

# Buchan Phoenix



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Communication for the community by the community

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A big thank you to Dulux Paints who donated the paint and paid for the painters to come and renew the Recreation Reserve Buildings. They look fantastic. A promotion/information segment filmed at the Reserve in January was featured on the Big Bash TV show, recently.

We would also like to thank Hurley's Air Conditioning Service for cleaning out the units in the pavilion. The units were in real need of a service and are now running so much more efficiently.

We recommend that everyone services their air conditioners regularly and particularly after all the smoke we experienced last year. If your unit needs servicing, you can call Joe Hurley (who plays cricket for Buchan!) on 0419 957 999



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The newsletter is delivered to every household in the district (on the/or near to the 15th day of the month) and is also available online at [buchan.vic.au](http://buchan.vic.au) or via Facebook at Buchan Neighbourhood House. All editions are available electronically at the State Library online site (Trove). If you are not receiving the newsletter please contact us and we will ensure that a copy is mailed to your address.

Newsletters can be posted for an annual fee of \$16.50 incl. GST per 12 editions to anyone outside the district, or contact us with your email address and we can send an electronic version for free. Dates for submissions will be advertised in each edition and we welcome your contributions. Submissions closing date for the next edition will be **Monday 8th March 2021**.

We welcome articles and contributions from everyone and encourage our local clubs, groups, agencies organisations and businesses to send us their information. Submissions can be sent to [info.buchan@gmail.com](mailto:info.buchan@gmail.com) or drop them into the Neighbourhood House. Advertisements are \$55 for 12 editions or \$5.50 per edition.



Includes the localities of Black Mountain, Buchan, Buchan South, Buchan East, Butchers Ridge, Canni Creek, Gelantipy, Gillingall, Glenmore, Murrindal, Suggan Buggan, Timbarra, W Tree and Wulgulmerang.

The *Buchan Phoenix* would like to acknowledge the Gunaikurnai People, Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

# Darren Chester

Federal Member for Gippsland



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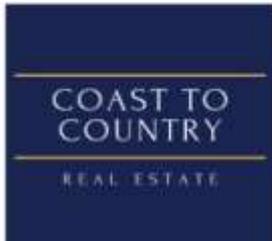
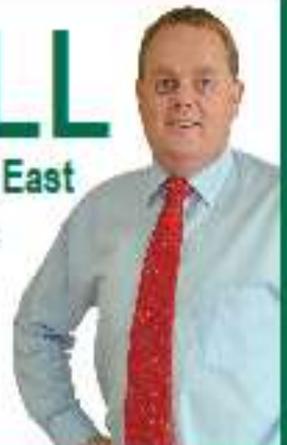
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## CRC Update – February 2021

Since our last update we have taken a much-needed break over the summer holiday period. We've now recommenced meetings and made significant progress on planning for the next few months.

Given regular feedback on ensuring we are funding ready when grants open, at our meeting on Tuesday 9th February we determined 3 key priorities to focus on as Interim Priorities. It is important to note that these are not all of the community priorities. Over the next few months we will develop our Community Recovery Plan which will outline all of the priorities we received through the community survey plus no doubt more! The following shows the stages of our progress.



### Planning Rebate Program

The recent introduction of the Planning Rebate Program was the result of the conversation we had with Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Lisa Neville, on 1st July 2020.

This program will provide rebates for costs up to the value of \$5,000 per affected property for any combination of professional services and property-based assessments and advice, required to support a planning and/or building permit application to rebuild or repair a dwelling within the subject municipalities, such as:

- preparation of a concept plan
- preparation of a planning permit application report and any related supporting technical reports, including those related to bushfire planning or hazard assessments and other environmental considerations
- land surveying, building set out, civil or structural engineering

reports or equivalent arborist reports planning consultant fees building permit fees.

This advocacy work is not only a key achievement for our community but also the broader East Gippsland and North East fire impacted communities.

If this program is relevant to you, please drop in and see Rebecca at the Buchan District Recovery Hub. Rebecca will be able to guide you through the application process.

### Buchan Streetscape Upgrade

You may have heard in the media this week that East Gippsland Shire Council was successful in receiving \$2.8million to upgrade the Buchan Streetscape. The Renewal Association partnered on Council on this project. This will be a great opportunity to refresh our main street and will include aspects such as footpath upgrades, shade and amenity planting, improved signage and traffic flow, car parking amongst other aspects.

