

# Buchan and District

## New Residents Welcome Pack



(photo courtesy of Scott Kingman)

## Revised February 2020

(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*

We 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.



# 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

<b>Police</b>	Senior Constable Ray Moreland	51 559 268
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*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.*

<b>Country Fire Authority</b>	Buchan	Contact Peter White	51 559 494
	Gelantipy	Contact Keith Davies	51 550 281

<b>State Emergency Service</b>	Contact Jim McCole	51 559 291
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### 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

<b>Buchan Bush Nursing Centre</b>	51 559 222
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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

<b>Gelantipy Bush Nursing Centre</b>	51 550 274
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Gelantipy Road

Operating Hours: 9 a.m. to 2p.m. Monday to Thursday.  
Saturdays by appointment only.

<b>East Gippsland Shire Council</b>	Free call 1800 555 886
	Buchan Outreach 51 559 216
	24 hr Emergency 51 539 500

<b>East Gippsland Water</b>	1300 134 202 24 hours
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## 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)

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### Defibrillators

Available at

Buchan Recreation Pavilion near the canteen area

Buchan Bush Nursing Centre in the car port

# Other Health Services

Poisons Information Line 13 11 26

When people are desperate, perhaps suicidal

- Lifeline 13 11 14 ~ 24 hours
- Suicide Help Line 1300 651 251 ~ 24 hours

For children aged up to 18 years

- Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800 ~ 24 hours

For parents needing help

- Parent line 13 22 89 ~ 8 am to midnight

Sexual Assault,

- Centre Against Sexual Assault ~ 03 9635 9600
- Sexual Abuse Helpline ~ 131 200

Women's and Men's Information

- Women's Information and Referral Exchange (WIRE) ~ 1300 134 130
- Men's Line ~ 1300 789 978
- Men's Referral Service ~1800 065 976

Drug and Alcohol

- Family Drug Help ~ 1300 660 068
- Family Drug Support ~ 1300 368 186
- Quitline ~ 13 18 48
- Direct line ~ 1800 888 236

Mental Health

- Rural Mental Health Support Line ~ 1800 201 123
- Beyond Blue ~ 1300 22 4636

Gay and Lesbian

- Gay and Lesbian Switchboard ~ 1800 184 527

## 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

**Eastwood Vets** 5152 4152  
26 Howitt Ave, Bairnsdale  
reception@eastwoodvets.com.au

**Main Street Veterinary Clinic**  
325 Main St, Bairnsdale 5152 6666

**Relievapet**  
Bairnsdale East, VIC 5152 2653

**Snowy River Veterinary Clinic**  
32 Salisbury St, Orbost 51 541 582

**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 5152 1389  
40 Giles St, Bairnsdale  
Email: aaeg@animalaid.org.au  
Animal Shelter and adoptions (Dogs and Cats)

**East Gippsland Wildlife Shelter Group Inc**  
Contact  
The Treasurer  
Phone: 5143 0885  
Email: 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.

**Badger** 1300 223 427

**RACV Roadside Assist** 13111

**Whale and Dolphin Emergency Hotline** 1300 136 017

**DELWP Wildlife Unit Gippsland** 1300 136 017 Also have a list of Wildlife Carers

**Wombat Mange Management**  
P: (03) 5944 4378  
E: [info@mangemanagement.org.au](mailto:info@mangemanagement.org.au)  
W: [www.mangemanagement.org.au](http://www.mangemanagement.org.au)



## **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. These are for sale at the Neighbourhood House.  
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](mailto:feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au)

## Special Interest Groups

### **Buchan Arts Council**

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

#### Statement of Purpose

To develop, foster, maintain and provide facilities for all artistic expression in the study and appreciation of artistic expression and all of its forms.

To assist in, co-ordinate and promote activities of all art forms with similar aims and interests, whether they be professional or amateur.

To undertake and promote any theatrical or artistic performance or demonstration, art display, exposition of handcraft, exhibition of art and craft subjects or cinematographic exhibitions.

