



East Gippsland Seniors Festival

Event Guide

1 - 31 Oct
2026



Festival Partner

**Victorian
Seniors
Festival
2026**

The 2026 Victorian Seniors Festival theme is **Connect. Create. Celebrate.**

This October, our region will come alive giving our older adults a time to connect, create and celebrate together.

With more than 80 free and low-cost events spread across the shire, there's something for everyone to enjoy, from creative workshops and art exhibitions to live performances, education, health and wellbeing activities, come and try days, cuppas and luncheons.



East Gippsland Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and pays deep respect to all First Nations peoples and communities with enduring cultural connections to East Gippsland, who have cared for and nurtured Country for tens of thousands of years.

We honour and celebrate the rich diversity, living cultures, and ongoing contributions of all First Nations peoples who live, work, visit, and play across East Gippsland.

We also acknowledge the many First Nations communities who, together, continue to shape and contribute to the region we know as East Gippsland.

The place where we, as Local Government, deliver services and support to our community.

Foreword

East Gippsland Shire Council is proud to present the 2026 Seniors Festival.

This month - long celebration is held from 1 to 31 October in partnership with our inspiring community and is part of the statewide Victorian Seniors Festival.

Whether you're revisiting a lifelong passion, trying something new for the first time, or simply looking to meet new people, the festival is designed to spark joy, build connections, and support healthy and positive ageing.

Highlights include the much-loved free **Seniors Concert** starring Wendy Stapleton - The Swinging Sixties, to be held on **Wednesday 14 October** along with a wide range of local activities hosted at our libraries, service centres and community hubs.

We thank the many community groups, clubs, organisations and partners who have worked alongside Council to deliver this vibrant program. Your support ensures that positive ageing remains active, inspired and connected throughout the month and beyond.

Keep an eye out for additional East Gippsland Seniors Festival events happening across our region. While not listed in this booklet, many celebrations will take place at local sport and recreation centres, neighbourhood houses, health and support services, community groups and clubs.

Come celebrate positive and health ageing with us this October during a month filled with connection, creativity, and community.

All events and activities are found in chronological order throughout the booklet.

3-11 Oct

Free public transport

Nine days of free public transport

As a Victorian Seniors Card holder, you can explore and enjoy Victoria with free travel during the festival. Free travel dates are from 3 to 11 October 2026.

This includes all metropolitan public transport services, V/Line train and coach services, and selected regional bus services outside the myki area.

Reservations on can be made by visiting your nearest train station or phoning **1800 800 007** from 10.00am on Tuesday 1 September.

For more information
www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/nine-days-free-public-transport

Sustainable Living Webinar Series

Residents are invited to take part in the Sustainable Living Webinar Series 2026, a free year-long program of online webinars designed to help households cut energy costs, improve comfort, and reduce their environmental impact.

Presented by independent experts from non-profit organisation Renew, the series covers practical topics including solar, home batteries, electric vehicles, energy efficiency, sustainable design and renter-friendly upgrades.

To watch online visit
<https://thecap.com.au/sustainable-living-series>



Events

Annual AFL Grand Final Extravaganza Book Sale

Join us on Grand Final weekend for one of the biggest used book sales in East Gippsland.

Books are usually capped at no more than \$2 each.

An array of baked delights will be available for sale from the CWA ladies.

Friends of Paynesville Library

Paynesville Community Hall,

55 The Esplanade, Paynesville

- **25 - 27 September | 10am - 3pm**
- **Free**

Navigating the Aged Care System Information Session

Cindy is one of the dedicated Aged Care Specialist Officers (ACSOs) across Australia and will provide information on

My Aged Care and how her role can assist you and your family to navigate the My Aged Care System.

Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre

55 The Esplanade, Paynesville

- **30 September | 10am - 12pm**
- **Free**
- **RSVP (03) 5156 0214 | info@pnc.vic.edu.au**

Daniel Champagne

Recently described as the finest guitar player of his generation, this young virtuoso has been captivating audiences and selling out shows worldwide. In 2026, he returns to Australia with his now-famed live show, reimagined for intimate venues – offering a powerful, up-close experience that is welcoming, family-friendly, and open to all who love live music!

