

Buchan Phoenix

Rising from the ashes...

Communication for the community by the community

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The **Buchan Phoenix**

acknowledges Aboriginal and
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the Traditional

Custodians of the land and
acknowledges and pays respect
to their Elders, past and present.



The
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Black Mountain,
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Buchan East,
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Gelantipy,
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Murrindal,
Suggan Buggan,
Timbarra,
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Wulgulmerang.



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2026**

(Melbourne Cup Weekend)





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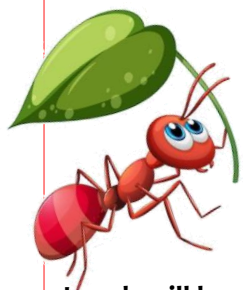


Last year's show was a tremendous success, with **745 entries** across the flower, produce, cooking, art and craft sections – and that's **before** adding the photography competition and the wonderful entries from our preschool, primary and secondary students. It was a fantastic display of local talent and creativity, and we'd love to see even more people involved this year.

The 2026 Schedule is currently being finalised and will be available soon, giving



everyone plenty of time to decide what they might like to enter. As part of our annual review, we've made a few changes to the schedule. Classes that have attracted little or no interest, including **Single Fuchsia, Double Fuchsia, Peony – Three Stems** (the **One Stem Peony** class remains), and the **Contemporary Arrangement** in the Floral Art section, have been removed. We've also streamlined the Open Cooking section by removing **Pikelets, Lamingtons** and **Orange Cake**. By reducing the number of classes, we're hoping to encourage stronger competition and more entries across the remaining sections.



To help both new and experienced exhibitors prepare for this year's show, we are holding a **free workshop on Friday, 17 July at 11.30 am** at the **Buchan Neighbourhood House**. Join **Barbara Horder** and **Jan Read** from the **Lakes Entrance Garden Group** as they share practical tips on **being a Show Steward and entering the show as an exhibitor**.

Whether you've never entered before or would like to learn more about judging, presentation and what happens behind the scenes, this session will be well worth attending.

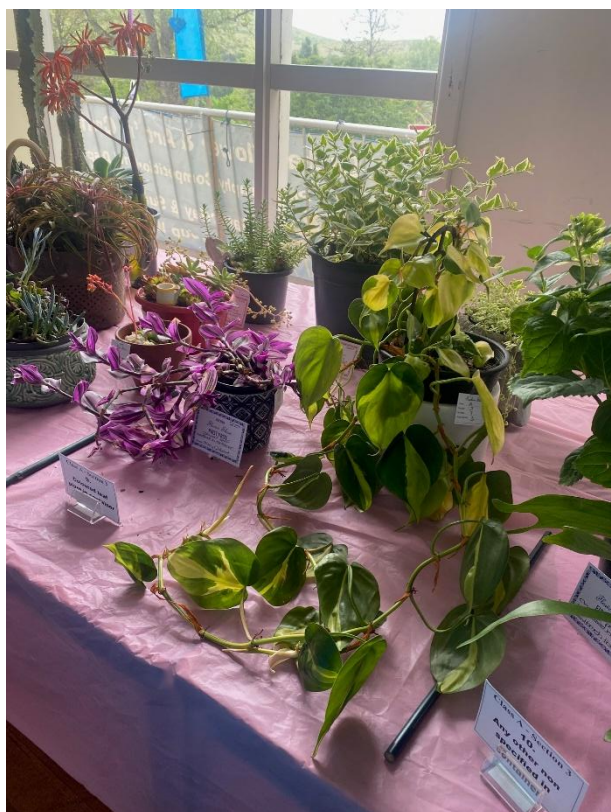
Lunch will be provided, so please book your place with the Buchan Neighbourhood House for catering purposes.

Now is the perfect time to start preparing for the show. Gardeners can begin by pruning roses around 10 weeks before the show to encourage blooms at the right time, feeding flowering plants with a quality fertiliser, dividing perennials, refreshing garden beds, and planning spring vegetables and herbs for the produce section. It's also a great time to think about craft projects, photography and baking ideas.



Whether you're an experienced exhibitor or have never entered before, we'd love you to have a go. There are classes for flowers, floral art, produce, preserves, cooking, arts and crafts, photography, and children's entries, so there's something for everyone.

Keep an eye out for the 2026 Schedule, and start thinking about what you might enter. Every entry helps make the Buchan Flower, Arts & Craft Show one of the district's favourite community events!




Flower Show Workshop

Free Workshop for New & Experienced Exhibitors

Friday 17 July • at 11:30 am

Buchan Neighbourhood House

Barbara Horder & Jan Read from
Lakes Entrance Garden Group

Lunch provided - Please book with
Buchan Neighbourhood House



Baby & Child First Aid + CPR

BUCHAN

Course

Duration 3 hours

CPR baby & child

Burns

Head injuries

Choking

Poisoning & ingestion

Childhood illness

Seizures



**TUESDAY 8TH
SEPTEMBER 2026
10 AM TO 1 PM AT
THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE**

The
Latrobe Health Services
Foundation



Tickets:

<https://www.intix.com.au/event/baby-child-first-aid-buchan/information>

Baby & Child First Aid Buchan

Buchan Neighbourhood House

8 September 2026

@ 10:00 AM to 1.00 PM

In this session participants will gain knowledge and skills in how to manage common childhood accidents, injuries and illnesses common in children from birth to teens

Following completion of the workshop you will be able to;

- Perform CPR on a baby or child
- Apply and use an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)
- Identify and distinguish the difference between choking, gagging and coughing
- Perform choking first aid (5 back blows and 5 chest thrusts)
- Identify the red flags for children following head injuries
- Perform burn first aid
- Perform the PIT (Pressure Immobilisation Technique) for snake bites and funnel webs
- Perform first aid for bug bites and stings
- Manage life threatening and non-life threatening bleeding
- Identify the red flags of common childhood illnesses
- Describe common symptoms following childhood vaccinations and identify when to seek help
- Identify signs and symptoms of allergies and anaphylaxis
- Perform administration of an EPI-PEN autoinjector

In addition to the above we cover accident prevention strategies for drowning, choking, burns, head injuries, car accidents farm safety and when to go the GP, versus the hospital or when you can watch and wait at home.