Excitingly though, this project will also include a pedestrian pathway from the campground in the Buchan Caves Reserve to the main street. Once the funding agreements are finalised a project team will be established which will include community representatives. We are assured that there will be opportunity for community, including our retailers and Business and Tourism Association, to be involved in the design.

### Community Conversations

In early December we supported the five community conversations that were held together with BRV, DELWP, CFA, EGSC and other partners to talk about the fire events of 2019/2020. Even with COVID restrictions in place there was a great turnout with more than 70 community members coming together over five different events. The purpose of these conversations was for community to share their experiences, discuss individual and community preparedness, and for agencies to listen. Key themes emerging from the conversations include the need for an integrated utility management plan (water, telecommunications, power and energy), increased water access and improved land and fuel management plans.

Thank you to everyone who came along and participated in the conversations. A key themes and action plan will follow soon with further opportunity to participate on developing key changes and preparation for future events.



### Community Facility Funding Approved

We were successful in our application for funding to upgrade four key facilities across the District! Nearly \$120,000 will be allocated across the four projects which will upgrade the kitchen at the Buchan Hall, the amenities at the Gelantipy Hall, the amenities at Wulgulmerang Sports Ground and purchase some key infrastructure for the Buchan Recreation Reserve such as a generator and upgraded air conditioners. These projects are funded through the support of the Local Economic Recovery Fund. Watch out for updates on the works as they start.

### BGaDRA Annual General Meeting

A year has almost passed since our Association's and Committee's establishment. We have scheduled our *Annual General Meeting for Sunday 14 March 2021 at 12pm*. The venue and details are to be confirmed but we think it's a great opportunity to bring the community together for a social event so watch out for further details. It will also be an opportunity to officially launch the new website, celebrate the achievements to date and hear your ideas for the future!

### Keep up to date with the Committee

To keep up to date with our meetings and goings on please join the Buchan Gelantipy & District Renewal Facebook Group at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/235203110897841>. Or visit our website at [www.buchandistrictsrenewal.com.au](http://www.buchandistrictsrenewal.com.au) or email us at [bgandra@gmail.com](mailto:bgandra@gmail.com).

Don't forget to drop in and see Rebecca at the BRV Buchan hub for any of your bushfire recovery needs. Rebecca's number is 0407 281 123. If you need to contact Council's Place Manager, Suzie Healy, give her a call on 0429 467 794.

### Hello from the Buchan and District Bushfire Recovery Hub!

#### Services for young people

The Hub has been working closely with other service providers to implement services that focus on the health and wellbeing of children and young people in the area.

#### Wellbeing Support for Buchan and District

Jacinta Nelsson has recently joined the Bushfire Recovery Victoria regional team as a Wellbeing Support Officer. Jacinta is a long-term East Gippslander and works alongside Rebecca at the Buchan Hub on Mondays and Wednesdays, while also spending time working in other fire-affected communities across the region.

While the Wellbeing Support Officer role involves working with people of all ages, Jacinta also brings extensive experience in working with children and young people. In addition to providing direct support to people who are not engaging with more formal supports/health services, one of her tasks involves coordinating relevant services and activities that support the wellbeing of individuals and the broader community. An example of this has been facilitating the presence of Headspace staff providing outreach services at the Buchan Hub. Jacinta is keen to engage with residents of all ages, including our local young people, to hear about what types of wellbeing related activities and programs the community would like to see happening locally. You can speak with Jacinta by dropping into the Hub on a Monday or Wednesday or by calling 0438353710 to arrange a time that better suits you.



#### Meet the Hub's Headspace representative



Hi,

I'm Hayley from Headspace Bairnsdale.

I am a Mental Health Clinician who has been working in East Gippsland since 2014.

I will be working from the BRV Hub in Buchan every second Monday starting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, to provide FREE counselling and support to young people aged 12-25 years.

I will also be available to link young people with the full range of services offered from Headspace Bairnsdale. These include work and study support, employment assistance, drug and alcohol support, Centrelink, and psychiatric services. I am also available to meet with parents and careers of young people aged 12-25 years, to discuss concerns they may have about their young people and offer supports. Please feel welcome to drop in and say hi between 10-4 or call me to arrange an appointment at a time that suits you.

*Hayley* 0458 558 225

#### Youth focused white water rafting

During January in conjunction with Gippsland Lakes Complete Health we ran a youth focused white water rafting day with Snowy River Adventures. This was a great opportunity to engage with our young people and understand more about what experiences they would like to be involved with.

