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EVENTS

Sheep Skills for Small Properties Mini-Series

Commencing 19 May

You are invited to a **Sheep Skills for Small Properties Mini-Series**, a practical, down-to-earth series designed for small landholders and lifestyle farmers who want to build confidence and make smarter decisions about their sheep.

Over four sessions, the essentials of sheep management will be covered in a way that's easy to apply on-farm:

Gippsland Agriculture Centre, Bengworden Rd from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm

19 May: Getting sheep ready to breed

26 May: Feeding sheep on small properties

2 June: Keeping your sheep healthy

9 June: Simple records and making sheep pay

SHEEP SKILLS FOR SMALL PROPERTIES MINI-SERIES

Thinking about running sheep or already have a few and want to do it better? This friendly, practical mini-series is designed specifically for small landholders and lifestyle farmers who want to build confidence and make smart decisions about their sheep.

 Tue 19th May, Tue 26th May, Tue 2nd June, Tue 9th June

 Gippsland Agriculture Centre - Bengworden Rd

 5.30 pm to 8.00pm

Light supper is provided

Each session is practical, relevant, and focused on helping you get better results from your sheep enterprise, whether you're just starting out or looking to fine-tune what you're already doing and includes a light dinner.

RSVP is essential to book your place. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/sheep-feeding-and-management-mini-series>. For any questions contact Emma Orgill on 0400 467 921.

Future Planning for Seniors Workshops

18 & 19 May

Everyone has the right to make their own decisions. However there might be a time when a person is unable to make decisions due to injury or illness and someone else needs to make decisions.

This free workshop guides you through having conversations with those close to you about these times, choosing someone you trust to make decisions in the future and the legal documents you can choose to put in place, like an Enduring Power of Attorney.

During the workshop you'll have the opportunity to start an Advance Care Directive writing down your choices and preferences. Those attending will receive a free booklet Your Voice Trust Your Choice and handouts including the Take Control Booklet and Advance Care Directive.

Bairnsdale Library	Monday 18 May	10.30 am – 12.00 pm
Paynesville Service Centre	Monday 18 May	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Lakes Entrance Service Centre	Tuesday 19 May	10.00 am – 11.30 am
Orbost Service Centre	Tuesday 19 May	1.00 pm – 2.30 pm



Bookings essential ring 5152 4225, scan the QR or register at www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries

EmergencyRedi & Insurance Workshops

19 May

Australian Red Cross, Gippsland Community Legal Service and East Gippsland Shire Council invite you to attend an emergency preparedness session.

EmergencyRedi workshops help you prepare for emergencies at home and in your community. Learn the basics of emergency planning, start your RediPlan, understand your insurance policy and take away practical tools to help you and your loved ones stay safe.

This interactive 2-hour session includes real-life examples, hands-on activities and a Q&A. Bring your insurance policy to discuss what it covers with a lawyer. Build confidence and learn simple steps to boost your emergency preparedness.

Omeo Service Centre Tuesday 19 May 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Free morning & afternoon tea provided. Register by scanning the QR.



Build Better Soil – Practical Workshop at Skeene Creek

20 May

Are you looking to get more out of your soils? Better water holding, improved nutrient cycling, and stronger pasture performance? Then this is a session worth your time.

The Mitchell River Better Beef Network Group is hosting Dr Susan Orgill, a highly regarded Australian soil scientist known for turning complex soil science into practical, on-farm results.

Wednesday 20th May

9:00am – 1:00pm

Skeene Creek Research Farm, 665

Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale



This isn't a sit-and-listen session, we'll be out in the paddock working through real soil pits, looking at sandy loam over clay profiles and what that means for your farm.

- A clear understanding of soil carbon and biology, explained in plain language
- Practical ways to improve water holding capacity and nutrient availability
- Insight into how soil function impacts productivity and resilience
- A step-by-step approach you can apply straight away on your own place

We'll be digging into soil pits, so sturdy boots, a hat, coat, and insect repellent are recommended.

Registration is required: Click here: <https://bit.ly/4ek10hQ> or call Jen on 0409 436 133.

Navigating the Aged Care System Information Session

20 & 26 May

Spend some time with Cindy, an Aged Care Specialist Officer from Services Australia Centrelink!

Are you looking to understand how to navigate the Aged Care System and unsure where to begin?

Cindy, one of the experienced Aged Care Specialist Officers (ACSO's) across Australia, will be joining us to provide valuable information about My Aged Care and how her role can support you and your family through the system.

There will be plenty of time for questions, so feel free to bring yours along!

Lakes Entrance Service Centre Wednesday 20 May 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Bairnsdale Library Tuesday 26 May 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

In June the same program will be delivered Paynesville and in August there will be sessions in Omeo, Orbost and Mallacoota

Book now at your library Phone: 5152 4225 www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries or scan the QR code



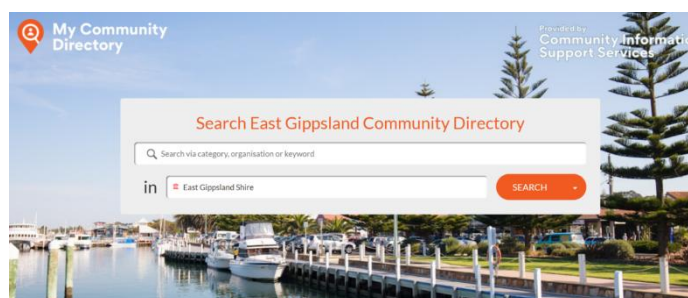
Community Directory – How to Use sessions

25 May

Learn how to connect with local clubs, groups, services and volunteering opportunities in East Gippsland with this free information session.

At the session you'll learn how to:

- Search for local clubs, groups, services, and volunteering opportunities
- Create your own listing
- Promote your events and activities
- Advertise and recruit volunteers
- Access technical support



25 May from 1.00am to 12.00pm Lakes Entrance Library

25 May from 2.00pm to 4.00pm Orbost Library

Perfect for: Community groups • Not-for-profits • Volunteers • Local services • Anyone wanting to get involved. You can view the online community directory at www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Victoria/East_Gippsland



Bookings Essential ring 5152 4225, scan QR or book online at www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries

Gippsland AI in Ag Business' Webinar

25 or 27 May

The Gippsland 'AI in Ag Business' webinar series is a practical, plain-English introduction to using artificial intelligence to support real business decisions across agriculture, food processing and regional organisations. This session cuts through the hype to focus on how AI can actually help, not what it might do someday.