This education is provided free to parents and carers of children in Gippsland by the Sisterhood Project due to the generosity of a grant from the Latrobe Foundation.

www.thesisterhoodproject.com

**Extended
Baby & Child
First Aid**



Buchan Neighbourhood House

**8 September 2026
10:00AM - 1.00PM**

The
Latrobe Health Services
Foundation



BUCHAN PRESENTS

2026 NYE FIREWORKS ON AGAIN!

*Buchan Presents is proud to once again host the
Buchan New Year's Eve Fireworks 2026 — one of East
Gippsland's most loved and unique community celebrations.*

This event offers something different from the larger coastal celebrations. It's family-friendly, welcoming, and deeply connected to community — attracting locals, travellers, holidaymakers, and families looking for a meaningful way to welcome the New Year together.

Each year, hundreds gather in Buchan to celebrate, creating an atmosphere that reminds us just how special small communities can be.

But events like this don't happen without support.

We're calling on our community — businesses, families, locals, visitors, past residents, and anyone with a soft spot for Buchan — to help us make 2026 bigger and better than ever.

Your contribution, big or small, helps us:

- Keep this free, family-friendly event alive
- Support local tourism and businesses
- Bring visitors into our town
- Create magical memories for local children and families
- Continue building the community spirit Buchan is known for

You don't need to own a business to contribute.



Every donation, sponsorship, raffle prize, service, or helping hand makes a difference.



*When you support Buchan New Year's Eve Fireworks, you're not just funding an event —
you're investing in our community, our future, and the memories we create together.*

If you'd like to sponsor, donate, contribute in another way,
or simply have a chat about getting involved,

please reach out to Kirstie on 0434 350 988

or email buchanbta@gmail.com

Because if we want great things in small towns, we need to build them together.

COUNCIL'S CULTIVATING A

NEW AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE – ROOM FOR TWO

East Gippsland Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from local farmers, producers and agribusiness representatives to fill two vacancies on the Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee (ASAC).

ASAC is Council's direct line to the paddock – giving farmers, producers and agribusinesses a real say in the decisions that affect them. It's how Council stays plugged into what's happening across one of the region's most important industries.

Council is after people who are hands-on in the sector and keen to help shape its future.

Mayor Cr Ashworth said the committee is a vital link between Council and the region's farming communities.

"Agriculture is a cornerstone of East Gippsland's economy and community. The Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee brings together local knowledge and experience to help inform Council's decision-making on issues that matter to our farmers, producers and agribusinesses.

"We encourage applications from people with a broad range of agricultural backgrounds who are keen to contribute their expertise and help shape the future of the industry in East Gippsland."

The Committee provides advice on a range of matters affecting the sector, including industry resilience, strategic planning, emerging issues, natural disasters, water security, biosecurity concerns and Council policies that impact agricultural businesses and communities.

The successful applicants will join a committee that includes representatives from key agricultural organisations, Councillors and industry representatives from across East Gippsland. Committee meetings are held quarterly, with additional meetings convened as required.

For applicants from the further reaches of shire, Council have introduced reimbursement of costs incurred and there is the option to join online.

Successful applicants will serve out the remainder of the current committee term (to November 2027), with the option of a further two-year term after that. Read the full Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee Charter.

Expressions of Interest form can be accessed online through Agricultural Assistance.

Applications should include:

- A summary of your agricultural industry involvement
- Relevant industry, community or committee experience
- Skills and attributes you'd bring to the table
- A completed EOI form
- **Applications close: 10 August 2026, 5.00 pm.**

For more on the Committee and its role, contact Council's Economic Development team.

**Send applications to: Kaylene Wickham
Agribusiness Development Officer**

East Gippsland Shire Council

Email: economic.development@egipps.vic.gov.au

Phone: 03 5153 9500



BEAT DUMB THUMB

SET LIMITS BEFORE YOU BET

Ever noticed your thumb gets excited when it comes to gambling apps? Once it sees the alerts, bonus offers and multi bets, it can't get enough. It's called 'Dumb Thumb'. But the good news is, you can beat it by setting limits.

- ✓ Max once a week
- ✓ Max 2 types of gambling
- ✓ Max 2% of weekly pay

Beat Dumb Thumb

VGGCC
Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission

VICTORIA
State Government

2026 Gippsland Red Meat Conference

'EVERY DECISION COUNTS'

Hear from leading industry experts and producers as they share practical insights on:

- ✦ Markets and industry outlooks
- ✦ Feed and fertiliser investment
- ✦ Drought preparedness and containment feeding
- ✦ Weighty weaners
- ✦ Virtual fencing
- ✦ Business management and succession planning



Explore the decisions producers make that influence the productivity, profitability and future sustainability of their farming businesses. From market outlooks and business management to drought preparedness, feed and fertiliser investment, weighty weaners and emerging technologies, the conference will deliver practical insights and real-world experiences that can be applied on-farm.

Attendees will also enjoy a virtual farm tour, trade displays, networking opportunities and access to the latest industry innovations. Whether you're a beef, sheep or mixed farming producer, this conference will provide practical take-home messages to help you make informed decisions and build a more resilient and profitable farming business.