#### Have your say

We think it's very important that our young people are looked after, so if the community has any ideas around children and young people programs that they would like to see, please pop by the Hub and discuss with myself, Jacinta, or Hayley. Activities like this are a great chance for us to get to know our young people and how we can best assist them on their recovery journeys.

As community members, you know what's important to your community, so please let us know what you believe will support the recovery process for the District, so we can work together to make it happen. As always, we are here when you need and when you're ready,



#### The Buchan Hub Team

5609 Buchan-Orbost Rd, Buchan VIC 3885 | [buchanhub@brv.vic.gov.au](mailto:buchanhub@brv.vic.gov.au)

Open Monday-Friday 10am-4pm or by appointment

As 2021 begins, BRV wants to remind the community that we are here for you on your bushfire recovery journey, now and into the future. The team at the Mallacoota Hub are there for you whenever you're ready. To see what support and services are available to you please visit [www.br.vic.gov.au](http://www.br.vic.gov.au). BRV continues to support local community and economic recovery in bushfire-affected communities through the Local Economic Recovery (LER) programs' Local Community Projects grants.

#### [LER Local Community Project Grants Round 1 update](#)

Congratulations to the successful recipients of the local community grants for Round One, which were announced in late December. We asked for ideas from the community, and we are very grateful for the time and effort that community applicants put in. One of the successful applicants in this round was the Buchan, Gelantipy and District Renewal Association, which received \$118,127 to upgrade Wulgulmerang Sports Ground, Gelantipy Hall, Buchan Recreation Reserve and Buchan Hall.

#### [LER Local Community Project Grants Round 2](#)

Round Two of this funding is opening 15 March 2021, with \$14.6 million available for projects that support local recovery projects that build a sense of community pride and connectedness.

To find the eligibility criteria for these grants or to apply, please visit [br.vic.gov.au](http://br.vic.gov.au)

#### [Bushfire Recovery Grants for Community Facilities](#)

Community Facilities grants of up to \$50,000 are available to support community groups to build, upgrade or repair important local facilities that everyone can use.

#### [The Bushfire Recovery Grants for Local Government Authorities and Community Service Organisations](#)

Grants of up to \$500,000 are available to eligible Local Government Authorities and Community Service Organisations for projects that support recovery, redevelopment and resilience after the 2019/20 Victorian Bushfires, and to build capacity and preparedness for the future.

#### [The Victorian Government is also connecting communities with opportunities for additional financial support](#)

To find other grants you may be eligible for, please visit [vic.gov.au/financial-support-for-communities](http://vic.gov.au/financial-support-for-communities)

#### [The Red Cross Bushfire Financial Assistance Grants](#)

This grant is for people in financial hardship as a result of the 2019/20 bushfires. This grant is available for people who have received a Red Cross bushfire grant previously, and who are on a low income and experiencing ongoing financial hardship. This is the second and final round of the additional support grant. Applications are now open and close 19 February 2021. For more information, eligibility and how to apply, please visit [redcross.org.au/grants](http://redcross.org.au/grants)

#### [The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Community Grants Program](#)

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Advisory Panel recognises that recovery efforts are more effective when they are community-led. The Community Enterprise Foundation, based on the recommendation of the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Advisory Panel, has approved \$4 million in funding for projects and programs aimed at community recovery across the Alpine, Towong and East Gippsland shires. Organisations can apply to the Community Enterprise Foundation for funding to address short to medium-term recovery needs that are endorsed as community recovery priorities by their local Community Recovery Committee. For more information visit [vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal](http://vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal) or reach out to your local Community Recovery Committee or Council.

Bushfire Recovery Victoria can provide you with further information about all of these and other available grants, please visit [www.br.vic.gov.au](http://www.br.vic.gov.au)

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- Keep your friends and family safe by meeting outdoors. There is a lower risk of spreading coronavirus (COVID-19) between people if you are outdoors.
- You must carry a face mask with you at all times when you leave home. Fitted face masks must be worn when you are in public indoor spaces unless you have a lawful reason not to. Face masks continue to be mandatory on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles.
- Venues and facilities have specific requirements such as operating with a COVIDSafe Plan, density limits (maximum numbers of people allowed in a space), cleaning and record keeping – please respect these.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) get tested and stay home. Stay at home if you feel unwell..



