

Buchan Phoenix



Rising from the ashes...

Communication for the community by the community

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Thank you to everyone for supporting our Biggest Morning Tea on the 25th May.

We raised over \$500.00 for the Cancer Council. More inside this issue...



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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 or drop them into the Neighbourhood House. Advertisements are \$55 for 12 editions or \$5.50 per edition.



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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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Leona Lavell sends her thanks and appreciation to all those who have kept in touch with her, and has requested that her new phone number be published in the newsletter for those who don't have it:

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Contribute to a new community resource:

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communitybushfireconnection.com.au




Landcare in East Gippsland has received a \$150,000 grant from Landcare Australia with funding from News Corp Australia for supporting environmental bushfire recovery. The grant aims to contribute to habitat protection, enhancement, and augmentation on private property in fire affected areas of East Gippsland.

Landcare will be working with rural communities and landholders to promote bushfire recovery and rebuilding of habitat for local threatened wildlife on private land in East Gippsland.

With the funding available, Landcare is rallying up local landholders who are interested in planting native trees on their property to support habitat rehabilitation. Landholders will also be reimbursed for approved fencing works.

If you are a landholder interested in being a part of this bushfire recovery project, you can contact the Far East Victoria Landcare Bushfire Recovery Project Officer Shirali Davé - Email: project.officer@fevl.org.au Phone: 0423 912 746 for an Expression of Interest Form or if you have any questions. You do not have to be a member of Landcare to participate.

On the 25th May, Buchan Neighbourhood House hosted its annual *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea* community event to raise vital funds to make a big difference for those impacted by cancer.

Due to Covid restrictions on numbers this was held at the Buchan Recreation Pavilion.

Everyone who attended this worthy fundraiser had a lovely morning sitting around the tables catching up with each other over a delicious array of homemade country cooking with their cuppas.

Thank you to those who could not attend, but placed their donations into the containers that were distributed around the township. Every bit helps to support this worthy cause. We raised just over \$500.

At this event, the BNH'S CoM publicly acknowledged Judy and Ian Gray by thanking them for their many years of volunteered time and skills on the CoM, and for supporting the BNH staff and various committee members throughout these years.

According to our records, Ian joined the CoM in 2001 and Judy in 2004 and it was only a couple of months ago that they decided to resign. They have both supported the work that goes into the ongoing good governance of our legal, moral, and financial obligations to funding bodies, staff, and our continued commitment to support communities across our district.

We acknowledged and thanked them for their various volunteering roles in supporting our community's Buchan Arts Council CoM, Buchan Heritage CoM, Buchan Foothills Festivals, Buchan Flower Show and Buchan Pony Club.

The other important volunteer role they took on was in times of pending fires, when they worked under stressful conditions as the Red Cross Registration team, making sure that community members registered if they were evacuating or just going away for the day. This list helped the emergency services to know if residents were at home.

We wish Ian and Judy all the absolute best in their retirement, and once again thank them very much for the thousands of hours they committed to supporting our communities across the district.

Contributor: Suzanne Davies





Buchan Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association

Update – June 202

Do you have issues with your telecommunications?

We need your individual stories to make a collective impact on the issues.

Have you filled out your survey for the ***Digital Connectivity Gaps and Priorities for East Gippsland*** yet?

We only have until **Friday 18 June** to get all our stories into the collated mix. You can now fill in the survey online. Find the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T9TT9FX> or go to our Facebook page to find the link. Hard copy surveys are available at the usual points of contact – Buchan Neighbourhood House, Buchan Bush Nurse, Gelantipy Bush Nurse and Buchan BRV Hub.

By telling us your telecommunications story, we can compile them across each locality and submit into the broader municipality wide project. It is hopeful that a collective advocacy will result in improvements for us all!

Funding announced for Balley Hooley campside canoe launch

Announcements for Round 2 of the Local Economic Recovery grants were made on 31 May 2021 and we're very pleased to say that our application was successful! The funding will be used to install a canoe launch facility at Balley Hooley campsite on the Snowy River. This project involves building a multi-purpose facility that will enable the easy removal of rafts and canoes from the Snowy River. It will also act as swimming access for campers and day visitors. It will increase tourism to the area, reduce erosion and make it safer for all visitors to access the river. The construction of the project will be managed by Parks Victoria.

We continue to work with Parks Victoria to ensure key visitor and tourist attractions are open and maintained to the standard expected. We are discussing further improvements such as a significant upgrade to the Balley Hooley Campground. Parks Victoria representatives are regular guests to our Committee meetings.

Are you interested in joining the Committee?

Due to the recent resignation of two Committee members we are now calling on nominations to fill these vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Committee member or would like to nominate someone in the community, please email us on bganddra@gmail.com

FREE BOXING FITNESS Classes — In Your Corner

Are you interested in joining boxing fitness sessions in Buchan?

The Youth classes started last month and we're happy to have secured extra funding to support adult sessions! We're hoping to kick these off asap on a Wednesday evening (time to be confirmed but will be after Youth Class 5pm-6pm) - this is of course is COVID restrictions dependent!

