

# Buchan and District

## New Residents Welcome Pack



(photo courtesy of Scott Kingman)

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(Due to the ever changing nature of community groups, organisations and businesses information is correct at the time of printing but subject to change. We welcome feedback to assist us in keeping this as up to date as possible. Items listed in red have not be researched at the time of printing)

*Supported by the Buchan Neighbourhood House*

# Emergency Services

## For Ambulance, Fire or Police emergency ring 000

A call to ambulance will also activate the Bush Nurse who will attend if available.

## For S.E.S. emergency ring 13 25 00

The S.E.S., is called for flood, storm or earthquake damage. Police may also call the S.E.S., and C.F.A., in the event of road accidents.

## Local Emergency Services

**Police** Senior Constable Ray Moreland 51 559 268

*Volunteers are always needed and welcome to join our C.F.A., Red Cross and/or S.E.S.  
Volunteers are also needed for the Bush Nursing Association committees of management.*

**Country Fire Authority** Buchan Contact Peter White 51 559 494  
Gelantipy Contact Keith Davies 51 550 281

**State Emergency Service** Contact Geoff Hodge 51 559 254

## Red Cross

Buchan Friends of Red Cross do not hold meetings as there are not enough members. Interested people can apply to become an Australian Red Cross volunteer online. Cost of membership \$5

Contact Judy Gray 51 559 315  
Central Headquarters 1800 811 700

**Buchan Bush Nursing Centre** 51 559 222

61 Main Street, Buchan, Victoria 3885

Operating Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 12.30p.m. Monday to Friday.  
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Public Holidays and weekends

**Gelantipy Bush Nursing Centre** 51 550 274

Gelantipy Road

Operating Hours: 9 a.m. to 2p.m. Monday to Thursday.

**Saturdays by appointment only.**

**East Gippsland Shire Council** Buchan Outreach 51 559 216  
24 hr Emergency 51 539 500  
Free call 1800 555 886

**East Gippsland Water** 1300 134 202 24 hours

**Poisons Information Line** 13 11 26

# **Bush Nursing**

## **Buchan**

61 Main Street, Buchan, Victoria 3885

Operating Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12.30p.m.

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Public Holidays and weekends

E-mail: [buchanbna@gha.net.au](mailto:buchanbna@gha.net.au) for office or [buchannurses@gha.net.au](mailto:buchannurses@gha.net.au) for nurses [annebrewer@gha.net.au](mailto:annebrewer@gha.net.au) for Nurse Manager

Opening hours: Mon.-Fri. 8.30am. to 12.30pm. / 1pm to 5pm.

Nursing services are available at the clinic, home or accident scene during opening hours.

In an after-hours emergency, call 000, then ring a nurse who may be available.

Visiting clinics include:

- General practitioner
- Maternal & Child Health
- Women's Clinic
- 'NeatFeet' Foot care
- Counselling Service

A range of Health promotion programs and social activities are offered. See current newsletter for further information. (Available at the Bush Nursing Centre or online at [buchan.vic.au](http://buchan.vic.au))

*51559222 Fax: 51559261*

## **Gelantipy Bush Nursing Centre**

Gelantipy Road, Gelantipy Victoria 3885

Operating Hours: 9 a.m. to 2p.m. Monday to Thursday.

Saturdays by appointment only.

E-mail [gelantipybna@gha.net.au](mailto:gelantipybna@gha.net.au)

*51550274*

## Hospitals

**Bairnsdale Regional Health Service** 5150 3333  
[www.brhs.com.au](http://www.brhs.com.au)  
122 Day Street  
Bairnsdale

**Gippsland Base Hospital Emergency Entrance** 5143 8600  
[www.salecommunity.com](http://www.salecommunity.com)  
Guthridge Parade  
Sale

**Latrobe Regional Hospital** 5173 8000  
[www.lrh.com.au](http://www.lrh.com.au)  
Princes Highway,  
Traralgon

**Orbost Regional Hospital**  
[www.orbostregionalhealth.com.au](http://www.orbostregionalhealth.com.au)  
104-107 Boundary Road 5154 6666  
Orbost

