

Gippsland Shire Council

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August 2025



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EVENTS

EGCMA Community Information Sessions

19 & 20 August

The EGCMA have been hosting Community Information Sessions across East Gippsland to talk about their latest projects and hear directly from community about priorities across the region.

The **East Gippsland Regional Waterway Strategy** is a strategic plan that guides investment in waterway management activities over a ten-year period. See the previous strategy here [East Gippsland Regional Waterway Strategy](#).

These sessions provide a great opportunity to ask questions, raise local environmental concerns, and enjoy some light refreshments—including a sausage sizzle, tea and coffee.

Remaining session schedule and locations:

- **Mallacoota** – Tuesday 19 August, 6 –7:30pm @ Mallacoota Club Rooms
- **Orbost** – Wednesday 20 August, 6 –7:30pm @ Orbost Senior Citizens Club

If you are unable to attend a session you can still have your say on the East Gippsland Regional Waterway Strategy feedback address at <https://pinpoint.egcma.com.au/>.

**Bairnsdale Library**

Monday 18 August
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre

Thursday 28 August
9.30 am – 12.00 pm
&
2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Orbost Service Centre

Thursday 14 August
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Book Now

At your library
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www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries
Scan the QR code



Tech Help

One-On-One Assistance

Book a One-On-One tech help session!

Book a 30 minute one-on-one session, where we'll work together to set tech goals and help you achieve them.

Support is available for using devices, applications, social media and browsers.

We don't cover issues related to security, repairs, or purchase recommendations.

Please note, we cannot assist with online banking-related problems for privacy reasons.



Libraries
Change Lives

Live Younger Longer - a FREE Program for seniors

Weekly starting 19 August

Live Younger Longer is a free program designed to help all over 65s feel great and enjoy a happy life. It looks at the five key areas that influence ageing, with some simple actions to continue doing the things you really want to do.

There will be access to exercise physiologist, dietician and clinical psychologist who will provide free advice to help get more out of life and keep you living independently for as long as possible. The information session and morning tea are on:

When: Tuesday 19th August 10 am

Where: Eagle Point Foreshore Hub

Register at <https://liveyoungerlonger.com.au>

The program will start at **Eagle Point Foreshore Hub** on the **26 August 2025** and runs weekly each **Tuesday at 10am**. For more information email questions@liveyoungerlonger.com.au.

Topsoils High Country Demonstration

20 August

Are you keen to find better ways to close the winter feed gap and boost your feed base while protecting your soils?

Join in on the **Topsoils High Country Demonstration Site** for a hands-on Winter Feed Field Day. Nicole Frost from PEAK Pasture & Livestock will walk through trial plots of grazing brassicas, cereals, root crops, and grasses and see how the options stack up for livestock performance and cost.

- ✓ See multiple winter feed options growing in local conditions
- ✓ Hear insights into real costs and productivity

- ✓ Connect with other local producers
- ✓ Get ideas to improve your own winter feed strategy

When: Wednesday 20 August

Where: Lawlor Property, 151 Upper Livingstone Rd, Omeo

Time: 10am - 2:30pm with lunch provided

Click link to register: <https://bit.ly/45bndFV> or text Nat Jenkins on 0436 462 559.

Are you looking for work or seeking staff for your business?

20 August

The Gippsland Jobs Expos is your chance to connect directly with local employers and jobseekers.

Join us at the **Bairnsdale Jobs Expo** for a day of networking, opportunity, and community connection. This in-person event is designed to help match jobseekers with available roles in the region and give businesses a platform to showcase their vacancies.

When: Wednesday 20 August

Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Where: Cremin Hall (Jan Pianta School of Dance), 38 Pyke Street, Bairnsdale

The event includes:

- Employer stalls showcasing job vacancies
- Training and apprenticeship advice
- Support from employment and skills services
- A free barbecue lunch
- Information on the free [Gippsland Jobs Hub](#) portal

Whether you're looking for work, training, or to hire staff, don't miss this opportunity to connect locally and grow our region together. *Proudly supported by East Gippsland Shire Council, Skills and Jobs Centres, and Workforce Australia.*

Taking your business online – Webinar

27 August

Business Victoria are presenting this online webinar is for small business owners who want to increase their online presence.

At this workshop you will learn to:

- understand digital technologies, markets and risks
- stay competitive with online business strategies
- plan the hardware and software you need
- create an effective website to drive success
- select your business from digital threats.

Online, 2 September at 6 pm – 9 pm [Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)

Discover how social media and email can boost your online business and best practice for using these tools to connect with customers. Join in to build your online business presence safely and with confidence.

The Small Business Bus will be in Bairnsdale Tuesday 2 September outside the library

Confidential sessions are 45-minutes, free of charge and bookings are essential at [Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)

Lean and Drought Support Business Planning Webinar

20 & 27 August

This event is supported by Agriculture Victoria's Drought Support Package.

Join us for a practical, face-to-face workshop designed to help business owners and senior leaders in Victoria navigate the challenges of drought, economic shifts, and industry changes.

Learn how to strengthen your operations, improve profitability, and drive long-term sustainability with expert insights from Moshie.

What You'll Gain:

- Introduction to Lean Business Management and how it applies to your farm business
- Tools for identifying waste and improving efficiency to increase profitability and resilience
- Simple business planning templates to identify areas for improvement
- Straight-forward costing tools to improve decision-making and resource management
- Strategies for risk-management, building drought resilience, and long-term business sustainability
- 12 months of access to an exclusive online portal, with workshop resources

When: Wed 27 Aug 2025

Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Online Event

Register at [Tickets for Intro to Lean & Drought Support Business Planning Webinar](#).

Integrity systems webinar – LPA, NLIS and eID update for Victoria 25 August

Victorian beef and sheep producers – join Integrity Systems and Agriculture Victoria to learn about the latest on Livestock Production Assurance, eID, eNVD and the National Livestock Identification System at an online webinar.

When: 25 August

Time: 7pm

Online Event

See more in agriculturevictoria.cmail19.com/t/r-e-tklhjuc-birjrulikd-y/

Bruthen Farm Visit - Rearing and showing calves/cattle 1 September

East Gippsland Women in Agriculture are hosting two farm visits to hear from local Bruthen women farmers talk about their operations and their passions; for one it is rearing calves; the other is showing cattle.

Lunch will be at Tambo Honey where we hear everything about bees and honey as well.