Book your ticket: Scan the QR Code

Tuesday 25 August 2026

Sale Baptist Church

283 Princes Highway, Sale VIC



Improving Lamb Performance: Worms, Grazing & Growth

GIPPSLAND SHEEP PRODUCERS DAY

THURS 23RD JULY

8AM TO 12:30PM LUNCH INCLUDED
GIPPSLAND AG CENTRE (BAIRNSDALE AIRPORT)

TOPIC 1

Worms, Drenching & Resistance Management

Keren Walker & Amy Rogers

- Current worm and drench resistance challenges in Gippsland
- Smart drenching strategies
- Avoiding resistance through management
- Practical tools available

TOPIC 2

Smart Strategies For Worm Control

Alison Gunn

- Integrating grazing management with drench programs
- Utilising Barbevax in your worm control program
- Practical paddock planning for livestock systems

TOPIC 3

Lamb Growth, Carcass Traits & Future Markets

Lachlan Jeffers MLA & Alister Micallef

- Understanding future market and how producers can position themselves.
- Market demands and how growth rates influence profitability and market access.
- GippsLAMB results over the last two years

REGISTER Click link: <https://bit.ly/4vurfW2>

Scan QR Code Need info? Call Alister on 0418 576 957

This project has been funded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund with support from Food & Fibre Gippsland. The Producer Demonstration Site is supported by Meat & Livestock Australia.

Gippsland grain growers and advisers - the Grains Research and Development Corporation National Grower Network Forum needs your ideas, issues, constraints and opportunities for RD&E investments to enhance profitability in your region.

Hear from guest speakers Dr Joshua Fanning and Melissa Cook from Agriculture Victoria on foliar and soil-borne diseases, as well as Ben Morris from FAR Australia who will provide insights on crop disease trials. Chris Jehu from Countryside Business Partners will also present on defining and maintaining margins in cropping and getting the balance right between cropping and livestock.

On the day you'll hear about:

- ✓ Practical ways to improve crop profitability
- ✓ Finding the right balance between cropping and livestock
- ✓ The latest cereal and pulse disease updates and management strategies
- ✓ Results from current crop disease trials and local research
- ✓ Emerging opportunities and challenges for Gippsland grain growers
- ✓ Have your say on future GRDC research priorities for our region

Tuesday 21 July 2026 | 10:00 am – 2:45 pm

The Star Hotel, 173 Raymond Street, Sale | Free to attend – lunch included

This is a great opportunity to learn from experienced researchers, connect with other farmers and advisers, ask questions, and take-home practical information that can help your business.

Agronomists, farmers, consultants and industry representatives are all welcome.

NATIONAL GROWER NETWORK FORUM - SALE (Vic)

The Star Hotel
173 Raymond Street,
SALE VIC 3850

CLASSES ARE NOW BACK WEEKLY!

LINE DANCING

WITH



East Gippy
Heart
LINE DANCE & EVENTS

6.00 - 8.00 PM

Venue **Buchan Hall**



Cost \$20 per session
FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION CALL
Neighbourhood House on
0493 070 332

YOUTH ON PURPOSE PROGRAM

PARTICIPANTS DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS TO LEAD A **PURPOSE DRIVEN**
LIFE

Youth On Purpose is a high-impact, weekend program designed to ignite self-discovery, purpose, and community-minded leadership in young people. Led by dynamic motivational artist Chico Johnson, the program uses interactive performance, storytelling, and creative expression to inspire participants to explore who they are, what they've been through, and how they can use it all to fuel a life of purpose and contribution. We assist participants in finding their authentic and unique identity, reducing isolation and anxiety, improving self-worth and sense of belonging, and exploring solutions to better the world around them.

2 DAYS



DATES

Friday 31 July 2026
6pm - 9pm

Saturday 1 August 2026
10am - 4pm



VENUE

The Forge Theatre
80 McKean St. Bairnsdale VIC

BOOK YOUR SPOT

SCAN TO BOOK



FREE ENTRY

The course is provided for **FREE**, but due to limited spaces, a **\$30 booking deposit** is required. This will then be refunded after you attend.



CheekyMac Productions



GIPPSLAND
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

If you're aged 12–25 and live, work or study in East Gippsland, now's the time to finish your masterpiece and submit your entry.

Categories:

- 2D
- 3D
- First Nations
- Collaborative Piece
- Digital Media / Photography

Win cash prizes, including:

- ✦ 1st Prize – \$250
- ✦ People's Choice – \$250
- ✦ Collaborative Piece – \$250 (shared)
- ✦ Overall Judge's Choice – \$500

Entries close: Friday, 7 August 2026 at 5:00 pm

Don't miss your chance to showcase your creativity and be part of this year's exhibition.

Enter

now: <https://eastgippsland.smartygrants.com.au/YAP26>

Youth Art Prize 2026

ENTRIES OPEN 5PM / WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

CATEGORIES

- 2D
- 3D
- FIRST NATIONS
- COLLABORATIVE PIECE
- DIGITAL MEDIA / PHOTOGRAPHY

Cash Prizes

ENTRIES CLOSE 5PM / FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

Aged
12–25
Years





20% off rego is here

Apply from 1 June – 31 July





Apply online through Service Victoria
Visit service.vic.gov.au/rego-rebate or
in the **Service Victoria app**

Victorian Government Contact Centre: 132 VIC

For eligible vehicles registered in your name. T&Cs apply.



Connect in Gippsland

conversation • collaboration • choice

Gippsland's new linkages program for people who care for a person with a
disability and 16 -25 year olds living with a disability

**JOIN US FOR OPENING CELEBRATIONS &
MORNING TEA**

11 AM

21 July 2026
Room 2, The Hub, BAIRNSDALE



Scan the QR code to register or RSVP to toni.cheasley@gippscasa.org with numbers, dietary and accessibility requirements

**SNOWY RIVER SPRINT SET TO
IGNITE EAST GIPPSLAND THIS
SEPTEMBER**

The roar of rally cars will once again echo through the stunning landscapes of East Gippsland as the upcoming Snowy River Sprint (12-13 Sept) prepares to deliver one of the most exciting weekends on the Australian motorsport calendar.

Hosted by Australian Tarmac Rally, the Snowy River Sprint returns as Round 3 of the Australian Tarmac Rally Championship, bringing teams to the picturesque town of Buchan for two action-packed days of tarmac rallying. Across more than 240 kilometres of competitive stages, crews will tackle fast-flowing roads, technical sections, and constantly changing conditions that have made the Snowy River Sprint a favourite amongst Australia's tarmac rally community. With short transport sections and a tightly packed schedule, the event delivers maximum seat time for competitors.