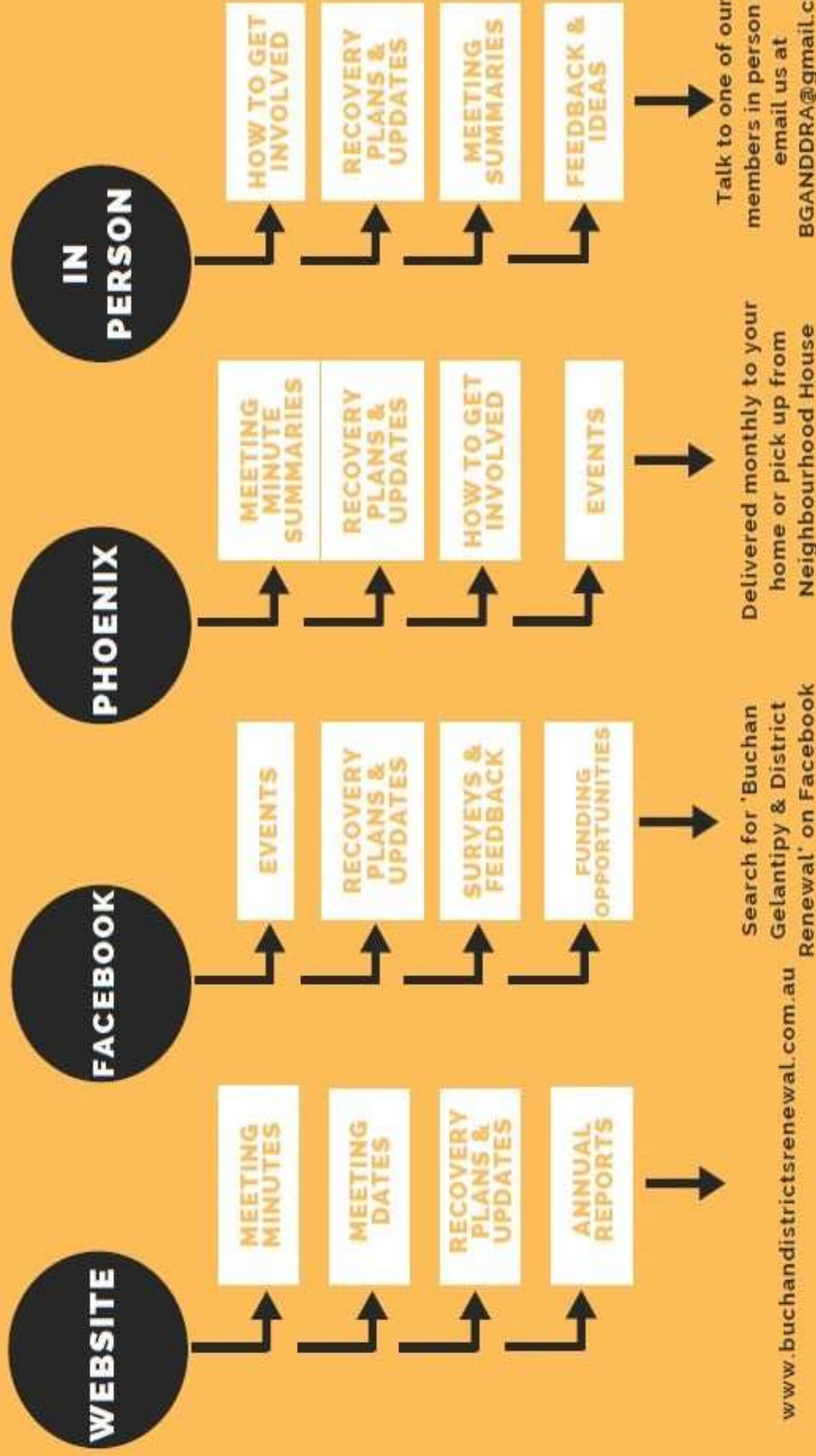
The classes are free and open to all adults in the district on a first come, first served basis with 12 spaces available. They will run over a 6-week period to begin with but may go for longer if the program is supported!

If you'd like to register your interest, please let Rebecca at the BRV Hub know or email us on bganddra@gmail.com



HOW TO FIND OUT INFORMATION FROM

Buchan, Gelantipy & Districts Renewal Association



Hello from the Buchan and District Bushfire Recovery Hub!



On Saturday 22 May we hosted the cast and crew screening of “Fired Up”, a short film and photographic exhibition of the Black Summer Bushfires. The Australian Federal Police, Australian Islamic Centre and Human Appeal have joined over the last year to culminate an amazing project which has resulted in an award nominated short film and a photo exhibition which complements the power of the film.

A generous team from the Australian Islamic Centre and Human Appeal provided an amazing BBQ under a clear Autumn sky with lamb kofta wraps. The crowd of around 80 Buchan district locals and Nowa Nowa and Johnsonville guests browsed the images and recollections supplied by those mainly on the fire front.



“Fired Up” showed the logistical hurdles teams crossed to access these areas and some touching interviews where cultures embrace for a great result. The film showed the generous effort and extreme level of adaptability and commitment that these organisations showed immediately after the Black Summer events. From organising trucks of food, water and essential supplies to be delivered to desperate communities in East Gippsland, to cooking for those in need with free BBQs and lending a consoling ear.