When: Monday 1 September

Time: 10am - 2pm at Bruthen with lunch included

Register online to access more details or contact **Emma Orgill** on 0400 467 921

<https://events.humanitix.com/bruthen-farm-visit-east-gippsland-women-in-agriculture>

Kinaway Regional Business Development Roadshow 4 September

The Kinaway team is hitting the road to **support** and **celebrate** regional Indigenous enterprise through its new **business development roadshow**. Designed for First Nations businesses across Gippsland, these sessions deliver practical tools, growth insights, and the chance to build strong networks.

Where: Kalimna GLaWAC 27 Scriveners Rd

When: Thursday 4 September

Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Register here: [Kinaway Regional Business Development Roadshow - Kalimna West](https://events.humanitix.com/joelwilliams2025eastgippsland)

Spread the word and help local Aboriginal businesses grow, learn, and connect.

Joel Williams Series Plant Nutrition, Biofertilisers and Poultry Litter 5 & 8 September

You are invited to a series of free, practical and insightful events featuring Joel Williams, a globally respected soil health educator and consultant, coming to Gippsland this September!

Joel brings hands-on experience from across Australia, the UK, Europe, and Canada, helping farmers boost productivity through soil biology, plant nutrition, and regenerative farming.

Here's what's happening:

Friday 5th September – Orbost Football Club (10am–2pm)

What's a Healthy Plant? Unlocking Plant Nutrition

Learn how to understand what your plants really need and how to feed your soil for stronger, healthier plants and better yields.

Lunch included | Cost: Free

Monday 8th September – Wairewa Hall (9am–2pm)

Biofertilisers & Biostimulants

A practical look at what they are, how they work, and whether they're worth it on your farm.

Lunch included | Cost: Free

Monday 8th September – Gippsland Agriculture Centre (6pm–9pm)

From Coop to Crop: The Pros and Cons of Fresh Poultry Litter

Hear from local farmers and get the science behind it from Joel Williams in one practical session.

Dinner included | Cost: Free

Register now: Click to register <https://events.humanitix.com/joelwilliams2025eastgippsland> or call/text **Emma Orgill** 0400 467 921 or **Natalie Jenkins** 0436 462 559



The poster features a green background with a 'TopSoils' logo on the left and a photo of Joel Williams on the right. The main title 'JOEL WILLIAMS is coming to Gippsland' is centered. Below this, a paragraph describes him as a globally respected soil health educator and consultant. Three event boxes are arranged horizontally, each with a date, title, description, location, time, and cost. At the bottom, there is a registration link, a QR code, and a footer with logos for Regional Landcare, For East Gippsland Landcare, SFS, East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, and the Australian Government. A note at the very bottom states that the event is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.

TopSoils

JOEL WILLIAMS
is coming to Gippsland

JOEL WILLIAMS IS A GLOBALLY RESPECTED SOIL HEALTH EDUCATOR AND CONSULTANT, KNOWN FOR HIS HANDS-ON WORK ACROSS AUSTRALIA, THE UK, EUROPE, AND CANADA, HELPING FARMERS BOOST PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH SOIL BIOLOGY, PLANT NUTRITION, AND REGENERATIVE FARMING.

FRIDAY 5 th SEPT	MONDAY 8 th SEPT	MONDAY 8 th SEPT
What's a Healthy Plant? Unlocking Plant Nutrition	Biofertilisers & Biostimulants	From Coop to Crop: The Pros and Cons of Fresh Poultry Litter
<i>Unlocking the secrets—learn how to understand what your plants really need and how to feed your soil for stronger, healthier plants and better yields</i>	<i>A practical look – what they are, how they work, and whether they're worth it on your farm.</i>	<i>Hear from local farmers using it and get the science behind it from Joel Williams all in one practical session.</i>
Orbost Football Club	Wairewa Hall	Gippsland Agriculture Centre
10am to 2pm	9am – 2pm	6pm – 9pm
Lunch included	Lunch included	Dinner included
Cost: Free	Cost: Free	Cost: Free

To register click: <https://events.humanitix.com/joelwilliams2025eastgippsland> OR Scan QR

Questions?
Emma Orgill on 0400 467 921 or
Natalie Jenkins on 0436 462 559

Regional Landcare
For East Gippsland Landcare
SFS
EAST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Australian Government

This TopSoils event is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.

Trigger Point Workshops – Using soil moisture probes for preparedness 3/9/10 Sep

To close out the three-year Soil Moisture Probe project that Council have been cofunding with Ag Vic and MLA, Ag Vic are coordinating 3 workshops across East Gippsland to assist farmers to prepare for drier conditions.

These events will inform farmers how to access, interpret, make decisions and set trigger points on their own farms based on local weather stations/soil moisture probe data.

Dates and Locations:

Buchan Rec Res	3 September	Wednesday 10am -3pm
Omeo Rec Res	9 September	Tuesday 10am – 3pm
Gippsland Ag Centre	10 September	Wednesday 10am – 3pm

Please booking at <https://www.trybooking.com/DEPUM>

Plant and soil health seminar – Maffra

9 September

These workshops are on soil and plant health in vegetables, focussing on leafy greens and brassica crops. **Join international expert Joel Williams** for a deep dive into soil and plant health as he visits the region as part of his Australian speaking tour.



Register for either the **Maffra** or Pakenham session and there is another themed session in Devon meadows as well, drop any questions you have into the registration pages session also includes a free lunch and who can say no to a free lunch.

Date: 9 September 2025

Location: DEECA, 1 Stratford–Maffra Road, Maffra

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

To register you can scan the QR code or go to <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/event-listing/plant-and-soil-health-seminar-maffra> and follow the registration to [VeggieBox 2025 - Registrations \(Page 1 of 4\)](#)

Regional Renewables Farm Forum & Tour

9 - 11 September

It is time to get the news out and let you know that this year the **Gippsland New Energy Conference (GNEC)** will include an agriculture focus.

Event: Gippsland New Energy Conference (GNEC)

Dates: Tuesday 9 – Thursday 11 September 2025

Location: Traralgon and Sale region, Victoria

Special Focus:

Regional Renewables Farm Forum & Tour

Ag-focused sessions and farm visits

Key Events:

Wednesday 10 September (Forum – from 1:00 pm)

- **From Social Licence to Social Performance**
Speaker: Nathan Hart
- **Transmission Planning for Community Benefit**
Speaker: Adele McCarthy
- **Farming the Future – Regional Voices for Climate and Energy**
Speaker: Ben Gebert

- **Panel: How can Australia's shift to renewable energy succeed if it leaves farmers behind?**
Speakers: Kitty Walker, David Clark, Lindsay Marriot
- **Powering Paddocks – On-Farm Energy in Gippsland**
Speakers: Sandra Jefford, Stephen Soutar

Thursday 11 September (Farm Tour – all day)

- **Tour buses from Traralgon and Sale**

Visits to farms using renewable energy technologies:

- Chicken Broiler circular economy solution & potential anaerobic digester site
- Gravity-fed and solar-powered irrigation solutions
- Fully robotic dairy and
- Solar panel recycling plant

More information at: [Regional Renewables Farm Forum and Tour - Gippsland New Energy Conference](#).

