

Gippsland Shire Council

East Gippsland Field Days

Agrinews April 2026



Welcome to the Agrinews

This is Council's monthly agriculture newsletter that covers programs, events, funding and opportunities to be considered.

The information is general and gathered from many agencies and government sources, whilst it is not all events happening, it is a snapshot of programs relevant to East Gippsland.

If you would like to receive this newsletter emailed to you monthly please scan the QR:

Kind regards

*Kaylene Wickham
EGSC Agribusiness Development Officer*



EVENTS

Making Trees Pay their way - Trees on Farms Incubator Session

14 April

The Trees on Farms Incubator program is inviting landowners to explore how integrating trees into their property can support long-term farm planning and productivity, carbon and biodiversity markets.

Whether you manage 5 acres or 2,000, trees can enhance shelter, boost productivity, improve biodiversity, and open new opportunities through carbon and environmental programs.

In this session, you will learn:

- How trees can benefit both farms and lifestyle properties
- The fundamentals of carbon markets, accounting, and project structures
- Practical insights from farmers currently planting and planning tree projects.

If you're considering anything from simple shelterbelts to large-scale plantings, this session will help you understand the range of options available.

When: 14 April Tuesday
Time: 9.00am – 12.00 pm
Where: Gippsland Ag Centre 345 Bengworden Rd Bairnsdale
To register: Scan the QR code



For more information contact Michele Shugg 0404 092 862.

Intro to Lean & Business Planning Free Webinar

This practical online session designed to help Victorian growers and businesses build resilience, reduce waste, and improve profitability. Gain information on support currently available and begin planning a stronger future for your business, with expert advice from Moshie.

In this online workshop and information session, we'll walk you through:

- introduction to lean management
- simple business planning templates and self-assessment tools
- costing and overhead calculators for clarity on resource and labour costs
- strategies to improve profitability and make confident decisions
- how to build drought resilience and long-term sustainability.

When: Friday 17 April 1 – 2.30pm Tuesday 28 April 3 -4.30pm

To register: [Intro To Lean & Business Planning Including Drought Support with Moshie Australia](#)

FBR Decisions that Drive Success

21 April

Success depends on sound decision-making. This is especially so in times of crisis and change. This Workshop provides a proven and practical approach to managing competing priorities so you can make better decisions, rebuild your resilience and capacity and how to adapt your business to recover from drought and other challenges.

In this practical 1-day group workshop participants will learn to:

- Identify key trigger points, review priorities, and optimise resources to manage risk, control costs, and seize opportunities
- Respond quickly to changing conditions, minimising disruption to farm operations
- Recognise and prioritise local and business-specific stressors, risks, and opportunities
- Make timely, sound decisions that support profitability, with clear milestones and checkpoints
- Strengthen adaptability through contingency planning and practical decision-making tools



Pre-workshop support: Each participant receives a 30-minute personalised online session (Zoom or phone) to tailor the workshop to their farm's critical issues.

When: Tuesday 21st April
Time: 9.00am to 3.30pm (please arrive 8.45 am)
Where: Bellevue Lakes Entrance



Register at: [Decisions that drive success Tickets, Bellevue on the Lakes - Function Room, Lakes Entrance | TryBooking Australia](#)

This is a Free event funded by Agriculture Victoria, morning tea and a light lunch provided. For more information contact Leigh Crocker ION Group on mobile 0419 359 409 or email lcrocker@iongroup.com.au.

Plan to be Resilient: Strengthen your business

28 April

Strengthen your farm business against climate variability, financial pressure and future uncertainty.

Running a farm in Gippsland means making decisions in an environment that is constantly shifting. Seasonal variability, rising costs and tighter margins require more than hard work, they require clear thinking, structured planning and financial confidence.

Plan to Be Resilient: Strengthen your business against climate variability, financial stress and future challenges is a practical, 3-hour hands-on workshop designed specifically for Gippsland farmers.

- **Benambra** 28 April 10.00am – 1.00pm
- **Orbost** 5 May 10.00am – 1.00pm

Register here [Plan to be resilient: Ag Vic Drought Support Workshops](#). For further information contact Allison Dodd NEX Community Engagement Facilitator allisond@nexsolutions.org.au, or call [1300 045 747](tel:1300045747).