The Forge Theatre

80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

- **1 October | 7.30pm**
- **Tickets \$39.00**
- **Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/daniel-champagne-jul2vggz6>**

Events

Ellett Banks OAM | Natural Forms in Landscape

This exhibition explores landscape as a sensory and emotional experience. Through a minimalist and spontaneous approach, Gillian Ellett Banks synthesises essential visual elements into powerful, evocative compositions where the emotional impact of landscape remains as immediate as the landscape itself.

East Gippsland Art Gallery

2 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale

- **1 - 17 October | Tues - Fri (10am - 4pm) Sat (10.am - 2pm).**
- **Free**

Cecile Michel – In 2 Minds

This exhibition presents Cecile Michel's evocative graphite portraits, capturing people within symbolic environments through nostalgic black-and-white imagery that invites reflection, empathy and connection. Alongside these intimate works, Michel's playful drawings of everyday objects reveal a lighter, joyful side of her practice – finding humour, positivity and beauty in the ordinary.

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- **Free**

Libraries in the Dark – Movies

Come along to our evening movie showings for an enjoyable film, friendly company, and complimentary light refreshments.

Bairnsdale Library

22 Service St, Bairnsdale

- **1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October | 6pm**
- **Bookings: (03) 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Events

Art for Hope – Peter Mac Painting Project Opening

An art exhibition in October to raise money for Peter Mac Callum Cancer Centre.

Opening Night: 2 October, 6pm (tickets \$15).

Orbost Arts Centre,
8 Clarke St, Orbost

- **2 - 26 October | 10am - 3pm**
- **Gold coin donation**
- **More info: <https://www.orbostartscentre.com/whatson>**

How to Present Entries for Omeo Agriculture Show – Cooking

Presented by Sandra with tea and coffee provided as well as a free lucky door prize up for grabs.

Omeo Community Hub
179 Day Ave, Omeo

- **3 October | 10am - 12pm**
- **Free**

How to Present Entries for Omeo Agriculture Show – Floristry

Presented by Sasha with tea and coffee provided as well as a free lucky door prize up for grabs.

Omeo Community Hub
179 Day Ave, Omeo

- **3 October | 1pm - 3pm**
- **Free**

Events

Bairnsdale Parkrun

Bairnsdale parkrun is a free timed event for everyone to attend to walk, jog or run the 5km course along the Mitchell River every Saturday morning.

Port of Bairnsdale

Mitchell Port Rd, Bairnsdale

- **3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October | 7.30am - 10am**
- **Free**

Lakes Entrance Parkrun

Lakes Entrance parkrun is a free timed event for everyone to attend to walk, jog or run the 5km course along the Mitchell River every Saturday morning.

Lakes Entrance Rotunda

Foreshore Park, Lakes Entrance

- **3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October | 7.30am - 9.30am**
- **Free**

Lions Skin Check Van visit

Skin checks and skin cancer awareness for members of the Paynesville community.

Carpark adjacent to Gilsenan Reserve, Paynesville

- **3 - 4 October | 8.30am - 4.30pm**
- **Free - bookings essential**
- **More details: Paynesville Lions Club Facebook and website**

Surf Life Saving Lakes Entrance Market

A popular monthly community market held on the first Sunday of every month, featuring over 80 stalls offering local crafts, fresh produce, plants and hot food, with proceeds supporting the Surf Life Saving Lakes Entrance.

Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda

Near Footbridge on Esplanade

- **4 October | 9am - 3pm**
- **Free**

Events

East Gippsland Musical Extravaganza

East Gippsland Music will showcase their five bands, Training Band, East Gippsland Brass, East Gippsland Symphonia, the Gentlemen's choir and East Gippsland Big band to raise money for uniform hats for its 100 members. The concert will range from traditional brass band music through to concert and the full sound of the big band era.

The Forge Theatre

80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

- **4 October | 2pm - 5pm**
- **Tickets \$25.00**
- **Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/east-gippsland-musical-extravaganza> or call (03) 5152 1482.**

Navigating the Aged Care System

Join Cindy Aged Care Specialist Officers (ACSOs) and Richard to learn more about My Aged Care and how they can assist you and your family to navigate the system.

Bairnsdale Library,

22 Service St, Bairnsdale

- **5 October | 10am - 12pm**
- **Bookings: (03) 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Chair Yoga

Want to feel good, have a laugh and have a good stretch?
Come and try chair yoga with International Yoga Teacher Rhonda James.