## Dental Services (Public)

**Bairnsdale Community Health Service** 51520222  
[www.brhs.com.au](http://www.brhs.com.au)  
Ross Street  
Bairnsdale

**Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-Op** 5150 0700  
[www.gegac.org.au](http://www.gegac.org.au)  
37-53 Dalmahoy Street  
Bairnsdale

**Orbost Regional Health Dental** 51546625  
[www.orbostregionalhealth.com.au](http://www.orbostregionalhealth.com.au)  
Boundary Rd  
Orbost

**Paynesville Community Health Service** 5156 0631  
[www.brhs.com.au](http://www.brhs.com.au)  
2/55 Esplanade  
Paynesville

## **Vets**

### **Bairnsdale Animal Hospital**

26 Howitt Ave, Bairnsdale

51 522 825

### **Snowy River Veterinary Clinic**

32 Salisbury St, Orbost

51 541 582

### **Main Street Veterinary Clinic**

325 Main St, Bairnsdale

0409 418 332

### **Relievapet**

Bairnsdale East, VIC

5152 2653

### **Lakes Entrance Animal Hospital**

1 1/60 Church St, Lakes Entrance

5155 2077

### **Lakes Veterinary Clinic**

9 Princes Hwy, Lakes Entrance

5155 3599

### **Animal Aid**

233 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance

40 Giles St, Bairnsdale

Email: [aaeg@animalaid.org.au](mailto:aaeg@animalaid.org.au)

Animal Shelter and adoptions (Dogs and Cats)

5152 1389

### **East Gippsland Wildlife Shelter Group Inc**

Contact

The Treasurer

Phone: 5143 0885

Email: [ian\\_laurie@bigpond.com](mailto:ian_laurie@bigpond.com)

Postal Address

PO Box 305

BAIRNSDALE VIC 3875

### **Wildlife Victoria**

Native Wildlife in Distress

Please call 13 000 94535. Our service responds to all sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife enquiries.

We want to assist every caller and don't want any animal to suffer but sometimes we are overwhelmed by the number of callers and cannot get to everyone. If you are unable to get through on the phone it's because we are busy tending to other urgent calls but please know we will answer your call as soon as we can.

## **Buchan Neighbourhood House**

Shire outreach services including Library book returns

Community Group Support

Computer Training

Public Internet Access

Community Development and Information about the Buchan Community Plan

Social and/or special interest days/programs

Community Phone Book

Phone Trees during emergencies

Local Incident Management Plan and booklet

Community Website [buchan.vic.au](http://buchan.vic.au) is our community website which lists

- Community Information

- Events

- Local Businesses and Service Clubs

- Our Heritage

- Visitor information

- News

- Health

## **Lending Library**

The Shire Bookmobile. Timetable available at the Neighbourhood House. Books magazines and CD's from other libraries can be ordered in.

The Neighbourhood House also has donated books that you can borrow or keep.

## **Massage**

Held at the Buchan Neighbourhood House

*Contact Sharon Dent 046838-7524 or 5157-1541*

*silvaust@gmail.com*

*Neighbourhood House 51 559 216*

## **East Gippsland Shire**

*13 0055-5886*

*5153-9500*

*feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au*

## Special Interest Groups

### **Buchan Arts Council**

Arts program and live shows. Promotes all types of arts activities.

Contact Suzanne Davies Secretary 51 559 415

[suzannedavies555@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedavies555@gmail.com)

### **Buchan South Avenue of Honour**

Remembering the ultimate sacrifice made by our soldiers in all the wars. Anzac Day and Remembrance Day Ceremonies held each year. The Avenue of Honour consists of two rows of English oaks planted in 1920. Available for weddings.

Contact Evelyn Schmidt Secretary 51 559 216

[buchanavenue@hotmail.com](mailto:buchanavenue@hotmail.com)

[buchan.vic.au](http://buchan.vic.au)

### **Buchan Business and Tourist Association**

Dedicated increasing tourist visitation to our area and thus assisting local businesses.