We would like to acknowledge the film as a collaboration between AFP, Blueprint Studios, Australian Islamic Centre (AIC) and Human Appeal. We thank the AFP, AIC and Human Appeal for premiering the film in front of a local crowd on home soil, bringing this event to the people on the ground.

In your corner program is a hit

The “In Your Corner” boxing program got off to a good start recently with six young people attending. Participants have been learning the basics of boxing technique and doing some boxing circuit exercises so far. Everyone seems to have enjoyed the sessions and are hoping for some fitness gains to help with their other sports. Instructor Jeremy Schroder, from East Gippsland Men’s Health says, “they are a great group to work with”.





Unfortunately, due to the re-introduction of COVID restrictions, the program has been suspended temporarily. To give everyone a better chance to improve their fitness through the program and minimise interruptions, it will re-start on Wednesday 14th July with a plan for eight consecutive weekly sessions. It would be great to have a few new participants join the program in July. If you would like to join in, please contact Jacinta Nelsson through the BRV Hub or call 0438 353 710.

Adults boxing classes to commence

The Buchan CRC is providing additional funding to support an Adults boxing class to piggy-back off the youth classes. Please register your interest through the Hub.

Hub Opening Hours

Please note we have changed our Hub opening hours. We are now open at the Hub Tuesday – Thursday between 10 and 3pm. You will still be able to contact the BRV Hub team during normal business hours by phone or email.

As always, we are here to support you on your recovery journey. If you have a recovery event, activity or program idea that you would like to see in the community, please get in contact.

The Buchan Hub Team

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The Melbourne Water Bushfire Rebate program is still open.

This program provides financial support for properties destroyed or significantly damaged by the 2019-20 Eastern Victorian bushfires. The program offers **planning and building assistance, rainwater and septic tank replacement and geotechnical assessments.**

If you have questions or are seeking assistance with your application, please contact Rebecca Steenholdt at the BRV Hub or call 0407 281 123.

For more information, visit smartygrants.com.au

Nature-led Recovery Grants

Funding of up to \$5,000 is available for projects to help bushfire affected communities deliver on-ground action for wildlife and habitats, or nature-based, educational or arts programs which connect the local environmental recovery with its human recovery.

Local community groups, school groups or local arts groups are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Wednesday 30 June 2021.

For more information, visit the [BRV website at this link](#), where you can see the program guidelines and download an application form. To submit a completed application form or ask a question about these grants, please email connect@brv.vic.gov.au If you have any other queries, please speak visit the Hub and ask our team.

Buchan Main Street and Linkages Project

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Project Description

The *Buchan Main Street and Linkages Project* will boost the tourist economy by improving access to Buchan's town centre and enhancing its appeal, encouraging people to stop, stay and spend. It will also increase accessibility for the local community to move around town more safely and instinctively.

Council secured \$2.8 million for this project. This funding can explore improvements and refurbishments such as:

- Reconfiguring the service roads
- Optimising car parking
- Increasing visual appeal of the streetscape
- Landscaping and improved street furniture

A shared path link to the Buchan Caves campground will be introduced to facilitate tourist movement between the popular tourist destination and the town proper, to encourage campers and glampers to walk or cycle to town and spend.

Social and business infrastructure will be designed to leverage the main street and linkage pathways investment and provide existing and new businesses a 'wrap-around' service which may include training for key skills, new events and enterprise facilitation services.

This project will be undertaken in two parts:

1. Buchan Caves Reserve Linkage
2. Buchan Streetscape Refurbishment

The statistics

- The economic impact of bushfires followed by COVID19 in Buchan has been catastrophic. December 2019 to January 2020 expenditure was down by 68% and visitation plummeted. Visitors to the Buchan Caves Reserve decreased by 58%.
- Approximately 140,000 people visit the caves each year (before bushfires and COVID19) but spend only \$5.30 on average in the town (plus \$22 caves entrance). The Gippsland regional daily spend for a day tripper is \$93 and for an overnight visitor is \$335. Clearly the spend in Buchan is very low, providing significant opportunity for growth.
- Based on analysis even if only 10% of visitors to the caves visit the town and increase spend per visitor from \$5.30 to \$40 (still significantly less than the \$93 average) there would be an increase of 8 jobs and annual spend of \$966,000.
- The main street and linkages project provides direct employment for an expected 16 jobs for construction. It is expected these jobs would be local and where possible provide particular opportunities for traditional owner construction crews.

What has happened to date?

- Funding has been secured via the Victorian Government's Local Economic Recovery Bushfire Recovery Economic Stimulus Fund (LER) Program, which is jointly funded by the Australian and Victorian governments; East Gippsland Shire Council has committed cash and in-kind project management.

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- Design for the Buchan Caves Linkage has commenced.
- Council is further refining a project plan and timelines.

What will happen next?

- In-person community consultation and engagement sessions will begin in Buchan in July with regular sessions to follow.
- A survey will be available online.
- Surveys will be available in hard copy in the usual places around town.

How to find out more about the project?