Beyond the competition itself, the Australian Tarmac Rally continues to bring significant value to the regions it visits. The event injects tourism and economic activity into the local communities of Buchan & Lakes Entrance, with teams and officials filling accommodation, dining venues and local attractions throughout the weekend.





This accessibility has become a major focus for ATR as it continues to grow participation in tarmac rallying across Australia.

The upcoming event is expected to attract a diverse field of modern performance cars, classic rally machinery, and everyday road cars, further cementing the Snowy River Sprint as one of Victoria's must-do motorsport events.



The event caters to a wide range of motorsport enthusiasts, from seasoned rally competitors through to first-time entrants in the Tour category.

For more event information or to submit your entry application, head to our website - www.tarmacrally.com

Recycling Workshop Brings New Recycling Opportunities to Buchan



Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Recycling Workshop presented by East Gippsland Shire Council's Waste Minimisation and Sustainability Officer, Carina Turner and Meg West Waste and Recycling Education Officer.

It was an informative session that highlighted the many ways we can reduce waste, recycle more effectively and help protect our local environment. The workshop has already delivered some great outcomes for our community.

New Blister Pack Recycling Collection

Used medication blister packs can now be recycled locally. A dedicated collection container has been installed at the **Buchan Neighbourhood House** on the veranda for 24 hour access, making it easy for residents to recycle these items instead of sending them to landfill.



New Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) Basket Bins

Two new Container Deposit Scheme basket bins have also been installed in the main street to encourage recycling of eligible 10-cent drink containers.

You will find them:

- Outside the Buchan General Store.
- Near the Service Station.

These community baskets work on a simple "either leave or take the 10 cent items." principle. Anyone can place eligible containers in the baskets for others to collect and redeem through the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme, helping keep recyclable containers out of landfill.



Additional Recycling at the Bush Nursing Centre

Following the visit, it was confirmed that the **Buchan Bush Nursing Centre** accepts several hard-to-recycle household items, including:

- Glad food storage products
- Gillette and Venus razors
- Dishwashing and Air Care containers

This provides another convenient local recycling option for our community.

Green Waste – What Can Go to the Transfer Station?

A reminder that the **Buchan Transfer Station** accepts clean garden waste for mulching, including:

- Grass clippings and leaves
- Small twigs, sticks and branches (generally under 75–100 mm thick)
- Garden prunings and flowers

However, because this material is processed into mulch, the following **must not** be included:

- Noxious weeds such as blackberry, ragwort, broom and gorse
- Thick stumps and logs
- Soil and rocks
- Wire, plastic pots, garden hoses or treated timber
- Garden waste in plastic bags

If you're unsure whether a particular plant is considered a noxious weed, please ask the staff at the Transfer Station before unloading.

For more information about identifying invasive weeds, see the East Gippsland Shire Council's **Weeds in East Gippsland** information page. <https://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/environment-and-waste/weeds-in-east-gippsland>

Thank you to Carina Turner, Megan West and East Gippsland Shire Council for visiting Buchan and helping our community improve local recycling opportunities. Small changes by many people can make a significant difference to reducing waste and protecting our beautiful environment.

EGMI PARTNERS ATTEND FOR FREE - Email: info@egmi.com.au for your discount code



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COLLECTIVE

egmi.Business

0730 - 0900 AM
THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2026
EAGLE POINT FORESHORE HUB
12 Eagle Bay Drive, Eagle Point

Networking Speaker Event

Paris shares the inspiring blueprint for regional rejuvenation, remote innovation & community resilience.



Paris Brooke, EO - The Wilderness Collective, Mallacoota

Paris Brooke from The Wilderness Collective will share the inspiring blueprint for regional rejuvenation, remote innovation, and community resilience.

Based in Mallacoota, this dedicated social enterprise is transforming local challenges into opportunities by establishing a thriving, self-sufficient co-working hub and study space.

During her presentation, Paris will discuss their tailored enterprise support networks, micro-business capability programs, and practical digital mentoring designed to unlock sustainable employment and career pathways. Attendees will gain valuable insights into how community-led initiatives can empower regional entrepreneurs and foster lasting economic and social vitality across East Gippsland.

Thursday, 13 August 2026 | 7:30am – 9:00am | Eagle Point Foreshore Hub | 12 Eagle Bay Drive, Eagle Point
<https://events.humanitix.com/egmi-business-networking-event-c7swk7kh>

The **Buchan Recreation Reserve Committee of Management** held its Triennial Meeting on Monday, 22 June, with community members and user groups coming together to elect the Committee for the next three-year term.

The newly elected Committee is:

- **Chairperson:** Peter Favoloro (Pony Club Representative)
- **Vice President:** Ean Free
- **Treasurer:** Susie Edwards
- **Secretary:** **Position Vacant**
- **Football/Netball Representative:** Brady Phelan
- **Tennis Club Representative:** Sophie Sandy
- **Avenue of Honour Representative:** Evelyn Schmidt
- **Committee Members:** Denise Free, Jack Free and Donna Mraz

BUCHAN HALL AND RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE

SEEKS SECRETARY



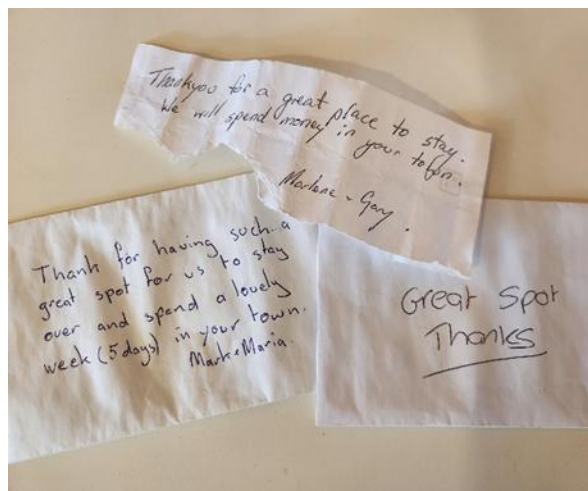
The Committee looks forward to working together over the next three years to ensure the Recreation Reserve continues to provide quality facilities for our sporting clubs, community groups, visitors and the wider Buchan community.