Contact Evelyn Schmidt Secretary 51 550 216

[buchanbnh@bigpond.com](mailto:buchanbnh@bigpond.com)

### **Buchan Cemetery Trust**

The cemetery is run by trust members and the Department of Health. The trust keeps the grounds clean and tidy. Working bee every 2 months. Meetings are held when needed.

Contact Robert Carney 51 559 422

### **Buchan Heritage Group**

Raising funds and holding working bees to restore many of Buchan's old buildings and gather records. Also owners of the Buchan Butter Factory. This group work to collect and retain the history of the area and are working on the restoration of the butter factory. The Butter factory is used for displays and to store memorabilia. Meetings are held 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Contact Rhonda Coates Secretary 51 559 373 or 0427170714

[rbcoates14@gmail.com](mailto:rbcoates14@gmail.com)

### **Craft Group**

Meet Wednesdays at the Neighbourhood House. Bring your own projects and enjoy the company.

Contact Evelyn or Tracey 51 559 216

[buchanbnh@bigpond.com](mailto:buchanbnh@bigpond.com)

### **Community Garden**

Located behind the Neighbourhood House and at the Uniting Church is our community garden. Anyone is welcome to join in.

Contact Evelyn Schmidt 51559216

[buchanbnh@bigpond.com](mailto:buchanbnh@bigpond.com)

### **Exercise Fun**

Most Thursdays with Grace Davis at the Buchan Bush Nursing Centre. See Buchan Bush Nursing newsletter for dates and times.

### **Food, Fun and Friendship**

Just as the name implies. Enjoy a two course meal with others in a fun atmosphere. Everyone welcome. See Buchan Bush Nursing Newsletter for dates and venue.

Contact Buchan Bush Nursing 51559222

[buchanbna@gha.net.au](mailto:buchanbna@gha.net.au)

### **Friends of the Buchan Cemetery**

Regular working bees are held over the year to keep the cemetery looking tidy and weed free. Working bees and fundraising events.

*Contact Melva Woodgate 5155 9272*

### **Friends of Buchan Caves Inc.**

The friends work inside and outside the caves to improve the Reserve for ourselves and visitors. Friends of reserves who assist in improving facilities and features for visitors. We work inside and outside the caves. Activities include the re lighting of Federal Cave, new walking tracks, cleaning in caves and brochures. This can be a great opportunity to spend time in our caves with speleologists (cave experts) and learn more about them and explore off the tourist pathways.

*Contact Darryl Carr  
[cavecarr@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cavecarr@yahoo.com.au)  
0427809136  
Best contact 94571720  
Kim Van Dyk 51 559 458*

### **Friends of the Cobberas**

We are a group of volunteers from all walks of life, who are interested in the conservation of the Cobberas and adjacent areas of the Alpine National Park. [www.friendscobberas.com.au](http://www.friendscobberas.com.au)

Provide support to the management of the Alpine National Park

Assist the Rangers with special projects and activities in the Park

Foster public awareness of the Park and its' associated issues

Bring together people with a mutual interest in the Alpine National Park

The Friends of the Cobberas is under the umbrella of the Victorian National Parks Association and is supported by Parks Victoria.

What do we do?

- Environmental monitoring and surveys
- Group camp outs and walks
- Pest plant and animal control
- Walking track maintenance
- Removing old wire fences and posts

*Contact c/- Parks Victoria, Omeo (03) 5159 0600  
[info@friendscobberas.com.au](mailto:info@friendscobberas.com.au)*

### **Gelantipy Historical Association**

Restoring old buildings and relocating old graves are just a few of the many things this group does.

*Contact Nigel Hodge 51 550 261*

### **Landcare**

Landcare groups work together to improve the land with better management techniques and increased purchasing power to lower costs. Buchan and Gelantipy both have groups.

*Buchan Contact Jamie Houghton 51 559 312  
[jamieandbec2@bigpond.com](mailto:jamieandbec2@bigpond.com)*



### **Living Library**

For firsthand knowledge on anything in this area contact the library for local expert help. Leona helps others who live away to contact relatives here or find their ancestors, old properties, old stories. Leona only deals with the history of this district and in finding friends and family. Leona researches old graves, births and deaths, the cemetery inhabitants using the phone, letters and a network of 226 past contacts who exchanged history and send photos back to the Living Library. This is Leona's personal project. "Anyway I can help you to settle in this beautiful valley I will do my best to answer your query or assist with local information"

*Contact Leona Lavell 51 559 395  
93 Main St, Buchan*

### **Music Group**

An informal group of all ages who meet occasionally to enjoy singing with others. PA equipment for hire.

