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Omeo & District Roadshow

18 & 19 March

On 18 and 19 March Council are visiting Benambra, Omeo, Ensay and Swifts Creek to seek feedback on the Omeo District Place Plan, Omeo Structure Plan and the Stormwater Management Plan.

Council staff available will be from Place Planning, Economic Development and Emergency Management teams, (*Refer flyer at the end for more info*).

-  **Benambra Dejarlais Park**
Wednesday 18 March, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
-  **Omeo Community Hub**
Wednesday 18 March, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
-  **Swifts Creek Community Centre**
Thursday 19 March, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm
-  **Ensay CFA Building**
Thursday 19 March, 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm

For more details contact Emma Halafihi on emmah@eqipps.vic.gov.au or 0458 426 458.

Multispecies pastures tutorial online series 16-26 March

In this series of four online tutorials, multispecies pasture specialist Jade Killoran will discuss the establishment and management of your multispecies pastures. Each tutorial will focus on a topic essential for the success of your multispecies pasture:

- 16 March Monday Seeds
- 20 March Friday Paddock Preparation
- 23 March Monday Grazing Management
- 26 March Thursday Monitoring Tools



Jade's presentation will be followed by time for you to ask questions and to workshop your paddock plans for an autumn multispecies pasture. You can join all four sessions or just the sessions relevant to your needs.

Jade (B.Ag Hons) is an independent multispecies forage/cover crop consultant and researcher, working with Victorian farmers through her consultancy 'Healthy Farming Systems'.

When: 16 to 26 March

Where: Online

Time: 4 to 5 pm

[Click here to register.](#) [Multispecies Pastures Tutorial Series with Jade Killoran](#)

Biostimulant Products - Cutting through the noise 20 March

Biological products are increasingly used in vegetable production, but understanding where they fit — and how to assess their value — can be challenging. This webinar is designed to help growers and advisors make informed, confident decisions. (*Refer flyer at the end for more info*).

When: Webinar, 20 March 2026

Time: 12:00 pm

Register at: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Explore your Paths Career Expo 25 March

GELLEN invite you to the Explore your Path Career Expo. This day will provide an opportunity to ask questions, be curious and to learn about options you could consider for your future.

When: Wednesday 25 March
Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm
Where: Bairnsdale Squash and Table Tennis Lucknow

To find out more reach out to the Hub by phoning 03 5153 1745 or emailing hub@gellen.org.au. More detail at gellen.org.au (Refer flyer at the end for more info).

Future-proof your family farm business 25-26 March

Farmers are invited to participate in a 2-day workshop to help 'Future-proof' your family farm business with adaptive planning skills.

Presenter Dr Kate Burke is an agri-strategist and educator with extensive experience across technical, commercial and people-focused aspects of farming.

Kate provides insights into crucial farm success factors, including:

- managing climate variability and uncertainty
- optimising productivity
- farm financial performance
- people, leadership and succession.

Participants will:

- work out what's most important to them
- understand the productivity, people and profit components of their business
- identify strategies for balancing growth and risk
- prioritise and plan.

When: 25-26 March

Time: 8:30 - 3 pm

Where: Sale Greyhound Club, Sale Showgrounds, Maffra–Sale Road

[Click here to register](#) (Refer flyer at the end for more info).

For further information, please contact Julio Vargas on 0428 316 018.

East Gippsland Women in Agriculture Network invites you to:

Cann River Farm Visit – 'walk & talk'

Wednesday 25th March 2026
10 am to 2 pm
997 Monaro Highway, Noorinbee
Lunch is included

Green Maize Feeding	01
Lunch	02
From the city to the country	03

To book use this link or QR code:
<https://bit.ly/4kuF8vQ>

Any questions contact Emma Orgill on 0400 467 924

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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Women in Ag at Cann River

25 March

Women in Ag are hosting a **Farm – Walk & Talk Visit** to two different farms on the 25 March at **Cann River**. Cann River is a beautiful part of the world and has its own advantages and challenges, see how these Women in Ag are tackling these challenges firsthand.

When: 25 March 2026
Time: 10 am to 2pm
Location: 997 Monaro Highway Norine

Lunch will be provided. Places are limited so you must need to book to attend at:
<https://events.humanitix.com/walk-and-talk-women-in-ag-cann-river>

Plan to be Resilient: Strengthen your business **25 March**

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

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

Resilient farm businesses do not eliminate risk; they plan for it. Assessing seasonal exposure, strengthening financial understanding and formalising structured goals can improve long-term viability and reduce pressure during challenging periods.

- **Benambra** 25 March 10.00am – 1.00pm
- **Orbost** 26 March 10.00am – 1.00pm
- **Bairnsdale** 31 March 10.00am – 1.00pm

Register here [Plan to be resilient: Ag Vic Drought Support Workshops](#).

For further information contact Allison Dodd NEX Community Engagement Facilitator allisond@nexsolutions.org.au, or call [1300 045 747](tel:1300045747).