Participants will see live demonstrations using real-world Gippsland scenarios – such as rising diesel and input costs, supply constraints, project delays and competing priorities. You'll see how AI can help model options, test assumptions and reduce risk in everyday decision-making.

This webinar is built for growers, producers, regional businesses and service organisations with limited time, staff and technical resources. The focus is on simple, low-cost tools you can start using immediately – no IT department, big budgets or existing AI strategy required.

Session 1: Monday 25 May | 6.00 – 7.00 pm, or

Session 2: Wednesday 27 May | 1.00 – 2.00 pm, or

Session 3: Wednesday 27 May | 4.00 – 5.00 pm

Your Host will be Ben Finkel from arain.com.au. For questions about the event, please contact Rod Hayes rod.hayes@foodandfibregippsland.com.au or to register go to [Gippsland "AI in Ag Business' Webinar](#).

Business of Farming Bairnsdale

27 May

With rising input costs, dry seasonal conditions and uncertain markets, making confident business decisions has never been more important.

You are invited you to an upcoming Business of Farming workshop focused on helping producers better understand their numbers, improve profitability, and make clearer business decisions.

What will be covered

- Understanding what your cost of production is actually telling you
- Turning data into practical, profitable decisions
- Improving cash flow and reducing business risk
- Identifying profit drivers and hidden cost blowouts
- Making better decisions around stocking rates, feeding, breeding vs trading, and future planning



This practical session will focus on real-world tools and benchmarks farmers can use on-farm straight away — helping you back your decisions with confidence rather than gut feel alone.

Wednesday 27th May

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Gippsland Agricultural Centre Bengworden Road free with dinner provided



We encourage you to register early and bring along anyone involved in your farm business decision making. **To register phone Chris on 0487 291 197 or click link <https://bit.ly/4exD9Jc>.**

Euthanise Livestock Training East Gippsland

27 May

This 1-day practical course provides participants with knowledge of legal responsibilities and skills to safely and humanely euthanise sick, injured or unsaleable dairy cattle. Keeping farmers up to date with best practice regarding animal welfare. Sheep and beef farmers are also welcome to attend.

This course will cover:

- Best practice animal welfare standards for humane euthanasia of cattle
- Options for humane euthanasia of cattle
- Management of euthanasia including confirmation of death in cattle

The workshop includes a practical session on use and maintenance of the Blitz-Kerner captive bolt.

Date: Wednesday, 27th May 2026

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm (AEST)

Location: Gippsland Agricultural Centre Bairnsdale

Register at [Euthanise Livestock Training East Gippsland | Dairy Australia](#).

Taking your Business Online

27 May

Local business owners are invited to attend a free Business Victoria workshop designed to help you grow, connect and succeed in today's digital world. This practical session will cover essential online business strategies, including digital technologies, creating an effective website, social media and email marketing, and how to protect your business online.

Wednesday 27 May, 1–4 pm at Bairnsdale Library,

The workshop is tailored for local businesses and offers easy-to-understand, actionable insights to help you stay ahead. **Places are limited, so be sure to secure your spot by scanning the QR.**



Make Every Blade Count – Winter Feed Options in Action

28 May

With winter feed front of mind and input costs still biting, now's the time to look at practical options that can improve feed supply and make every hectare work harder.

You're invited to join us for a twilight paddock walk and BBQ at Clifton Creek where we'll focus on real, on-farm winter feed options in action with veterinarian and livestock consultant Neil Moss.

This will be a practical, farmer-focused session looking at what's working this season, what's worth considering, and how to get more usable feed through winter without wasting money.

Topics include:

- Over-sowing kikuyu for winter feed – comparing four establishment approaches side-by-side
- Winter pasture options – what’s performing well this season and why
- Annual winter feed systems – newer cultivars versus proven older varieties
- Grazing cereals – choosing the right fit and managing for maximum feed value
- Nitrogen and winter pasture management – getting a response without wasting fertiliser under current cost pressures

Thursday 28 May

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Clifton Creek Hall 810 Deptford Rd

BBQ Landcare dinner included



Whether you’re looking to fill feed gaps, improve pasture performance or compare different winter feed options in the paddock, this session will offer practical ideas you can take home and apply this season.

Register at <https://bit.ly/4d7Zw5t> or call for more information contact Nat on 0436 462 559.

Understanding Flooding in Mallacoota, Genoa and Gipsy Point 28 May

Community members are invited to attend a Flood Information Day bringing together local residents, organisations, and emergency service representatives. The event is open to farmers, families, and the wider community, offering a chance to connect, learn, and strengthen local preparedness.

The session will:

- Share local experiences, insights, and questions about flooding
- Provide information from agencies supporting communities before, during, and after flood events
- Explore flood warnings, impacts, and risks specific to the Genoa Catchment
- Encourage solution-focused discussions with support agencies

Date: 28 May 2026

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Location: Mallacoota Main Hall, 25 Greer St, Mallacoota

✓ Free event – no registration required and light refreshments provided. See poster at the end for more information.



Bringing together local community members - Farmers, Families and Neighbours - to share, listen, and support one another
Whether you've got something to share or just want to stay informed, you're warmly invited

Succession Roadshow NEX

9 & 11 June

“Off the back of the successful *“It’s All Okay Until It’s Not”* Succession Planning Roadshow in 2025, NEX and East Gippsland Shire Council are proud to host a new series of practical, three-hour succession planning workshops in May and June 2026.

These informative sessions will provide clarity, confidence and a clear pathway forward, exploring why succession planning matters, the real cost of doing nothing, and how a facilitated approach can protect both you and your family’s future.

Designed to give you clarity and confidence

Learn how a facilitated approach can protect both your farm and your family's future. Delivered by NEX Business Farming Wellness with support on behalf of Agriculture Victoria as part of the Victorian Government's statewide [Drought Support Package](#). Topics include:

- Paths to consider
- Why Succession Planning matters
- How to start the journey
- Retirement and transition
- What does a plan look like?
- Practical takeaways



Designed for farm owners thinking about the future

- Farming families planning a transition
- Next-generation farmers
- Parents starting succession conversations
- Siblings or partners in the business
- Anyone wanting clarity around their farm's future

9 June Lakes Entrance Library 2:00pm - 4:00pm

11 June Bairnsdale Library 10:00am - 12:00pm

To register call Rhonda at Council on 5153 9500.

Mental Health First Aid

10 & 11 June

There is a Mental Health First Aid Training opportunity coming up in June in Bairnsdale. This is a fully funded training at no cost to participants.