To Register: Tickets heavily subsidised to \$25 for farmers to attend the lunch ag forum and tour, \$50 for agencies - [Gippsland New Energy Conference 2025 | TryBooking Australia](#)

For more information contact: Kaylene Wickham kaylenewi@egipps.vic.gov.au, 0423 205 007.

Regenerative Grazing Management with Graeme Hand

15 September

Graeme Hand is a Holistic Management consultant and educator with over 30 years of experience in planning grazing and holistic management training.

This workshop is to provide insight about regenerative grazing and includes a farm visit to a property that has applied these principles.

Date: Monday 15 September

Time: 10am - 3pm

Where: Bengworden Hall (includes a farm visit to the Deery's property)

Contact Emma Orgill on 0400 467 921 or use the link

<https://events.humanitix.com/regenerative-grazing-management-with-graeme-hand>

Youth Agritech Jobs Expo

16 & 17 September

Connecting young people to careers in ag

The Youth Agritech Jobs Expo has been developed to connect young people to careers in ag through hearing about the range of jobs available in the industry and see technology being used today.

Tuesday 16 September

As part of the **Agritech Expo**, RACE is offering free excursions for schools in the Bairnsdale and Sale region to explore local farms and Ag businesses — giving students a chance to see how food and fibre is produced locally and how technology is impacting efficiencies and productivity for producers.

WHO: All schools and year levels – Primary or Secondary

? HOW: Schools to book through <https://bit.ly/Agri-TechExpo>

Wednesday 17 September

Additionally, schools, students, individuals employed or currently unemployed and families are invited to attend the **Agri-Tech Expo in Bairnsdale**.

WHO: School students, individuals and families

WHAT: FREE Agri-tech Expo including fun and engaging activities

WHEN: Wednesday, 17th September ⌚ 9.30am – 2.30pm

WHERE: Gippsland Agriculture Centre, Bairnsdale

HOW: Follow the link 🔗 <https://bit.ly/Agri-TechExpo>

For further details contact Lily McCole at lily.mccole16@gmail.com

Youth Agritech Jobs Expo

When: Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 September
Where: Gippsland Agriculture Centre.

Head along to the Youth Agritech Jobs Expo - showcasing the broad range of careers in agriculture.

For more information, call 0423 205 007.

Save The Date!

YOUTH AGRITECH JOBS EXPO

MODERN AND FUTURISTIC FARMING-
WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?
Join us at the Gippsland Agriculture Center for our exciting two-day Ag Tech Expo!

When is the expo? From the 16th to the 17th of September

What's the expo about? The first day of the expo starts with bus tours to farms, showcasing careers aimed at youth. The second day is all about the fun hands on activities to show the broad range of jobs in agriculture!

Where is the expo? Gippsland Ag center, 345 Bengworden Rd, Bairnsdale VIC 3875

What is agritech? Agritech is the creation and use of innovative technologies used to enhance agricultural practices, improve efficiency, and increase profitability in farming.

New technologies New ways of thinking

Contact Us Now ☎ +0423 205 007 🌐 <https://agri-techeducation.com>

Save the date for the Succession Planning Roadshow ‘Planning for Your Farm Your Family and Your Future’

Council working with NEX Business Farming Wellness who deliver the RFCS program, have developed a Succession Planning Roadshow across East Gippsland in October for Seniors Week.

Come and join us for an **informative session** that will provide you with the clarity and confidence about how you approach this very important topic.

We will discuss: **What are your options?** how do you start the journey? Who are the key people you need to work with? What does your Succession Plan look like?

We all know this is a **challenging process to commence**, so this series is to arm you with the information to start the process of change. Questions to raise with families, professional service providers and others to assist you to move forward in your planning for succession and the next phase of “your journey.”

Sessions are being planned for:

Bairnsdale	Tuesday	7 Oct	10am
Paynesville	Tuesday	7 Oct	1.30pm
Buchan	Tuesday	14 Oct	10am
Twin Rivers	Wednesday	15 Oct	2pm
Genoa	Tuesday	21 Oct	2pm

Orbost	Wednesday	22 Oct	10am
Omeo	Tuesday	28 Oct	7pm

More information will follow to enquiry call **Alison Dodd** NEX 1300 045 747 or Kaylene Wickham 0423 205 007.

Save the Date – Spring Field Day

23 October

Gippsland Agriculture Group Spring Day will be on the 23 October at the Gippsland Agriculture Centre Bairnsdale Aerodrome. Place a note in the diary for now

Save the date Orbost

31 October

Just a Farmer movie event is coming to Orbost Friday 31 October, save the date more in the next month's newsletter.



FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES

Dry Seasons Supports

Farm Drought Support Grants

The Victorian Government is providing practical support to farmers impacted by drought.

The Farm Drought Support Grants (formerly On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants) program is available to assist primary production businesses to implement on-farm infrastructure improvements and undertake essential business activities that improve drought.

Eligible farmers will receive up to \$5,000 (ex-GST) as a co-contribution grant that will support activities including water infrastructure upgrades (such as pipes, tanks, troughs and dams), stock containment areas, and grain and fodder storage.

See the program guidelines for the full list of eligible activities at [Grants | Rural Finance](#)



One-on-one farm advisory service

All farmers, anywhere in Victoria, can register for a free consultation with a farm management specialist.

The advisory service offers a session of up to 3 hours (face-to-face or online) and a follow-up call, to help farmers take stock and develop a plan for managing drought conditions.

The advice is suited to your situation, from a consultant that you nominate from the registered panel.

Agronomists, livestock nutritionists, veterinarians, pasture and grazing specialists and farm business advisors, can support you with:

- feed and water budgeting
- farm safety and workload management
- farm business and financial management
- soil health and pasture re-establishment
- animal health and welfare, and more.

For more information about drought support: www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call 136 186.



Look Over the Farm Gate program (statewide)

Grants of up to \$5,000 to run events that support community-led events while promoting social connection and mental health awareness.