**New Events Calendar on the Community Website**

We have added a new events calendar on the **annual events page** of the Buchan and District Community website:  
<https://buchan.vic.au/functionsevents/>

With so many different events being planned for 2021, and to keep us all up to date on what is coming up, we have placed this calendar on the site to help everyone...

\*Find out *what's on*

\* Help plan upcoming events

\* Coordinate information quickly and easily

If your event is not on the Calendar, please contact Evelyn at the Neighbourhood House and we will happily add the information.

Bairnsdale portable outdoor cinema is coming to **Buchan on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March** for a **Movie Night** for drought affected communities through Drought Recovery Funding.



We don't have the details on what will be shown as yet but it will be a family friendly movie.

The bus will be at the Buchan Recreation Reserve and the movie will start at dark (approx. 8.00pm)

**What is the Sun Bus?**

The Sun Bus is a double decker bus with a screen fitted out on the side.

Bring your deck chairs and picnic rugs and some spending money for choc tops and popcorn for the kids (big and small).



**Bernhard Christian 'Bernie' DIEDRICH**

Of Bairnsdale, formerly of Buchan and Bayswater.

Passed away peacefully on 22 January 2021, aged 71 years.

Dearly loved husband of Paula. Loving father and father-in-law of Matthew and Tracey, Shane and Megan and Troy. Proud Pa of Jack, Hayley, Taylah and Jarrod. Loved brother of John, Lis, Jim (dec.) and Nigel. Brother-in-law of John and Andrea.

Gone fishing.



**Graeme Alexander William 'MOOSE' HAVERS**

of Nicholson, Formerly of Bruthen and Buchan.

Passed away peacefully on January 28, 2021, Aged 84 years.

Dearly loved husband of Cheryl, loving father and father-in-law of Kim and Craig, Deb and Chris and Kylie. Proud Pop of Lennon and Jen, Troy and Lauren, Shanae, Keegan, Carrie, Chelsea and Matt, Jayden and Rach and Callan. Adored "Ole Poppy Moose" of Eli, Kaiden, Leo and Ebony. Loved Son of Alex and Mary (both dec.), loved brother of Shirley (dec.), Max (dec.) and Darryl (dec.).

Gone on the final Big Brumby Run . . . Ride free ...  
Don't forget ya rope!

**Community Meetings**  
**Victorian Fire Season Inquiry**  
**Tuesday 23 February**



Community members are invited to meet with Inspector-General Tony Pearce and share their feedback on the delivery and effectiveness of recovery activities 12 months since the 2019-20 fires

**Gelantipy**

**10.00am – 12.00pm**

**Gelantipy CFA Shed, 3 Saleyard Road**

**Buchan**

**2.00pm – 4.00pm OR 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**Buchan Recreation Pavilion, 5609 Buchan-Orbost Road**

*Light refreshments available 30 minutes before meetings start*

**For COVID-19 safety and catering, please register to attend by 19 February by calling Rebecca on 0407 281 123 or emailing [Rebecca.Steenholdt@brv.vic.gov.au](mailto:Rebecca.Steenholdt@brv.vic.gov.au)**

Your views will help the independent inquiry into Victoria's 2019-20 Fire Season identify improvements in Victoria's emergency management arrangements that will support our communities before, during and after emergencies

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**Bruthen Men's Shed**  
**BUCHAN INVITATION**  
**OPEN DAY & BBQ**



The Bruthen Men's Shed warmly invites those Buchan and surrounds men interested in coming along to an Open Day and BBQ and learning how their shed operates and consider joining in or creating their own day for Buchan to utilise the facilities for their own group.

**Monday 22nd February**

**9am—1pm BBQ lunch at 12**

**Rear 36 Main Street Bruthen**

**RSVP: 03 4141 5302 / 0497 544 490**

Transport available via Community Bus meeting at the bus stop in the main street Buchan opposite the General Store at 8.30 am



**Regenerate | Restart | Renew**



Gippsland Lakes Complete Health (GLCH) have partnered with the East Gippsland Art Gallery to offer an opportunity to learn art-based activities to assist in wellbeing and relaxation.

Facilitated by GLCH's Art Therapist worker Andrea Farley, this program will run over a six-week period. One session per week, with each session running for one and a half hours, over a six-week period.

**Where:** Buchan Rec Reserve Hall

**When:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 10.00am – 11.30am

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**Buchan on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** Register your expression of interest by either email or phone at [buchanbnh@bigpond.com](mailto:buchanbnh@bigpond.com) or **0427 586038**



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ArtsACTION offers a six-part email resource pack, Zoom workshops, and access to a growing network. It's FREE to participate, and will be delivered entirely online from 1 December 2020 to 30 June 2021.