*Contact Evelyn Schmidt 51 559 229  
[buchanbnh@bigpond.com](mailto:buchanbnh@bigpond.com)*

### **Scrapbooking and Card making**

See Bush Nursing newsletter for dates. Learn skills, do your own thing, or organised projects

*Contact Anne Brewer 51 559 222*

### **Victorian Farmers Federation**

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is the largest state farmer organisation in Australia, representing over 10,000 members who live and work on more than 6,000 farm businesses situated across Victoria. The VFF is an active, powerful lobby group dedicated to the interests of farmers and making a difference to communities. With a strong record of successful political advocacy and leadership, the VFF has generated substantial benefits for the agriculture sector since its formation in 1979. The VFF consists of seven Commodity Groups - Dairy (United Dairyfarmers of Victoria), Livestock, Grains, Horticulture (incorporating Flowers Victoria), Chicken Meat, Eggs and Pigs - as well as four Committee groups - Water, Land Management, Farm Business and Rural Development and Farm Security. VFF has approximately 200 branches across the state.

*Kevin Cordery  
Buchan Gelantipy Branch, Victorian Farmers Federation  
(03) 5157-9365  
(03) 5155-0900  
[www.vff.org.au](http://www.vff.org.au)*

### **W Tree Progress Association**

Working with Nature to make W Tree a more forward thinking and sustainable community.

*Contact Elfian Scheran 51 550 202  
[elfiax@gmail.com](mailto:elfiax@gmail.com)*

### **Gelantipy Progress Association**

*Contact Judi Sykes 51 550 220  
[sykes.judi.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:sykes.judi.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)*

## Education

### **Buchan Early Childhood Development Centre**

We are a multi age group setting catering for children aged 0 to 6. We run a childcare centre with an incorporated funded Kindergarten program. Our centre is committed to provide a caring, secure, nurturing and learning environment where each child can develop at their own pace. This high quality program is based on mutual respect and trust along with the involvement of staff, families and the local community.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 – 3 pm

Thursdays 9 – 12 pm

Childcare Fees \$25 per child per day/\$35 for 2 children

Kindergarten \$325 per term

*Contact Rocio Levings 51 559 258  
rfsuc.buchan.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au*

**Buchan Primary School** teaches and cares for the children in our area. School buses run from W Tree and South Buchan.

*Contact 51 559 241  
[www.buchanps.vic.edu.au](http://www.buchanps.vic.edu.au)*

For **secondary school** a bus travels to both Bairnsdale Secondary College and Nagle College. It leaves from outside the Roadhouse at 7.30 am returning at 4.40 pm. For W Tree/Gelantipy Students a school bus service is available to meet with high school bus. The main bus pickups along the way from Roadhouse to Red Knob. Contact Secondary Schools for details.

Bairnsdale Secondary College	5150 4800
Nagle Secondary College	5152 6122

The **Buchan Neighbourhood House** offers a range of courses for adults. See Buchan Neighbourhood House newsletter for details

*Contact Evelyn Schmidt 51 559 216*

## Religion

### Catholic Church

St Dymphna's

Woodgates Road, Buchan

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

*For service details contact Mary Wheeler 51559330*

### Uniting Church

The Andrew Davidson Memorial Uniting Church

Main Street, Buchan

Services are every second month at St Marys Anglican church, Main Street, Buchan

*For service details contact Leona Lavell 51 559 395*

### Anglican Church

St Marys

Main Street, Buchan

*For service details contact Rhonda Coates 51 559 373*

### SIBA Retreat Centre

2592 Gelantipy Rd, W Tree VIC 3885

5155 0329

# Sport

## Cricket

Junior Cricket is played on a Friday evening during the cricket season

Contact *Susie Edwards, Secretary 51 5592575  
Buchan.cricket@outlook.com*

## **Buchan Football and Netball Club. Members of the Omeo District Football League**

The Buchan Football Netball club "Cavemen" and "Wilmas" field the following teams

Midgets Netball

Junior Netball and Football (under 16)

Senior Netball and Football

The club holds social events and is a great day out during the season (April to August) Canteen and bar facilities available.