- So far, more than 60 events have been held across the state including East Gippsland.
- To apply for a Look Over the Farm Gate grant, visit farmerhealth.org.au/look-over-the-farm-gate

Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Wellbeing Officers (statewide)

The RFCS offers free, confidential wellbeing support alongside their usual financial and small business counselling support.

Wellbeing counsellors can visit farmers at their property or talk over the phone to assist with mental health and wellbeing issues farmers and their families with three new positions funded in the Southwest.

- To access the support of a wellbeing counsellor, call the Rural Financial Counselling Service on 1300 771 741.
- More information about the RFCS is available at <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/business-management/farm-debt-mediation/rural-financial-counselling-service>

Gippsland Soil School

The Gippsland soil school is a new, region-wide farmer education initiative co-led by Gippsland Agricultural Group (GAgG) and the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. The school is designed to break down the silos between **different soil management approaches** – drawing on the best of conventional, regenerative, precision, and biological soil management systems to equip our farmer to manage soil better in their unique farming and soil systems

This program integrates knowledge across soil chemistry, biology, and physical structure – along with a little bit of human psychology – to help farmers make better decisions. By **increasing confidence and capability**, participants will learn how to spend their annual amendment and fertiliser budgets more wisely, unlocking stronger plant growth and better returns.

Program structure

The Gippsland Soil School is delivered in **8 modules across 4 x 2-day training blocks over 12 months**. The program includes practical, paddock-based learning, interactive workshops, and expert guest speakers. Each module builds on the last, taking farmers from foundational knowledge to advanced decision-making frameworks. To register your interest, visit <https://bit.ly/441VJIH>



Re Generation Fellowship Sponsorship

Close 24 August

The [Re]Generation Fellowship program **supports early-career farmers**, graziers and land stewards to participate in ongoing education and enables them to connect with and learn from other like-minded peers.

Each year, funders of the [Re]Generation Fellowship program sponsor 25-30 US-based Fellows (including full cost of, lodging, food, and registration fees) to attend regenerative agriculture conferences and events – including Quivira Coalition’s renowned REGENERATE Conference, as well as the American Grassfed Association’s Grassfed Exchange.

Applications for the **2025 Australian [Re]Generation Fellowship** are now open. Please see website for eligibility and application process. Applications will close **Sunday 24 August** at 11.59pm (AEST). [\[Re\]Generation Fellowship | Macdoch Foundation](#), to apply [2025 \[Re\]Generation Fellowship Application Form](#)

Victorian Trees on Farms Program

Closes 30 June 2026

The VTof is a new program offering grants to rural landowners seeking to integrate trees into their land. The VTof brings together the former Victorian Carbon Farming Program and the Gippsland Farm Forestry Program.

To be eligible for funding, projects must be “implementation-ready”. That means applicants must **demonstrate their capacity** to plan for and deliver the relevant design and site preparation requirements, including logistical matters such as seedling ordering and purchasing.

Landowners **can get support** to be implementation ready via the Incubator Program, or via a professional services rebate.

VTof projects are flexible to support the individual motivations of landowners:

- **Farm forestry plantings are eligible for up to \$4,000 per hectare**, capped at \$80,000.
- **Integrated environmental plantings are eligible for \$2,000 per hectare**, capped at \$40,000.

A higher funding rate is made available to farm forestry projects on account of the pruning and thinning requirement necessary to produce high-value timber.

Landowners can choose to incorporate both types of plantings across different blocks within the one project.

VTof Round 1 is open until 30 June 2026, or until funds are exhausted. Find out more about the program on the website: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/vtof>

Plantings for VTof projects will generally be established according to the following planting regimes:

- **Shelterbelts/timberbelts** – A strip of trees, at least 10 metres wide, strategically planted to shelter livestock, crops, and pastures from the elements and some bio-security risks, as well as producing timber products in future years.

- **Woodlots** – Small scale plantations established for timber production, generally between 3 and 20 hectares and established at a relatively high density.
- **Wide spaced plantings** - Trees planted several metres apart (minimum 400 trees/hectares) to enable effective grazing of livestock (once trees are of sufficient size) or growth of crops, whilst producing timber.
- **Integrated environmental plantings**, such as those that buffer riparian corridors, or are established on less productive parts of the land, with the purpose of combating erosion or salinity, increasing biodiversity, pollination, or other environmental services.



For a complete list of project requirements and constraints, and funding exclusions, refer to the Victorian Trees on Farms Program guidelines. [Victorian Trees on Farms Program | Trees on farms | Plantations and farm forestry | Crops and horticulture | Agriculture Victoria](#)

Victorian Trees on Farms Information Session

You are invited to an **online** information **session** hosted by Agriculture Victoria to learn more about both programs, how you can get involved, and ask questions.

Tuesday, 19 August 2pm, Online

Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JM7jV-VMRW-u2ZEIZyx6rQ#/registration

COMMUNITY FUNDING

Trees on Farms Incubator Program

Closes 17 October 2025

The Trees on Farms Incubator Program **supports communities of rural landowners** to receive in-depth **training and planning advice** that will help strengthen their technical knowledge and informed decision-making.

The program invites applications from organisations or entities, with the capacity to design and deliver a customised suite of activities that address the practical, technical, and strategic aspects of tree growing - including risks and opportunities of establishing and managing trees on farms.

Under the **Incubator Program**, you can **apply for up to \$50,000** (excl. GST) in grant funding to **deliver an incubator project** over a period of up to **12-months**.

Examples of activities that can be delivered by an Incubator project include:

- Coordination activities: landowner network meetings or on-site visits.
- Education activities: visits to demonstration sites or timber mills and processors, or delivery of tree-growing courses.
- Planning activities: feasibility assessments, financial modelling, development of VToF project plans.

Once they have completed the incubator project, landowners will **be supported to develop their own VToF project plan** that is implementation-ready and can be used to apply for grant funding under the Victorian Trees on Farms Program.

Applications for the Incubator Program close on **Friday, 17 October 2025, 5pm**.

Find out more and apply on our website:

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/incubator-program>

For more details visit [Trees on Farms Incubator program | Trees on farms | Plantations and farm forestry | Crops and horticulture | Agriculture Victoria](#)



Council Small Community Grants

Closes 29 August

Do you have an idea to strengthen your community group?

Council Community Small Grants are now open, **offering up to \$3,000** for things such as new equipment, environment training, community events or promotional needs.

The program is a great way to kick-start or continue a project or support the work your local group is already doing. The round is open now and closes **Friday 29 August**.

