathead and Pinkies are also about, taking shrimp, prawn and hard-bodied lures. The sea wall is fishing well on a rising tide.

Paynesville / Holland's Landing – Bream are active around the jetties and canals, taking sandworm, prawn, and live shrimp. Flathead are favouring soft plastics, while Luderick are showing in deeper channels during the tides.

Marlo – Estuary Perch are being caught around the jetties, with the main town jetty fishing well. Bright 95mm shallow and mid-diving lures are effective. Kayakers heading upstream into timbered sections are also landing quality EPs. Bream are active throughout the system.

Orbost - The Mullet and Luderick are on the chew this week, with Sandworms and Prawns proving irresistible in the estuaries. Offshore action is heating up too—Gummy Sharks and Flathead are taking a liking to bluebait and Squid.

Bemm River - Bemm River – Bream are active throughout the lake, with local prawns proving to be the standout bait. On the surf beach, Salmon are taking well to metal lures, particularly during the incoming tide. The entrance is open, providing excellent water movement and improved fishing conditions across the system.

Mallacoota - Bream, flathead and mulloway are around, chasing hard bodied lures.

High Country - **Closed Season:** Rivers and streams are closed to trout fishing from the Kings Birthday weekend (early June) until the first weekend in September. **Lakes and Reservoirs:** Trout fishing is permitted in Victorian lakes and reservoirs year-round.

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1800 637 060 or at visitorservices@egipps.vic.gov.au

Lakes Entrance and Bairnsdale Visitor Information Centres are agents for issuing Recreational Fishing Licences.

JUNE 1ST - 30TH

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

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OR UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

WHAT'S ON - UPCOMING EVENTS

East Gippsland events page

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Month

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 10:00 am - 2:00pm			
	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		01 01 June - 22 June	FIBRES, THREADS & TEXTILES: SHAPING THE DISCARDED – GAIL ROSSI Gail seeks to demonstrate the scope of creativity there is both in nature and in things unwanted and discarded by others. Over the years she has transitioned from functional creativity to self-expressive art, using plant fibre from her own garden as well as the textiles and threads she collected over many years at the Lemon Hill Gallery 1587 Lemon Hill Rd, Wairewa Gallery hours 2:00 – 5:00pm
	SAT ONGOING	LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda Esplanade, Lakes Entrance 8:00pm			
	SAT ONGOING	BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN Port of Bairnsdale 8:00am		03 Tuesday	ROCK & ROLL TRIBUTE TO GENE PITNEY & FRIENDS Come along for a morning of entertainment and memories from the 60's with Rodney Vincent providing stories, clips and songs. Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale Bookings essential Ph: 5152 3928
	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 Hall1 14 Drevermann St, Bairnsdale 8:00pm - 12:00am		06 Friday	JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper. 1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville 8:00pm
	01 01 June - 14 June	FORMATION & FROUTE LOOPS showcases work focused on Gippsland, while Froute Loops (Jenny Toye) marks a shift to porcelain, highlighting its tactile and unpredictable qualities. Visit the East Gippsland Art Gallery 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale (closed on public holidays)."		07 Saturday	EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS MARKET Howitt Park Bowls Club (corner of McEacharn St and Princes Hwy) Bairnsdale Ph: 0419 890 139 8:00am – 1:00pm
	01 Sunday	SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE FORESHORE MARKET Esplanade, Lakes Entrance Ph: 0477 014 463 9:00am		07 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ Come along to the Repair Café, where skilled volunteers will help breathe new life into your beloved items. Whether it's a small appliance, a piece of clothing, or a cherished tool, they will do their best to get it working again. Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre Esplanade, Paynesville. 10:00am
	01 Sunday	COME & TRY DRAGON BOATING Come along and have a go at Dragon Boating with the Waratahs Dragon Boating Club at Howitt Park boat ramp. 9:30pm		07 07 June - 09 June	SECONDHAND BOOK SALE Friends of Paynesville Library will be conducting a books sale over the King's Birthday long weekend. Paynesville Community Centre Esplanade, Paynesville 10:00am
	01 Sunday	ORGAN CONCERT – RHYS BOAK The Pipe Organ & Music Events Group proudly present this concert with renowned Melbourne based and International Organist presenting music from Bach, Haydn, Beethoven and more at the Bairnsdale Uniting Church, Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd Tickets at the door 2:00pm		08 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 Raymond St, Paynesville. 9:00am

