



## Rates payment reminder

We are reminding ratepayers who have chosen to pay their rates in full that the due date is **Friday 15 February**. Anyone having difficulties paying should contact us as early as possible to make a suitable payment arrangement. It is important to know interest penalties apply to rates that are unpaid after the due date. Our Valuation and Rates Notices were issued in August 2018. If you did not receive your notice, or you have misplaced it, please contact us for details of the rates due.  
*Further information – Kylie Mitchell*

## Australia Day awards congratulations

Congratulations to all the Australia Day award winners and their respective community celebrations held on Saturday 26 January.

**Cann River:** Shirley Smith, Citizen of the Year.

**Lakes Entrance:** Judy Burgess, Citizen of the Year; Jamieson Chester, Young Citizen of the Year; Auspicing of the Lakes Entrance Men's Shed, Community Event of the Year.

**Lindenow:** Anne Macarthur, Citizen of the Year.

**Omeo:** Leonie Pendergast and Lorraine Thorogood, Citizens of the Year; Cody Graske, Young Citizen of the Year; Yamaha Australian Off-road Championship, Community Event of the Year.

**Orbost:** Tracey Barnett, Citizen of the Year.

**Paynesville:** Rob and Jan Cook, Citizens of the Year; Paynesville Memories Project and Book Launch, Community Event of the Year.

**Shire-wide:** June Drake (Mallacoota), Citizen of the Year; Torin Troy (Bairnsdale), Young Citizen of the Year; Cann River Volunteer Appreciation Day, Community Event of the Year. We also thank all the community groups who volunteered their time to host events across East Gippsland.

## Community Satisfaction Survey

Our annual Community Satisfaction Survey will be conducted in February and March. You may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services, who will conduct the survey for us.

The survey will assess our performance across a range of areas to identify ways to improve services to residents.

The survey will involve around 400 interviews conducted among a representative sample of residents.

We appreciate you taking the time to help us by giving us your valuable feedback. Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with us.

*Further information – Jamie Lynch*

## Older driver road safety session

We're hosting an older driver road safety session on **Wednesday 20 February** from **10.00 am to 2.00 pm**.

The session will be held at the Bairnsdale Sporting and Convention Centre, 117 Great Alpine Road, Lucknow.

Bookings are essential; call us on 5153 9500. A free morning tea and light lunch will be provided.

*Further information – Rhonda James*

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### Lakes Entrance Summer Foreshore Carnival

Over summer a carnival was held on the Lakes Entrance foreshore.

We're looking for feedback on the carnival to ensure that it meets the needs of locals and visitors to the region. Your feedback will help improve the carnival and summer festival events, and where appropriate, some feedback will be immediately acted upon.

The survey is available on our website, [eastgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au)

Feedback closes **Thursday 28 February**.

*Further information – Jeanette Seignior*

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We have the below vacancies available:

**Procurement Coordinator (PD4800)** Full time, Bairnsdale or Lakes Entrance (to be determined)

**Project Manager - Structural and Civil Projects (PD 2415)** Full time, Kalimna West

**Project Supervisor - Capital Works (PD2440)** Full time, Kalimna West

**Transfer Station Attendant (PD2338)**

Part time, Omeo

*Further information – Human Resources or our website*

## CURRENT WORKS

**Paynesville:** Patrol grading, various roads

**Bairnsdale:** Patrol grading, various roads

Construct bridge, Giles Street

Streetscape upgrade, Nicholson Street

Remove concrete, East Gippsland Livestock Exchange

Drainage and road upgrades, Dalmahoy Street

**Calulu:** Patrol grading, various roads

**Metung:** Extend boardwalk, Metung Road

**Lakes Entrance:** Construct toilets, Apex Park

**Orbost:** Upgrade streetscape, Nicholson Street

**Marlo:** Drainage works, Willis Avenue

## ? DID YOU KNOW?

By 2026 almost 1 in 4 Australians will be aged 60 or over. We have an Age-friendly Communities Strategy that looks to make sure our older residents have access to all aspects of community life. You can find the strategy on our website,