Learn how to provide mental health first aid to friends, family members, co workers and other adults

Wellways Bairnsdale 347 Main Street

Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 June

9.30am to 4.00m

Contact Bianca Gouge bgouge@wellways.org 0422676 792 if you would like to reserve a place.

Be Work Ready - Jobs on Farms

June

Looking to start a rewarding career in agriculture? With strong industry connections, farm visits and support to make the first steps into employment, this course will make you better prepared to secure real job opportunities in your community.

This training will be facilitated by Learn Local with guest speakers from Food and Fibre Gippsland, Fresh Select, Gipps Dairy / Dairy Australia Farm Visit and Fresh Select.

Runs over 5 sessions at **Heyfield Community Resource Centre** 5 George Street, Heyfield VIC 3858

From 9:30am to 2:30pm each day

Tuesday 9th June

Wednesday 10th June

Wednesday 17th June

Thursday 18th June



Friday 19th June

Be Work Ready - Jobs on Farms is an ACFE supported course. This community training is brought to you by the Future of Heyfield Project. The Future of Heyfield is supported by the Victorian Government through the Forestry Transition Program. **Cost: \$20 per person. To Register scan the QR or call 5148 2100 or email coordinator@heyfield.net.**

Sustainable Living Series 2026

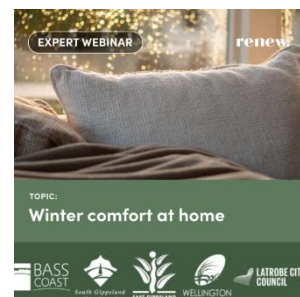
June and July

Join us for a series of free monthly sustainable living webinars in 2026. Listen to independent experts from Renew on topics including solar, batteries, EVs, renting, energy efficiency, building design and more.

Attend online OR join us in the **Bairnsdale library** as part of the Libraries After Dark program.

Webinars are from 7.00 pm to 8.30pm, next topics include:

- **Winter Comfort at Home, 18 June**
- **Winter Comfort for Renters, 9 July**
- **Finding a Sustainable Builder, 30 July**
- **Designing for Resilience, 13 August**



To book and see the full webinar list visit <https://thecap.com.au/sustainable-living-series>. Have your questions ready and take advantage of free technical advice. Missed a session? Watch back using the

FUNDING

Economic Resilience Program

The Australian Government has announced a \$1 billion program through the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation (NRFC), offering zero interest loans to support eligible businesses impacted by current disruptions. The program is more specifically targeted at logistics and manufacturing businesses in areas such as freight, fuel, plastics and fertiliser. Some growers may be eligible depending on their business structure and should engage with their bank to discuss eligibility.

The program offers no-interest loans of up to \$5 million, administered directly by a participating bank to businesses with an annual turnover of up to \$100 million, and no-interest loans administered by the NRFC for companies with turnover in excess of \$100 million, or seeking a loan of more than \$5 million. Further information is [available here](#).

Programs continue to be available to support farmers with recovery, uncertainty and decision making

One-on-one Farm Advisory Service

Free **one-on-one consultations** with a farm management specialist to take stock and work through farm business strategies.

- Two free consults
- [Choice of specialist](#)
- Wide range of expertise
- In-person, on-farm or online

Rural Financial Counselling Service

- Free, confidential and independent financial information, options, decision-making support and referral services
- Free wellbeing counselling to assist with mental health and wellbeing issues.

Farm Drought Support Grants

Up to \$5,000* for primary producers to support investment in **drought management and preparedness**, including on-farm infrastructure improvements.

- Link with the one-on-one consults to invest in identified improvements
- Submit up to two claims to max. of \$5,000
- Claim eligible costs incurred since 30 September 2024

Drought support programs

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.](#)

One-on-one farm advisory service is an opportunity of a second consultation that is available for farmers across the state.

Victorian farmers are being encouraged to access one-on-one consultations to help take stock and develop a tailored drought management plan for their farm business with a second round now open.

Delivered by a panel of technical specialists, this program builds farmers' capacity to manage drought conditions now and into the future.

Over 1000 farmers from across Victoria have accessed the service since it started in 2025, with over 290 consultations in the Gippsland region.

Director Agriculture Services Kate Linden said farmers can choose the main focus of the consultation session and nominate their preferred consultant from a list of specialists from across the state. [Farm advisory service | Drought support | Farm management | Agriculture Victoria](#)

Book now at [Farm Advisory Service one-on-one sessions.](#)

Groups events are being rolled out check upcoming events near you at agriculture.vic.gov.au/events and findout more at [Farmer Group Technical Events.](#)

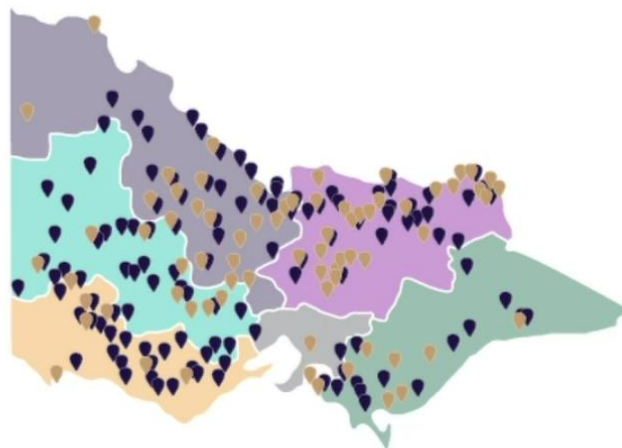
Look Over the Farm Gate

Look Over the Farm Gate grant program managed by the National Centre for Farmer Health (NCFH)

Grants of up to \$5,000 available for community groups to run events which support mental health and wellbeing in farming communities.

Round 1: 159 'Look Over the Farm Gate' events have been held since the project commenced, with a total of 32,895 farmers engaged.

Round 2: The program re-opened for Round 2 in January. Over 100 events have been funded, with 41 already delivered. A total of 5,543 people have attended round 2 events so far.



Location of Look Over the Farm Gate approved events.
Round 1 (blue) & Round 2 (beige). Some locations have more than one event.

Drought Hardship Loan

Drought Hardship Loans are now available through RIC for farm businesses that have been affected by drought for at least 24 months and expect further impacts over the coming season.

The **Drought Hardship Loan** will provide **short-term financial relief** to assist with essential operating costs while farmers continue managing drought impacts and planning for recovery.

Key details include:

- offering loans of up to \$250,000 over five years for essential operating costs
- a two-year interest and principal repayment holiday to support cash flow during hardship
- variable concessional interest rate, currently 5.18%
- loans delivered through the RIC

Further information on the Drought Hardship Loan, including eligibility requirements and how to apply, go to www.ric.gov.au/drought-hardship.