We are now seeking someone to take on the role of Secretary. This is a very important position, but it is not an overwhelming one. The role mainly involves taking minutes at Committee meetings and managing the Committee's correspondence. Without a Secretary, the Committee is unable to operate effectively, so we are hoping someone in our community might consider putting their hand up.

If you enjoy being organised, would like to contribute to your community, or simply want to support the Hall and Recreation Reserve without taking on a large workload, this could be the perfect opportunity. You don't need to have previous experience—support will be available to help you settle into the role.

If you would like to know more or are interested in becoming the Committee's Secretary, please speak with any Committee member. Your support would make a real difference in helping to keep this valuable community facility operating for everyone.

Self-Contained RV Camping – A Valuable Asset for Buchan



The availability of Self-Contained RV Camping at the Buchan Recreation Reserve has been a great asset for both our visitors and our local community. We regularly receive notes on the donation envelopes from campers expressing their appreciation for the peaceful setting, well-maintained grounds and easy access to the township.

The reserve provides an ideal base for those wishing to attend local events such as New Year's Eve celebrations at the pub and, more recently, the Canni Creek Races. Having a designated area for self-contained vehicles allows visitors to stay locally, participate in community events and support our businesses without the need to travel elsewhere for accommodation.

Importantly, RV travellers contribute directly to the local economy. While they may not require powered sites or traditional caravan park facilities, they do shop locally, purchase fuel, dine at our café and hotel, visit attractions, and often return after discovering what our district has to offer. Many travel in organised networks and share recommendations widely through word of mouth and online forums, which helps promote Buchan as a welcoming destination. The donations contribute directly to the cost of mowing which the Hall and Rec CoM are directly responsible for.

If we were able to establish a Dump Point in Buchan, we could then apply to the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) to become an officially recognised RV Friendly Town. This would allow us to display RV Friendly Town signage at key entry points such as the Red Knob, increasing visibility and encouraging more visitors to stop, stay and explore. Towns with this status are promoted through CMCA channels, travel guides and member networks across Australia.

The benefits to our community extend beyond tourism alone. Increased visitation strengthens the viability and security of our local businesses — businesses that our own community relies on year-round. Greater visitor numbers also support local events, community groups and fundraising efforts, and can create opportunities for growth in our tourism industry.



RV campers are a distinct and growing traveller demographic. They have already invested significantly in their self-contained motorhomes and caravans and often travel between smaller regional towns rather than using traditional holiday parks. They typically stay short-term, move frequently, and seek safe, accessible, low-impact overnight options. By providing a managed and appropriate location for these travellers, we ensure that camping occurs in a controlled and respectful manner that benefits both visitors and residents.

The Self-Contained RV Camping area at the Recreation Reserve represents thoughtful planning, community initiative and a practical approach to supporting tourism in a way that suits Buchan's scale and character. As we continue to improve facilities and work toward RV Friendly Town status, we look forward to welcoming even more visitors to experience our unique and welcoming community.

A big thank you to the members of our Community Recovery Committee who have worked tirelessly to try and get a dump installed for Buchan.

Youth Art Prize OPEN STUDIO

With Professional local artists

Join this open studio to work on your Youth arts Prize Entry alongside professional local artists, with insights, techniques and a world of experiences.

Free!!

**Finished your artwork? Not entering?
Come and enjoy being creative!!**

Monday 27th July:

Lee Nickless

- Mural Artist
- SkillUp Youth Arts Teacher
- Lakes Lights Lantern Event Artist Director

Tuesday 28th July:

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- Enamel Artist
- Foundry Artist Group Mentor
- International Exhibitions

4pm - 7pm

**Forge Theatre
Bairnsdale**

Wednesday 29th July:

John McKenzie

- Cartoonist
- Teacher: Diploma of Visual Arts
- Artwork for Oldengard: Role playing board game by Arkhane Asylum

**Ages
12-25**

Thursday 30th July:

Crystal Stubbs

Framin'n'Stagin' Workshop

- Director of East Gippsland Art Gallery
- Glass Sculpture Artist

**YOUTH
AMBASSADORS**

For more info contact
taraw@egipps.vic.gov.au
ryand@egipps.vic.gov.au



Tastes OF THE WORLD

@ Nicholson Street Mall

- Free Family Entertainment
- Face Painting
- Pop-up Food Stalls with Tastes of the World
- Piñata Making
- Learn Spanish Singing
- Mexican Storytelling
- Indigenous Dance
- Belly Dancing Performance and Workshop

**Saturday
JULY 18, 2026**

Nicholson Street Mall, Bairnsdale



4 Saturday 18 July

4:00pm - 8:00pm

FREE EVENT



Bird Flu Update

Staying alert. Staying informed.
Protecting our flocks.



Stay vigilant
Know the signs and
report anything unusual.



**Practice good
biosecurity**
Clean, restrict,
and control access.



Stay informed
Follow the latest
updates from
official sources.



Report concerns
Contact 24hr hotline
1800 675 888



H5 Bird Flu Detected in Western Australia – Victorians Urged to Stay Alert

Victorians are being urged to remain alert after the H5 strain of high pathogenicity avian influenza (H5 bird flu) was detected in a migratory seabird in Western Australia, the first detection of this strain in Australia.

There have been no detections in Victoria, and no detections in poultry anywhere, but the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) has enhanced preparedness planning in place for the potential arrival of H5 bird flu in our state.

Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Graeme Cooke, said the WA detection is a timely reminder that vigilance is essential: "If you see something unusual, don't ignore it. Avoid contact, record the details and report it so it can be investigated."