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Practical Takeaways
With handouts & goodies

scan to register

Plan to be Resilient

Structured business planning for Gippsland farmers navigating variable seasons and financial pressure

MARCH WORKSHOPS
25 Benambra
26 Orbost
31 Bairnsdale
Phone to register **1300 045 747**

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Sustainable Living Series 2026

26 March & 16 April

Listen to independent experts from Renew on topics including solar, batteries, EVs, renting, energy efficiency, building design and more. Have your questions ready and take advantage of access to free technical advice. The project is jointly funded by Gippsland local governments.

Attend [online](#) or join in at the Bairnsdale library as part of the Libraries After Dark program on a Thursday evening.

- All-Electric Homes, 26 March 7.00pm – 8.30pm
- Electric Vehicles, 16 April 7.00pm – 8.30pm



To book and see the full webinar list visit <https://thecap.com.au/sustainable-living-series>



MLA 2026 March cattle projections webinar

30 March

What does 2026 and beyond hold for the cattle sector?

MLA's Market Information and NLRS Team will take industry through the recently released Cattle Projections which forecast the national herd, slaughter, carcase weight, production volumes and exports out to 2028.

The team will cover in detail the current environment and the key drivers of Australian cattle supply in the short and medium term.

Stay informed about all things cattle – this webinar is a must for forward thinking stakeholders.

When: 30 March

Where: Online

Time: 11:30 am

Register at [MLA 2026 March Cattle Projections Webinar | Meat & Livestock Australia](#)



MLA 2026 March sheep projections webinar

31 March

MLA's Market Information and NLRS Team will take industry through the recently released Sheep Projections which forecast the national flock, slaughter, carcase weight, production volumes and exports of both lamb and mutton out to 2028.

The team will cover in detail the current environment and the key drivers of Australian sheep supply in the short and medium term.

Stay informed about all things sheep – this webinar is a must for forward thinking stakeholders.

When: 31 March

Where: Online

Time: 11:30 am

at [MLA 2026 March Sheep Projections Webinar | Meat & Livestock Australia](#)

Intro To Lean & Business Planning Inc Drought Support 31 March

Join Moshie for a practical online session designed to help Victorian growers and businesses build resilience, reduce waste, and improve profitability.

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

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

Attend and connect with current information and support available to Victorian business owners navigating through climate challenges including:

- fully funded 1:1 business planning support
- on-farm infrastructure grants
- mental health.

Online Session : 31 March , 1pm - 2:30pm

Register at: [Tickets for Intro To Lean & Business Planning Including Drought Support with Moshie Australia](#)

For more information contact: josh@moshie.biz or 0451 283 715.

Making Trees Pay their way - Trees on Farms Incubator Session 14 April

The Trees on Farms Incubator program is inviting landowners to explore how integrating trees into their property can support long-term farm planning and productivity. Hear directly from landholders who are already assessing their options and gain up-to-date expert insights on carbon and biodiversity markets.

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

In this session, you will learn:

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

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

When: 14 April Tuesday

Time: 9.00am – 12.00 pm

Where: Gippsland Ag Centre 345 Bengworden Rd Bairnsdale

To register: Scan the QR code



For more information contact Michele Shugg 0404 092 862.

Decisions that Drive Success

21 April

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

This is a practical 1-day group workshop designed to help farmers confidently navigate seasonal challenges and critical business decisions. Participants will learn to:

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

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

When: Tuesday 21st April

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

Where: Bellevue Lakes Entrance



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

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

Simon Falkner Visit to Gippsland

22 April

Save the date for this upcoming event hosted by Gippsland Agriculture Group.

Business of Farming

28 April

This 2 ½ day workshop at Lake Tyers Beach Camp is designed to help farmers step back from the day-to-day workload and focus on the bigger picture of their business.

Chris Jehu from Countryside Business Partners will assist you to explore your “why”, helping clarify what you want the farm to achieve for you, your family and the future of the business.

Across the two and a half days you will learn: practical tools to track and understand business performance how to interpret key figures measure profitability how to make better decisions for long term profitability identify opportunities for improvement

When: 28 -30 April

Time: Commencing 10.00am on the 28th and until 12 noon on the 30th

Cost: \$50 per property

Registration is essential to book use QR code or [Business of Farming - East Gippsland](#).

If you have any questions, contact Emma Orgill on 0400 467 921, emma.orgill@fevl.org.au.

BUSINESS OF FARMING BOOT CAMP

Plan, Profit, Perform

With Chris Jehu from Countryside Business Partners

Gippsdairy Heifers on Target discussion group

30 April

Your heifers are the future of your herd. Join Gippsdairy for an on- farm discussion group which will cover the importance of good heifer rearing and discuss practical ways to monitor how they are performing and demonstrate tools to better manage your heifer's growth.

Join us for a practical on-farm discussion covering:

- The importance of good heifer rearing
- Practical ways to monitor how heifers are performing
- Tools available to help you better manage heifer growth.

When: Thursday 30 April

Time: 10:30am - 2:00pm

Register at: [Orbost Discussion Group- Heifers on Target 30th April 2026 | Dairy Australia](#)

For further information please reach out to Jackie Aveling on 0474 488 750. *Don't miss the latest GipssDairy News!* Register to receive this regular newsletter.