A project page will be set up on Council's website to provide information on the project; the page link will also be available at:

<https://buchandistrictsrenewal.com.au/>

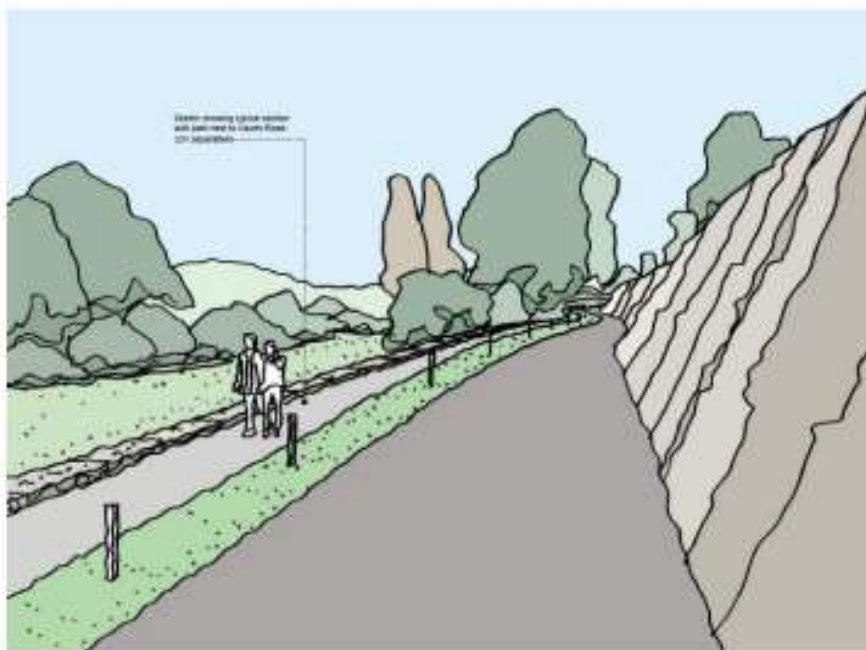
This page will be updated regularly so you can follow the project online.

For further information please contact East Gippsland Shire Council

Telephone: (03) 5153 9500

Email: feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au

Web: www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au



An artist's impression of the linkage path between Buchan Caves campground and the Main Street.



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THE AUSTRALIAN TARMAC RALLY VISITS BUCHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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On Thursday 27th May, Australian Tarmac Rally had the pleasure of visiting the Buchan Primary School with six of its competitive crews and rally cars. Although our Snowy River Sprint event had been called off that morning due to a statewide snap lockdown, we felt it was very important to share our rally passion with the children and to honour our commitment made to the school, and in all honesty, we don't know who was more excited for our visit – the rally drivers and navigators or the kids!



"Understanding the impact that the recent bush fires and COVID lockdowns have had on the township of Buchan and its residents is important to us at ATR. To bring a smile to the children's faces and create some excitement around our event coming to town has been a joy. We are very much looking forward to returning in September and engaging again with this lovely community" said ATR Executive Director, Brittany Smith.

The children were given the opportunity to sit in the rally cars, interact with the drivers and navigators, and were also presented with ATR caps to wear and biscuits to enjoy with lunch. It was such a special day and we even had some news coverage from the local Channel 9! We at ATR have also had the pleasure of working alongside the school in their campaign to raise funds for their "Wellness Dog" program by advertising the campaign through social media and emails promoting this great cause to our competitors and officials. We are thrilled the fundraiser is going so well, with the puppy now secured and donations coming in, including a donation of \$500.00 from the ATR team.



The Snowy River Sprint Tarmac Rally, which was due to run shortly after our school visit, has now been rescheduled to the new dates of 18th and 19th September 2021.

For more details or enquiries, head to our website www.austliantarmacrally.com

A message from Pamela Stables of the Australian Tarmac Rally: Once again, we have found ourselves in the unenviable position of having to postpone our Snowy River Sprint 2021 to a later date, which is yet unknown.

The 7-day statewide lockdown in Victoria, imposed as of 11.59pm Thursday 27th May, saw our hands tied and our ability to organise and present a well-run, well-structured event completely turned upside down.

The motorsport term for the set of circumstances that unfolded is known as "Force Majeure", the inability to solve the issues ultimately preventing the event from going ahead.

We understand the frustration and disappointment felt by many of our competitors and officials, who have spent numerous hours (and dollars) investing in vehicles, equipment, and time away from families and work to be able to join us in Buchan last weekend.

A great disappointment to Brittany and myself, was the fact that we all were unable to come together as one big rally family, to hug, to talk, to laugh and to reminisce about the wonderful people who have left a big hole in our events and our lives – Shane, Leigh and Dennis.

The Chairman of the AASA, Bruce Robertson, has assured us that all of the support mechanisms and services which were to be in place at Snowy River Sprint, remain activated and available.

"AASA is enormously disappointed for all of our sanctioning partners for the loss of events during this snap lockdown and understands the situation the ATR events find themselves in and will assist as best we can to support a recovery," he said.

Once again, Brittany and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has reached out to us. We are truly grateful. Now, let's get to planning the next event!

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

12 MONTHS OF PUBLIC LAND WORKS

DELWP, Parks Victoria & BRV

Since the 2019-20 bushfires, government agency teams have been busy working to repair, rebuild and, where possible, improve impacted assets and values in the Buchan district.