Don't self assess ring RFCS to chat about your situation To speak to a Wellbeing Counsellor call [1300 045 747](tel:1300045747) or find out more at: www.nexsolutions.org.au.

Other funding and support for drought and fire recovery

- Refer to agriculture.vic.gov.au/bushfires.
- Australian Government drought support is available at drought.gov.au.
- [2025 Dry Season & Seasonal Conditions Resources – Victoria Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub](#)
- [Supporting Victorian farmers through dry conditions – Victoria Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub](#)
- [Upcoming AgVic events: Events | Support and resources | Agriculture Victoria](#)
- [Make on-farm upgrades this autumn with a drought grant | Media releases | Media centre | About | Ag...](#)

COMMUNITY FUNDING

Upgrade sports facilities to be more climate resilient and energy efficient

Opens 11 June Closes 8 July

Community sports clubs can apply for grants of **\$25,000–\$100,000** to upgrade facilities and improve energy efficiency and climate resilience. Part of a \$35 million national program supporting up to 500 clubs, funding can cover projects such as solar, lighting, HVAC, drainage and disaster readiness upgrades.

Grants will help recipients **upgrade their sports facilities to be more climate resilient and energy efficient**. It is aimed at reducing energy bills and emissions and to increase awareness of climate action in communities.

Schools may apply in eligible regional areas where facilities are community-accessible. Applications are assessed on value for money and alignment with program goals, with Round 1 projects to be completed by **30 March 2028**.

Eligible expenditure items can include but are not limited to:

- Energy efficiency measures including those related to solar, batteries, lighting, heat pump, HVAC.
- Improving climate resilience of facilities by developing a sustainability/climate action, undertaking climate risk assessments, improving shading and drainage, improving disaster readiness through infrastructure upgrades.

Apply at: [Game on: Teaming up for climate action](#)” DCCEEW (Fed Gov) and email the following for further information support@communitygrants.gov.au

Future Drought Fund (FDF) Communities | Round 2

Small Network Grants & RDRP Social Outcome Grants

Closes 23 June

Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP) Social Outcome Grants support not-for-profit organisations in remote, rural and regional Australia to develop and deliver local projects that will broadly result in **strengthened social capital, wellbeing and connectedness** to prepare for and build social resilience to drought. Part of the [Future Drought Fund’s Communities Program](#), supported by the Australian Government, this program invests in the future by enabling agriculture-dependent communities to identify and act on their drought preparedness priorities at a grassroots level and in ways that best suit their communities. [FDF Communities – RDRP Social Outcome Grants](#). Applications open now and close on the 23 June 2026.

Rural Communities (SRC) | Round 29

Small & Vital Grants & Prepare & Recover Grants

Closes 24 June

Small grants up to **\$10,000** are available for a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities that strengthen local people, places and climate solutions, with a preference for smaller communities (populations less than 15,000). The timeframe to deliver these projects is **up to 12 months**.

Targeted **larger leverage grants** up to **\$50,000** are **only** available for projects that focus on strengthening the **digital skills, confidence and safety of adults** enabling them to get online, build social connections and access services, information, education and employment through training, as well as acquiring the digital and connectivity infrastructure where needed. The timeframe to deliver these projects is **up to 18 months**. [Strengthening Rural Communities - Small & Vital](#)

The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Prepare & Recover program supports communities in remote, rural and regional communities across Australia to implement initiatives that **prevent and prepare** for future climate related impacts or **recover** from existing disasters in the medium to long-term timeframe, generally one to ten years after the disaster. Grants **up to \$25,000** are available for a broad range of initiatives. [Strengthening Rural Communities - Small & Vital](#).

Gardiner Community Development Grants

Close 30 June

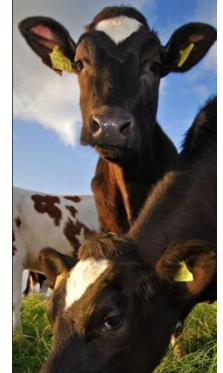
Gardiner Community Development Grants

- Provides **\$5,000–\$10,000 grants** for locally led projects that strengthen **social connection and wellbeing** in Victoria's dairy communities.
- Projects must **support disadvantaged or marginalised groups**, especially those linked to the **dairy supply chain**.



Eligible project areas include:

- Activities that boost **community participation, wellbeing, digital inclusion, mobility and access**.
- Programs, events or workshops that **increase social connection** and reduce cost barriers (e.g. transport, participation costs).
- **Capacity building** to strengthen leadership, volunteers and long-term community resilience.
- **Arts and creative projects** that share stories and bring people together.
- Initiatives that connect communities with **local food, fibre and dairy industries**.
- Purchase of **equipment or materials** that support community engagement.



Next step:

Applicants must first **contact Cherie Draper (GCF Community Liaison)** to discuss eligibility before applying. More information at [2026 Gardiner Foundation Community Development Grants — Gippsland Community Foundation](#)



SURVEYS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Dairy Australia Resources to support fuel and fertiliser decision making

[Register](#) for Dairy Australia's next national webinar, Fuel & Fertiliser Disruption: Urea Imports and Planning Ahead. Watch the most recent webinar here [On-farm Water & Fertiliser Decisions - webinar](#).

Dairy Australia has developed a [new landing page](#) with a suite of resources to support dairy businesses in planning and decision-making during this period, including practical guidance, tools and updates as the situation evolves.

Dairy Australia's regional teams are organising a range of local events to bring farmers together to connect, share management approaches, planning strategies, and real-world experiences. Visit [fuel and fertiliser disruption events](#) to find out when the next event is scheduled.

Keep up to date with the latest from the [National Farmers Federation](#).

Industry is encouraged to provide feedback/insights to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry via cemb@aff.gov.au.

Farmers experiencing stress or financial pressure due to the current uncertainty are encouraged to seek support. Assistance is available through the [National Centre for Farmer Health](#), including financial and wellbeing resources.

Regional Drought Resilience Victoria website

A new website has been designed that is hosted on extensionAUS, hosted on a Community of Practice platform, the site complements the static RDR Plan information on DAFF and Agriculture Victoria websites.

It provides a dynamic space to share case studies, practical successes and lessons learned from implementing RDR Plans across Victoria.

The platform supports collaboration, learning and continuous improvement statewide together. Stakeholders are invited to explore, connect and contribute to building stronger, drought-resilient regions by connecting with this platform. The site can be found at <https://extensionaus.com.au/rdrvictoria>.