Planning for your farming future

Commencing 5 May

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

Landholders are invited to participate in a series of workshops designed to build on current management practices and support planning for future improvement, a free laminated property map will be provided. Participants will meet for 4 sessions, every Tuesday in May, to discuss the following farm management topics.

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

Dates: Tuesday 5, 12, 19 & 26 May

Venue: Gippsland Ag Centre 345 Bengworden Road

Time: 9.30 am to 3pm daily

Register: By 27 March Scan the QR or visit [Planning for your farming future](#)



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

FFG Workforce Development Framework

12 May

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

This event welcomes employers, training providers, industry representatives, business support services, local government, and community organisations.

When: Tuesday, 12 May

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Where: TBC

Agricultural workforce shortages reflect broader skills gaps across the sector. By collaborating, we can shape practical solutions for the future of apprenticeships and trade careers in agriculture and horticulture—and strengthen support for apprentices, employers and trainers.

See [webpage](#) for more information and register at: [Gippsland Event Tuesday, May 12, 2026](#).

Irrigation Expo

20 May

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

Why attend?

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



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

Attendees can look forward to, Expo-only specials and product offers from participating vendors, hands on demos of the latest irrigation equipment and automation tools and expert presentations and tech talks throughout the day. To find out more go to: [Gippsland Irrigation Expo](#)

When: 20 May 2026

Where: Sale Showgrounds

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm



Register at [Gippsland Irrigation Expo Tickets, Sale Showgrounds, Sale | TryBooking Australia](#) or scan the QR.

Vendors are still welcome to reserve a stall at <https://forms.office.com/r/k390M770NP> please register by 31 March.



Shearing and wool program Omeo

6 -10 July

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

AWI hold intensive 1 & 2 week Shearing Schools throughout the year at a range of venues across Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania - refer to the program below.

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

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

Bairnsdale - AHCSS00192 Introduction to the Wool Harvesting Industry Skill Set

Graduates are highly sought after due to the high level of training, leading to excellent employment outcomes. More details at [Shearing Courses | Shearer Woolhandler Training](#).

Book now ring 1300 787 984 or email admin@swti.edu.au.

FUNDING

Its not too late – drought support programs are still open

If you haven't already taken up the drought support available through Agriculture Victoria, it's not too late. Drought support programs are still available statewide until fully expended.

As of mid-February, over 1,000 farmers had engaged the one-on-one farm advisory service, with many taking up the opportunity of a second consultation that is available for farmers across the state.

More than 3,000 farmers participated in one of the 144 group events that were held in 2025, and now the autumn program of events is being rolled out. Look out for upcoming events near you at agriculture.vic.gov.au/events.

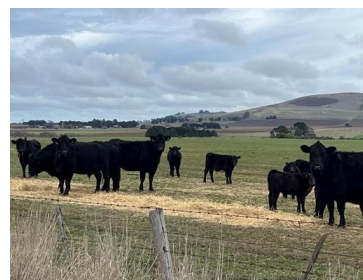
Of the funding available under the Farm Drought Support Grants program, so far more than 5,700 grants have been committed across the state as part of this program to support investment in on-farm drought management activities.

For more information about the programs and to apply for support, visit:

[Farm Advisory Service one-on-one sessions](#)

[Farm Drought Support Grants](#)

[Farmer Group Technical Events](#)



For a full list of support available as part of the Drought Support Package, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call 136 186.

Wellbeing Support

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

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

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

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

Support after the January 2026 Victorian bushfires

Recovery support

Emergency Recovery Support Program: Support officers can advise on what services are available or connect you to programs. If you need extra support, a recovery support worker can help you over the long term. Call – 1800 560 760

Financial support

Emergency re-establishment assistance: a payment if you can't return home because it was damaged or destroyed, you don't have insurance and you can't afford repairs. Apply through the Emergency Recovery Hotline – 1800 560 760 (press 4)

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment: a one-off, non-means tested lump sum payment. It's available if you've had major damage to your home or major assets that you own at your home. Apply online – servicesaustralia.gov.au/vic-bushfires-jan-2026-agdrp

Disaster Recovery Allowance: an allowance for up to 13 weeks to help if you have lost income as a direct result of the bushfires. Apply online – servicesaustralia.gov.au/vic-bushfires-jan-2026-dra

Prolonged power outage payment for households: a payment if your home has been without power for more than 7 days. Apply online – ausnetservices.com.au/outages/emergency-response or call 1300 561 171

Primary producer grants: grants to assist farmers with the cost of clean-up and getting back to business. Apply online – ruralfinance.com.au/grants/

Concessional loans for primary producers: loans for farmers to be used for restoring and replacing damaged assets, or for working capital expenses. Apply online – ruralfinance.com.au/loans/

Recovery water tank cleaning rebates: Rebates for households who are not connected to the mains water supply to clean and fill water tanks impacted by the fires. More information – <https://www.water.vic.gov.au/grants/recovery-water-tank-rebates>

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

More information at [AGRN-1242-Available-supports-as-at-4-March-2026.docx](#).