Planning for your farming future

Commencing 5 May

Do you wish your farm was easier to manage, more adaptable to seasonal conditions and helps provide environmental benefits?

Landholders are invited to participate in a series of workshops designed to build on current management practices and support planning for future improvement, a free laminated property map will be provided.

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- Farm layout
- Setting current and future goals
- Soils and land classing
- Soil fertility and nutrient budgeting
- Grazing and feed management
- Farm water supply planning



Dates: Tuesday 5, 12, 19 & 26 May
Venue: Gippsland Ag Centre 345 Bengworden Road
Time: 9.30 am to 3pm daily
Register: By 27 March, by scanning the QR or visit [Planning for your farming future](#)

For more information contact: Keren Walker on 0477 706 384 or keren.walker@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

FFG Workforce Development Framework

12 May

You're invited to join a roundtable and networking event aimed at strengthening local connections and contributing to current projects focused on workforce development. Together, we'll explore a framework that supports career pathways across the food and fibre industries—including VET teaching skills and trade careers in agriculture and horticulture.

When: Tuesday, 12 May
Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm
Where: TBC
Register: [Gippsland Event Tuesday, May 12, 2026](#)

Agricultural workforce shortages reflect broader skills gaps across the sector. By collaborating, we can shape practical solutions for the future of apprenticeships and trade careers in agriculture and horticulture—and strengthen support for apprentices, employers and trainers. *To register please refer to the [webpage](#).*

Irrigation Expo

20 May

The Gippsland Irrigation Expo one-day event brings together the latest technologies, research, suppliers, and best practices in irrigation management.

- See what's new in irrigation technology and practices that can make a real difference on farm.
- Learn from people who know their stuff, including researchers, suppliers, and locals sharing practical tips and demonstrations.
- Connect with other irrigators, suppliers, agencies and experts who can help you find solutions that fit your farm
- Take home ideas you can put into practice



Whether you're an irrigator looking to upgrade your system, a consultant seeking the latest insights, or a supplier wanting to connect with decision-makers, the Gippsland Irrigation Expo is a premier opportunity to meet new people.

When: 20 May 2026

Where: Sale Showgrounds

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Register at: [Gippsland Irrigation Expo Tickets, Sale Showgrounds, Sale | TryBooking Australia](#) or scan the QR. *To find out more go to: [Gippsland Irrigation Expo](#).*



Shearing and Wool program for Omeo

6 -10 July

SCAA SWTI invite registrations for their 1 & 2 week Shearing Schools in shed training, designed to give real-world, hands on training taught by leading industry trainers.

The Novice & Improver Shearing and Wool handling Courses are designed for learner & improver shearers to provide a solid introduction to the Wool Harvesting industry & create a pathway to obtaining ongoing employment. Participants will be issued with a nationally recognised Qualification or Statement of Attainment upon completion of the course.

Omeo - AHCSS00192 Introduction to the Wool Harvesting Industry Skill Set,

Bairnsdale - AHCSS00192 Introduction to the Wool Harvesting Industry Skill Set

More details at [Shearing Courses | Shearer Woolhandler Training](#). **Book now ring 1300 787 984 or email admin@swti.edu.au.**

FUNDING

It's not too late – drought support programs are still open

Of the funding available under the **Farm Drought Support Grants** program, so far more than 5,700 grants have been committed across the state as part of this program to support investment in on-farm drought management activities.

Use a Farm Drought Support \$5,000 Grant to make on-farm infrastructure upgrades and improvements such as grain feeders, troughs, pasture restoration, stock containment areas, and more. This is a co-contribution grant. [Farm Drought Support Grants | Grants and financial support | Drought support | Farm management | Agriculture Victoria](#).

As of mid-February, over 1,000 farmers had engaged the **one-on-one farm advisory service**, with many taking up the opportunity of a second consultation that is available for farmers across the state. Book now at [Farm Advisory Service one-on-one sessions](#).

More than 3,000 farmers participated in one of the 144 group events that were held in 2025, and now the autumn program of events is being rolled out. Look out for upcoming events near you at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/events](#) and find out more at [Farmer Group Technical Events](#). For a full list of support available as part of the Drought Support Package visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought](#) or call 136 186.