Applications need to be submitted and acquitted through Smarty Grants, an online grants management program. Check the guidelines and our handy how-to guide, and apply at eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/community/grants.

Note: **Impact Grants** will be **released** in **October 2025**. Between \$3,001 and \$20,000 will be available as an Impact Grant for community development, cultural development, or environmental sustainability initiatives.

For more information, please contact communitygrants@egipps.vic.gov.au

FRRR Find Funding Tool

Closes 29 August

FRRR has refreshed their website and made it even easier to find funding for your next community project.

The updated **Find Funding Tool** lets you explore all open (or soon to open) programs and filter by your state or project type. Some programs are marked 'Invite Only'—these are part of FRRR's targeted impact programs.

Browse the full list here: frrr.org.au/funding

Need help figuring out which program fits your project? FRRR's team is just an email or phone call away: info@frrr.org.au 📞 1800 170 020.

Community Renewal Funds now available

Do you have a **renewable energy project** bringing funds into your community? FRRR now offers **Community Renewal Funds** - a smart, independent way for rural communities to manage and maximise renewable energy benefit funds.

They're designed to help communities, governments and companies work together to deliver long-term, community-led impact. Learn more here: frrr.org.au/community-renewal-funds

Curious how benefit funds have helped other communities?

Check out this practical guide FRRR helped collate: [Guide to Regional Benefit Sharing - Community Power Agency](#)

SURVEYS AND INPUT SOUGHT

East Gippsland Regional Waterway Strategy

If you were unable to make it to one of the EGCMA Community Information Sessions over the last month you can still have your say on the East Gippsland Regional Waterway Strategy.

The East Gippsland Regional Waterway Strategy is a strategic plan that guides investment in waterway management activities over a ten-year period. The existing [East Gippsland Regional Waterway Strategy](#) 2014-2022 has now reached the end of its lifespan and a new strategy is required for our region.

The purpose of this strategy is to ensure that the future management of our waterways keeps providing these important environmental, social, cultural and economic values. The Strategy is guided by the Victorian Waterway Management Strategy (DEECA, 2013) which is also under renewal.

To provide feedback please go to the East Gippsland Regional Waterway Strategy page at <https://pinpoint.egcma.com.au/>.

INFORMATION

The tools of drought planning - Lessons from the Millennium Drought

The dry conditions experienced between 1996 and 2010 are often described as the Millennium Drought. These conditions brought about changes to water management in Victoria, which put Victoria in a good position for future drought planning.

The **Managing Extreme Water Shortage in Victoria: Lessons from the Millennium Drought report**, released in 2016, covers those lessons learned and key actions Victoria took in response to the drought, including:

- How water managers strengthened our water planning framework and entitlements.
- Better ways to manage future dry conditions.
- Steps taken to ensure fair, efficient and appropriate use of water.
- How to address low water availability.

These improvements put Victoria in a good position for future drought planning.

- Managing extreme water shortage in Victoria – Lessons from the Millennium Droughtpdf4.1 MB

[managing-extreme-water-shortage-in-victoria-lessons-from-the-millennium-drought.pdf](#)

Feed Budget, Help is available

Help is available to develop feed budgets or assist with livestock feeding decisions vital for maintaining the health of livestock while pastures start to recover following recent rain.

Any Victorian farmer can get help with feed budgeting by booking a one-on-one session with a specialist from our panel of farm advisors at <https://go.vic.gov.au/452dHXb>.

For practical tools and resources visit Agriculture Victoria's Feeding Livestock website www.feedinglivestock.vic.gov.au or call 136 186.

New tool empowers growers to tap \$1bn productivity opportunity

A new tool designed to **unlock productivity potential** for Australian growers has been released by Hort Innovation and the Centre for International Economics.

Created as part of the **Factors Impacting Horticulture Productivity project**, it will give growers an asset that will help them tap into the \$1 billion in additional annual value added identified in the report.

The custom-built excel modelling tool allows horticulture businesses to explore productivity solutions tailored to their own operations.

The tool, released as part of a broader Productivity project can also be used to quantify specifics around labour, supply chain and technology, and model growth acceleration across the **four key productivity drivers** highlighted by the report: building capability in production cost analysis, automating data collection, harnessing AI-driven insights, and embracing mechanisation and automation at scale.

To access the tool, visit: www.horticulture.com.au/ha24004

Announcing the Go Global Export Academy

Austrade has launched the **Go Global Export Academy** to help Australian businesses go further faster. It features upcoming live webinars and recordings of past webinars to watch when you like.

There are 3 types of webinars:

1. **Sector and market insights:** Austrade's global trade teams and industry experts provide insights on specific markets, with deep dives into sector opportunities.
2. **Export masterclasses:** Industry experts help you refine your trade skills with hot topics such as finance and legal considerations.
3. **Export essentials:** Industry experts help you understand the basic rules and regulations that govern world trade.

Multiple webinars are available at [Welcome to the Go Global Export Academy | News and updates](#)

Straight to the Source podcast

In this episode of Straight to the source podcast you will hear from Fiona Aveyard, a **5th generation sheep farmer** from Central NSW who has developed a family recipe into a single-origin Aussie favorite - a **lamb sausage roll** - that not only tastes delicious but adds a resilience revenue stream to a traditional farming business.

[EP3: Taking The Sheep By The Horns](#)

Rural Leadership Unearthed podcast

In this episode of **Rural Leadership Unearthed**, the team sit down with David Keetch, Program Director of Green-on-Green Technology at [Nufarm](#) and alum of the [Australian Agribusiness Leadership Program](#).

David's leadership isn't about being the loudest voice in the room. It's about reading the room and knowing when to change his communication style to connect with growers, stakeholders, executives and tech developers alike. [The power of adaptation in communication - Rural Leadership Unearthed | Podcast on Spotify](#)

Digging Deeper Ag Chats with AI

AG CHATS WITH AI is a podcast **dedicated to farmers and rural communities**, delivering timely and relevant information throughout the farming year—from autumn sowing to summer harvest. Hosted by Alistair Micallef from the Gippsland Ag Group, a grassroots farmer-led organisation in Victoria's East, the **podcast shares practical tips and insights** to support innovation and profitability in farming businesses.

Podcasts include the latest updates from the research farm, market shifts and predictions, building better cows, livestock lowdown and market trends. Find one to listen to today at [Podcast](#)

Tax Time toolkit for small businesses now available

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has released the Tax Time toolkit for small businesses. The toolkit provides useful information and guides all year round for small businesses.