What to report:

- Clusters of five or more sick or dead birds anywhere in Victoria
- Even a single case involving higher-risk species: pelicans, birds of prey (hawks, owls, eagles), black swans, or marine animals like seals, sea lions and dolphins

What to do if you see something unusual:

- Do not touch, move or collect sick or dead birds or wildlife
- Record what you see: number and type of animals, location, date, time, and take photos or video if it's safe to do so
- Report to Agriculture Victoria via their website, or call the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888**

Poultry farmers and veterinarians should report any suspect disease via the same hotline. Owners of pet birds or backyard chickens experiencing signs of illness should contact their local vet or the hotline.

For our poultry-keeping members and producers, strong biosecurity remains your best defence, keep enclosures and equipment clean, quarantine new birds, and minimise contact between domestic birds and wild birds.

Further information and biosecurity guidance — agriculture.vic.gov.au/birdflu

Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: **1800 675 888**



Tuesday 18th August

5.30pm to 9pm

Gippsland Ag Centre

345 Bengworden Rd

(White & Green Shed at the Bairnsdale Airport)

Cost \$25 a head

Local produce dinner catered by

THE LONG PADDOCK

Lindenow

Join the conversation with Graham Sait, one of Australia's leading soil educators, as we explore the powerful connection between soil health, food quality, farm productivity and human well-being. Sit with local farmers who are passionate about producing quality food and learn how the soils of our region underpin everything we eat. Just 10 cm of topsoil stands between humanity and starvation. It is one of our most valuable natural assets, yet few people truly understand its importance.

Come along as we celebrate the connection between healthy soils, healthy farms and Nutritious food

DIRT TO DINNER - The Soil Food Connection

If you grow food, this matters. If you eat food, it matters even more.

REGISTER

Click Link <https://bit.ly/4xONLdD> or Scan QR

More info: Contact Emma on 0400 467 921 or emma.orgill@fevL.org.au



This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant provided by Agriculture Victoria under the Victorian Government's 2025 Drought Support Package. #LookOverTheFarmGate



The Top Soils Project is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.

JOIN BUCHAN CRICKET CLUB!

**WE HAD A GREAT SEASON!
AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT!**



**All ages and skill levels welcome!
Fun, friendly, competitive cricket
Training and matches in the beautiful Buchan area**

**Contact us to join:
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RE-COMMITTED 2026/27 SEASON



JAMES GREENWOOD

GET INVOLVED!

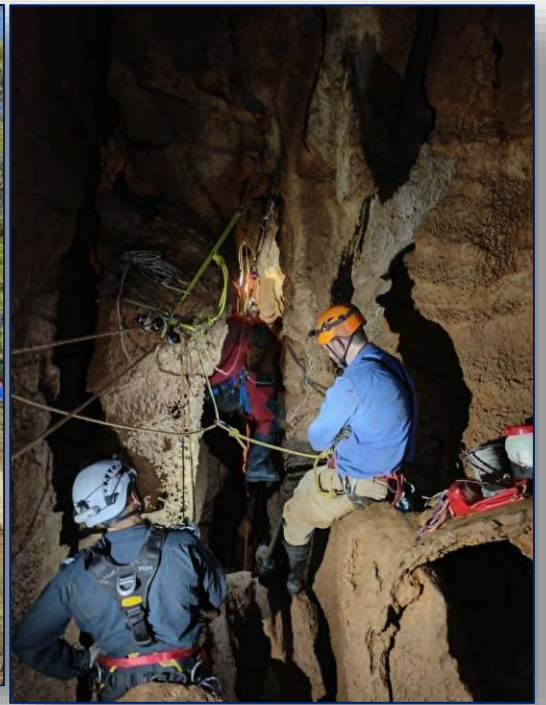
We are thrilled to announce James Greenwood has re-committed to the club for the 2026/27 season. Coming off the back of a career best season of 501 runs and 11 wickets we are excited what is in store for next season.

A regular with the new ball, we can't wait to see Jim Davidson leading the attack again this summer.

RE-COMMITTED 2026/27 SEASON



JIM DAVIDSON



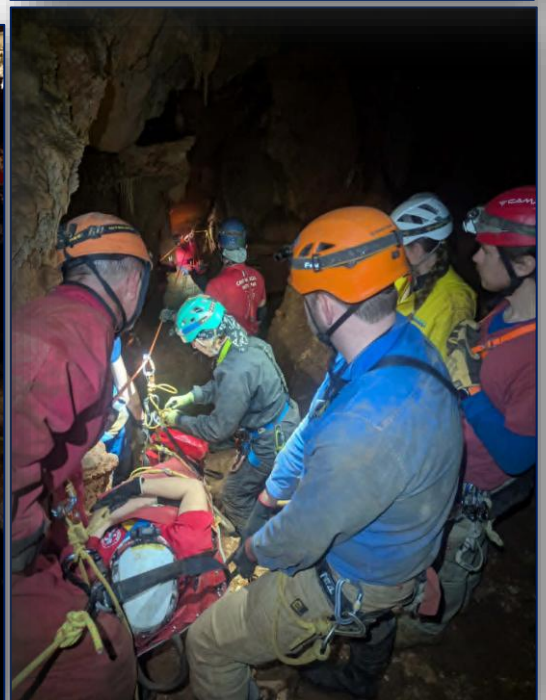
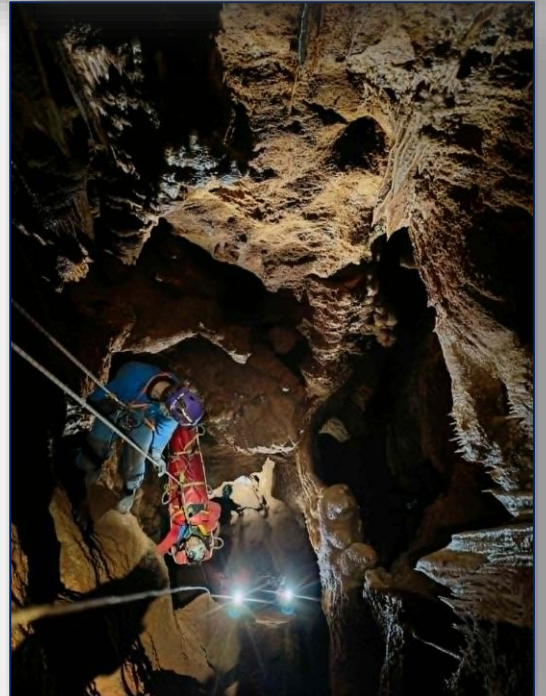
Cave Rescue Victoria and Police Rescue Train Together in Buchan

Buchan's wild caves in the Potholes provided the perfect setting for a joint training exercise from 26–28 June, with Cave Rescue Victoria (CRV) welcoming members of the Police Rescue team to Honeycomb.