Livestock Farm Monitor Project

The Livestock Farm Monitor Project estimates the economic performance of surveyed sheep and cattle farms by collecting detailed physical and financial farm information. The objective and timely data generated through this project is relied on by industry and government decision-makers. Gippsland producers are currently under represented in this important project.

Funded by Agriculture Victoria for more than 50 years, producers joining the [Victorian Livestock Monitor Project](#) received multiple benefits:

- Free program for sheep and beef producers
- Provides confidential, individualised benchmarking
- Annual reports track production and financial performance over time
- Helps producers understand and improve business profitability
- Supports better short, medium and long-term decision-making
- Offers valuable production and financial insights
- Reports can assist in securing or extending farm loans
- Builds confidence in on-farm planning and investment decisions

If you register for this program through an approved partner such as Chris Jehu at [Countryside Business Partners](#), you will receive 1-1 guidance and data will be submitted on your behalf.

Alternatively, you can register here: [Free profit benchmarking with the Livestock Farm Monitor Project](#)
[Livestock Farm Monitor Project | Agriculture in Victoria | About | Agriculture Victoria](#).

An opportunity to participate in research on Regenerative Agriculture Adoption

This important study conducted by Deakin University aims to understand how landholders move from being interested in regenerative agriculture to actually putting these practices into action on their farms, particularly after attending workshops, field days, or other council or catchment-led programs.

Using a qualitative approach, the research includes a **short online survey** and optional **one-on-one interviews** to hear directly from landholders about what motivates them, what supports them, and what barriers they may face along the way. [Download a flyer to find out more here.](#)

To participate or learn more about the study enquire here: [Expression of Interest – Regenerative Agriculture Research. Participant Recruitment Flyer - RA Victoria - Research Study.](#)

Business Skills Mentoring program

Closes 31 May

The Business Skills Mentoring program will provide up to 1,000 eligible small business owners with 3 one-hour mentoring sessions to be used within 3 months.

The Business Skills Mentoring program aims to give small business owners the confidence to invest, expand and innovate. You will receive 3, one-hour mentoring sessions with an experienced business professional. The program will help you build skills, set goals and navigate challenges that are relevant to your business needs.

Mentors can provide advice on a wide range of business topics including, but not limited to, marketing, communication, finance, strategic planning, digitalisation and change management.

Expressions of Interest close 5pm 31 May, or earlier if places are filled. Expressions of interest will be assessed against the eligibility criteria as outlined in the program guidelines and if deemed eligible, you will receive an email with details on how to complete the pre-mentoring stage.

Register your interest at: [Business Skills Mentoring Program | Business Victoria](#).

Gippsland Jobs Hub

Connecting job seekers and employers across Gippsland.

Gippsland Jobs Hub is the go-to place for employment opportunities across our thriving, diverse region. Whether you're a job seeker looking for work locally or considering a tree-change to Gippsland, this free portal is here to support you and your career journey.

[Download the flyer](#) to find out more or visit the Gippsland Jobs Hub [Gippsland Jobs Hub](#).



INFORMATION

Digging Deeper Podcast

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](#).



Vic Hub Drought & Innovation team newsletter info

In the latest Vic Hub newsletter there are practical insights, on-ground activity and support available right now, including:

- drought-resilience research supporting better decision-making
- projects improving farm dam management and water security
- where we've been working with farmers across the state
- available drought support



See this edition [March-April 2026](#) [Vic Hub's latest updates](#) or check out the website at [Victoria Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub](#).

Soil Moisture Probe Update #35

The April 2026 update draws on soil moisture probe data from Central and East Gippsland, with expanded coverage including West and South Gippsland. It reports rainfall, soil temperature and soil moisture conditions for April, with detailed soil moisture profiles for key locations.



- April 2026 update uses soil moisture probe data across Central, East, West and South Gippsland
- Rainfall dropped significantly from March, averaging 26 mm across the network
- Central and East Gippsland saw the biggest decline (75 mm to 10 mm), while West and South Gippsland fell to 52 mm
- Soil moisture decreased in all regions due to warm conditions and low rainfall
- Central and East Gippsland dropped from 64% to 42%, with wide variation across sites
- West and South Gippsland remained relatively stable, slightly decreasing from 33% to 32%
- Soil temperatures cooled across all regions, indicating seasonal change

Summary

- Cooler soil temperatures and dry conditions are slowing pasture growth
- Supplementary feeding can help manage grazing pressure and build feed reserves for winter
- Important time to plan winter feed based on livestock needs
- Soil and weather data can guide decisions on fertiliser or gibberellic acid use
- Gibberellic acid works best at 5–15 °C with adequate soil moisture
- Sowing may still be viable where moisture is sufficient
- Temperate species establish best at 12–20 °C; grasses and cereals tolerate cooler conditions
- Post-rainfall weed control can improve pasture quality

For more information go to agriculturevictoria.cmail19.com/t/r-e-tufdhhk-bujudyduki-y/, subscribe at [Subscribe to Gippsland Soil Moisture Probe Update](#) or contact James Paulet on 0447 695 839, james.paulet@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

Increasing drying times and soil moisture

A tool to assist is to utilise data to assist with informed decision making

- Soil moisture dashboard [Soil Moisture Monitoring | Soil Moisture Monitoring](#)
- GAGG network [Weather Stations](#)

New Rural Aid survey ‘Pulse of the Paddock’

Rural Aid’s latest Pulse of the Paddock report offers a powerful insight into the realities facing farming families across Australia. While more farmers are opening up about mental health and recognising the importance of wellbeing, the report shows that pressure continues to build.

More farmers reported a decline in their mental health over the past 12 months than an improvement, with financial strain, rising costs, and climate uncertainty all taking a toll. These challenges are not short term and continue to affect both daily life and long-term decision-making on farms.

The findings also highlight the impact on families and communities, with many feeling the weight of ongoing stress. Rural Aid continue providing counselling, practical assistance, and connection – ensuring farmers know they are not alone and help is always within reach. Report at [POTP26 PROOF](#).

Check out the drought planning booklet with a water budget [DroughtResilience-2024-web.pdf](#).

Food and Fibre Gippsland Update

Food & Fibre Gippsland attended the East Gippsland Field Days on 10–11 April 2026 at the Bairnsdale Aerodrome as a proud partner of this key regional agricultural event. The Field Days bring together farmers, industry groups and service providers, creating valuable opportunities for connection, learning and on-the-ground conversations that help ensure programs and advocacy reflect real industry needs.