Bairnsdale Library,

22 Service St, Bairnsdale

- **5 October | 2pm - 3pm**
- **Bookings: (03) 5152 4225**
- **Free**

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Lakes Entrance Library,
18 Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance

Orbost Library,
1 Ruskin St, Orbost

- **6 October | 10am - 2pm (Lakes Entrance) 2pm - 4pm (Orbost)**
- **Bookings: (03) 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Monthly Daytime Movie – Omeo

Come along to our monthly daytime movie showings for an enjoyable film, friendly company, and complimentary light refreshments.

Omeo Library,
179 Day St, Omeo

- **6 October | 2pm - 4pm**
- **Bookings: (03) 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Zumba Gold

This fun Zumba class is led by Nicole Mann, a local fitness instructor and registered nurse ensuring a safe and welcoming environment.

Bairnsdale U3A

Cnr Rupert and Service Sts, Bairnsdale

- **6, 13, 20, 27 October | 1.30pm**
- **Register by calling (03) 5152 3063**
- **\$2 per session**

Events

VIP Support Group Meeting for Blind/Low Vision Community

We have a speaker, share information, network, provide a social outing and help members navigate vision loss. Lunch will be available after the meeting for those wishing to purchase their own. New members, their carers or support workers are welcome.

Bairnsdale RSL (Rivers Room),
2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale

- 7 October | 10.30am - 12pm
- RSVP to Debbie: bdale.vipgroup@gmail.com or 0448 809 798
- <https://visiongroupbairnsdale.org>
- Free

Seniors Month Luncheons

Catch up with friends & enjoy a delicious meal together.

Cann River Community Centre,
13 Princes Highway, Cann River

- 7, 14, 21, 28 October | 12pm - 2pm
- Free

Victorian Virtual Emergency Department Information Session

Learn how and when to use the Virtual Emergency Department.
Have the shortcut to the service saved on your device.

Bloom,
119 Nicholson St, Orbost

- 8 October | 11am - 1pm
- RSVP: orbostnh@orh.com.au or call (03) 5154 6742
- Free with lunch provided

Events

Zumba Gold

A local dance fitness session that has been held in Johnsonville for nearly 10 years. Perfect for beginners and active older adults.

Johnsonville Hall,
1754 Princes Hwy, Johnsonville

- **8 October | 9.30am**
- **Register with Nicole prior to arrival on 0409 219 774**
- **Free when mentioning this offer**

Celebrate the Lakes

A community event that brings together a diverse mix of agencies, community groups and passionate individuals to share knowledge, showcase the great environmental initiatives across the lakes and catchment, and celebrate migratory birds that make the long journey to visit the Gippsland Lakes each year.

Eagle Point Foreshore Hub,
Eagle Bay Drive, Eagle Point

- **9 October | 11am - 7pm**
- **Free**
- **More details: www.egcma.com.au/ or contact reception@egcma.com.au or phone 5152 1184**

Forever Rainbows

Monthly social group for LGBTIQIA+ folks over 50+ in East Gippsland and are no pressure gatherings. Get together to connect with other LGBTIQIA+ community members, share resources and make new friendships and find out what is happening around the place.

Errinundra Community Room at Gippsland Lakes Complete Health
281-283 Main St, Bairnsdale

- **9 October | 2.30pm - 4pm**
- **RSVP: <https://events.humanitix.com/forever-rainbow-social-group-east-gippsland-monthly-afternoon-tea> Contact Daniel Bryen 0490 115 134 or email daniel.bryen@switchboard.org.au**
- **Free**

Events

Lakes Entrance Rocktober

Lakes Entrance Rocktober is an annual 50s Rock 'n' Roll style event showcasing the era, with related music, dancing, a car display and a community market held each day.

Lakes Entrance Foreshore,
Esplanade, Rotunda

- **10 - 11 October | 10am - 2pm**
- **More details: Le Rock Inc – Rima Pescod - lerockevents@gmail.com**
- **Free**

Car, Bike and Truck Show

Kalimna Hotel,
1 Hotel Rd, Kalimna

- **10 October | 10am - 1pm**
- **More details: Shaun Massie - 5155 3895 or info@kalimnahotel.com**
- **Free**

Open Day at Bairnsdale U3A

Art, Quilting and Craft Exhibition

Bairnsdale U3A

Cnr Rupert and Service Sts, Bairnsdale

- **10 October | 10am - 3pm**
- **Free**

Events

Caring for your Orchids

John Scott will provide advice on growing orchids, re-potting and their care. If you want assistance with repotting bring your orchids along. Coffee and cake will be available.