## Buchan Business & Tourism Association

The BBTa meets regularly to work together to improve business opportunities and economic development for our region and business community. This includes services, industrial, tourism and farming industries. Over the years this group has focused on Tourism and are limited by its resources and support to focus on all the pillars this group represents.

What we do

- Promotion of your business via map pads & Visitors Guides.
- Send members information about business and tourism developments in the region.
- Opportunities for you to network and train
- Placement of your business and update the visitor information board near the public toilets.
- Manage and promote your business on the Visit Buchan Facebook Page and community website.
- Update and contribute to the Community Website on Events, Accommodation and Visitor information.
- Share ideas and information
- Maintain the walking track along the river from the Swing Bridge to the Bluff
- Network with Business and Tourism organisations in East Gippsland including East Gippsland Shire and Parks Victoria.
- Liaise with the Buchan District Community Planning Steering Committee.

In more recent years the BBTa has been corresponding with VicRoads to improve the Truck/Car Rest Stops at the Red Knob (North and South) so that they include rubbish collection and ablutions. We have been investigating and reporting to Shire on developing RV Camping opportunities and the installation of a Dump Point in Buchan. We were successful in having the dump point included in this Year's Shire budget.

We also received \$20,000 from East Gippsland Shire for Bushfire Recovery and will be using these funds to:

- Upgrade, print and distribute the Buchan Visitors Guide at no cost to members or the association
- Provide a membership package that includes 12 months' free membership, a free website listing, and a quarterly members breakfast.
- Update the community website *buchan.vic.au*
- Provide financial support for local events or programs

But what we would like to do more of is.... work closely with our Community Recovery Committee to assist with and contribute to the Tourism Development Plan with some of the ideas to date and including

- Develop itineraries on what to do when you get here for a better visitor experience and length of stay.
- Install a picture sign at the Red Knob intersection depicting the region (North and South) in partnership with VicRoads and East Gippsland Shire.
- Develop Local tourism products. i.e. Buchan Bag to give away by tourism operators and contain local items including Buchan blue wattle seeds
- Develop Mega Fauna events and information together with the Caves Reserve
- Install Solar lights on the swing bridge
- Support quality visitor experience throughout all tourism businesses
- Liaise with the local community on tourism issues.
- Work with regional Tourist Associations including Discover Gippsland, Tourism Victoria Tourism Australia and EGMI.
- Represent members and co-ordinate with local government on tourism issues.
- Develop ideas for local events.
- Develop wilderness Tourism opportunities.

If you are interested in getting together and contributing to some of these projects and ideas, the Buchan Business and Tourism Association invites all business and tourism related groups as well as individuals to join and become involved with the promotion of Buchan and its surrounding areas, draw on and retain business and tourism in our region to provide economic growth and sustainability for the community.

Our next meeting will be **Monday 22nd March at 6pm at the Buchan Neighbourhood House** and we welcome you to come along.



The Look! Up in the Sky Education Program is an award-winning online resource and incursion program that brings geography, history and oral health to life through stories of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Both the incursion and online resources cater for children in pre-primary through to year 6.



**Online teaching resource >**

[flyingdoctor-education.org.au](http://flyingdoctor-education.org.au)

Developed to address classes from Foundation to Grade Six, the resource engages both students and teachers through short films, a virtual museum, photos and project materials.

A number of new online units have also been added. These include a new oral health unit, project materials, a curriculum unit plan and at-home activities for kids.

**Aeromedical simulator >**

The RFDS aeromedical simulator is a life-size replica of a Flying Doctor plane. Attached to a trailer, the simulator is portable and fully equipped with stretchers, communications, oxygen and ECG equipment. Designed as a training ground for RFDS doctors and nurses, it allows students to understand the environment our everyday heroes operate within.

Suzanne Davies has been employed by the Royal Flying doctors to coordinate visits to primary schools in fire affected communities around East Gippsland.

The Look! Up in the Sky Education Program is an online teaching resource and incursion program that brings geography and history to life through stories of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. It also teaches important health messaging delivered through our primary health programs and helps to achieve our vision of improving health outcomes.

With a focus on Primary aged children, the program engages both students and teachers through short films, a virtual museum, photos and project materials.