There have been many wins over the past 12 months, and we're pleased to share some highlights from this time, and our plans for the upcoming months.

A significant amount of damaged or destroyed infrastructure is now back in place around the area, including track signage and fluming used to divert water away from culvert outlets and prevent erosion. Two new concrete bridges spanning Spring Creek at the Fairy Cave end of the Buchan Caves Reserve have been installed to replace the wooden ones burnt in the fires.

Roadside vegetation management inclusive of weed spraying or slashing has been completed in the Buchan South, Timbarra and Nunnett areas. Road access improvement works have been completed at Glenmore Road, as well as grading works at Nunnett and Mellock Munjie Roads.

Additionally, the fencing replacement program has seen the completion of over 80 grants to fix fencing damaged during the fires from Nowa Nowa to Wulgulmerang.

In the coming months, works will commence to repair the landslips on Cutts Creek Road and replace culverts at Mt Johnson Road, Tulloch Ard Road, New Guinea Road and Running Creek Link Track.

There will also be further drainage repair works around the area including Devils Den Track and Pink Rocks Track.

While we're happy to share these wins, we know there's more to be done. Our teams will continue to work with the Gelantipy and District Renewal Association to 'build back better' and respond to community needs.

For more information or to raise any concerns or issues regarding public land, please get in touch via the Buchan BRV Hub.

East Gippsland Winter Festival 2021 Buchan

LOST IN THE GROOVE – cancelled!

Sad news from Judy Olienikov of QuasiTrad Music: the Lost in the Groove event has had to be cancelled due to lack of funding. Half of the funding for Lost in the Groove is from the East Gippsland Shire Council, and we have been able to roll this over from 2020 to 2021.

(We originally wanted to run this in Jan 2020, then April 2020). The other half, though, came from several other sources and we were not able to roll these funds over. We were back to nearly square one this year with fundraising, but were hopeful of raising the required amount, having been successful last year. But we have just been informed that our final grant application has been unsuccessful. This information has been passed on so late to us that we have no way of making up the funds before July.

We very much appreciate the help you have given us, and are truly sorry to not be able to run this program at this time. Hopefully things will come together for a future event in Buchan.

Judy Olienikov runs a small folk music organisation called QuasiTrad Music, (Melb) and she is leading the partnership for this event.

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Course Cost: An individual quotation will be made according to individual circumstances.

**For further information, contact Evelyn Schmidt 5155 9216 at the Buchan Neighbourhood House
or Susie Edwards at the Gelantipy Bush Nursing Service on 5155 0274.**

East Gippsland Bushfire Recovery Committee Second Progress Report

May 2021



This is a joint report from East Gippsland Shire Council and Bushfire Recovery Victoria



Buchan, Gelantipy & District

Localities include: Beta Bolong North, Buchan, Buchan South, Butchers Ridge, Gelantipy, Murrindal, Suggan Buggan, W Treen, Wulgulmerang, Wulgulmerang East and Wulgulmerang West



Buchan, Gelantipy and district were significantly impacted by the 2019/2020 bushfires. With a population of 458 people, community recovery and the natural environment are of high priority to the residents of this district.

The Buchan, Gelantipy & Districts Renewal Association (BGDRA) was formed because of the bushfire events of 2019/2020. The representative group of community members was brought together to voice the community's needs in recovery. Their purpose is to get individuals and communities back on their feet after the bushfires by delivering on and advocating on behalf of the needs of the community, identifying and addressing any shortfalls that may arise, creating a Community Renewal Plan that strives for the betterment of the community, and endeavouring to increase economic activity within the community.

Progress So Far

- Establishment of the BGDRA that actively supports communities and individuals with their recovery requirements.
- Supported applications for Local Economic Recovery grants for community projects and regional economic stimulus.
- Participated in and helped facilitate five Community Conversations to debrief and discuss learnings in preparation for future fire seasons.
- Helped to create a community survey to identify priorities for community recovery.
- Met with other committee chairs across the municipality to discuss ideas and challenges, share knowledge and gain support.
- Formed ongoing partnerships with Council and Bushfire Recovery Victoria to identify resources

and other supports for future plans.

- Established an active Facebook group, email access point and website to communicate and celebrate recovery progress with community members.
- Held meetings with various Ministers and dignitaries to share information, advocate and inform recovery from a local context.
- Many local roads, bridges have been reinstated.
- Developed an interim recovery plan.

Future Plans

The BGDRA is developing a community recovery plan to identify project and activity priorities for communities. Key strategic priorities identified so far include:

- Develop and increase tourism to the district (Buchan Caves and beyond).
- Integrate localised fire preparation priorities into community preparedness activities.
- Upgrade the playground area in Buchan.
- Upgrade the Recreation Reserve in Buchan.
- Improve community facilities across the district.
- Upgrade footpaths and parking across the district.
- Find innovative ways to connect the community through events and activities.

This is a snapshot of some of the achievements of the community so far. For a comprehensive and ongoing understanding of where the communities are up to go to: <https://buchandistrictsrenewal.com.au>

The East Gippsland Bushfire Recovery Committee's Second Progress Report is now available on Council's website and hard copies are available at Council's Customer Service Centres, Bushfire Recovery Victoria hubs or by phoning Council to request a copy on 03 5153 9500. The EG Bushfire Recovery Committee is cochaired by Council and Bushfire Recovery Victoria.