On-Farm Kangaroo Control Rebate

Farmers managing pasture and crop pressure can also access the **On-Farm Kangaroo Control Rebate**, which supports engagement of accredited professional harvesters.

Eligible farmers can access up to three rebates of \$450 each (ex-GST), with a 25% co-contribution.

- Fast-track [ATCW permit processing](#) by the Conservation Regulator
- Funding until 30 June 2026 or until funds are exhausted



[Managing kangaroos on your farm](#) | [Drought support](#) | [Farm management](#) | [Agriculture Victoria](#)

Wellbeing Support

Wellbeing counsellors work hand in hand with experienced financial counsellors to ensure that your mental health receives as much attention as your bottom line.

Wellbeing counsellors can visit you at your property or talk over the phone to assist with:

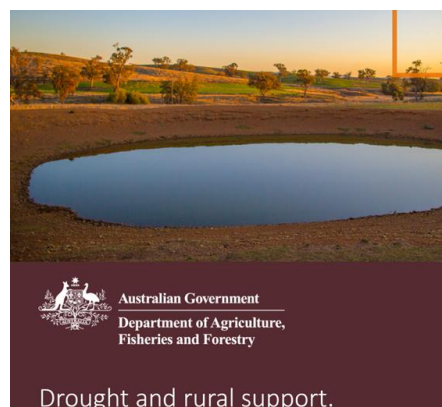
- ✓ managing stress
- ✓ building resilience for tough times
- ✓ balancing work and life with practical tools
- ✓ getting support for big decisions and life changes

To speak to a Wellbeing Counsellor call 1300 045 747. Find out more at [NEX • Business, Farming & Wellness](#), more services listed in Backbone Directory [Backbone Support Directory](#).



[2025 Dry Season & Seasonal Conditions Resources – Victoria Drought Resilience Adoption](#)

[National support measures:](#)
Resources such as the Rural Financial Counselling Service, concessional loans and Farm Household Allowance are available



Support after the January 2026 Victorian bushfires

For Bushfire support visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/bushfires](#)

- **Emergency Recovery Support Program:** Support officers can advise on what services are available or connect you to programs. Call – 1800 560 760.

- **Emergency re-establishment assistance:** A payment if you can't return home because it was damaged or destroyed, *apply through the Emergency Recovery Hotline – 1800 560 760 (press 4).*
- **Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment:** A one-off, non-means tested lump sum payment. It's available if you've had major damage to your home or major assets that you own at your home. *Apply online – servicessaustralia.gov.au/vic-bushfires-jan-2026-agdrp.*
- **Disaster Recovery Allowance:** An allowance for up to 13 weeks to help if you have lost income as a direct result of the bushfires. *Apply online – servicessaustralia.gov.au/vic-bushfires-jan-2026-dra.*
- **Prolonged power outage payment for households:** A payment if your home was without power for more than 7 days. *Apply online – ausnetservices.com.au/outages/emergency-response or call 1300 561 171.*
- **Primary producer grants:** Grants to assist farmers with the cost of clean-up and getting back to business. *Apply online – ruralfinance.com.au/grants/.*
- **Concessional loans for primary producers:** Loans for farmers to be used for restoring and replacing damaged assets, or for working capital expenses. *Apply online – ruralfinance.com.au/loans/.*
- **Recovery water tank cleaning rebates:** Rebates for households who are not connected to the mains water supply to clean and fill water tanks impacted by the fires. *More information – <https://www.water.vic.gov.au/grants/recovery-water-tank-rebates>.*

General financial counselling

A financial counsellor can help you make a plan to manage your money. They can also talk to creditors on your behalf. *Call the: National Debt Helpline – 1800 007 007 to speak to a financial advisor. Mob Strong Debt Helpline for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people – 1800 808 488 Small Business Debt Helpline – 1800 413 828.*

More information at agriculture.vic.gov.au/bushfires.

2026 Livestock Biosecurity Fund Grants Program

Keeping Victoria's Farmers And Animals Safe the 2026 Livestock Biosecurity Fund Grants Program funds initiatives that help prevent, monitor and control diseases in animals, including cattle, sheep, goats, swine and honeybees.