Find helpful information on business expenses, using business money and assets, as well as pausing or permanently closing your business. [Tax Time toolkit for small business | Australian Taxation Office](#)

ATO workshops, webinars and Bus will return in July



ATO workshops, webinars and the Small Business Bus will return in 2025 and can be visited by making a booking when it visits Bairnsdale. You will find it outside the library on Tuesday 2 September.

The Small Business Bus will be in Bairnsdale Tuesday 2 September

Confidential sessions are 45-minutes, free of charge and bookings are essential at [Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)

Small Business Victoria offer courses and webinars for you to complete at your own pace and can be accessed at: [Begin a short course or watch a webinar](#).

They also have tools and templates to help your business implement new processes or update existing ones. [Download a template or use one of our calculators](#)

Does your business pay contractors?

If your business pays contractors to deliver services on your behalf, you may need to lodge a Taxable payments annual report (TPAR) by Thursday 28 August 2025.

The ATO is no longer accepting paper lodgements after Thursday 28 August 2025, so it's important to make sure you're set up for online lodgement. [Does your business pay contractors? | Australian Taxation Office](#)

Changes for businesses from 1 July 2025

A number of important updates came into effect on 1 July in relation to operations, staffing, and finances. Here's a quick snapshot from Business Australia:

Wages & Super

- National Minimum Wage rises 3.5% to \$24.95/hr or \$948/week
- Superannuation Guarantee increases to 12% (final scheduled rise)
- Super will also be paid on government-funded Paid Parental Leave

Fees & Charges

- ASIC fees for business names and company registrations are going up
- ATO interest charges can no longer be claimed as tax deductions

Energy Rebate

- Eligible small businesses get \$150 in electricity rebates (split over 2 bills)

Right to Disconnect

- From 26 August 2025, small business employees can refuse contact outside work hours

Government Procurement

- Sustainability requirements extended to furniture, ICT, textiles valued at \$1M+

Visa & Labelling

- Skilled visa income thresholds increase
- New country of origin seafood labelling rules starts 1 July 2026 (transition begins now)

Other Updates

- New merger notification laws (voluntary from July, mandatory Jan 2026)
- Small tax practitioners face new Code of Conduct rules
- Updated R&D Tax Incentive form launches 15 August 2025

Stay informed and plan ahead to stay compliant.

Learn more: [Changes for businesses from 1 July 2025 | business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au/changes-for-businesses-from-1-july-2025)

Gippsland Jobs Hub

Real jobs for local people - Gippsland Jobs Hub

Looking for work in Gippsland? Let us take the 'eek' out of your job seek.

Gippsland Jobs Hub is your go-to for real employment opportunities across our vibrant and diverse region.

Whether you're a local job seeker or planning a move to Gippsland, our **free portal** is here to support your career journey every step of the way.

Real jobs for local people **gippslandjobshub.com.au** • We're local. • We're free. • We're connected and we are Gippsland focused gippslandjobshub.com.au

Gippsland Jobs Hub

Real Jobs For Local People



Get a mental health coach that gets small business

Owning a small business can be tough. But you don't need to do it alone.

NewAccess for Small Business is a free, confidential mental health coaching program. It helps small business owners and sole traders manage stress, worry and overwhelm.

Coaching includes:

- 8 free mental health coaching sessions - no GP referral needed
- phone or video coaching to fit your schedule - flexible and confidential
- personalised support - coaches who understand you.

Call 1300 945 301 for free coaching, 8:30am - 8pm AEST (until 5pm on Friday). Please refer to FAQs for after-hours support. Sign up for support [NewAccess for Small Business - Beyond Blue](#)

Virtual Drought Smokos

Drought Smokos are an hour a fortnight to get away from the paddock and catch up with a group of farmers who are all in the same boat! We will talk about the science of feeding, how much, which commodities, pros and cons, cost, different options, trigger points and planning

When: Tuesday 29 July fortnightly on a Tuesday through to 25 September

Time: 9 to 10 am

Where: Online

Join in at [Virtual Drought Smokos | Events | Support and resources | Agriculture Victoria](#)

National Farm Safety Week

They're the jobs we push through at the end of the day. The early mornings after a late night. The can't-wait tasks in the middle of sowing, harvest, shearing or packing. Fatigue is one of the most under-recognised safety risks in Australian agriculture and it's costing lives.

The message is simple: the 'just keep going' culture isn't working.

"Fatigue has long been normalised in agriculture," says Farmsafe Chair Felicity Richards. **"We don't think twice about the 18-hour day.** We shrug off brain fog, forgetfulness, dropping things or zoning out as just part of the job. But when you're tired, your decision-making suffers.

You cut corners. You miss steps. You make mistakes. And in this environment, mistakes can be fatal.”

This year’s [Safer Farms Report](#) paints a clear picture. After recording the lowest on-farm fatality figure in 2023 (32 deaths), the **sector was rocked in 2024 by 72 fatalities, the highest figure in over two decades**. Severe injuries, meanwhile, have remained consistently high for more than a decade. Richards says fatigue is a critical factor hiding behind many of these events.

“It doesn’t always show up in the incident report but ask any farmer, and they’ll tell you about the time they nearly rolled a machine, misjudged a gate, forgot a safety step or lost their footing after days of little sleep.

Farmsafe is **encouraging teams and families to speak more openly about fatigue** and warning signs.

Some of the campaign’s key fatigue reminders include:





- Make time for the plan, not just the job – a short pre-job check can prevent long-term consequences.
- Don’t let deadlines drown out danger – one honest conversation beats one emergency phone call.
- Build in time for safety – schedule backup and build buffer days into pressure periods.
- **Call the huddle** – a quick check-in can reveal risks someone else might not see.

To find out more and find resources, visit www.farmsafe.org.au.

More Free 24/7 mental health support for small business

A new government-funded mental health support service is now available for Victorian businesses with fewer than 200 employees.

Delivered by TELUS Health and funded by WorkSafe Victoria, this service offers confidential, professional mental health support — free of charge.

-  Up to 4 free counselling sessions per issue
-  Covers stress, burnout, conflict, grief, anxiety, substance misuse and more
-  Support via phone, online or face-to-face
-  Fully confidential — employers are not notified

Available 24/7 via phone at **1800 318 421**

This service is suitable for all industries, including retail, trades, education, logistics, construction, health care and more.

Why it matters:

Most small businesses don’t have a formal Employee Assistance Program (EAP). This new support fills that gap, promoting early intervention, reducing harm and helping employers meet psychosocial safety obligations under Victorian OHS law.