2026 Livestock Biosecurity Fund Grants Program Closes 14 April

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

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

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



Cheaper Home Batteries Program

The Australian Government is offering the Cheaper Home Batteries Program, to help more homes tackle bills and reduce emissions.

Households and small businesses may be eligible for around a 30% discount on the upfront cost of installing small-scale battery systems alongside new or existing rooftop solar. The discount will be based on the usable capacity of the battery and will gradually decline through to 2030.

While Australia has the highest rate of rooftop solar in the world, just one in 40 households has a battery, meaning they can't store cheap renewable energy for when they need it most.

Under the program, a household could save around:

- \$4,000 off the upfront cost of installing an 11.5 kWh battery previously costing around \$13,000.
- \$700 to \$1,600 per year on their electricity bill, with the battery delivering \$300 to \$900 of that.

For more information visit the Australian Government's [Discounted batteries for households through the Cheaper Home Batteries Program | energy.gov.au](#).

COMMUNITY FUNDING

Strengthening Rural Communities Grants

Closes 24 March

The Strengthening Rural Communities - 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.

Grants up to \$25,000 are available for a broad range of initiatives. Priority will be given to projects that:

- Respond to a specific climate impact or event, either historic or likely to occur in the future;
- Focus on [community-led resilience](#) building in recovery or preparedness to strengthen the capacity and capability of local people and systems, especially to manage the impact of future disasters, through: inclusion; networks; communication; information sharing; self-organising systems; local decision making; or resourcing, tools and support;
- Are from local community groups and not-for-profits or organisations that do not have DGR status.

Applications close 24 March 2026 at 5pm. Apply online at [Strengthening Rural Communities – Prepare & Recover](#).

NCFH Tackling the Tough Topics 2026

The Tackling the Tough Topics guide to help community leaders across Australia organise events that support farmer mental health and wellbeing, which has been put to good use for events delivered as part of the Victorian Government's [Look Over the Farm Gate](#).

We've listened to feedback and are excited to launch an updated version of the Tackling the Tough Topics guide, featuring:

- A new question guide for panel discussions
- Updated case studies and top tips
- Practical templates, including guidelines to get the best out of your guest speakers, and plenty more!

[Download the guide today](#) and start tailoring your events to your community's needs.

SURVEYS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Victorian Fox Bounty resumes this week **

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

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

Bairnsdale collections 35 Bairnsdale–Dargo Road

Time: 12 pm to 2 pm

Dates: Tuesday 17 March & Tuesday 12 May



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

Transform Waste into usable products

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

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

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

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

Sheep producers Survey

Reduce abortion losses & improve productivity

Reproductive losses can significantly affect lambing percentages and farm profitability. The University of Melbourne is conducting a survey as part of an Agriculture Victoria funded research project to better understand the infectious causes of abortions and lamb losses in Victorian sheep flocks.

Your responses will help identify key risk factors, improve diagnostic approaches, and support practical, industry-relevant biosecurity strategies to reduce abortion losses across Victoria.

The survey takes approximately 15 - 20 minutes to complete and is open to Victorian sheep producers only. To participate click on the survey link [Understanding farmer perspectives on infectious abortions & lamb losses in Victorian sheep flocks](#).

Relevant information:

- [AWI Change Makers Episode 4: Ewe condition scoring](#)
- [Making More from Sheep Chapter 10.2 Manage your ewes to improve lamb survival](#)
- [AWI and MLA Resource guide for sheep reproduction](#)

Agriculture Victoria's Drought feeding and management of sheep:

- [Energy \(MJ\) and protein \(CP\) requirements for different classes of sheep](#)
- [LifetimeWool tables – how much energy can sheep get from dry pasture](#)
- [LifetimeWool tables – Energy requirements of ewes](#)

NFF Women's Agriculture Leadership Program

Closes 6 April

Women with leadership ambitions are being urged to apply for the National Farmers' Federation's (NFF) Diversity in Agriculture Leadership Program mentorship-based initiative, now in its ninth year. Su McCluskey urges everyone who shares the NFF dream of doubling the number of women in agriculture's leadership ranks by 2030 to apply for this life-changing opportunity."

The Diversity in Agriculture Leadership Program provides 12 women an intensive learning opportunity over five months. The 2026 cohort will take part in a three-day leadership retreat in Canberra, be matched with an industry-leading mentor, and work towards personal and professional goals under the guidance of the NFF team. Applications are open until April 6, 2026 apply at [Diversity in Agriculture Leadership Program 2026 application form - National Farmers' Federation](#).

Nuffield 2027 Scholarships and Applications Open Now

To be considered for a 2027 scholarship, you apply in 2026. Research and travel start in 2027. All scholarships are available to Australian citizens or permanent residents only.

Scholarship Benefits

- 15-weeks of purposeful learning and unique access to our approachable, global agricultural network
- Connections with the global alumni – over 500 scholars in Australia and 2,000 worldwide
- See leading and innovative businesses and identify new best practices
- Select a research topic that will be of use to you, your business, community and industry



Nuffield Scholars have achieved distinction in many fields. Proof of both the calibre of those selected and the effect and value of the scholarships are such that many have gone on to an extraordinary range of positions, to apply go to [How to Apply | Nuffield Australia](#).