	08 Sunday	BAIRNSDALE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale 1:00pm		21 Saturday	BRUTHEN MEDIEVAL MARKET immerse yourself in a medieval-themed wonderland featuring local artists, growers, and businesses showcasing their finest wares. Browse unique gift stalls, savour delicious offerings from food and drink vans, and let the kids shine in the best-dressed child competition or get their faces painted. 9:00am - 3:00pm
	13 Friday	MEERTA – RISE UP! THE BALLAD OF JAMES ARDEN Meerta tells the story of David Ardens great grandfather and the Gunditjmara People, a story of identity, urban and tribal life, friendship, repatriation, racism, freedom and fighting for your rights. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Ph: 5152 1482 7:30pm		21 Saturday	BRUTHEN MEDIEVAL WINTER FIRE FESTIVAL The Bruthen Medieval Winter Fire Festival is packed with activities. Starting with some outdoor ancient family games, indoor games, sword fighting demonstrations and medieval skills demonstrations – it only gets better! 3:00pm
	14 Saturday	METUNG FARMERS MARKET Village Green, 50 Metung Rd, Metung Ph: Tracey 0409 233 643 8:30am – 1:00pm		22 Sunday	HOWITT PARK WINTER MARKET Come along and do some last-minute shopping at this large market. There are plenty of stalls, with indoor and outdoor plants, unique new and up cycled clothing, individual, handmade jewellery, all sorts of indoor and outdoor décor. Howitt Park, Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale 9:00am
	14 Saturday	DAVE O'NEILL OVERWEIGHT LIGHTWEIGHT Fat funny man Dave O'Neil is taking brand new stand-up show, Overweight Lightweight on the road. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Ph: 5152 1482 - tickets online 7:30pm		22 Sunday	JOHNSONVILLE HALL DANCE Come along and join the fun of old-time dancing. Bring a plate for supper. 1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville 1:00pm
	15 Sunday	LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET 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		27 Friday	ROUGE – A CIRCUS FOR GROWN UPS Rouge is a decadent blend of sensational acrobatics, operatic cabaret and tongue-in-cheek burlesque. It is a non-stop celebration of the astonishing, the surprising and the downright sexy. Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Ph: 5152 1482 Tickets online 7:30pm
	15 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 at the Twin Rivers Lions Community Shed Swan Reach Rec Reserve 9:00am		28 Saturday	PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET Foreshore Reserve Esplanade, Paynesville Ph: Michael Nelson 0416 048 680 8:00am
	20 20 June - 02 August	SOUTH EAST NOW This hugely popular group show of Koorie artists with a connection to Gunai Kurnai Country is back and celebrating its seventh year at the East Gippsland Art Gallery, 12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale Closed Public Holidays		28 Saturday	BRINGING BACK THE BEATS TO LANEWAY3875 (BAIRNSDALE) There will be something for all ages, kicking off with the Kids Glow Disco and Face Painting from 5 – 7pm thanks to Toyworld Bairnsdale, plus dazzling projections, lighting installations, food trucks and more. 5:00pm - 10:00pm
	21 Saturday	UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE Bairnsdale Uniting Church Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale Ph: John 0419 890 139 8:30am – 11:00am		29 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, Nyerimilang Ph: 5156 3253 10:00am
	21 Saturday	NOWA NOWA MAKERS MARKET Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve Ph:0419 565 775 9:30am - 1:30pm			

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

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

MEERTA – RISE UP! THE BALLAD OF JAMES ARDEN

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE - 7:30PM

Powerful and heart-felt storytelling by acclaimed Gunditjmara/Kokatha songman David Arden.

David Arden: "'Merta!' means 'Rise up!' and this song is a story about my great-grandfather James Arden... As I was growing up I heard these stories about James. It was really good for me because I found out from my grandfather to my father. That's four generations later. For me, well it was the last of the lingo, the native tongue'.

Listen to David Arden speaking about his song and the song itself: <https://gunditjmarabundiya.com.au/david-arden-meerta/>

Forge Theatre & Arts Hub, 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale
Phone: 5152 1482

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/events>



EAST GIPPSLAND WINTER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE - SUNDAY 20TH JULY

Experience HOW WE WINTER in East Gippsland as the region comes alive in a festival of light, food, music, art and culture.

Incorporating Winter Solstice and the Winter School Holidays, the fifth annual East Gippsland Winter Festival will present one of the largest winter festival programs anywhere in Australia, offering something for all ages and a memorable winter getaway with family or friends. Choose from over 100 different events, right across East Gippsland.

Expect beautiful handmade lanterns, projection art that augments reality, live music in unexpected places, engaging pop-up events, long lunches and winter feasts in spectacular locations, creative hands-on workshops, wellness experiences overlooking lakes, on-foot adventures and much more.

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YEARLY EVENTS

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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lakes Entrance Summer Festival• Australia Day Celebrations• Koalas of Raymond Island Fundraiser Markets Jan & Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canni Creek Picnic Races 2nd weekend• Bruthen Blues Festival 2nd weekend• Paynesville Music Festival 3rd weekend	<u>LABOUR DAY WEEKEND EVENTS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	MAY	JUNE
<u>EASTER WEEKEND EVENTS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Omeo Rodeo on Saturday• Buchan Rodeo on Sunday• Geebung Polo at Cobungra/Sunday• Tambo Valley Picnic Races Easter Sunday• Paynesville Book Sale.....• East Gippsland Agricultural Field Days		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter Festival June - July
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter Festival June - July		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bairnsdale Orchid Show
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Omeo RV & Caravan Muster Last weekend.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speedway November till Easter• Bairnsdale Show 1st Saturday• Omeo Show 2nd weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firkin Exhibition 1st week

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