Bairnsdale U3A,

Cnr Service and Rupert St, Bairnsdale

- **10 October | 10am - 11pm and 1pm - 3pm**
- **Bookings essential: u3abairnsdale.org.au or call 5152 3063**
- **Free**

Metung Market

The market is held on the scenic Metung Village Green overlooking Bancroft Bay on the second Saturday of every month. The market features a diverse range of local stallholders offering fresh produce, artisan foods, ready-to-eat treats, handmade clothing, and unique handcrafted goods, showcasing the best of the region's growers, makers and producers.

Metung Village Green

- **10 October | 8am - 12.30pm**
- **Free**

Pride on the Water

A Gippsland Seniors Celebration for older rainbow folk as part of Seniors Festival 2026. Join us for a relaxing, casual cruise through the stunning Gippsland Lakes onboard the historic Lonsdale. Enjoy expert commentary from the Captain as we gather across generations to celebrate our older rainbow folk.

Lonsdale Eco Cruises: Cunningham Quay Jetty,

340 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance

- **10 October | 1pm - 4pm**
- **RSVP <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pride-on-the-water-tickets-1998530279866>**
- **More details: Daniel Bryen on 0490 115 134 or email daniel.bryen@switchboard.org.au**
- **\$25 subsidised ticket**

Events

Paynesville Lions Community Market

The market features local craft stalls, fresh produce, hot food vans, and community breakfast options.

AJ Gilsenan Reserve,
Paynesville

- **11 October | 8am - 1pm**
- **Free**

Zumba Gold

A local dance fitness session that has been held in Paynesville for nearly 10 years. Perfect for beginners and active older adults.

Paynesville Community Hall,
55 The Esplanade, Paynesville

- **12 October | 9.30am**
- **Free when mentioning this offer**

Naturopath Health & Wellness Presentation

Are you interested in learning more about improving your health?

Are you seeking to age well into your senior years?

Liz Gillman will present on ageing well and the opportunities you have to participate in your own health care. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and talk with Liz after the presentation.

Bairnsdale Library,
22 Service St, Bairnsdale

- **12 October | 10am - 11.30am**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Events

Exploring Succession Planning

Designed to give you clarity and confidence. Learn how a facilitated approach can protect your livelihood and your family's future.

Bairnsdale Library,
22 Service St, Bairnsdale

- **12 October | 1pm - 3.30pm**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Bairnsdale Mens Shed Open Days

Opportunity to visit the shed to learn about our activities and have a cuppa and a chat.

The Bairnsdale Hub
27 Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale

- **12, 14, 16 October | 8.30am - 12pm**
- **RSVP: Email: bairnsdalems@gmail.com or call 0407 361 222**
- **Free**

Monthly Daytime Movies - Orbost

Come along to our monthly daytime movie showings for an enjoyable film, friendly company, and complimentary light refreshments.

Orbost Library
1 Ruskin St, Orbost

- **13 October | 2pm - 4pm**
- **Bookings: Call 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Events

Special Older Person Storytime

Bring your special younger 3 to 5 year old person to Storytime and share stories, songs and craft.

Bairnsdale Library - 22 Service St, Bairnsdale

Lakes Entrance Library - 18 Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance

Orbost Library - 1 Ruskin St, Orbost

Paynesville Library - 55 The Esplanade, Paynesville

- **13 October | 11am - 12pm**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Craft session with a difference

Got a craft project sitting unfinished at home? Bring it along to the library and enjoy some dedicated time to work on it in the company of others. Whether you're knitting, model making, scrapbooking, painting, or creating something completely unique, you'll find a welcoming space to connect with like-minded people. Share a cuppa, a chat, and some creative inspiration while making progress on your project.

Lakes Entrance Library - 18 Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance (10am-11.30am)

Mallacoota Library - 70 Maurice St, Mallacoota (2pm-3.30pm)

- **14 October**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Special Older Person Storytime - Omeo

Bring your special younger 3 to 5 year old person to Storytime and share stories, songs and craft.

Omeo Library

179 Day St, Omeo

- **14 October | 11am - 12pm**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Events

EAST GIPPSLAND *Seniors* CONCERT

A morning of music,
memories & swinging 60s!