Drought Resilience Scholarships - The Future Drought Fund (FDF) are investing in at least five scholarships that are specifically available to study drought resilience and support innovation. These scholarships will support applicants to build drought resilience expertise, adapt innovative technology and practices from overseas and share these learnings to advance Australian agriculture. Learn more at [Drought Resilience Scholarship Program - DAFF](#).

Other **study** topic ideas relating to **specific industry sectors** are listed under the "[Available Scholarships](#)"

Support & Strengthen Families Living in Regional and Rural Areas

Deakin University is inviting families with children aged 0-12 years living in regional and rural areas to participate in a project about different ways to strengthen families in the face of stress. They are hoping that this project will help improve the supports available for regional and rural families. Families will either participate in an 8 session online program or receive a 1/2 hour phone call.

If you are interested in finding out more, please click this link: [Support and Strengthen Families Living in Regional and Rural Communities | Deakin Lifespan Institute](#). If anyone has any questions, they can contact Tim & Le Ann at Deakin University tim.c@deakin.edu.au or le.williams@deakin.edu.au.



INFORMATION

Livestock tag prices lowest in Australia

Victoria continues to lead the nation in supporting its livestock producers, offering Australia's lowest priced National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) ear tags.

Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Executive Director Charlotte Austin said the outcome of recent competitive tender process means producers can buy tags at prices equal to or lower than last year.

'Victorian producers continue to access NLIS tags at some of the nation's lowest prices, keeping on-farm costs down and upholding our world-class traceability reputation,' Ms Austin said. Ear tags can be purchased at [Purchase Tags Online](#).



Safety: Keeping Victorian Farmers Safe

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

The campaign showcases examples like fifth-generation farmer **Rob Abbott**, who found that upgrading his cattle yards made processing livestock safer, faster and less stressful, improving both efficiency and animal welfare.

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

WorkSafe is providing practical, industry-informed guidance to help farmers identify hazards and make effective improvements. Farmers are encouraged to share experiences, learn from each other and take simple steps that can prevent serious incidents while improving the way their farms operate. More information is available at [Agriculture | WorkSafe Victoria](#).

Safety Case Study: Helpful assistance

A local farmer requested a safety inspection for our farm a couple of weeks ago, Michael Weismann from the VFF arrives for a scheduled appointment yesterday, it is part of a free program ran by the VFF called **Making Our Farms Safer**.

Michael was extremely pleasant and easy to work with, this isn't a big stick approach but a casual and professional discussion about farm safety on “our” farm, they do a personalised check list and potential safety issues for our farm.

It took less than an hour and was a very easy and comfortable process and the program runs for at least another three years, so I thought this may be of interest for the our farming community.

"I think this is a program worth pursuing for East Gippsland in our high accident prone industry and agriculturally oriented workforce" Rohan Reynolds.



Safety Resources: Safe use of tractors: A handbook for workplaces

How to identify, manage and reduce the risk of serious injury or death caused by tractor attachment-related accidents on your farm.

Tractors are the most dangerous piece of farm equipment. Every year, many people are killed, and many more are seriously injured from accidents involving tractors. These risks increase with the use of tractor attachments. You can reduce or eliminate these risks by addressing the safe use of attachments, safe work systems and correct vehicle selection and maintenance. [Safe use of tractors with attachments: A handbook for workplaces | WorkSafe Victoria](#)

AgVic talk - A bushfire recovery story with Matt Zagami

After losing his entire farm to a fire in 2020, Matt Zagami chose resilience by rebuilding and diversifying his business, Avagrow Farms.

For him, farming in Australia means facing challenges head-on, solving problems pragmatically, and adapting to whatever the climate throws his way.

This podcast is sponsored by the Farm Business Resilience Program jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Victorian Government's Future Agriculture Skills Capacity Fund. [A bushfire recovery story with... - AgVic Talk - Apple Podcasts](#)

Fast Break newsletter out now

The Fast Break details oceanic and atmospheric climate driver activity over the last month and summarises 3-month model predictions for the Pacific and Indian oceans, rainfall and temperature for Victoria. [View the latest issue for Victoria.](#)

If you are interested in reading past issues of The Fast Break, please email dale.grey@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

Soil Moisture Probe Update 34

Soil Moisture Probe Update 34 update includes information from the Central and East Gippsland soil moisture probe networks and has been expanded to include some probe sites from West and South Gippsland.

It includes rainfall, soil temperature and soil moisture data for February 2026, along with more in-depth soil moisture profiles for focus locations and can be found at agriculturevictoria.cmail20.com/t/r-e-tkuthjt-bujudydukj-y/.

For more information, please contact James Paulet on 0447 695 839 or email james.paulet@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

Food and Fibre Gippsland update

Food & Fibre Gippsland continues to build strong momentum across East Gippsland through its role in the **South East Node of the Victorian Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub**.