This support will make it more affordable for farmers, reducing the financial burden of managing pests and diseases while easing the day-to-day costs of keeping animals healthy.

Grant program applications close on 14 April 2026. For eligibility and how to apply, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestockbiosecurityfunds.

Closes 14 April



COMMUNITY FUNDING

Partnerships Against Pests funding

Closes 11 May

This program is to assist farmers protect their crops, and livestock pasture from invasive pests, and improve the long-term health of their land.

These grants enable groups to deliver place-based and community-led invasive species management activities that meet the program's objectives and outcomes to build community capacity and capability.

Groups can apply for project funding of between \$10,000 and \$50,000 (ex-GST) to complete a project over a 12-month period. There is a total of \$600,000 (ex-GST) of funding available for Round 5 projects.

Applications are open until 11 May 2026. For more information and to apply visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/protecting-victoria/partnerships-against-pests-program-and-grants/partnerships-against-pests-grants.

SURVEYS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Victorian Fox Bounty

May 26

The bounty is currently funded to 30 June 2026 and reward payments remain at the increased rate of \$14 per fox scalp.

To streamline the application process and ensure prompt electronic payment, participants are encouraged to create an online bounty account. Please note that cheque payments are no longer accepted.

Bairnsdale collections 35 Bairnsdale–Dargo Road

Time: 12 pm to 2 pm
Dates: Tuesday 12 May



The 2026 collection schedule across the state can be viewed at [Victorian Fox Bounty | Pest animals | Biosecurity | Agriculture Victoria](#).

Transform Waste into usable products

Farmers are invited to take part in the Green Lab Future Circular Agri Futures Program, supported by Agriculture Victoria and the Drought Relief Program.

It helps farmers turn on-farm waste into valuable products like compost, biochar and fertiliser - to boost efficiency, resilience and profits. What's included:

- Free on-farm audits (biomass, energy, water and soil) with cost-saving report
- Support to identify waste streams, reduce reliance on external inputs such as energy, water and fertiliser, and adopt practical circular economy actions
- Help to explore circular economy actions that are achievable and farmer-led

For more information, check the [program overview](#) and contact Scott Douglas on mobile 0405 758 669.

INFORMATION

Safety: Keeping Victorian Farmers Safe

WorkSafe Victoria has launched a new campaign, “**Safety – it does more than keep you safe,**” urging farmers to view safety as an investment that boosts productivity, sustainability and long-term business strength.

Despite representing only **2% of Victoria's workforce**, agriculture workers account for **around 10% of workplace deaths**. Nearly half of these fatalities involve farm vehicles such as tractors, quad bikes and trucks, while livestock incidents also remain a major risk.

WorkSafe is providing practical, industry-informed guidance to help farmers identify hazards and make effective improvements. Farmers are encouraged to share experiences, learn from each other and take simple steps that can prevent serious incidents while improving the way their farms operate.

More information is available at [Agriculture | WorkSafe Victoria](#).

FedUni Co-op education - students in the workforce opportunities

FedUni STEM degrees (among a few others) are currently offering a Co-op education model, and as such, students are required to undertake paid placement in industry:

- Minimum **60 days/450 hours for Undergraduates**



- Minimum **30 days/225 hours for Postgraduates** (N.B. not for Science)
- Via an employee > employer model, can be BAU or Project based activity with a focus on transferable skills

If you have a workforce need, think you could provide a meaningful placement opportunity, and would like to tap into the pool of students please contact Fed Uni and provide them with a PD outlining the role, timelines and reporting lines.

Contact *fedUni* for more information co-op@federation.edu.au or refer to [Federation University Australia Co-op model](#) and check out the [Co-op YouTube channel](#), which highlights a growing collection of industry and student testimonials across a variety of disciplines.

Baseline data report for East Gippsland Regional Soil Sampling 2025

Did you know that the median soil pH across 117 paddocks surveyed in East Gippsland in 2025 was 4.91, meaning most soils are still more acidic than the recommended level for optimal pasture growth?