Over the two days, Simon Johnson, Brodie Anderson and Rod Hayes engaged with growers, producers and community members, strengthening relationships and welcoming new members to the network. These direct conversations provided important insights into current challenges and priorities, helping ensure Food & Fibre Gippsland’s work remains practical, relevant and shaped by real farm experiences.

For more information go to [Food and Fibre Gippsland](#) and to see the [new membership offer here](#).



Below is the new growing a career in Horticulture resource – scan the QR to check it out.



Gippsland Community Foundation Update

In March, the Generous Gippsland campaign was launched to help grow long-term funding for the region, and to build partnerships with people and organisations who believe in backing this region.

Generous Gippsland, is a community grants fund designed to create funding opportunities for community projects right across Gippsland/ With more than \$10 million awarded into Gippsland communities since our first grants in 2021 which is a reflection of what's possible when funding partners and community come together with trust and shared purpose. You'll find a breakdown of this granting in our impact graphic, as well as our most recent grants awarded just this week.

The Foundation is now seeking additional partners to help grow Generous Gippsland within the region's giving landscape. Businesses, philanthropic organisations or individuals interested in becoming potential supporters should contact info@gippslandcf.org.au or call Michelle Dowsett on 0499 241 917.



COUNCIL UPDATES

East Gippsland Livestock Exchange



 EAST GIPPSLAND LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE
UPCOMING SALES

MAY 2026 *Dates are subject to change by Stock Agents

Prime Cattle Sale, 8.30 am
Wednesday 6 May
Wednesday 13 May
Wednesday 20 May
Wednesday 27 May

Store Cattle Sale, 9.00 am
Friday 8 May
Friday 22 May

Sheep Sale, 10.00 am
Monday 11 May
Monday 25 May



 EAST GIPPSLAND LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE
UPCOMING SALES

JUNE 2026 *Dates are subject to change by Stock Agents

Prime Cattle Sale, 8.30 am
Wednesday 3 June
Wednesday 10 June
Wednesday 17 June
Wednesday 24 June

Store Cattle Sale, 9.00 am
Friday 12 June
Friday 26 June

Sheep Sale, 10.00 am
Tuesday 9 June
Monday 22 June



My Lot – An Online tool

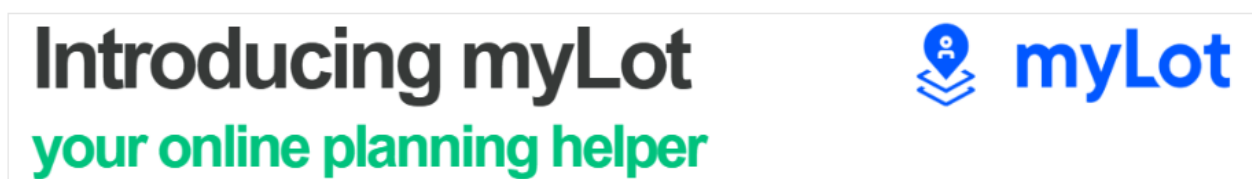
Planning a project and wondering “Do I need a planning permit?” *My Lot* is a new online tool available on Council’s website that can help you find the answer — anytime, day or night.

My Lot is a new online tool available on Council's website to help determine if a planning permit is required. It guides users through a series of simple questions and generates a report outlining next steps, making it easier to plan projects and avoid delays. It can be used for a range of enquiries, including:

- Building or extending a home
- Sheds, garages or carports
- Removing vegetation
- Starting or expanding a business
- Subdividing land

The tool is accessible via computer or mobile, with an instructional video available at "[My Lot](#)" on Council's website and Council staff can assist in person if needed call 5153 9500.

My Lot makes it easier to get the planning information you need, when you need it — helping to reduce delays and confusion before you start your project. To use the tool go to [Do you need a planning permit?](#)



Planning Department Update

Council has worked with the Department of Transport and Planning since 2023 to overhaul the planning controls relating to erosion and this project was recently finalised. The project amended the Erosion Management Overlay mapping to only apply to land or parts of land where erosion risk exists and to also amend the control to be a risk based hazard control. In practice, that means that only high risk proposals in mapped areas will need a planning permit but that where the risk is high, appropriate geotechnical investigations must be undertaken. This will ensure that the risk to life a property as a result of erosion is minimised. Ring the Planning Department for more information 5153 9500.

Community Matters e-newsletter

Check out the latest edition of our community e-newsletter, Community Matters. This newsletter shares updates on projects, services, decisions, open consultations and more. [Click here to subscribe and stay informed.](#)

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.

This weeks planned engagement opportunities:

- [Port of Bairnsdale Masterplan | Your Say East Gippsland](#)
- [East Gippsland Aquatic Strategy | Your Say East Gippsland](#)
- [Omeo Justice Precinct Master Plan | Your Say East Gippsland](#)
- [Lindenow District Place Plan | Your Say East Gippsland](#)



- [Swifts Creek Structure Plan | Your Say East Gippsland](#) and

[Public Art Policy | Your Say East Gippsland](#) Closing on June 3. – more about this one below.

Public art plays an important role in shaping places people feel proud to live in, work in and welcome others to. Council is developing its first Public Art Policy and is inviting community feedback on what public art means, where it could have the greatest impact, and how it can reflect the stories, identity and character of East Gippsland. Community input will help guide a clear and practical approach to how public art is planned, supported and delivered, with everyone encouraged to share their views through [The survey](#).



[WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING](#)

[Out of India](#)

Food & Fibre Gippsland, in partnership with Four Pillars Trading, hosted an industry event at the Tinamba Hotel on 13 April focused on export opportunities in India for Gippsland producers. The session brought together local producers and industry stakeholders to hear insights into India's growing middle class, changing food preferences and increasing demand for premium products, alongside practical guidance on market entry, trade pathways and regulations.

The event highlighted Gippsland's strong reputation for high-quality, clean and green produce, and provided a valuable opportunity for attendees to ask questions, share experiences and build connections. Strong engagement reinforced the importance of collaboration and timely insights to help local agribusinesses position themselves for future global opportunities.



[Gippsland Circular Economy Hub Meeting](#)

Food & Fibre Gippsland and Sustainability Victoria hosted a Gippsland Circular Economy Hub meeting on 12 March bringing together regional stakeholders to connect and collaborate on circular economy initiatives. The Hub is a growing network linking government, industry, research and community organisations with a shared goal of advancing circular economy action across Gippsland.

Following the announced closure of Sustainability Victoria, Food & Fibre Gippsland is working to secure the Hub's future governance and direction, with a focus on strengthening its digital presence and improving regional data on circular and bioeconomy activities to better support ongoing collaboration and growth.