Update from Parks Victoria and Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation

Since the black summer bushfires, we have been working hard to safely restore access to our parks and support regeneration of the natural environment.

Recovery at Buchan Caves Reserve, situated on Krauatungalung Country, has been a priority for joint managers Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation and Parks Victoria. We have reinstated visitor access to the campground, cave tours, majority of the walking tracks and put considerable effort into removing hazardous trees, weed eradication, revegetation, maintaining the grounds and general clean-up works to provide a clean, open and safe park for our visitors. Rangers are working to open the connection between Granite Pools and Kanooka walking tracks by reinstating the steps that were lost after the fires and on-going heavy rainfall.

Unfortunately, the last remaining wooden bridge at Buchan Caves Reserve is no longer accessible, due to significant structural damage.

The campground is closed and there is currently no vehicle access across Bridge No.2, part of the main road to the Visitor Centre, caves and campground. Until a temporary bridge is installed, visitors and staff are required to park prior to the bridge and walk 500 metres to the Visitor Centre. Please be aware that there is very limited parking available between the entrance gate and the damaged bridge. Scoping work is underway for a temporary bridge so access for vehicles can be reinstated while the closed bridge is replaced. Once vehicle access is restored, we will continue to progress the rebuild of insurable assets such as the Guide Room, Fairy Cave Entrance and Spring Creek walking track steps and viewing platform.

Scoping of work to reopen the swimming pool to comply with regulations is underway. Planning is well underway for the first phase of the \$2 million program funded by Regional Development Victoria to reopen, rebuild and upgrade the Buchan Caves Reserve visitor precinct. ASPECT Studios Pty Ltd have been engaged to provide a Site Concept Plan, to progress key actions from the Gunaikurnai and Victorian Government Joint Management Plan, guide future facilities development and associated investment for the site to build visitation to the area and economic benefit to local tourism.

In the Snowy River National Park, we have ongoing maintenance for walking tracks, campsites and lookouts and have recently completed roadworks at Bally Hookey and Old Basin, providing good two-wheel-drive access to these popular visitor sites. Post-fire vegetation management has been a major issue and weed control has been completed in many spots throughout the park, including the Potholes Reserve.

We're pleased to report a total of 47 Brush-tailed Rock Wallabies were detected in a recent monitoring program. This is a great result and indicates our comprehensive predator control program is having a positive impact. This critically endangered species only occurs in two places in the wild – here and the Grampians National Park. Victoria's deer and feral animal control program has given the natural environment across Eastern Victoria a fighting chance at recovery, with more than 2,000 target animals being removed from target areas, including 32 from Buchan Caves Reserve. We have also seen a significant reduction in deer, feral pigs, foxes and goats in the Snowy River National Park. More information about the program is available at the Parks Victoria website: www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/deer-and-feral-animal-control-in-response-to-bushfire.

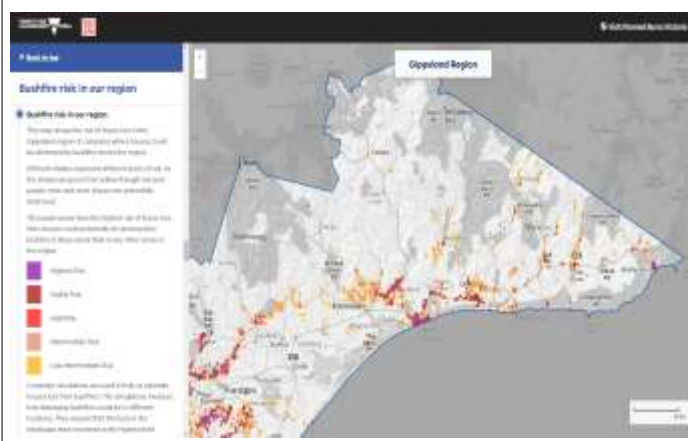


Completed roadworks in Snowy River National Park

Following the release of the Bushfire Management Strategies, the Forest and Fire Management Planning team have produced a StoryMap website. The StoryMap product displays information published in the Bushfire Management Strategies in an interactive way. Strategic bushfire management planning is about bringing together land and fire managers, communities and stakeholders to develop a common understanding of bushfire risk and determine strategies and actions to reduce that risk.

The Bushfire Management Strategies StoryMap is available from the Safer Together website at:

<https://www.safertogether.vic.gov.au/strategic-bushfire-management-planning>



A FREE MORNING TEA & INFORMATION SESSION

FOR WOMEN WHO WANT TO LEARN HOW TO BETTER MANAGE THEIR MONEY FOR NOW ...AND INTO THE FUTURE.

THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 2021
9:30AM TO 12:30PM

PAPENSVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
55 THE ESPLANADE, PAPENSVILLE
FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL (08) 5166 0214



Free event for Carers: Information on Carer Programs & Events

Are you a Carer? Do you live in Buchan or the surrounding areas? Are you supporting someone young or old who is frail, has a chronic illness, disability or mental illness?

If yes, then Latrobe Community Health Service Carer Programs team would like to invite you to join us for lunch in recognition of the great job you are doing.