In Autumn 2025, a comprehensive soil survey was conducted across East Gippsland, analysing soil health, nutrient levels, and farm management practices. By comparing these results with surveys dating back to 1973, the report reveals important trends in soil fertility, organic carbon, and how management practices such as liming, fertiliser use, and rotational grazing are shaping the region's soils today.

While there have been some positive shifts, such as more farmers applying lime and gradual improvements in soil acidity, the survey also highlights several nutrient challenges that could impact pasture productivity into the future. Read the full report to see how your region's soils are tracking and what it might mean for your farm. [TopSoils: Ground Truth](#)



Digging Deeper Podcast

Overview: Hosted by Alistair Micallef from the Gippsland Ag Group, this farmer-led podcast delivers timely insights, practical tips and real conversations to support rural communities and farming businesses across the seasons. Launching in February 2025, it covers everything from autumn sowing to summer harvest, with episodes available on Apple, Spotify and the Gippsland Ag website.

[Podcast - Digger Deeper - AG Chats with AL](#)

Food and Fibre Gippsland

Farm World launched three major initiatives that will shape their work and impact over the coming years: The **Strategic Plan 2026–29**, our **new membership offer**, and our **refreshed Food & Fibre Gippsland brand**.

A new membership offer

FFG introduced a **new membership offer**, a simpler, more accessible and better aligned with the needs of businesses, organisations and partners across Gippsland's food and fibre value chains. Businesses has options to:

- **remain on their current plan**, or
- or **transition to the new structure**, including a **potential fee reduction** where applicable.



You can learn more about the [new membership offer here](#) or at [Food and Fibre Gippsland](#).

COUNCIL UPDATES

Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee Meeting Update

On the 26 February the ASAC, Council’s producer committee with 10 farmers, Gippsland Ag Grup, ag Vic, EGCMA and Food and Fibre Gippsland, meet to discuss matters of importance to the farming sector.

Action and Project Updates:

Council presented the revised 2026–27 budget engagement model, outlined differential rating, and sought feedback from the committee.

The group also discussed refreshing the Looking Ahead drought advocacy document to align with the Gippsland Drought Resilience Plan.

The Planning team provided an overview of the Rural Land Use Strategy, including land protection priorities, zoning challenges and the upcoming council considerations.

Southern Rural Water delivered a Mitchell River Management update and advised that they will call for subcommittee nominations for ongoing consultation.

A final draft of the Pest Animal Advocacy Paper developed with extensive input from the committee was presented and endorsed for circulation.

General business covered silage wrap recycling and responsibilities for noxious weed management. Council provided further reports on the new travel reimbursement policy, forestry transition funding, the Orbost industrial hemp project and the latest activities from Food & Fibre Gippsland.

EAST GIPPSLAND LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE
UPCOMING SALES

APRIL 2026 *Dates are subject to change by Stock Agents

Prime Cattle Sale, 8.30 am
Wednesday 8 April
Wednesday 15 April
Wednesday 22 April
Wednesday 29 April

Store Cattle Sale, 9.00 am
Friday 10 April
Friday 24 April

Sheep Sale, 10.00 am
Monday 13 April
Monday 27 April

EAST GIPPSLAND SHEEP COUNCIL

Rural Land Use Strategy Update

In 2024, Council adopted the EG Rural Land Use Strategy (2023) after many years of research and many rounds of community consultation, in addition to consulting with Council’s Agricultural Sector Advisory Committee during the development.

The proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C170egip to implement the strategy in the East Gippsland Planning Scheme was authorised by the Minister for Planning in late 2024.

The next step for the amendment is for it to be placed on public exhibition for comment after the previous Council resolved to exhibit the amendment, however, this action was paused during the caretaker period. Therefore, the amendment has not been exhibited and no amendment documents have been made public.

At the end of 2025, the new Council resolved to consider a peer review of the adopted Rural Land Use Strategy (2023) and the proposed planning scheme amendment prior to any exhibition being undertaken. The minutes from that Council meeting are available on the Council website or via this link [EGSC Council Meeting Minutes 16 December 2025](#).

Officers are continuing to work closely with the Councillors and updates will be available on our YourSay project as they become available - [Rural Land Use Strategy | Your Say East Gippsland](#).

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact the Strategic Planning Team directly by email to strategicplanning@egipps.vic.gov.au.