Around 20 volunteers and emergency personnel took part in a realistic cave rescue scenario, led by Bogdan Muresan, practising the specialist skills needed during an emergency.

The weekend was a great success, strengthening teamwork, and improving coordination between CRV and Police Rescue. Further training together is already being planned.

While we hope these skills are never needed, weekends like this ensure that CRV volunteers and emergency services are ready to help when it matters most. A big thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort to make the weekend such a success.







Neighbourhood Houses
The Heart of Our Community

Tuesdays • 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Buchan Neighbourhood House

Ages 12-16

Games • Music • Friends Epic Fun!

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YOUTH GROUP hits THE RAIL TRAIL

On Sunday 12th July, six members of the Buchan Youth Group enjoyed a fantastic day out on our first bike excursion along the East Gippsland Rail Trail from the Tressel Bridge to the Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve. The group rode into Nowa Nowa, taking in the beautiful scenery before enjoying a well-earned BBQ lunch.

Lunch was a real treat, a BBQ and homemade biscuits and delicious muffins on the menu. After lunch, everyone tried their luck fishing at the river and boat ramp at Mingling Waters. While the fish may have been a little shy, there were certainly plenty of great fishing stories to tell!

It was wonderful to be joined for lunch by our new local police officer, Gavin Murphy, and a thank you to Marg Brick, who joined the group for the bike ride and added to the day with her tumble at the first big hill. Hope you did not wake up too sore the next day!

The excursion was a great success, with lots of laughs, fresh air, exercise and the opportunity for our young people to explore another beautiful part of East Gippsland. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and support the day and especially our volunteers Jayne Cummings and Josh and Nadine Van Dyk.

The feedback we have received from both parents and our youth was really positive - we're already looking forward to planning our next adventure!



East Gippsland Libraries members now have access to a world-class, on-demand streaming platform with the launch of Kanopy, a digital service offering thousands of films, documentaries, TV series and educational programs, all included with a free library membership.

Each member will receive 15 viewing tickets per month, providing flexible access to a diverse catalogue of high-quality content from around the world.

Kanopy features content from major studios including A24, Paramount, Warner Bros. and MGM, along with documentaries, classic films, Australian cinema and television series from leading broadcasters such as the BBC, PBS and The History Channel.

The platform also includes:

- The Great Courses collection, featuring expert-led educational lectures
- Kanopy Kids, a dedicated children's section with parental controls and curated, age-appropriate content
- Films in more than 100 languages, supporting culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Seamless access across mobile devices, desktop computers, smart TVs, Apple TV, Chromecast and more

Mayor Jodie Ashworth said Kanopy is a valuable addition to the library service, expanding access to quality entertainment and educational content for the community.

"Kanopy expands what our libraries can offer the community, giving members access to a remarkable collection of films, documentaries, television series and educational content from around the world.

"Whether you're looking to learn something new, explore different cultures, revisit classic films or simply enjoy quality entertainment, Kanopy makes that content accessible to everyone through their local library."

Mayor Ashworth said the new service also comes at an important time for many households facing cost-of-living pressures. "At a time when many households are carefully managing their budgets and making decisions about which subscriptions they can afford to keep, Kanopy provides access to high-quality streaming content at no cost to library members.

"It's a simple way to enjoy great entertainment, discover new stories and access educational programs without the expense of another monthly subscription," Mayor Ashworth said.

Kanopy is available to all East Gippsland Libraries members from 9 July.

For more information, visit the East Gippsland Shire Council website or one of the six libraries across the region.



Uniting

COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN EAST GIPPSLAND Are Pleased To Bring You RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY IN DIFFICULT INTERACTIONS - REDI TRAINING

Interactions with people who are distressed, in crisis, angry or thinking about suicide can be one of the most difficult parts of someone's role in the workplace.

The REDI workshop is a 5.5 hour workshop designed for frontline workers including but not limited to retail, call centre, collections, customer services, complaints handling and escalations staff, case managers or anyone exposed to difficult interactions in the workplace.

Using the 'CALM' framework

(Clarify the situation, Adapt your response, Link to support, Me time - self-care)
participants will learn:

- ✓ What may be going on with a distressed person;
- ✓ How the brain reacts to stress;
- ✓ Communication skills to assist difficult or emotional conversation;
- ✓ How to de-escalate anger;
- ✓ What to do if callers/colleagues are at risk of suicide;
- ✓ Self-care strategies you can use during and after difficult calls

When: Wednesday, 5th August
Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm
Venue: The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy Street, Bairnsdale
Cost: Free (places are subsidised by Communities for Children, Uniting)
Catering: Morning, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided - please provide dietary requirements upon registering

At every session delivered by Lifeline Melbourne and Ballarat there is at least one trained crisis supporter in the room to provide support to audience members and to answer any questions.

To Register Click on the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLKOR>
Or
Phone: Jenny St John - CFC Coordinator on 0439724026

WEAVING WHAT MATTERS WORKSHOP

WEAVE JOY - WEAR TRADITION



Date: 22nd of August
Time: 3-5pm
Location: 10 Grose Lane,
Bairnsdale

Join us for an arvo of weaving, culture, and community. This is a chance to yarn, learn, and connect. It's also my little soft launch as the Greens Candidate for Gippsland East. I'm stepping up in a new way with care for people, Country, and our shared future.