I will be available to talk about the services Carer Programs can offer and the free events you could also attend. I will have information on the My Aged Care system and can assist with linking into other services you might be eligible for.

When:

Thursday 15th July

Where:

Buchan Neighbourhood House 6 House Road

Time:

11am to 1pm

Please RSVP by 1st July for catering purposes to 1800 242 696 and ask for Brenda Stobo Events Coordinator



Buchan Football Netball Club
Presents
The 2021 Buchan Ball
A COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021
Buchan Hall
6:30pm

Due to COVID restrictions there is a restriction on guest numbers
It is ESSENTIAL to book your tickets
To book please contact the club facebook page, or put your name down at training on a Thursday night or a home game.

\$20 PER TICKET

Band
VIP Party Photo Booth
Dinner included with ticket - provided by the "Pizza Truck"

DRINKS AT BAR PRICES



What do you do when you hear a cow moo?

Note: To all our farmers, this story may not tell the truth, so read it with a grain of salt.

George and Jenny, and their family, were staying in Buchan. They overlooked a huge paddock where there were many cows, eating.

Jenny said to George, "They look so lovely eating. Don't they get lonely?"

"Of course, they do. They are a social animal, but the cows like to have a calf beside them."

"And the bulls?" enquired Jenny.

"The bulls are usually kept away from the cows, but every now and then, the farmer lets a bull, or maybe more, into the paddock with the cows," said George.

"That's when ..." Jenny continued.

"That's when you will hear the bull give out a loud, raucous sound to invite the cows to follow him," said George.

"And the cows?"

"Well, we should ask the farmer why cows moo," remarked George.

So, the whole family went for a walk, down to the farm and George introduced them all to the farmer. He was an old man, wearing a chequered shirt and big baggy trousers, and he said his name was Harry.

"Not Prince Harry?" said Tobias.

"No, but he stole my name. He is a little younger than me," said the farmer. And they all laughed at the joke.

"Harry, is it okay if I call you Harry? We came down to ask you, why the cows moo," said Emma.

"My name is Henry, but I come to the name Harry," said Harry. "And as for the cows mooing, let me tell you a story about that."

They all settled down in the hay and listened while Harry told them about cows, their calves and mooing.

Harry began, "One day, when all the cows were eating, and their calves were drinking, a little brown and white calf decided to wander off. Down by the river. He got lost, and before long, it was dark. Well, he mooed for a bit, in the hope that his mother would find him. But no, he could hear all the other mothers mooing for their children but he couldn't tell which one was his, because all the cows sounded the same."

Harry went on, "Eventually, his mother found him. Shaken and lost."

"Poor thing!" chimed in Tobias.

"He said to his mother that he couldn't tell which moo hers was. And she decided to change her mooing just so her calf would always know which moo was her moo."

The children sighed with relief at hearing the news.

Harry concluded, "And so, you will hear the cows giving slightly different moos when calling their calves, usually at dinner time."

The children ran over to the fence and stood there silently while they listened to the cows calling their calves.

"Mmmoo!" said one, and another "Maww," and another said "Marrrr".

So, what do you do when you hear a cow moo? Listen to her melodious call, and then you will see which calf is hers.

Contributor: David Bloom

TELL YOUR STORY

Enter the Heywire Competition.
Up to 40 winners from all over regional
Australia will have their stories
featured on ABC TV and radio.

Entries close 18 September.
abc.net.au/heywire

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GET ACTIVE KIDS

VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, along with uniforms and equipment essential for participation. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for a voucher your child / dependant must be:

- aged 4 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a current (at the time of your application) Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and
- named on a valid Australian Government Medicare card.

You can apply for more than one voucher if you have more than one eligible child/dependant.

FUNDING DETAILS

You can be reimbursed up to \$200 for costs related to:

- membership, registration or general fees to participate at an affiliated sport or active recreation club, association or program
- equipment (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity
- uniforms and clothing (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity
- You must pay for the membership, registration fees, equipment or uniform first

You must have incurred membership expenses within eligible expenditure dates to claim uniform and equipment expenses.

You will then be reimbursed for part or all of the cost up to the value of \$200.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- the activity or program must be affiliated to a Victorian Government recognised Victorian State Sporting Association or Victorian State Sport and Recreation Body
- activities or programs should be a minimum of four sessions
- organised sport or outdoor recreation programs or camps involving multiple sessions of activities which may be conducted over one or more days will be eligible

WHEN CAN YOU APPLY?

There are specific dates (claim periods) when you can apply. You must have incurred your expenses within specific dates too. Please refer to the table below:

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE DATES	CLAIM PERIODS (applications open)
1 January 2021 – 11 April 2021	1 March 2021 – 11 April 2021 NOW CLOSED
1 January 2021 – 9 July 2021	31 May 2021 – 9 July 2021
9 July 2021 – 12 Nov 2021	4 Oct 2021 – 12 Nov 2021
12 Nov 2021 – 15 April 2022	7 March 2022 – 15 April 2022

MORE INFORMATION

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PROJECT COORDINATOR -
RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE
BUILDING PROJECT
SUPPORTED BY THE VICTORIAN
GOVERNMENT

The Children with Additional Needs Working Group have been working hard to bring it's Five Year Strategy to life. A big part of the strategy is to understand the needs of children and families across East Gippsland to help recovery and build resilience.