Solar panel recycling in Bairnsdale

Solar panels contain aluminium, copper and glass, which can all be recovered and recycled into new items.

We now accept rooftop solar panels for recycling at **Bairnsdale Landfill only**.

So, if you've got a handful of panels, you can recycle them for just \$6 per panel. Or if you're upgrading your entire system and have more than five panels, please talk with your solar contractor about recycling them for you.

Small solar panels for camping or garden lighting can also be recycled for FREE via e-waste at Bairnsdale Landfill and participating transfer stations.

More information visit eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/AtoZWaste. Further information: Ian Stanbury, Waste Operations Coordinato

Your Say on Projects

Have you checked out [Your Say, East Gippsland](#) recently?

Your Say is an online platform that lets you share what you think about the projects, services and places that matter to you. It's an important engagement tool for Council and community.

It is important to note that Council will also continue to consult with the community in a number of other ways including site meetings, community workshops, drop-in sessions and more.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

East Gippsland Livestock Exchange (EGLE)

The East Gippsland Livestock Exchange (EGLE) was proud to support the Mountain Calf Elders Ensay Calf Sale, receiving cattle from Omeo, Hinnomunjie and Benambra. The facility provided weighing and scanning services for the 1,665 calves.

The undercover yards offered welcome shelter for livestock and the community during wet conditions, helping attract a strong crowd on the day. The café remained busy throughout the morning, with many in the farming community taking the opportunity to connect over a hot meal and a drink.

Stock & Land highlighted local saleyard activity across its digital platforms and social media channels, reinforcing confidence in the Bairnsdale Saleyards and their ongoing role in the regional livestock industry.

The other three sales in Benambra, Omeo and Hinnomunjie were also well attended and saw strong, competitive bidding.



Council officers also visited the Wellington Saleyards to meet with the onsite team and continue productive discussions about strengthening collaboration between the two Council-run facilities into the future.

What a great photo of Landcare staff, Gippsland Ag Group members and Councillor Joanne Eastman with Orbost Show attendees and Pip Courtney



There are many more programs and projects being delivered in the region, contact your local agencies, production group or ag business to find out more.

This is compiled by council for general information only. If a friend or a neighbour would like to receive a copy of this newsletter, please contact Kaylene Wickham Agribusiness Development Officer on 5153 9450 or register online at [AgriNews newsletter](#).

2026 SHEARING & WOOL PROGRAM VICTORIA

School Type	Date	Duration	Venue
AHCS00192 Introduction to the Wool Harvesting Industry Skill Set			
Novice	Feb 02 - 06	5 Days	Gymbowen
Novice	Feb 16 - 20	5 Days	Bendigo
Novice	Mar 02 - 06	5 Days	Dookie
Novice	Apr 13 - 17	5 Days	Hamilton
Novice	May 11 - 15	5 Days	Ballarat
Novice	Jul 06 - 10	5 Days	Ormeo
Novice	Aug 03 - 07	5 Days	Wycheproof
Novice	Oct 12 - 16	5 Days	Penshurst
Novice	Nov 09 - 13	5 days	Bairnsdale
Novice	Nov 16 - 20	5 days	Strathbogrie
AHC21325 Certificate II in Shearing & AHC32925 Certificate III in Shearing			
Improver	Jun 01 - 05	5 Days	Inglewood
Improver	Aug 24 - 28	5 Days	Telopea Downs

Note: This program is subject to change without notification

Follow us on Facebook for latest updates on all schools

LIMITED SPACES SO BOOK EARLY!
Ph 1300 787 984 or email: admin@swti.edu.au

All shearing schools align with nationally recognised qualifications & are designed to meet industry standards & needs.

Training is delivered with SA, Victorian State and Commonwealth Government funding.

SCAA SHEARER WOOLHANDLER TRAINING Inc. RTO CODE 4577
www.swti.edu.au



MAKING TREES PAY THIER WAY

Whether you run 50 acres or 2,000, trees can improve shelter, productivity and biodiversity while creating opportunities through carbon markets and environmental programs. Join us for a practical morning exploring how farmers are integrating trees into their farming systems.