 **Wednesday
14 October
10.00 am**

 **Riviera Christian
Centre, Bairnsdale**

 **Wendy Stapleton –
*'The Swinging Sixties'***

**Cost is
FREE!**
Includes
morning tea

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:



Bookings close Monday 12
October at 5pm

**Wendy
Stapleton**
**THE SWINGING
SIXTIES**

BOOK NOW: events.humantix.com/east-gippsland-seniors-concert

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Events

Craft session with a difference – Paynesville

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Paynesville Library

55 The Esplanade, Paynesville

- **15 October | 10am - 2pm**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Special Older Person Storytime – Mallacoota

Bring your special younger 3 to 5 year old person to Storytime and share stories, songs and craft.

Mallacoota Library,

Maurice Ave, Mallacoota

- **15 October | 2.30pm - 3.30pm**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Allo Allo

'Allo 'Allo brings the beloved British television comedy to life in a fast-paced farce filled with outrageous characters, secret plots, and comic misunderstandings.

The Forge Theatre,

80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

- **15, 16, 17 October | 7.30pm**
- **Bookings <https://events.humanitix.com/allo-allo-forge>**
- **\$40 (Seniors)**

Events

Introduction to Felting

Discover the creative art of felting in this enjoyable hands-on workshop. Perfect for beginners. Discover the creative art of felting in this enjoyable hands-on workshop which is perfect for beginners (maximum 20 places).

Bairnsdale U3A,

Cnr Rupert and Service St, Bairnsdale

- **15 October | 1pm - 4pm**
- **Bookings required: Email: u3abairnsdale.org.au or call: 5152 3063**
- **Free**

Bairnsdale VIEW Club Fashion Parade and Light Luncheon

Fashion Parade sponsored by Black Pepper to launch their Spring clothing collection and a light luncheon with a lucky door prize and raffles.

Arrival 12pm for 12.30pm lunch and Fashion Parade at 1.30pm

Bairnsdale Bowls Club,

26D Grant St, Bairnsdale

- **15 October | 12pm**
- **Tickets: Black Pepper, Main St, Bairnsdale**
- **\$35 includes luncheon**

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Bairnsdale Library

22 Service St, Bairnsdale

- **16 October | 10am - 2pm**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Events

Come and Try Croquet at Bairnsdale Croquet Club

An opportunity to try this fun activity for people of all ages. All equipment provided and club players will be there to show you how to play. Wear flat closed-toe shoes

Adjacent to Bairnsdale Bowls Club

Cnr Grant and Pearson St, Bairnsdale

- **16 October | 4pm - 6pm**
- **More details: 0409 133 722**
- **Free**

Celebrate life in your 90s

A special celebration bringing together U3A members and community residents aged 90 years and over. Enjoy a delicious lunch, reconnect with friends, share memories and celebrate the remarkable stories and experiences of those who have helped shape our community.

Bairnsdale U3A,

Cnr Service and Rupert St, Bairnsdale

- **17 October | 12pm - 2pm**
- **Bookings essential: u3abairnsdale.org.au/**
- **or phone U3A office 5152 3063**
- **Free (U3A members) - \$10 (non members)**

Senior Luncheon Omeo

Join us for a delicious lunch, music, singing and raffles.

Fresh Air Cafe,

Omeo

- **17 October | 11am - 2.30pm**
- **RSVP by RSVP Tuesday 13 October - Trudy 0428 599 250**
benambraneighbourhoodhouse@gmail.com
- **\$20 for two course lunch**

Events

Sunday Sessions – Orbost

Live music and dancing.

Orbost Arts Centre,

8 Clarke St, Orbost

- **18 October | 2pm - 5pm**
- **More details:** <https://www.orbostartscentre.com/whatson>
- **Gold coin donation**

Let's Talk Aged Care

Need help understanding aged care?

Learn about support at home, aged care homes, how to get started and how to overcome common challenges faced by older people and their families — in simple, easy-to-understand language.

19 October

Bairnsdale Library - 22 Service St, Bairnsdale (10am - 12pm)

Paynesville Library - 55 The Esplanade, Paynesville (2pm - 4pm)

20 October

Lakes Entrance Library - 18 Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance (10am - 12pm)

Orbost Library - 1 Ruskin St, Orbost (2pm- 4pm)

21 October

Mallacoota Library, 70 Maurice Ave, Mallacoota (10.30am - 12.30pm)

- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Events

Chair Yoga

Want to feel good, have a laugh and have a good stretch? Come and try chair yoga with International Yoga Teacher Rhonda James.