You'll be learning from two incredible women:

- ✦ **Tanita Murray**, Māori born, who will share the cultural significance of flax, the stories held in each strand, and the teachings woven through Māori fibre practices.
- ✦ **Paula Harrison**, born and raised on Gunaikurnai Country, bringing local knowledge, cultural grounding, and the weaving traditions of this place.

There'll be nibblys, good company, and a whole lot of heart. A space to slow down, learn something beautiful, and be part of a community that cares.



V19 SSAA EAST GIPPSLAND
★ **BUCHAN RIFLE RANGE BRANCH** ★

AGM 2026

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 21 JULY 2026

DINNER FROM **6:00PM**
AGM COMMENCING **7:15PM**

★ 15 MINUTES EARLIER THAN OUR USUAL START TIME TO ENSURE WE FINISH BEFORE THE COLD SETS IN! ★

📍 **BAIRNSDALE RSL** *All members welcome!*

TOPICS OF INTEREST

 ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2026/2027	 TOILET BLOCK	 FRONT FENCE	 FUTURE PLANS FOR THE BRANCH
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COME ALONG, HAVE YOUR SAY AND HELP **SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR BRANCH!**

★ WE HOPE TO SEE A LOT OF NEW AND FAMILIAR FACES ATTEND! ★

B.P.R.C **NRL22** COF
SSAA East Gippsland -
Buchan Rifle Range



NRL22
NATIONAL RIFLE LEAGUE

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST

and

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

Sign in & Registration – 8:30am
Safety Brief – 8:50am
Sighting In (50 & 100 yards) – 9:00am
Match Starts – 9:30am
Wrap up – 12:30 to 1:00pm
Everyone and anyone is welcome



MATCH FEES:

- General / Non-members = \$40.00
- B.P.R.C Members = \$20.00
- First Time Shooters & Young Guns (12-18) = FREE

⚠️ CASH or EFTPOS AVAILABLE ⚠️
(.2x 22LR rifles available for hire)

IMPORTANT – Bring your firearm licence, and keep rifles in your vehicle until directed. Juniors must be supervised at all times and wear eye/ear protection.



Mobile Library Dates 2026

TUESDAY: Jul 28, Aug 11, Aug 25

9:00-10:00 - Buchan Main Street
10:30-11:30 - Buchan Neighbourhood House
1:30-2:30 - W Tree—SIBA

TUESDAY: Jul 21, Aug 4, Aug 18

9:00-9:45 - Gelantipy Bush Nurse
10:30-11:30 - Buchan Neighbourhood House
12:45-1:30 - Buchan Primary School



What can you do at this mobile service centre?

- Borrow books, CD's, DVD's audio books and more
- Pick up a Council newsletter and subscribe
- Lodge a report or request
- Pay an account / make electronic payments
- Make enquiries, collect and lodge application forms
- Register your dog and cats
- Access and complete surveys
- Learn about and provide feedback on projects
- Use a computer with free internet access
- Have a chat and much more



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Available for adults and children of all ages.

\$70 one-hour session * Gift vouchers available *

For further information and bookings please contact the Buchan Neighbourhood House or Sharon Dent silvaust@gmail.com or call 0468 387 524



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This newsletter is delivered to every household in the district (on or around the 15th day of the month) and is also available online at 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 \$18.00 incl. GST 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 is **Monday 3rd August 2026**. 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. The Buchan Neighbourhood House takes no responsibility for opinions expressed by contributors to the *Buchan Phoenix*.

The Editors reserve the right to reject articles and advertisements and to edit submissions if necessary.

All submissions should include the author's full name, address and phone number, but may be anonymous if preferred. Buchan Neighbourhood House is open Monday to Thursday from 10.00am—4.30pm. Advertisements are \$55 for 12 editions or \$5.50 per edition including GST.

Buchan Neighbourhood House contact details:

Buchan Neighbourhood House is dedicated to supporting carers in Victoria and offers a warm, secure, and welcoming environment.

Monday – Thursday 10:00am-4:30pm

6 Centre Road, Buchan

0493 070 332

03 5155 9216

Our organisation is Carer Friendly and helps connect carers to necessary services. We have strong ties with

Carers Victoria and participate in their events, workshops, and informational opportunities for both carers and staff.



East Gippsland Shire Outreach Services

The mobile bus service provides an opportunity to use the library service and engage with their staff on Council matters. All community members are welcome. Please see the schedule below for when the bus is visiting your community.

What you can do at the mobile service:

- Borrow books
- Pick up a Council newsletter
- Lodge a report or request
- Pay an account / make electronic payments
- Make enquiries, collect and lodge application forms
- Register your dogs and cats
- Access and complete surveys
- Learn about and provide feedback on projects
- Use a computer
- Have a chat and much more



The next services will be:

Buchan Neighbourhood House

Every Tuesday from 10:30am—11:30am

Buchan Primary School

Tuesday 21st July 12:45pm—1:30pm

Tuesday 4th August 12:45pm—1:30pm

Tuesday 18th August 12:45pm—1:30pm

Buchan Main Street

Tuesday 28th July 9:00am—10:00am

Tuesday 11th August 9:00am—10:00am

Tuesday 25th August 9:00am—10:00am

Gelantipy (Bush Nurse Centre)

Tuesday 21st July 9:00am—9:45am

Tuesday 4th August 9:00am—9:45am

Tuesday 18th August 9:00am—9:45am

W Tree (SIBA)

Tuesday 28th July 1:30pm—2:30pm

Tuesday 11th August 1:30pm—2:30pm

Tuesday 25th August 1:30pm—2:30pm

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

Anglican Church

St Mary's,
Main Street, Buchan.
Café Church
Meets 5th Sunday of month at 11:00am.

For details contact
Rhonda Coates 5155 9373