Hear from:

- Carbon and forestry specialists explaining carbon markets
- A cattle farmer integrating trees into grazing systems
- A sheep farmer exploring tree options
- A lifestyle property owner wanting to establish more trees on their property

These speakers are part of the Trees on Farms Incubator Project, sharing their real experiences.

You will learn:

- How trees can benefit farms and lifestyle properties
- The basics of carbon markets, accounting and project structures
- Practical insights from farmers already planting trees

Whether you are considering shelterbelts or larger tree projects, this session will help you understand your options.

TUESDAY 14 APRIL | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
GIPPSLAND AGRICULTURAL CENTRE
345 BENGWORDEN ROAD, BAIRNSDALE
FOR MORE INFOMATION CONTACT
MICHELE SHUGG 0404 092 862

[Click HERE to register](#)



Or Scan QR Code to register



The Victorian Carbon Farming Outreach Program is delivered with funding support from the Commonwealth of Australia through the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water under the National Carbon Farming Outreach Program. The Program is delivered through a partnership between Agricultural Victoria, 10 Catchment Management Authorities and Landcare Victoria and other bodies.

Decisions that drive success – Proven techniques for effective on-farm decision-making

A powerful and practical 1-Day Group Workshop that equips participants to make the decisions necessary to navigate their farm business through critical seasonal crisis/challenges by:

- Learning how to identify key trigger points or events for their farm business, review strategic priorities and know how to optimise resources to mitigate risks, manage costs and seize opportunities;
- Improving their readiness to respond to these trigger points to enable rapid pivoting and minimising disruptions to operations;
- Identifying key stressors (internal/external) unique to their locality and business situation and learning how to navigate and prioritise risks and opportunities;
- Building capacity and confidence in making timely and sound decisions that support business profitability and know how to implement those decisions with on-track/off-track checkpoints and milestones;
- Strengthening techniques to improve overall adaptability to challenge and change – including contingency planning and access

Key Details:

Lakes Entrance Tuesday 21st April 2026

Venue: Bellevue on the Lakes
Esplanade, Lakes Entrance, Vic, 3909

Time: 9.00am to 3.30pm (please arrive 8.45 am)

Cost: Free (fully funded by Agriculture Victoria)
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Why attend?

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For Information:

Leigh Crocker (ION Group)

M: 0419 359 409 E: lcrocker@iongroup.com.au

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ION GROUP PTY LTD
ABN 69 120 990 132
www.iongroup.com.au



Recent feedback:

"the workshop has opened our eyes as to how we look at our business and not to over-complicate things. To put our health and well-being first which will benefit the business. It was great to listen to other people in our community and discuss ideas as a team."

"very inspiring and motivating"

"without this program our family would have sold the farm and that would have fractured our family"

Register Now: Limited numbers

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJGJV>



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Venue

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345 Bengworden Road, Bengworden

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9.30 am to 3pm each day
Morning tea and lunch provided.

To register:

Scan the QR code to fill out the form or visit:

<http://bit.ly/3OR3nLD>



RSVP: Friday 27 March

For more information contact:

Keren Walker on 0477 706 384 or
keren.walker@agriculture.vic.gov.au

"The presenters for each segment were engaging and very knowledgeable. We would highly recommend the whole farm planning course."

– Donna and Michaela Lawless,
Churchill.

Share your experiences, ideas and prepare for the future.

the **tech** library

Resources available to explore **STEAM**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS & MATHS



FREE resources are available off-site to teachers & community groups to engage children, young people & adults in learning, experimenting & exploring jobs of the future.

Tech Library resources are also available during The Hub's regular operating hours to GEHE Study Hub students onsite and any Hub users with a room booking.

The technology on offer relates to coding, robotics, 3D printing, virtual reality, filmmaking, projection, game development, design & illustration, & more.

You can make an enquiry or booking directly through our website - thehub.org.au/our-tech - or use the QR code above



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GIPPSLAND IRRIGATION EXPO 2026

SOMETHING FOR ALL IRRIGATORS, PROSPECTIVE AND ESTABLISHED



DATE & TIME _____ ↙

20 MAY 2026

FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00PM

VENUE _____ ↙

SALE SHOWGROUNDS

ON THE PROGRAM _____ ↙

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