To assist local artists or crafts persons whether professional or amateur to further their interests in the arts.

New members are welcome.

*Contact Suzanne Davies Secretary 51 559 415*

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

*or [buchanartscouncil@yahoo.com.au](mailto:buchanartscouncil@yahoo.com.au)*

### **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)*

### **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)*



### **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 Rhonda Coates  
Main St, Buchan*

### **Music Group**

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 Ian and Julia Delaney 51 550 353  
[juliamarion11@gmail.com](mailto:juliamarion11@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

### Uniting Church

*For service details contact Mary Wheeler 51559330*

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 VIC3885

*5155 0329*

## Sport

### Cricket

Senior and Junior Teams.

*Contact*

*Sue Harper, Secretary 51559202*

*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 sand scrapes, 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.

There is no longer any night access as the coin operated machine for the lights is no longer available. Should you want to access the light you will need to arrange for keys from the Recreation and Hall Committee

*Evelyn Schmidt Secretary 0427586038*

### **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  
Tara King Club District Commissioner  
*Post Office Box 12 Buchan*  
[www.buchan.ponyclubvic.org.au/](http://www.buchan.ponyclubvic.org.au/)

### **Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Victoria)**

EAST GIPPSLAND RANGE

Buchan Rifle Range Rd, Buchan South, Vic 3885

General shoot days

Fourth Sunday except December, 10am to 4pm

Weekday shooting

Every second Wednesday, 10am to 4pm

The range has 12 lanes with concrete benches, from 25m to 500m, and caters to all calibres. Male and female toilets, running water, shelter and a picnic area provided. The range is located on the Bruthen Buchan Road, 18km from the Buchan Caves turn-off on Bruthen Nowa Nowa Road, when heading to Buchan Caves. It is on the right-hand side after crossing T-tree Creek twice. Calibre limitations: All calibres allowed, including 50 cal BMG.

Contact Garry Proudlock 0427 867868

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

Buchan Recreation and Hall Committee  
Management Committee

Contact Evelyn Schmidt Secretary 0427 586 038

Recreation Reserve Pavilion

Buchan Mechanics Hall

Main Street, Buchan

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

Contact Evelyn Schmidt 0427 586 038

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 Driver 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	51 559 286
Sean Canning	Handyman and Gardening Service	0428 094 980
Greg Brick	Plumbing	51 559 217 0418316739
Callemondah	Graham Day	042 227-8007

General Store/Post Office	Steve and Sue Harper	51 559 202
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Include mail and paper times

Fishing Licences: Required for all rivers, lakes and marine areas

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.

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

Eftpos Is available at the General Store and Roadhouse

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

Road House	Jane and Scott Cummings	51 559 48
Petrol and Gas supplies		
Karoonda Park Gelantipy		51 550220
Petrol and Gas supplies		
Buchan Valley Garage	Peter Lawford	51 559 360 0437 260 701
Willys Wood Heap	Bill and Sandra Livingstone	045 9422 469 51 559 416
Greg King	Buchan Excavations	51 559 314
Willing Workers on Organic Farms		51 550 218



## 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 Mel Roberts

0422 361 560

### 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.

Meeting 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 Rhonda Coates 51 559 373

Three Day Event including Gymkhana and Cross Country

Easter

Contact Peter Favaloro 0427 575 286

### Wulgulmerang Team Penning

Contact Sarah Rogers

### Snowy River Sprint

Peter Washington 0418 337 955

[peter@mountainmotorsport.com.au](mailto:peter@mountainmotorsport.com.au)

### ANZAC Service

Held Annually at the Buchan South Avenue of Honour

## Remembrance Day Service

Held Annually at the Buchan South Avenue of Honour

Contact Darryl Jordan 51 559 229

## Accommodation

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)

## Cave Tours

### 51 621 900

### Buchan Cave Tours information 24/7/2018

Guided tours are conducted daily in Royal Cave and Fairy Cave. Both caves are lit and have concrete pathways. Buchan Caves is opened 364 days of the year and close only Christmas Day. Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the park.