Students are also encouraged to explore and role-play in a life sized model on an RFDS plane – the Aeromedical Simulator – and learn about what the Royal Flying Doctor Service does.

John Flynn OBE (1880 – 1951), who is commemorated on the Australian \$20 note, founded what became the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the world’s first air ambulance. He was born at Moliagul in central Victoria in 1880 and after a stint teaching, served as a Home Missionary at Beech Forest (Otway Ranges) and Buchan between 1903 and 1906.



The Youth Ambassador Program is a peer led committee of Council supported by our Youth Engagement Officer designed to assist local government in understanding and meeting the needs of East Gippsland youth. It’s also a fun way to volunteer and have input into planning, design and activities that you want to see in your community.

Youth Ambassadors are a group of young people aged 12 – 25 living, studying and/or working across East Gippsland who are committed to positive change in their community with the unique opportunity to influence and lead change. Made up of various ages, skills, abilities and backgrounds members are empowered and can choose areas of focus and interests to develop skills and networks in a supported and inclusive environment.

East Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Mendy Urie said becoming a Youth Ambassador provides an opportunity for young people to discuss youth issues, have a meaningful engagement with Council and have a say about the future of their community.

“Youth Ambassadors are instigators of positive change for young people in East Gippsland and their mission is to ensure young people are engaged and feel valued as citizens in the community. I encourage our young people to apply and participate in training opportunities, community consultations and events as well as develop and implement their own action plan with goals and ambitions they work towards achieving each year,” Cr Urie said.

Applications for young people to join the dedicated Youth Ambassadors program close on Friday 19 February. To apply, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BE-EGYA2021>



The rural minds workshop that we held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February was a fantastic and valuable time for all that attended as we learnt some really important information about mental health specifically designed for rural communities. Leanne Jennings from Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House facilitated the day provided some great resources. One that really stood out for me was an

app called **Emergency Plus** for mobile phones. The beauty of this app is its ability to know your location using GPS functionality built into your smart phone to help you provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services. So if there is an incident that happens away from a known address giving the location is easy. The **Emergency Plus** app is free and was developed by Australia’s emergency services and their Government and industry partners. The other bonuses from the day were some lovely gifts and surprises in our pamper packs and the opportunity to attend the next workshop in Gelantipy on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Evelyn Schmidt (BN House)



## Make Your Own Dishcloth!

The Bruthen "Sew What" group are coming to the Buchan Neighbourhood House on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

We are having lunch at 12 noon and then the opportunity to make cotton knitted or crocheted dishcloths under the instruction and assistance of the Bruthen group. Just estimate how many disposable dishcloths we pay for then throw away into landfill each year ... Well ... it's a lot since the synthetic disposable ones don't have a long life. Join us for an afternoon of knitting and crocheting, and of course a natter. This is an ideal first project for beginners as well. The event is FREE and supported by the Buchan Neighbourhood House.



Please book so we can arrange materials, which will be provided, and catering for lunch. Ring us on 5155 9216 or 0427 586 038 or email [buchanbnh@bigpond.com](mailto:buchanbnh@bigpond.com)

## OAA RESOURCE CENTRE

The OAA Resource Centre has returned to Thursday activities, 11am - 3pm, including the offering of a great range of seeds and the sharing of any surplus fruit vegetables and plant seedlings - Covid compliant. Any assistance to bring the garden into order would be welcomed.



## 'GROWING YOUR KNOWLEDGE' SESSIONS

The OAA is continuing with the monthly opportunities to learn more and share knowledge about a variety of topics on **organic food production, gardening, and other related subjects**. These fun and informative sessions are organised for the first **Thursday** of each month, **12.30 to nominally 2.00pm** at the Organic Centre, 14 McKean Street, Bairnsdale. All events are outdoors - please observe current Covid-safe regulations.

**Thursday 4th March** TOPIC: A discussion of various composting methods including an introduction to Bio-Dynamic compost making. Water saving strategies will also open for discussion. Presenter: *Alan Broughton & Sharon Dent*

**Thursday 1st April** TOPIC: A hands-on workshop to build a Bio-Dynamic compost heap at the centre. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring your own gloves and mask. Presenter: *Sharon Dent*

You must register for these events, and to do so or for further information, please utilise the OAA online [contact form](#), email: [organics@oaa.org.au](mailto:organics@oaa.org.au) or phone/text: 0429 889 479.

Members and non-members all very welcome.