Recent highlights include progress on the **Top Soils project** with Gippsland Ag Group. On 18 February, around 40 producers attended a session featuring the Soil Coring trailer, led by the Food & Fibre Gippsland-funded **Drought Adoption Officer**. The project's extension phase is already helping farmers better understand their soils and make more confident, informed on-farm decisions.

Another active initiative is the third phase of the **Greening Dams project** with the South Gippsland Landcare Network. The project demonstrates how fencing dams, improving native vegetation, installing water filters and managing single-entry access for livestock can enhance water quality and environmental outcomes. A **field day** for this project will be held on **Thursday, 19 March in Fish Creek and Foster**. Interested participants can contact Brodie Anderson at brodie.anderson@foodandfibregippsland.com.au.



The FREE Tech Library available at GELLEN

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

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

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

You can make an enquiry or booking directly through our website [Tech Library — THE HUB](#) or scan the QR code.





Join Landcare

Have you considered joining Landcare but are unsure where to start?

There are many groups run by hardworking volunteers across East Gippsland, including:

- Far East Victoria Landcare, which covers Nowa Nowa and the Victorian-New South Wales border.
- The East Gippsland Landcare Network, which comprises 24 groups in the Bairnsdale and surrounding areas.
- The Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee, which comprises one group on the Victorian side of the border with New South Wales.
- The High Country Landcare Network, which comprises Swifts Creek and Ensay Landcare Groups.

More information is on the East Gippsland Catchment Management [website](#).

COUNCIL UPDATES

Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee Meeting Update

On the 26 February the ASAC meet to discuss matters of importance to the farming sector.

Action and Project Updates:

Council presented the revised 2026–27 budget engagement model, outlined differential rating, and sought feedback from the committee. The group also discussed refreshing the Looking Ahead drought advocacy document to align with the Gippsland Drought Resilience Plan. The Planning team provided an overview of the Rural Land Use Strategy, including land protection priorities, zoning challenges and the upcoming council considerations.

Southern Rural Water delivered a Mitchell River Management update and advised that they will call for subcommittee nominations for ongoing consultation. A final draft of the Pest Animal Advocacy Paper developed with extensive input from the committee was presented and endorsed for circulation. Gippsland Ag Group shared a draft *Good Neighbour Guide* they are developing.

General Business and Reporting:

General business covered silage wrap recycling and responsibilities for noxious weed management. Council provided further reports on the new travel reimbursement policy,

forestry transition funding, the Orbost industrial hemp project and the latest activities from Food & Fibre Gippsland.

EAST GIPPSLAND LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE
UPCOMING SALES

APRIL 2026 *Dates are subject to change by Stock Agents

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

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

Sheep Sale, 10.00 am
Monday 13 April
Monday 27 April

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Rural Land Use Strategy Update

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reminder: Omeo District Roadshow

18 & 19 March

On 18 and 19 March Council are visiting **Benambra, Omeo, Ensay and Swifts Creek** to seek feedback on the Omeo District Place Plan, Omeo Structure Plan and the Stormwater Management Plan.

Council staff available will be from Place Planning, Economic Development and Emergency Management teams, (*Refer flyer at the end for more info*).

Immersive March at the Forge



For the whole month of March, the FORGE Theatre will be transformed into a vibrant creative collective, opening up all its spaces for artists, makers and performers to experiment, develop and share their ideas.

A space to create new work, test a workshop idea, showcase your art, try out a performance, collaborate with other creatives, or even play a gig. If you have an idea, we want to hear it.

IMMERSIVE is all about cross-pollination of ideas, mediums and people, while giving the public a chance to explore what creativity looks like across our region and how they can take part.



The Forge will be open to the public Monday to Friday 9:30am-4pm with extra events on the weekends. Check out the program here [What's On and Buy Tickets](#)

Women's Health Information Session for Seniors

Are you or someone you know interested in hearing from your local care professionals? We are pleased to welcome guest speakers Carolyn Nelson, McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurse, and Heather Daly from Bairnsdale Regional Health Service, a specialist in women's health and continence.

They will be joining us to share valuable information and insights from their fields of expertise. There will be opportunities to ask questions during the session and private conversations.

Session that can be booked in library or by scanning the QR.

Mallacoota Service Centre	Wednesday 18 March	1.30 pm – 3.00 pm
Paynesville Service Centre	Monday 23 March	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Bairnsdale Library	Monday 23 March	10.00 am – 11.30 am



Solar panel recycling in Bairnsdale

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

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

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

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

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



Community Matters e-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.](#)



Your Say on Projects

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

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

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Congratulations

Congratulations Matt and Katie Zagami from Avagrow Farms on recently being awarded the **Elders Community Stewardship Award** for Ausveg 2025.



East Gippsland Livestock Exchange (EGLE)

The East Gippsland Livestock Exchange (EGLE) was proud to support the Mountain Calf Elders Ensay Calf Sale, receiving cattle from Omeo, Hinnomunjie and Benambra. The facility provided weighing and scanning services for the 1,665 calves yarded for the 9:00 am start.