Lakes Entrance Library,

18 Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance

- **20 October | 2pm - 3pm**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Behind the Bin – Waste and Recycling Tour

Meet at bus stop corner of Bailey St and 125 Main St, Bairnsdale.

Tour entails:

Stop 1: Bairnsdale Regional Landfill

Stop 2: Morning tea and tour of Tambo Waste Materials Recovery Facility

Return to bus stop by approx. 1pm.

Morning Tea

- **21 October | 10am - 1pm**
- **RSVP Meg West on 0414 437 68 or book:**
<https://events.humanitix.com/behindthebin>
- **Free with morning tea provided**

See us in action U3A

Drop in at any time to observe classes, meet our friendly members and tutors, and discover the wide range of courses, activities and opportunities available at U3A Bairnsdale.

Bairnsdale U3A,

Cnr Service and Rupert St, Bairnsdale

- **21 October | 10.30am - 12pm**
- **Free with morning tea available**

Events

Monthly Daytime Movie

Come along to our monthly daytime movie showings for an enjoyable film, friendly company, and complimentary light refreshments.

Bairnsdale Library - 22 Service St, Bairnsdale

(2pm - 4pm)

Paynesville Library - 55 The Esplanade, Paynesville

(10am - 12pm) and (2pm - 4pm)

Lakes Entrance Library - 18 Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance

(10am - 12pm) and (2pm - 4pm)

- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

My Leonard Cohen featuring Stewart D'Arrietta

After a sellout tour in Europe and Ireland, Stewart brings a gutsy and arresting interpretation of Leonard Cohen's powerful works. D'Arrietta and his band provide gutsy and arresting interpretations of Cohen's powerful works, framed by a personal narrative. The stories give an insight into Cohen's life and the motivations behind the songs, with a sprinkling of laconic humour.

The Forge Theatre,

80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

- **23 October | 7.30pm**
- **Bookings required: <https://events.humanitix.com/my-leonard-cohen-featuring-stewart-d-arrietta>**
- **\$69**

St John's Seniors Month Harmony Scholars Concert – A Musical Journey

Featuring Harmony Scholars Choir Musical Journey – a lifetime of memories from your favourite musicals with morning tea.

St John's,

2 Francis St, Bairnsdale

- **23 October | 10am**
- **More details: stjohns.bairnsdale@gmail.com or 5152 3133**
- **Free**

Events

SKILLUP: Youth Arts Exhibition - Building Creative Futures

Celebrate the first-ever SKILLUP: Youth Arts Exhibition, showcasing the creativity of emerging young artists from across East Gippsland. This inaugural exhibition marks an exciting milestone for the program, featuring works developed by participants as they build confidence, refine their artistic practice and share their unique perspectives with the community.

Opening event: 5.30pm, Friday 23 October.

East Gippsland Art Gallery,
2 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale

- **23 October - 28 November**
- **Tuesday - Friday (10am–4pm), Saturday (10am-2pm)**
- **Free**

Paynesville Farmers & Makers Market

The market runs on the fourth Saturday of every month on the Paynesville Foreshore Reserve, offering local East Gippsland produce, crafts, and a community BBQ.

The Foreshore,
Esplanade, Paynesville

- **24 October | 8am - 1pm**
- **Free**

Watercolour Workshop

Join acclaimed watercolour artist Wendy Taylor for an inspiring full day workshop.

Bairnsdale U3A,
Cnr Service and Rupert St, Bairnsdale

- **24 October | 10am - 4pm**
- **Bookings essential: u3abairnsdale.org.au/ or phone 5152 3063**
- **\$20 (U3A members) \$30 (non members)**

Events

Casey Donovan – THIS IS ME

Beloved Australian singer and performer Casey Donovan will hit the road in 2026 for her biggest national tour yet. From winning Australian Idol at just 16 to becoming a household name, Casey's powerhouse vocals and heartfelt performances have made her a standout in music, theatre, and television.

The Forge Theatre,
80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

- **24 October | 7.30pm**
- **Bookings required: <https://events.humanitix.com/casey-donovan-this-is-me>**
- **\$74.95 (seniors)**

Howitt Park Market

The market is a vibrant community market featuring up to 150 stalls offering everything from fresh local produce and plants to handmade crafts, clothing, jewellery, books and specialty goods. With a welcoming food court set around a green open space and a mix of regular and casual stallholders, each market provides a unique experience for visitors.