For more information go to: [Bringing Gippsland Together: Highlights from the First In-Person Circular Economy Hub Meeting — Food and Fibre Gippsland](#)



National Indigenous Disaster Resilience – Importance of Relationship

East Gippsland was home to a National conference on disaster resilience focusing on First Nations experience, knowledge, leadership and cultural connection. Speakers emphasised shifting the focus from “resilience” to preparedness, recognising that communities already hold deep knowledge and capability. Discussions reinforced the value of collaboration, cultural custodianship, and shared power, alongside the need to embed Indigenous perspectives into disaster planning and policy frameworks.

Priorities included strengthening partnerships before disasters, improving communication and trust, recognising local skills, and establishing community-led response hubs. The overall reflection was clear: disaster resilience is strongest when communities retain authority, connection and capability, with government acting as an enabler—supporting, listening and working in genuine partnership rather than leading from the top down.

To Note: Council is currently working with Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust on an agricultural project through the Nowa Nowa Futures project and had the opportunity to connect with key personal at this event.



Raising Healthy Heifers

On a stunning autumn morning, farmers and service providers gathered at Helen and Chris Nixon’s property for a field day focused on improving the performance of replacement heifers. Held in a practical yard setting, the session encouraged hands-on learning and peer discussion. A key message from Lauren Foster was the importance of regularly monitoring heifer growth, with weighing at critical points helping ensure animals meet joining and calving targets. Participants were reminded that visual assessment alone

is unreliable, and that managing variation within groups—particularly by separating and supporting lighter animals—is essential for long-term herd performance.

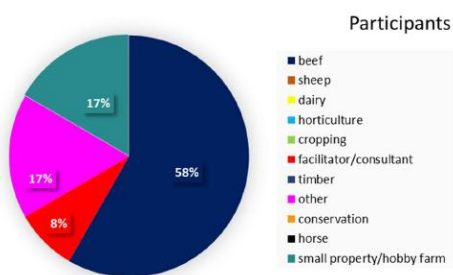
The day also addressed broader farm challenges, with Karen McLennan providing insights into rising fertiliser and fuel costs and encouraging farmers to explore alternative strategies. One producer shared an innovative approach using effluent and dissolved nitrogen to maximise on-farm resources. Strong engagement from attendees made the event a success, highlighting the value of collaboration and continuous learning, with thanks extended to the Nixon family and supporting partners for contributing to a resilient dairy sector.



Business of Farming Boot Camp

The *Business of Farming Boot Camp*, held from 28–30 April 2026, brought together 10 participants managing 550 hectares across seven properties for an intensive and highly impactful learning experience. All participants reported that the program exceeded expectations, with 80% experiencing a key “aha” moment. The boot camp strongly influenced future practice, with every participant planning to apply what they learned and 80% intending to seek further advice and identifying change as a high priority. This reflects a strong commitment to continuous improvement.

Key takeaways centred on the importance of accurate cost analysis, business planning, and goal setting, with participants emphasising the value of working collaboratively, improving confidence in financial decision-making, and adopting a more structured, data-driven approach to farm management. Overall, the boot camp reinforced that with the right knowledge, planning, and advice, participants are well equipped to strengthen the viability and direction of their farming businesses.



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](#).

SHEEP SKILLS FOR SMALL PROPERTIES MINI-SERIES

Thinking about running sheep or already have a few and want to do it better? This friendly, practical mini-series is designed specifically for small landholders and lifestyle farmers who want to build confidence and make smart decisions about their sheep.



Tue 19th May, Tue 26th May, Tue 2nd June, Tue 9th June



Gippsland Agriculture Centre - Bengworden Rd



5.30 pm to 8.00pm

Light supper is provided

Session 1: Getting Sheep Ready to Breed – 19 May

Set up for healthy lambs and better joining

- Condition scoring ewes
- Feeding for joining success
- Choosing the right ram

Session 2: Feeding Sheep on Small Properties – 26 May

Make the most of pasture and supplements

- Feed needs by age and stage
- Raising lambs and weaning basics
- Matching feed to seasons

Session 3: Keeping Your Sheep Healthy – 2 June

Build confidence in everyday care

- Lamb survival basics
- Simple health calendar
- Treatments: what and when

Session 4: Simple Records & Making Sheep Pay – 9 June

Use records to improve results

- Tracking weights
- Linking feed, management, costs
- Improving enterprise returns



REGISTER NOW!

RSVP is essential to book use QR code or click link [REGISTER LINK](#)

Questions? Contact Emma Orgill on 0400 467 921



Australian Government

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



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EmergencyRedi & Insurance Workshops

At a Library Near You!



Omeo Service Centre
Tuesday 19 May
1.00pm - 3.00pm

Mallacoota Service Centre
Tuesday 12 May
12.00pm - 2.00pm

Book Now

At your library
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Scan the QR code

Australian Red Cross, Gippsland Community Legal Service and East Gippsland Shire Council invite you to attend an emergency preparedness session.

About the Workshops

EmergencyRedi workshops help you prepare for emergencies at home and in your community. Learn the basics of emergency planning, start your RediPlan, understand your insurance policy and take away practical tools to help you and your loved ones stay safe.

What to Expect

This interactive 2-hour session includes real-life examples, hands-on activities and a Q&A. Bring your insurance policy to discuss what it covers with a lawyer. Build confidence and learn simple steps to boost your emergency preparedness.

Free afternoon tea provided.



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Future Planning for Seniors Workshop

Seniors Rights Victoria



Join us for this information packed workshop!

Everyone has the right to make their own decisions. However there might be a time when a person is unable to make decisions due to injury or illness and someone else needs to make decisions.

This free workshop guides you through having conversations with those close to you about these times, choosing someone you trust to make decisions in the future and the legal documents you can choose to put in place, like an Enduring Power of Attorney.

During the workshop you'll have the opportunity to start an Advance Care Directive writing down your choices and preferences. Those attending will receive a free booklet *Your Voice Trust Your Choice* and handouts including the *Take Control Booklet* and *Advance Care Directive*.

Bairnsdale Library

Monday 18 May
10.30 am – 12.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre

Tuesday 19 May
10.00 am – 11.30 am

Mallacoota Service Centre

Wednesday 20 May
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

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Your Host

Ben Finkel
from
arain.com.au



**Food & Fibre
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Connect, Innovate & Grow Together

Gippsland 'AI in Ag Business'

Webinar

Why Attend?