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

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

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

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



Silage Wrap Challenge a hit at the Orbost Show

East Gippsland Shire Council's Waste Education team enjoyed a successful day at the Orbost Show on 9 March, engaging with the farming community about farm waste and regional recycling options. A major focus was promoting silage wrap recycling, supported by the interactive **Silage Wrap Challenge**, which demonstrated the four simple preparation steps: shake, separate, roll and store.

A total of **42 participants** took part, with strong interest from farmers, families and children. Prizes were awarded for the fastest times in each category:

- **Men's:** Jarrah Nettleton – 10.01 seconds
- **Women's:** Laura – 13.82 seconds
- **Kids:** Ava – 11.64 seconds

The challenge generated valuable conversations about recycling practices on farms and highlighted practical solutions for reducing waste. The team thanked all attendees for contributing to the day's success.

Silage wrap can be recycled at transfer stations in **Marlo, Benambra, Omeo and Swifts Creek**. Community members are encouraged to contact East Gippsland Shire Council's Waste team for further information wasteeducation@egipps.vic.gov.au.



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

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[Business Victoria](#)
[Nex Business Farming Wellness](#)
[East Gippsland Economic Profile](#)

Links

[Events | Dairy Australia](#)
[Gippsland Agriculture Group](#)
[Event Calendar — Food and Fibre Gippsland](#)

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](#).





Omeo District Roadshow

We're bringing some of our Council services to you!

Come along to learn more and share your feedback on the Omeo District Place Plan, Omeo Structure Plan and Stormwater Management Plan.

While you're there, Council staff from Emergency Management and Economic Development will also be available for a chat.



Benambra Dejarlais Park

Wednesday 18 March, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm



Omeo Community Hub

Wednesday 18 March, 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm



Swifts Creek Community Centre

Thursday 19 March, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm



Ensay CFA Building

Thursday 19 March, 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm

For more information contact Emma Halafihi on emmah@egipps.vic.gov.au or call 0458 426 458.

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SHIRE LIBRARIES



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Bairnsdale Library

Monday 23 March
10.00 am - 11.30 am

**Lakes Entrance
Service Centre**

Thursday 12 March
10.00 am - 11.30 am

**Mallacoota
Service Centre**

Wednesday 18 March
1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

Omeo Service Centre

Thursday 5 March
11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Orbost

Service Centre

Wednesday 11 March
10.00 am - 11.30 am

Paynesville

Service Centre

Monday 23 March
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Book Now

At your library
5152 4225

[www.trybooking.com/eventlist/
eastgippslandshirelibraries](http://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries)

Scan the QR code



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BREWING BIOFERTS

with David Hardwick

Learn to make biofertilisers & bioferments on farm

At this practical, hands-on workshop you will learn how to make your own biofertilisers and bioferments. You will leave with recipes you can use on farm and knowledge on the following:

- ✓ What works and what doesn't
- ✓ What are Aerobic and fermentation products
- ✓ Using Biologicals on farm
- ✓ How bioferts can be integrated into your farming system

 **THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2026**

 **10:00am to 3:00pm**

 **Mitchells Rd, Newmerella
3888**

 **REGISTER NOW**

Call: Emma Orgill 0400 467 921

Link: <https://bit.ly/3YUmlTz>



PLEASE BRING A CHAIR ON THE DAY



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



UNDERSTANDING SOILS

with David Hardwick

Learn about how the soils on your place really work

At this workshop you will learn about soil and soil health. The ½ day covers the biological, physical, and chemical aspects of soils.

- ✓ How soils work
- ✓ Soil Health
- ✓ Soil Fertility
- ✓ The 7 essential steps to managing soils well

 **FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2026**

 9:00am to 12.30pm

 Bruthen Mechanics Hall
49 Main St, Bruthen

 **REGISTER NOW**

Call: Emma Orgill 0400 467 921

Link: <https://bit.ly/49T7vBU>



**PLEASE BRING A SPADE/BUCKET
OF TOPSOIL ON THE DAY**

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



Future-proof your family farm business at Sale

Complimentary 2-day workshop for Gippsland farmers

Farmers are invited to participate in a 2-day workshop to help 'future-proof' your family farm business with adaptive planning skills. Develop practical strategies to manage climate risk, build resilience and shape a stronger, more adaptable business.

Presenter Dr Kate Burke is an agri-strategist and educator with extensive experience across technical, commercial and people-focused aspects of farming.

Kate provides insights into crucial farm success factors, including:

- managing climate variability and uncertainty
- optimising productivity
- farm financial performance
- people, leadership and succession.

Participants will:

- Work out what's most important to them.
- Understand the productivity, people and profit components of their business.
- Identify strategies for balancing growth and risk.
- Prioritise and plan.

Participants are eligible to review their business plans post this workshop in a one on one session with Kate.

Past participants said:

*'We appreciated the time away to focus on the bigger picture with our business partners'.
'All this stuff is connected; most courses just deal with one topic in isolation. This workshop is unique'.*

Details

Date: Wednesday 25 and
Thursday 26 March 2026

Time: 8:30 am arrival time for a 9
am start until 3 pm.

Location: Sale Greyhound Club

Sale Showgrounds
Maffra-Sale Rd
Sale VIC 3850



Registration

Numbers are limited and registration is essential.