Howitt Park,
Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale

- **25 October | 8am - 1pm**
- **Free**

Respect Should Never Grow Old

The information session will present, inform and discuss respect, dignity and safety in later life.

Bairnsdale Library,
22 Service St, Bairnsdale

- **26 October | 10.30am - 12.30pm**
- **Bookings required: 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Events

Living Well at Home

How to remain living independently at home? Come and meet the BaptistCare team, learn about the services and supports available to help people age safely and comfortably at home. There will also be an interactive Q & A session to ask questions, gain practical information and connect with experienced staff.

Bairnsdale Library,
22 Service St, Bairnsdale

- **29 October | 10am - 12pm**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Monthly Daytime Movie – Mallacoota

Come along to our monthly daytime movie showings for an enjoyable film, friendly company, and complimentary light refreshments.

Mallacoota Library,
70 Maurice Ave, Mallacoota

- **30 October | 2pm - 4pm**
- **Bookings required 5152 4225**
- **Free**

Spring into Spring

Spring into Spring with a celebration for seniors and spring including quizzes, music, poetry, afternoon tea and champagne. Come along dressed in your best Spring outfit.

Paynesville Library Meeting Room,
55 The Esplanade, Paynesville

- **30 October | 2pm - 4pm**
- **RSVP to Lyn: 0448 850 226**
- **\$20**

Events

Pickleball

Join us for a social game of pickleball - come along whether you're a total beginner or have played before

Wear comfortable clothes and sport shoes

No age limit - it's more giggle than pickle. We have a ball and most of the attendees are over 65 years old now.

Omeo Soldiers Memorial Hall,

179 Dave Ave, Omeo

- **30 October | 10.30am - 12.30pm**
- **Free**

Fabric Art Workshop

Discover the colourful world of fabric collage where fabric becomes your paint, maximum of 20 participants.

Bairnsdale U3A,

Cnr Service and Rupert St, Bairnsdale

- **31 October | 10am - 4pm**
- **\$20 (U3A members) \$30 (non members)**

Craft and Bloom

The Inner Wheel Club of Bairnsdale presents craft, plants, market stalls and much more. Lunch and morning tea will be available.

Stall holders: iiw.au.bairnsdale@gmail.com

Mechanics Hall (parking adjacent to Woolworths carpark),

Lakes Entrance

- **31 October | 10am - 4pm**
- **Free**

Support Services

East Gippsland Red Cross Service

Red Cross provides door-to-door transport to assist community to attend non-emergency medical appointments if there is no other means of transportation. The service is free, however donations are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated to assist Red Cross to drive the service further.

For more information about accessing or booking patient transport call 8327 7868 or 1800 733 276

www.redcross.org.au/patient-transport-vic

Royal Flying Doctor Community Transport Service

A free service to help community members access health appointments and group programs.

With the help of volunteer drivers, the service will connect the local community to their health appointment.

The service operates from Lakes Entrance and is available to locals residing within the Lakes Entrance and surrounds.

To book call 03 7046 4664 or email:
communitytransport@rfdsvic.com.au



Support Services

Register for Carer Gateway

As a carer, you help the person you care for with many activities in and around the home.

Understanding what you need to do and what help you can get can make your life easier.

- Making a home safe
- Using alarms and monitors
- Getting help at home
- Planning and getting help with meals
- Helping with eating
- Lifting and moving people safely
- Respite Care
- Support to take a break – respite

Phone 1800 422 737 or visit
www.carergateway.gov.au/

Victorian Seniors Card

To qualify for a Seniors Card you must be a permanent resident of Australia aged 60 or over and or 50 and over for First Nations people from Australia who work less than 35 hours per week.

Look out for the 'Seniors Card

Welcome Here' logo or ask for Seniors Card discounts when you are shopping, dining or attending arts and entertainment.

For more information go to
www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/seniors-card or call 1300 797 210.

Support Services

The Companion Card

For people with significant and permanent disability, who have a life long need for a high level of attendant care to participate in social activities or events where an entry fee is charged.



To check out if you are eligible contact the Victorian Companion Card Information line 1800 650 611 or email companioncard@dffh.vic.gov.au www.companioncard.vic.gov.au

Accessible Parking Permit

If you have a significant disability or injury you may be eligible for an Accessibility Parking Permit. There are different types of permits which allow you to park in accessible parking bays and/or park in regular bays for double the usual time.