How to get started:

- Promote the service to your staff
- Order free posters and flyers from TELUS Health
- Visit: go.telushealth.com/en-au/vic-mental-health

Whether you have an EAP or not, this is a practical, no-cost way to support mental health in your workplace and show your team you genuinely care.

Counselling and coaching for apprentices or trainees

Do you employ **apprentices or trainees in your business**? Looking after their wellbeing not only supports them as individuals – it can also improve morale, retention and productivity in your workplace.

The **Apprentice Employee Assistance Program** offers free, confidential counselling and wellbeing support to apprentices and trainees across Victoria. There's no referral required, and support is available for a wide range of issues. [Apprentice Employee Assistance Program | apprenticeships.vic.gov.au](http://apprenticeships.vic.gov.au)

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Engage with Council

Your Say is your place to share ideas and provide feedback on Council projects, services, and activities. Topics come with helpful resources like fact sheets, FAQs, draft plans, and images.

You can click on a project to get involved and also subscribe for project updates direct to your inbox. Find out more at [Community Engagement](#) and [Your Say East Gippsland](#)



You can also find information about upcoming engagement activities via our:

- Social media [East Gippsland Shire Council | Bairnsdale VIC | Facebook](#)
- Website [East Gippsland Shire Council](#)
- Customer service and recreation centres
- Local newspapers



Community Matters Newsletter

Check out the latest edition of our community e-newsletter, *Community Matters*! Our Community Matters newsletter shares updates on projects, services, decisions, open consultations and more.

Click here to subscribe and stay informed [Community Matters Newsletter](#).

OUT AND ABOUT

National Renewables in Ag Conference

Five East Gippsland headed to the annual conference, Emma Orgill, Josh Puglisi, Lily & Riley McCole and myself. This conference organized by *Karin Stark* brings together the latest information and discussions on the transition to renewable energy now underway in agriculture. The *key message* that was communicated was that the transition is happening and needs to continue as the old fossil fuel-based system is aging, has fluctuations, uses higher energy and has extended outages. Moving to a clean system (wind, solar, battery storage and grid upgrades) is a natural progression.

Sessions included *Fact & Fiction* which tackled common misinformation in the renewable energy debate, myths about wind turbine pollution, battery storage safety, the real impact Australia can have on global emissions and the scale of China's massive renewable transition. The *farmer showcases* featured Mike Casey (NZ) who has fully electrified his farm, proving that switching away from diesel not only cuts emissions it also improves profitability, Sandra from Wilandra Gippsland, who has installed solar irrigation on her dairy farm which is well on the way to paying itself off and KiaOra piggery which captures biogas from manure to power the farm.



The *discussion about transitions* covered the benefits communities are seeing that have begun the transition both social and economic, including construction phase and ongoing, that power transmission lines/ wind turbines take up very small amounts of farmable land when in place and tax and insurance considerations.

The *president of the VFF* spoke on the need to get the comms clearer and the importance of supportive language to assist the community to grasp this space.



Tom McIntosh Upper House Member of Parliament EG Agriculture Tour

Tom McIntosh MP visited East Gippsland on the 4–5 August, our thanks to those who opened their homes, arranged community visits and meetings and attended. Below is a summary of issues raised.

• Farm Visits – Hinnomunjie:

Tom met with local farmers to discuss the impacts of dry conditions, destocking, water and pasture management, high feed prices, and financial pressures.

• Community Gathering – Tom attended an afternoon tea with 40 locals at Benambra Recreation Reserve joined by Councillors and Ag Vic staff. Thanks to Trudy Benambra Neighbourhood House.

- Road conditions and sealing of Corryong Road
- Rebates/incentives for land productivity
- Fire Services Levy impacts
- Land Tax concerns
- Wild pest management (deer, pigs, wild dogs)
- Gippsland Agriculture Centre Meeting:

- **Discussions with the Agricultural Sector Advisory Committee, Councillors, and senior council staff focused on:**

- Employment pathways
- Regional collaboration
- Rebate assistance
- Weed management funding, especially for African Love Grass

- **Bulmer's Farms Visit:**

The group learned about national product distribution, productivity improvements, and technology adoption.

- **Fishing Industry Engagement:**

Tom also met with leaders in the fishing sector to understand current operations and growth opportunities.

The community expressed thanks for the visit with one farmer saying, *'it was great to have Tom there and I feel like there will be some positive outcomes for our community from his visit'*.

And from Tom *'Sam and I are committed to backing it up with some wins too'*.



The tour started with a visit to Jackie and Al Commins and Stuart and Sharon Pendergasts



The to the Benambra Recreation Reserve where Tom was joined by 40 others



Key leaders from the Fishing Industry met over dinner on the Monday night



Tuesday commenced at Gippsland Ag Centre with ASAC members and Council mng



The concluded at Bulmer's Farms for a tour of the facility and insights into the hort industry



Compiled for general information only. 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.

If a friend would like to receive a copy of this newsletter, please email Kaylene Wickham Agribusiness Development Officer East Gippsland Shire Council at kaylenewi@egipps.vic.gov.au or call 5153 9450.

East Gippsland Women in Agriculture Network

invites you to:

Bruthen Farm Visit – 'walk & talk'

Monday 1st September 2025

10 am to 2 pm

VENUE: Bruthen – you will receive the address after you book

Lunch is included

Rearing Calves – Bruthen

Rearing calves. All about rearing beef, dairy X, and poddy calves

01

All about bees – Bruthen

Tambo Valley Honey. Hives, bees, and honey

02

Showing Cattle – Tambo Upper

Showing cattle. What it takes – preparation, training, etc

03



To book use this link or QR code:

<http://bit.ly/4lsqsz4>

Any 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.



Regenerative Grazing Management with Graeme Hand

Date: Monday 15th September 2025

Time: 10am to 3pm

Venue: Bengworden Hall – Bengworden Rd

Followed by a farm visit



Graeme Hand is a Holistic Management consultant, and educator, with over 30 years of experience in planned grazing and holistic management training. He is known for his expertise in regenerative agriculture, particularly in holistic grazing and pasture management. On this day you will learn about regenerative grazing and visit a farming property who has put the principles into action

To book Contact Emma Orgill on 0400 467 921 or use this link & QR code <http://bit.ly/4fl9Fwk>



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE WATERWAYS

The East Gippsland CMA will be coming to your community to talk about our latest projects.

This is also an opportunity for the CMA to hear from you, the community, about your priorities.