This event is catered.

Register at
<https://www.trybooking.com/DHYSG> or
scan the QR code to register.

Further information:

Julio Vargas 0428 316 018

James Paulet 0447 695 839

**Looking for support that works
for rural and regional families?
So are we.**



Take part in a new study aiming to improve mental health and wellbeing support for parents in regional and rural areas

If you have kids aged 0–12 years, and live in a regional or rural area, we'd love for you to be involved. Scan the QR code or follow the link to find out more.



[https://seed.deakin.edu.au/
our-research/project/family-foundations-trial](https://seed.deakin.edu.au/our-research/project/family-foundations-trial)

Ethics Approval: RCH HREC Reference Number - 117878



FREE

Tea, coffee & light meal provided

Practical Takeaways
With handouts & goodies

scan to register

Plan to be Resilient



MARCH WORKSHOPS

25 Benambra

26 Orbost

31 Bairnsdale

Phone to register **1300 045 747**

Structured business planning for Gippsland farmers navigating variable seasons and financial pressure



Plan to Be Resilient is a practical, hands-on workshop designed for farmers and small agri-business operators who are often time poor but know that *taking time to plan is critical*.

Resilient farm businesses do not eliminate risk – they prepare for it with clarity and intent.

Over three focused hours, participants will work through:

- ✓ Where seasonal variability, market volatility and cost pressures create vulnerability
- ✓ Key financial and operational drivers that most influence profitability and long-term viability
- ✓ Structural pressure points within your current business model that may limit your flexibility in challenging seasons
- ✓ Practical decision-making tools to strengthen preparedness, improve financial confidence and support operational planning and implementation
- ✓ Clear strategic priorities to guide investment, risk management and growth decisions over the next 12–24 months

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



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#ASKMEANYTHING
EXPLORE YOUR PATHS
CAREER EXPO



Bring your
questions!
Bring your
curiosity!
Bring your
future!

DATE

Wednesday
25th of
March



TIME

9:30 AM
TO
2:30 PM



Location

Bairnsdale
Squash &
Table Tennis,
Lucknow



Share your day!
Tag us using
#AskMeAnythingExpo
and show how
you're exploring
your future!





MAKING TREES PAY THEIR WAY

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

Hear from:

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

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

You will learn:

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

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

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

[Click HERE to register](#)



Or Scan QR Code to register



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

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

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

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

Key Details:

Lakes Entrance Tuesday 21st April 2026

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

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

Cost: Free (fully funded by Agriculture Victoria)
Morning tea and a light lunch provided

Why attend?

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

For Information:

Leigh Crocker (ION Group)

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

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Recent feedback:

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

“very inspiring and motivating”

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

Register Now: Limited numbers

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



BUSINESS OF FARMING BOOT CAMP

Plan, Profit, Perform

With Chris Jehu from Countryside Business Partners

This 2 ½ day workshop is designed to help farmers step back from the day to day workload and focus on the bigger picture of their business. We will explore your “why”, helping clarify what you want the farm to achieve for you, your family and the future of the business.

Across the two and a half days you will learn:

- practical tools to track and understand business performance
- how to interpret key figures
- measure profitability
- how to make better decisions for long term profitability
- identify opportunities for improvement.

 **28, 29 & 30 APRIL 2026**

 **10AM 28TH - 12PM 30TH**

 **LAKE TYERS CAMP & CARAVAN PARK**

\$50 a property includes 2 nights accommodation and some meals

REGISTER LINK

RSVP is essential to book use QR code or above link.

Questions - contact Emma Orgill on 0400 467 921 or emma.orgill@fevl.org.au



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

Planning for your farming future.

Do you have a plan to manage and improve your farm?

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

Landholders are invited to participate in a series of workshops designed to build on current management practices and support planning for future improvements.



Participants will meet for 4 sessions, every Tuesday in May, to discuss the following farm management topics.

Workshop topics will include:

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

A free laminated property map will be provided as part of the course.

Dates

Tuesday 5, 12, 19 & 26 May

Venue

Gippsland Ag Centre
345 Bengworden Road, Bengworden

Time

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

To register:

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

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



**RSVP: Friday 27
March**

For more information contact:

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

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

– Donna and Michaela Lawless,
Churchill.

Share your experiences, ideas and prepare for the future.

GIPPSLAND IRRIGATION EXPO 2026

SOMETHING FOR ALL IRRIGATORS, PROSPECTIVE AND ESTABLISHED



DATE & TIME _____ ↙

20 MAY 2026

FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00PM

VENUE _____ ↙

**SALE
SHOWGROUNDS**

ON THE PROGRAM _____ ↙

**EXHIBITOR STALLS, EXPO SPECIALS,
EXPERT PRESENTATIONS, Q&A
SESSIONS, COFFEE, FOOD VENDORS
& MORE!**

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———— JOIN US FOR VICTORIA'S PREMIER IRRIGATION EVENT ————

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners, the Gunaikurnai people, and recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and culture.



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the tech library

Resources available to explore **STEAM**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS & MATHS



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

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

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

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



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