#### Royal Cave

Cave length is 500 metres.

There are 150 steps.

Some stooping required.

Man-made tunnel entrance.

Temperature in cave is a constant 17 degrees.

Royal Cave features beautiful calcite-rimmed pools. Pass through the stunning Font of the Gods and Princess Royal Chambers viewing many stalagmites and stalactites. Royal Cave is the easier out of the two show caves.

#### Fairy Cave

Cave length is 500 metres.

There are 200 steps throughout the cave.

Some stooping required.

Spiral staircase entrance.

Temperature in cave is a constant 17 degrees.

Fairy Cave features elaborate stalactites and stalagmites, highly adorned passages and impressive decorations throughout cave. Marvel at the Ivory Palace, Kings Chamber and Blackwood Chamber.

### Royal and Fairy Cave tour times

When	Tour times
<b>Royal Cave*</b> - The start of September school holidays until the 30 April	10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.30pm
<b>Royal Cave*</b> - The 1 May until the start of September school holidays	11.00am, 3.00pm
<b>Fairy Cave*</b> - The start of September school holidays until the 30 April	11.15am, 2.15pm
<b>Fairy Cave*</b> - The 1 May until the start of September school holidays	1.00pm

\* 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	\$22.90
Child	\$13.50
Senior	\$19.10
Family (2 adults, 2 children 5 - 16 years)	\$63.40
<a href="#">Stair climber</a>	\$13.50

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

Ticket type	Price
Adult	\$34.40
Child	\$19.90
Senior	\$28.10
Family (2 adults, 2 children 5 - 16 years)	\$94.50

**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)

## Cave tour bookings

**Purchase a tour ticket online at <http://www.parkstay.vic.gov.au/buchan-cave-tours>** before you visit Buchan Caves. Tickets may still be purchased on the day at the Visitor Centre subject to availability. Online cave tour tickets close 24 hours prior to each tour time.

## Federal Cave Tour

This historical tour provides a unique opportunity to view a cave that is rarely open to the public and is part of the same cave system as the Royal and the Fairy show caves. Lit only by solar-powered pathway lights, you are provided with a helmet and headlight to view this section of the cave system which is so very different from the Royal and the Fairy show caves.

Cost: Adult \$38.30 Child \$27.30

Duration of tour: Approximately 1 hour

Meeting Point: Buchan Caves Reserve Visitor Centre

Suitable age: Not recommended for children under the age of 8 unless accompanied by guardian.

Other information:

- \* Payment is required when booking is made
- \* Minimum Number required: 6
- \* Maximum Number permitted: 10
- \* Please wear sturdy footwear

Bookings are required for the Federal Cave tour. Please telephone the Buchan Caves Reserve Visitor Centre on (03) 5162 1900.

## Accessibility Information

The spectacular Royal and Fairy Caves at Buchan Caves Reserve are generally not accessible for visitors with significant mobility limitations. This is because of the narrow cave passageways, low rock ceilings and the many steps leading to and through the caves.

However, an electric Stairclimber provided by the reserve enables access to one section of Fairy Cave for children and light adults weighing up to 60 kgs.



Operated by a cave guide, the Stairclimber can take seated children and adults with mobility limitations up and down the steps in Fairy Cave. Bookings are required in advance.

### **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**

<b>Buchan Tip</b>	0419 359 763
Monday	8am to 12 noon
Wednesday	8am to 12 noon
Friday	8am to 12 noon
Sunday	9am to 1 pm

### **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 but we also have them for sale in Buchan at the Neighbourhood House. Currently they are \$4.10 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, Buchan South and Buchan East and Seldom Seen

**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 4G available. Mobile phone reception has recently been improved with new towers at Buchan South and Seldom seen and another tower proposed for Gelantipy in 2019

### **Landlines**

*For telephone difficulties and faults call 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 tanks 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

## Buchan Transfer Station

Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8.30am to 12 noon

Sunday 8.30am to 1pm

**0419 359 763**

## 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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