Come along for a chat, cuppa, ask questions and let us know what is important to you, your community, your local environment, and waterways.

Light refreshments including sausage sizzle and tea and coffee.

For more information

Phone: 5152 1184

Email: reception@egcma.com.au



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Locations

Lindenow ◀

Tuesday 29 July - 6pm to 7.30pm
Lindenow Memorial Hall

Bruthen ◀

Thursday 31 July - 6pm to 7.30pm
Bruthen Mechanics Hall

Lakes Entrance ◀

Tuesday 5 August - 6pm to 7.30pm
Gippsland Lakes Fishing Club

Buchan ◀

Thursday 7 August - 6pm to 7.30pm
Buchan Neighbourhood House

Swifts Creek ◀

Tuesday 12 August - 6pm to 7.30pm
Swifts Creek Hall

Cann River ◀

Thursday 14 August - 6pm to 7.30pm
Monaro Centre

Mallacoota ◀

Tuesday 19 August - 6pm to 7.30pm
Mallacoota Club Rooms

Orbost ◀

Wednesday 20 August - 6pm to 7.30pm
Orbost Senior Citizens Club



Trigger Point Workshops

'Using Soil Moisture Probes for seasonal preparedness'

Buchan, Omeo and Bairnsdale

Wednesday 3 September | Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Buchan Rec Reserve – 5609 Buchan-Orbost Road, Buchan

Tuesday 9 September | Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Omeo Rec Reserve – Park Street, Omeo

Wednesday 10 September | Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Gippsland Ag Centre (Bairnsdale Aerodrome) – 345 Bengworden Road, Bairnsdale

Please do not attend if you are unwell.

How can information from soil moisture and temperature probes assist your farm management?

Join Agriculture Victoria for an interactive workshop designed to identify seasonal trigger points, plan for seasonal variation and refine decision making on your farm. The workshop will help you use data to inform decisions.

Workshop topics

- Accessing and using soil moisture probes to inform management decisions
- Setting trigger points throughout the year for your farm
- Data collected from the demonstration sites to date

This event is funded by Meat & Livestock Australia with the support of:



'Using soil moisture probes for seasonal preparedness' Producer Demonstration Site (PDS) runs from 2022-2026 with funding from Meat & Livestock Australia and East Gippsland Shire, supported by Agriculture Victoria and Gippsland Agricultural Group. The project assists producers to make timely decisions using data from the Gippsland soil moisture probe network.



For more information:

James Paulet - Agriculture Victoria
0447 695 839
james.paulet@agriculture.vic.gov.au



[Register here](#)

Please RSVP 2 days before each event

THE VeggieBox 2025

Agriculture Victoria invites Victorian vegetable growers to attend the Veggie Box; a series of seminars and workshops with industry experts.



Technical Irrigation Workshop

- Hear from irrigation agronomist and designer Jeremy Giddings.
- On-farm practical irrigation workshop at Peter Schreurs & Sons.
- Learn about efficient vegetable irrigation systems and design, water usage, budgeting, and much more.

Details

Devon Medows - 11 am to 2 pm
Tuesday, 26 August

Plant and Soil Health Seminar

- International soils expert Joel Williams is returning to the region.
- Learn about foliar nutrition and soil management in baby leaf and brassica crops, including sap testing.
- Send in your questions for Joel.

Details (2 sessions)

Maffra - 11 am to 2 pm
Tuesday, 9 September

Pakenham - 11 am to 2 pm
Wednesday, 10 September

The specific event address will be provided to registered attendees prior to the event. A light lunch will be provided.

This series is funded through The Farm Business Resilience Program. The program is jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Victorian Government's Sustainability Fund. For more information visit: agriculture.vic.gov.au/FBRP

The Victorian Government is providing direct drought support for farmers across Victoria impacted by drought. Find more information about drought support at agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call 136 186.

Register now



Click here
to register
or scan the
QR code.

For more information, contact Emily:
emily.g.scott@agriculture.vic.gov.au

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

GROWING WINTER FEED

in the High Country

Curious about closing the winter feed gap? Come and see it in action at the Top Soils High Country Demo Site! Join Nicole Frost from PEAK Pasture & Livestock for a hands on look at the multiple options we are trialing including grazing brassicas, cereals, root crops and grasses. We will also look at how each option stacks up for livestock performance and what they really cost to grow.



Wednesday 20th August
10am to 2:30pm

Lawlor Property
151 Upper Livingstone Rd, Omeo

REGISTER

Call / Text: Nat Jenkins 0436 462 559

Click link: <https://bit.ly/45bndFV>

Scan QR Code:



AGRICULTURE VICTORIA



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

FOLLOWING THE GIPPSLAND NEW ENERGY CONFERENCE 2025

Regional Renewables Farm Forum & Full Day Bus Tour

FORUM



Wed 10 Sept 1:00 to 5:00pm
Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon
Key guest speakers on transmission planning, farming the future, how to shift to renewables & on farm energy in Gippsland

BUS



Thu 11 Sept 8:00am to 4:00pm
Sale: Cullinan Park (behind the Wedge Sale)
Traralgon: Thompson Reserve (48 Argyle St)
Visit properties that are utilising renewables, saving time, gaining efficiencies and increasing productivity



\$25 Farmers & Agribusiness
\$50 Agencies & Business

inc. lunch, half day forum & full day bus tour



BOOKINGS

Call / Text: Kaylene Wickham 0423 205 007

Click link/QR: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1419353>



Visit Our Website: <https://gnec.com.au/news-room/>

This project, coordinated by East Gippsland Shire Council, is jointly funded by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding arrangements.

Save The Date!

YOUTH AGRITECH JOBS EXPO

MODERN AND FUTERISTIC FARMING-

WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

Join us at the Gippsland Agriculture Center for
our exciting two-day Ag Tech Expo!

When is the expo?

From the 16th to the 17th of September

What's the expo about?

The first day of the expo starts with bus tours to farms, showcasing careers aimed at youth. The second day is all about the fun hands on activities to show the broad range of jobs in agriculture!

Where is the expo?

Gippsland Ag center, 345 Bengworden
Rd, Bairnsdale VIC 3875



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Welcome to Your Say East Gippsland



Your Say is your place to share ideas and provide feedback on Council projects, services, and activities.

Topics come with helpful resources like fact sheets, FAQs, draft plans, and images.

We welcome you to be part of the journey.

Click on a project to get involved. Subscribe for project updates direct to your inbox.

Visit **YourSay** East Gippsland to learn more.



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