CWA of Victoria is again very pleased to be able to support those affected by drought by assisting with household expenses such as groceries, school, electricity, rates, telephone and emergency dental and medical bills. The CWA Drought Relief grants are designed to help people still experiencing the financial impact of drought with household needs and expenses they currently have.

Those that have previously received a Drought Relief Grant from CWA of Victoria can reapply if they are continuing to experience drought related financial stress, live in one of the four named Local Government Areas (LGAs) and have bills from 1 July 2020 until current. The four LGAs are: East Gippsland Shire, Wellington Shire, Latrobe City Shire and Baw Baw Shire.

Grant payments from the CWA of Victoria Drought Relief program are up to a maximum of \$3000 per individual applicant and/or household and are available for farming families, farm workers and contractors that are drought-affected and reliant on farming as their primary source of income.

The extension of this program is predominantly funded through the Commonwealth Government's Drought Community Outreach Program and additional donations from members, businesses and the general public

CWA of Victoria thanks all those who have provided financial support to our Drought Relief program since 2018.

To download the January 2021 Drought Relief application form, go to: <https://cwaofvic.org.au/drought-assistance-available/>

## MASSAGE & NATUROPATHY

Tuesday 9th March and 13th April 2020  
From 10.00am

### Late appointment by advanced booking

MASSAGE and NATURAL HEALTH CARE  
at the Buchan Neighbourhood House including:  
Naturopathy, Relaxation, Aromatherapy, Sports  
Therapies, Remedial Massage Therapy,  
Pre and Post Natal and baby Massage.

Available for adults and children of all ages.

**\$60 one-hour session**

For further information and bookings contact the Buchan Neighbourhood House or Sharon Dent by email at [silvaaust@gmail.com](mailto:silvaaust@gmail.com) or call 0468 387 524



### Buchan Tool Library

Electric tools have all been tested and are ready to go! The Tool Library is located in a shipping container at the rear of the Buchan Neighbourhood House.

Tools available in the library include:

Battery Chargers for Bosch, Ryobi, Hitachi, Workzone  
Blower  
Drills including Bosch, Hitachi, Black & Decker, Makita  
Drop saws including Dewalt, Ryobi, Makita, Bosch, Ozito, Rockwell  
Grinders including Makita, Ryobi  
Hammer drills  
High pressure washer - Gerni  
Jigsaws including Makita, Maximate, Ozito  
Multi tool - Bosch  
Planers including Makita, Bosch, Hitachi  
Routers  
Saber saws including Dewalt, Bosch  
Sanders - flat and orbital - including Metabo, Ryobi, GMC, Hitachi  
Screw guns  
Whipper-snippers

Please contact the Neighbourhood House to access the tools in the library.

We would also welcome any suggestions and may be able to get hold of other tools that you may like to be available .

We have had an idea about getting a community cultivator raised.

What do you think?

### Church Services

#### Catholic Church

St Dymphna's, Woodgates Road, Buchan.  
Meets 3rd Saturday of the month at 9am  
until further notice. For service details  
contact Mary Wheeler 5155 9330

#### Uniting Church

The Andrew Davidson Memorial Uniting  
Church, Main Street, Buchan. Services are held at St Mary's  
Anglican Church, Main Street, Buchan.  
For service details contact Leona Lavell 5155 9395

#### Anglican Church

St Mary's, Main Street, Buchan. Meets 3rd Sunday of each  
month. For service details contact Rhonda Coates 5155 9373



### East Gippsland Shire Outreach Services

Libraries are open with  
Covid-19 social distancing  
restrictions in place.

Library books can be reserved, collected or returned at the Neighbourhood House.

Mobile Library bus days have resumed and are held fortnightly on a Tuesday.

**The next services for 2021 will be:**

**Tuesday 23rd February**

**Tuesday 9th March**

**Tuesday 23rd March**

Buchan (near school) 9.15 am – 10.00 am

W Tree (near Siba Retreat Centre) 10.45 am – 11.30 am

Buchan (near kinder) 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

**2021 Library schedules available at the Neighbourhood House**

## PILATES IN BUCHAN

With Ali Oakley from Reformer Pod in Bairnsdale

WEEKLY CLASSES

THURSDAYS AT THE BUCHAN RECREATION  
RESERVE.

5:30 pm

Cost is \$15.00 per class per participant. Please bring an  
exercise mat.

If you would like to attend please ring or message us at the  
Buchan Neighbourhood House on 0427 586 038 or email

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

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