Contact *Chris Mathers 0408825094  
buchanfc@gmail.com*

## **Buchan Valley Golf Club**

Surrounded by the Racecourse and bush, this course is truly easy walking. Situated within the Canni Creek Reserve, the 9 hole course with sandscapes, has alternating tees which create 18 holes in all.

Men's 9 holes is played on Wednesdays and 18 holes Sundays

Ladies 18 holes is played on Thursdays.

In November & December a fantastic display of wildflowers can be viewed in the Reserve.

Full membership \$135

Junior \$40

Green Fees members \$5 (18 holes) \$3 (9 holes)

Green Fees non-members \$10 (18 holes) \$5 (9 holes)

All welcome

Contact *0411 467 234  
dengaye@bigpond.com  
President Denis Sandy  
Secretary Julie Whilance  
Treasurer Helen Hume*

## **Tennis**

There is currently no formal competition but courts are available near the Recreation Pavilion. If you use the lights please put a donation in the donation box to help with power costs.

**A coin operated machine is available for lights**

*Rhonda Coates 51559373*

## **Buchan Pony Club – participates in the East Gippsland Zone.**

Disciplines offered include Riders without Horses, Show jumping, Cross Country, Dressage, Grooming, Camps, Certificates. Facilities include a Club House. Participate in the East Gippsland Zone.

*Peter Favaloro Club President oldstar16@gmail.com Hm: 03 5157 5286 Mb: 0427 575 286*

*Alfred Hackett Club Vice President*

*Jo Akeroyd Club Card Secretary tambeau.ash@bigpond.com Hm: 03 5156 4508 Mb: 0439 389 222*

*Julie Ann Mraz Club Treasurer Hm: 03 5155 9357*

*Tammy Woodgate Club District Commissioner tammyleewoodgate@gmail.com Mb: 0427459285*

*Post Office Box 12 Buchan*

[www.buchan.ponyclubvic.org.au/](http://www.buchan.ponyclubvic.org.au/)

### **Buchan 500m Rifle Club**

Permitted: up to .50 calibre & muzzle brakes

Newly improved facilities

Monthly midweek Shoot – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month Open 10 am to 4pm

Monthly Monthly Weekend Shoot

-Every 4th Sunday of the month

-Open 10am to 4pm

Not a member?? – come and try shooting under supervision

Range Address: Bruthen Buchan Rd, Buchan  
(18km from the Princes Hwy)

*Contact            President Tim 0418543962  
                         Secretary Garry 0427867868  
                         Jamie Houghton 0417727389*

### **Public Buildings and for hire.**

#### Recreation Reserve Pavilion

#### Buchan Mechanics Hall

Main Street, Buchan

Both facilities are managed by the Buchan Halls Committee and can be booked via

*Contact Rhonda Coates 51 559 373*

#### Buchan Uniting Church

Main Street, Buchan

Also is available for bookings for appropriate exhibitions. Has been used for Neighbourhood House Quilt Exhibition and Pioneers exhibition 2014.

*Contact Leona Lavell 51 559 395*

#### Gelantipy Hall

Gelantipy

*Contact Deborah Woodburn 51550305*

### **Transport**

Dysons Buchan Bus Service – Public transport and freight.

This service runs on Wednesdays and Fridays from Gelantipy. Buchan to Bairnsdale via Nowa Nowa and Lakes Entrance return. This service all carries all types of freight.

*Contact **Jack Linsteadt on 0419742539** or 51521712*

Public Transport Service also runs to Lakes Entrance and Bairnsdale via Nowa Nowa. Schedules are available online.