- Turn AI from a buzzword into a PRACTICAL tool for everyday decisions in farming, food processing and regional businesses
- See live, real-world scenarios (diesel costs, supply constraints, project chaos) and how AI can help MODEL options and reduce risk
- LEARN simple, low-cost tools you can start using tomorrow – no IT team or AI strategy required
- Understand how to PROTECT your data and reputation, with plain-English guidance on privacy, security and governance
- Ask your own QUESTIONS in an open, interactive format – bring challenges from the paddock, boardroom or office

Webinar Session Options

Session 1:

Monday 25 May | 6.00 – 7.00 pm, or

Session 2:

Wednesday 27 May | 1.00 – 2.00 pm, or

Session 3:

Wednesday 27 May | 4.00 – 5.00 pm



Any Questions?

Email Rod Hayes at:
rod.hayes@foodandfibregippsland.com.au

[REGISTER HERE](#)



OR SCAN HERE

BUSINESS OF FARMING

KNOW IT - USE IT - IMPROVE IT

DO YOU WANT TO

- ✓ Understand what your cost of production is actually telling you
- ✓ Make clearer, more confident business decisions
- ✓ Turn data into profit, not just paperwork
- ✓ Improve cash flow, reduce risk, and plan ahead



Learn how top farmers use numbers to stay profitable through dry seasons, rising input costs, and volatile markets instead of farming on gut feel alone.



Cut through the noise and make clearer decisions around markets, stocking rates, breeding vs trading, feeding, and where to put your money over the next 6-12 months.



Understand exactly where your business is making money — and where it's leaking it — know your true cost of production, biggest profit drivers, and hidden cost blowouts.



Walk away with practical tools and benchmarks you can actually use on-farm to improve profit, make faster decisions, and back yourself with confidence.



BAIRNSDALE

WED 27TH MAY

4:00 - 6:00PM

Gippsland Agricultural Centre
Bairnsdale Airport / Bengworden Road

** No cost & dinner provided **

REGISTER

PHONE CHRIS
0487 291 197

LINK: <https://bit.ly/4exD9Jc>

QR SCAN:



AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

This event is being delivered by Countryside Business Partners on behalf of Agriculture Victoria as part of the Victorian Government's statewide Drought Support Package.

Taking Your Business Online

Free Workshop



Wednesday 27TH May
1 - 4 PM



Bairnsdale Library

Local business owners, don't miss this free Business Victoria workshop. Learn practical strategies for operating your business in a digital world, including understanding digital technologies, markets and risks.



What you'll learn



Online business strategies to help you stay ahead



Hardware and software requirements



Creating an effective website to drive business success



The importance of social media and email to an online business



How to protect your business in a digital world



Free to attend



Practical and easy to understand



Ideal for local business owners

Book your place

Spaces are limited – secure your spot today!



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UNDERSTANDING FLOODING in MALLACOOTA, GENOA, and GIPSY POINT

**Community, Organisations and
Emergency Service Representatives**

- Local voices, experiences and questions welcomed
- Hear from agencies that support locals before, during and after flooding
- Discuss flooding, warnings and impacts for the Genoa Catchment community
- Be a part of solution focused discussions with agencies that support you

WHEN

28th May, 2026

11am - 1pm

WHERE

Mallacoota Main Hall

25 Greer St, Mallacoota

Bringing together local community members - Farmers, Families and Neighbours - to share, listen, and support one another

Whether you've got something to share or just want to stay informed, you're warmly invited

***Small steps today
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**Free Workshop
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Neighbourhood Houses
The Heart of Our Community



**Mallacoota
District Health
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**GIPPSLAND
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AUTHORITY**





MAKE EVERY BLADE COUNT

Winter Feed Options In Action

You're invited to a twilight paddock walk and talk where we'll cut through the theory and focus on real, on-farm winter feed options in action. Join veterinarian and livestock consultant Neil Moss to explore practical strategies to improve winter feed performance, close feed gaps, and lift profitability.

**THURSDAY
28 MAY**

4-6pm

BBQ Landcare Dinner

Meet at Clifton Creek
Hall - 810 Deptford Rd
Clifton Creek

Discussion will include:

- ✓ Over-sowing kikuyu for winter feed – four different establishment approaches, side-by-side comparison
- ✓ Winter pasture options – what's performing well this season, and why
- ✓ Annual winter feed systems – comparing newer cultivars with proven older varieties
- ✓ Grazing cereals – choosing the right fit and managing for maximum usable feed
- ✓ Nitrogen & winter pasture management – getting a response without wasting fertiliser under current cost and supply pressures



REGISTER NOW



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FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Navigating the Aged Care System

Information Session



Spend some time with Cindy, an Aged Care Specialist Officer from Services Australia Centrelink!

Are you looking to understand how to navigate the Aged Care System and unsure where to begin?

Cindy, one of the experienced Aged Care Specialist Officers (ACSO's) across Australia, will be joining us to provide valuable information about My Aged Care and how her role can support you and your family through the system.

There will be plenty of time for questions, so feel free to bring yours along!

Bairnsdale Library

Tuesday 26 May
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre

Wednesday 20 May
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Omeo Service Centre

Friday 7 August
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Orbost Service Centre

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9 June | Bairnsdale | 10:00am - 1:00pm
Lakes Entrance | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

10 June | Orbost | 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Hybrid online with **Mallacoota & Omeo**

To register ring Rhonda from Community Services
on 5153 9500



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Learn how a facilitated
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both your farm and your
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Topics

- ✓ Paths to consider
- ✓ Why Succession Planning matters
- ✓ How to start the journey
- ✓ Retirement and transition
- ✓ What does a plan look like?
- ✓ Practical takeaways

Who Should Attend

- ✓ Farm owners thinking about the future
Farming families planning a transition
- ✓ Next-generation farmers
- ✓ Parents starting succession conversations
Siblings or partners in the business
- ✓ Anyone wanting clarity around their
farm's future

BE WORK READY - *Jobs on Farms*

Looking to start a rewarding career in agriculture? With strong industry connections, farm visits and support to make the first steps into employment, this course will make you better prepared to secure real job opportunities in your community.

Runs over 5 sessions:

Tuesday 9th June

Wednesday 10th June

Wednesday 17th June

Thursday 18th June

Friday 19th June

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call: 5148 2100

email: coordinator@heyfield.net

All sessions will run from
9:30am - 2:30pm.

Cost: \$20 per person.

Bookings essential.

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is supported by the Victorian Government through
the Forestry Transition Program*





Standard Mental Health First Aid

Learn how to provide mental health first aid to friends, family members, co-workers and other adults.

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th
of June



09:30am - 4pm

Wellways Bairnsdale
347 Main Street, Bairnsdale 3875



TO REGISTER

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