I AM HERE TO HELP WITH...

- Collect stories of experiences from families, children, service providers and community to help identify needs
- Work closely with those who deliver workshops and online forums to help build knowledge
- Ask questions about the needs so we can best be helping in a holistic way
- Work out ways to provide some of the big stuff - legal
- Gather information to help provide assistance that are easy to understand for families and carers
- Work with emergency response organisations to help you and your family prepare for times of emergency
- For things outside the scope of the project like case management or advocacy with NDIS plans, signpost you to the right people to help
- Work with service providers to hear how they are strengthening services for East Gippsland

Jodie Simpson
Ph: 0407 372 036
Email: jodie@jodiesimpsonconsulting.com.au

The Children with Additional Needs Working Group (CWANWG) at Save the Children Australia have been working hard to secure additional resources to help bring their Five Year Strategy and Action Plan to life. They were successful in obtaining a grant from Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) for the next 16 months (finishes in August 2022) with the main focus on:

1. Building the capacity of parents and carers of children with additional needs across East Gippsland
2. Mapping and documenting pathways for children and families in ways that are easy to understand
3. Improving feedback from children and families to improve supports and services

Jodie Simpson (see poster on the left) is leading the Recovery and Resilience Building Project working with the CWANWG. Jodie, with the support of the CWANWG has a solid action plan to do this work across Mallacoota, Orbost, Cann River and Buchan.

This is a great opportunity to understand the needs of children and their families across East Gippsland and to work towards some outcomes that are going to make a real difference to everyone.

For further information, please contact Jodie on 0407 372 036 and leave a text or a message. She will get back to you as soon as she can. Jodie works a 5 day fortnight so please be patient if a response is not immediate. Jodie can also be emailed on jodie@jodiesimpsonconsulting.com.au if email is easier for you.

MASSAGE & NATUROPATHY

13th July 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
silvaust@gmail.com or call 0468 387 524



**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 are held fortnightly on a Tuesday.

The next services for 2021 will be:

Tuesday 29th June

Tuesday 13th July

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

At the Neighbourhood House we have...

- * Bare rooted Irises ready for planting
- * Bunching onion seeds donated by Denis Gilbert
(These onions are perennial and an ideal
alternative for spring onions.)
- * Bulbs — including Snow Drops, Bella Donna Lily (also
known as Naked Ladies) and Paper Whites
- * Primary School level children's books donated by the
Rotary 123 Read program
- * Plants from Lakes Entrance Gardening Group



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. No services are held at present.

For enquiries contact Leona Lavell 5155 9395

Anglican Church

St Mary's, Main Street, Buchan. Café Church meets 3rd
Sunday of each month at 2.30pm. For details contact
Rhonda Coates 5155 9373



Planned Burns Victoria Planned burn notifications



Planned Burns Victoria is a web-based service that sends you an SMS and/or email
about upcoming planned burns. Subscribe to Victorian locations of interest and
you'll be notified about Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC) and Country Fire
Authority (CFA) burns in those locations.

Step 1 Find a location

- Go to plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au
- Type a postcode, suburb, town, address or a state/national park in
the 'Search' box.
- Select the best option from the choices shown.
- The map shows the location you selected.

Step 2 Subscribe to a location

- Click 'Subscribe to area' then use the + and - symbols to select
the area you want to be notified about
- Click 'Subscribe to this area'

Step 3 Customise your notifications

- Tick the box/es to subscribe to notification services you wish to receive (SMS,
email or both).
- Add your mobile number and email address details and click 'Save.'
- You can subscribe to more than one location.
- You can subscribe to a location even if no burns are showing on the map at
that location. Any new burns added to your selected location later will be
automatically included in your subscription.

Step 4 Receive notifications

- When a burn gets close to being carried out in a location you subscribed to,
Planned Burns Victoria will automatically send you a notification.
- You'll receive an SMS and/or email when a burn is 'Within 10 days',
the 'Next 24 hours' or is 'In progress'.
- You will also receive a notification when a burn is completed and
then being 'Patrolled' and when it is declared 'Safe'.

*Note - burns may be postponed, or not go ahead, even if you receive a message
that it is happening soon.*

- Once logged in, edit your subscriptions by clicking 'Your Account' at the top
of the screen. You can change your preferred communications and
unsubscribe to selected areas, as well as update your contact details, or
delete your account.

Step 5 Need help? Need more information?

Call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226



Buchan and Gelantipy Rejuvenation Project

Saturday, 26th June 2021

TOPIC: Pruning Fruit Trees

Time: 12.30 to 3.00 pm

Many of you purchased fruit trees and deciduous last year
and may like some advice on how to prune and maintain
them to establish a great growing structure to create some
great future crops.

Learn basic principles for pruning stone fruits, citrus and
trees. Includes espalier establishment and maintenance.

Presenter: Alan Broughton

Please register for this workshop at the Neighbourhood
House by Thursday 17th June on 5155 9216 or 0427 586
038 or send us an email at buchanbnh@bigpond.com

Please bring a lunch to share.