Dean Phelan Freight

Bread and Milk Orders

*51559305*

Dalleys Livestock Transport

*51 559 253 or 0408516640*

## Businesses

Nick Harris	Sibelco Limestone Quarry	
Sean Canning	Handyman and Gardening Service	
Greg Brick	Plumbing	
Callemondah Café	Bec Houghton and Adele	
General Store/Post Office Include mail and paper times Fishing Licences: Required for all rivers, lakes and marine areas	Steve and Sue Harler	
Road House Gas supplies Petrol supplies	Jane and Scott Cummings	
Buchan Valley Garage	Peter	
Buchan Good Wood	Brian Knowles	
Willy Wood Heap	Bill and Sandra Livingstone	
Greg King	Buchan Excavations	51559314
Willing Workers on Organic Farms		
Fred and Neroli Kosh	Garlic	
Carey	Gippsland Environment Protection	

Petrol Available at the Buchan Valley Roadhouse and Karoonda Park at Gelantipy.

Banking The Buchan General Store is an agency for the COMMONWEALTH BANK. Banking can also be completed for the National and Bendigo Bank.

Eftpos Is available at the General Store and Roadhouse

### Post Office

The Buchan General Store is our local post office.

From Murrindal to Suggan Buggan the mail is delivered three days a week to roadside mail boxes.

Public Notice Boards are located next to the general store and outside the Neighbourhood House.

There is a wide variety of accommodation options in our area. The local phone directory also has these listed. As well as the community website [buchan.vic.au](http://buchan.vic.au)

## Events

*All of our events require willing volunteers to help them to continue. Please consider donating some time.*

### Rodeo

For more than forty years this rodeo has been held Easter Sunday. Contact John Richards 51559275

### Canni Creek Races

This historic picnic race meeting is held in February each year. Contact Peter 51 559 230

### Annual Flower and Art & Craft Show (Held in the Melbourne Cup Weekend.)

To organise and run the annual flower, cooking craft and photography show.

Meetings are held as required. No formal timetable.

Craft Information Contact Tara King 51 559 474

Flowers, Cookery & produce Contact Judy Gray 51 559 315

### Annual Photography Competition and Display (Held in the Melbourne Cup Weekend.)

Run each year to assist in funding the Flower show which raises money for local charities. Held in Buchan Uniting Church and welcome all interest.

*Contact Leona Lavell 51 559 395*

*93 Main Street Buchan*

*Denise Free 51 559 356*

*Sabina Free 0400960929*

### Gelantipy Calf Sales

See the best of the high country cattle being auctioned off.

*Contact Nigel Hodge 51 550 261*

### Carols by Candlelight

An ecumenical service of song to celebrate Christmas. Date and place are posted on town notice boards

*Contact Leona Lavell 51 559395*

Three Day Event including Gymkhana and Cross Country Easter

*Contact*

Wulgulmerang Knockout Dates and times

*Contact Norm Woodhouse 51 550 209*

Wulgulmerang Sports Day

Gymkhana

Western riding

Car racing event

### ANZAC Service

Held Annually at the Buchan South Avenue of Honour

### Remembrance Day Service

Held Annually at the Buchan South Avenue of Honour

*Contact Zillah Houghton*

Heritage Drive

*Contact*

Gelantipy Spring Time Ball

*Contact Deborah Woodburn*

## Cave Tours

### 51 621 900

Guided tours are conducted daily in Royal Cave and Fairy Cave. Both are lit and have concrete pathways. Royal Cave features beautiful calcite-rimmed pools. Fairy Cave features elaborate stalactites and stalagmites.

### Royal and Fairy Cave tour times

When	Tour times
September school holidays to post Easter school holidays - Royal Cave*	10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.30pm
September school holidays to post Easter school holidays - Fairy Cave*	11.15am, 2.15pm
Post Easter school holidays to September	11.00am (Royal Cave), 1.00pm (Fairy Cave), 3.00pm (Royal Cave)

\* More tours during peak periods - approximately every half hour.

Limited numbers taken per tour. It is recommended that visitors arrive 30-45 minutes prior to a tour commencing to secure a place.