To apply for or renew a permit go to: www.accessibleparking.vic.gov.au or phone 5153 9500

Support Services

Dementia services

Phone: 1800 100 500

Email: helpline.nat@dementia.org.au

www.dementia.org.au/get-support/national-dementia-helpline



Better Health

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au



Council of the Ageing (COTA)

COTA Victoria is the leading not-for-profit organisation representing the interests and rights of people aged 50+ in Victoria.



For 70 years, we have led government, corporate and community thinking about the positive aspects of ageing.

We envision a society that recognises the gifts of ageing – experience, wisdom, creativity, and care – and places older people at its heart.

To learn more about COTA and access resources and information visit www.cotavic.org.au/ or phone 1300 135 090

Support Services

Seniors Rights Victoria (SRV)

Seniors Rights Victoria provide information, support, advice and education to help prevent elder abuse and safeguard the rights, dignity and independence of older Victorian people over 60 and or any Indigenous Victorians over 45 years.



For more information call
1300 368 821
or visit www.seniorsrights.org.au

Elder Rights Australia (ERA)

To speak with an advocate, free call
1800 700 600



For general enquiries email
admin@era.asn.au or
call (03) 9602 3066 – mobile and STD
rates may apply.

Ageing Well in East Gippsland: Age-friendly Communities Strategy 2017-2030

The strategy assists East Gippsland Shire Council to implement an Age-friendly approach to population ageing, as developed and encouraged by the World Health Organisation (WHO), Age-friendly Cities and Communities and the Victorian State Government, Age Friendly Victoria.

For more information: www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/community/seniors

Support Services

U3A stands for University of the Third Age

A U3A is a university in the original sense of the word:
a community of people devoted to learning.



We are a volunteer co-operative of older people who share many educational, creative and leisure activities.

Although it is called a "university", being in your Third Age is the only qualification needed to participate in our U3A.

Bairnsdale U3A

Phone: (03) 5152 3063

Email: u3abairnsdale@gmail.com

Lakes Entrance U3A

Phone: 0414 739 617

Email: info@lakesu3a.com.au

Mallacoota U3A

Phone: 0408 996 768

Email: info@u3amallacoota.org.au

Proposed Orbost U3A

Expressions of Interest

Phone: (03) 5154 1788

Email: info@orbostedcentre.org.au

Support Services

Non-Urgent Emergency Care After Hours Medical Services



East Gippsland Capstone Medical Centre 0409 685 520
Gippsland Health Access | 1800 272 767
Nurse-On-Call | 1300 60 60 24
Victorian Virtual Emergency Department www.vved.org.au



 5152 4225 or 1300 555 886

 <https://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/leisure/library-events>

 library@egipps.vic.gov.au

 Visit your local library

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries>

East Gippsland Shire Council is a proud member



WHO Global Network
for Age-friendly Cities
and Communities



Phone: (03) 5153 9500
Email: feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au
Post: PO Box 1618, Bairnsdale, Victoria, 3875
Website: www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au
Facebook: www.facebook.com/eastgippyshire

Support Services

Expression of interest East Gippsland Disability Network



We're creating a dedicated space for people with disability, carers, families, friends and community organisations to share their experiences, ideas and feedback on Council projects and decisions.

Your voice can help us:

- Improve accessibility across our communities
- Identify barriers and opportunities
- Design more accessible spaces, services and programs
- Support more inclusive decision-making

We'd love to hear from you if you are:

- A person with lived or living experience of disability
- A family member, friend or carer
- A representative of an organisation that supports people with disability



Need support or accessible formats? Contact East Gippsland Shire Council on:
Phone: 03 5153 9500
Email: feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au

Visit **YourSay** East Gippsland to learn more about this project.

Support Services

 **East Gippsland
Community Directory**



**Need it near?
Find it here!**

- Community Listings
- Community Diary - events
- Give Local - volunteering
- Community Information



mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Victoria/East_Gippsland

**If you would like to be on the listing or
need assistance contact:**

1300 762 515

support@mycommunitydirectory.com.au



Support Services



EMERGENCY DASHBOARD

emergencydashboard.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au

Power outages

Road closures

Outages



Local warnings

Live updates

Weather warnings



SCAN TO VISIT THE DASHBOARD

A one-stop online hub available on phone, tablet or PC for real-time emergency updates and resources for emergency preparedness.

Notes