### Fees for single cave tour (Royal or Fairy)

Ticket type	Price
Adult	\$21.50
Child	\$12.60
Senior	\$18.00
Family (2 adults, 2 children 5 - 16 years)	\$59.40
<a href="#">Stair climber</a>	\$12.60

### Fees for tours of both caves (Royal and Fairy)

Ticket type	Price
Adult	\$32.20
Child	\$18.60
Senior	\$26.40
Family (2 adults, 2 children 5 - 16 years)	\$88.70

**For school and bus group booking rate please call 13 1963.**

For further enquiries, email: [buchanvisitorcentre@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:buchanvisitorcentre@parks.vic.gov.au)

This information was true and correct at the time of printing. To ensure up to date information or change of conditions contact Parks by phone or check out their website.

#### Wild caves

There are a lot of 'wild' caves in our area. Most of these are deep and can be very dangerous. If you want to explore any of these caves contact Kim Van Dyk on ph: 51 559 458 who can help you with caving club contacts.

## Miscellaneous

### Electricity

Our local power supplier is SPAusnet. For power failure difficulties faults, information and advice

*Contact 131799*

### Bulk Water

East Gippsland Water sells the tokens for the standpipe at the Bairnsdale office. Currently they are \$3.83 per token which is for 1000 litres of water. The standpipe is situated on the corner of Orbost and Centre Road between the Kindergarten and the netball courts. Make sure the hose is connected to your container / trailer before inserting the token, as water will begin to flow shortly after initiation of the process. The standpipe hose may not always reach your tank. It's a good idea to bring along some pipe that you can use to guide the water into your tank. Your trailer may not be able to carry a full tank of water (1000 litres). If you have a 1,000 litre cube, but your trailer has a maximum load capacity of 750kg, you should only fill the tank to 750 litres. Overloading your trailer is an offence and you may attract the attention of police.

*133 McLeod St, Bairnsdale VIC 3875  
Phone:(03) 5150 4444*

### Internet

A fixed wireless service is available around the Buchan Township and the Buchan South region. Check online at MyNbN for details for specific addresses which can assess this service.

A satellite internet service is available through the NbN SkyMuster service.

Mobile Wireless internet is available in and close to Buchan township.

**Public Phone Boxes** These are in the main street in the Buchan Township and at Seldom Seen and the Buchan Caves Reserve.

**Mobile phone** is patchy in some areas with many service providers having zero reception even in 'good' areas. Telstra is at present the only mobile option for service. At the time of printing only 3G available.

### Landlines

*For telephone difficulties and faults 132000*

### Roads

You need to drive very carefully as even on our major roads we have an abundance of wildlife (kangaroos, wallabies, wombats and deer being most prominent).

Logging trucks on our dirt tracks and roads and quarry trucks and log trucks use our main roads. Farming machinery using main roads are often traveling slowly. Livestock as well as wildlife also use the roads. As some roads are narrow one way rules apply (cars on the inside of steep drops must give way to cars on the outside of the steep drop) and beware of cyclists.

### Travel

Buchan to		
Bruthen	49.6 km	36 min
Bairnsdale	73.2 km	52 min
Nowa Nowa	33.4 km	25 min
Lakes Entrance	55.4 km	40 min
Orbost	69.6 km	49 min
Sale	142 km	1 h 44 min
Traralgon	191 km	2 h 19 min
Buchan to McKillops Bridge	82 km	1 h 45 min



## **Toilets**

We are not connected to any form of public sewage disposal system so long drops or septic tanks are used for the disposal of human waste. Newer homes may have water treatment plants

For septic remember:

- Do not use harsh chemicals to clean your toilet
- Do not put sanitary or urinary absorption products in the toilet
- Arrange to have your tank pumped out at regular intervals

## **Fire**

Fire is one of our most dangerous threats as we are surrounded by forests and wilderness.

Please read all CFA information and prepare your property before the fire season.

Decide whether to stay or leave your property early.

Refer to the **Buchan and District Local Incident Management Plan and Reference Guide Information Booklet** for all local information.

Meetings also occur pre fire season and are open to the public.

## **Flood**

Flooding of our rivers is not uncommon and we can be isolated for a few days. Have food to last a few days. Never attempt to cross a flooding river or creek.

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