Summer 2017-18

Lakes Entrance Connect is an update from East Gippsland Shire Council on projects and programs planned for Lakes Entrance and District.

What’s happening in Lakes Entrance?

Lakes Entrance is experiencing a mini-infrastructure boom with a range of new and upgraded infrastructure commenced or scheduled to commence after the busy summer tourism season. East Gippsland Shire Council, VicRoads, Gippsland Ports and energy provider Enwave Australia have all planned infrastructure works within the township. There is a focus on the central business area to improve services for visitors and residents alike.

Many of these works are designed to implement components of the Lakes Entrance CBD Masterplan, which was developed with considerable community input: [www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Plans_and_Projects/Your_Place/Lakes_Enc trance_and_District#LakesEntranceCBDImprovementandStreetscapingProject](http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Plans_and_Projects/Your_Place/Lakes_Enc trance_and_District#LakesEntranceCBDImprovementandStreetscapingProject). The Masterplan provides East Gippsland Shire Council and the Lakes Entrance community with a vision for the district now and into the future.

With the busy summer season fast approaching, many infrastructure projects are anticipated to be completed by Christmas, or early in the new year, and no major works will be undertaken during January.

Some of these upgrades and projects include:

- **Safer at the Junction:** This project is upgrading the areas between Barkes Avenue; Grey Street and Box Street including the large off-street carpark. Lighting upgrades in Gray Street are soon to be undertaken by Ausnet. Four new CCTV cameras have been installed, with another two to come. We will also modify and improve the lighting within the offstreet carpark. Works will be postponed until after January to ensure that the carpark is available for use over summer.

- **Eastern Beach Road footpath:** A new section of footpath is currently being constructed from the Princes Highway intersection to Eastern Beach. Half of the path is complete, with the remaining works to be completed in early 2018. The works will significantly improve safety for pedestrians walking to the beach, school or caravan park.

- In response to the emergence of game fishing in Lakes Entrance, a new fish weighing station has been constructed at Flagstaff Jetty. This will make it much safer for people wishing to weigh and display their catch. It is anticipated that the weight station will be operational before Christmas.

- We are currently working with the Department of Land, Environment, Water, and Planning to improve parking on Bullock Island. These improvements will be undertaken in February 2018 so they don’t interfere with the busy summer fishing and crabbing season.

Read on in the newsletter to also find out what’s happening with the seawall by the Coastguard Building, what VicRoads are up to, how the boat harbours are being improved, what’s happening with the roll out of gas and much more.

In 2018, we will be updating Your Say East Gippsland [http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au) to showcase all of the projects that are happening Lakes Entrance. We will keep you informed through future editions of Lakes Entrance Connect, so watch this space.
Lakes Entrance Growth and Adaptation Strategy

East Gippsland Shire Council, with support from the Victorian Government, is preparing a strategic plan for growth and adaptation in Lakes Entrance. The strategy will provide a framework for ensuring Lakes Entrance can grow positively into the future, support the needs of residents, and adapt to any challenges that it may face, because of change brought about by growth or climate pressures such as flooding.

Council will work collaboratively with residents and business owners to deliver a strategy for a prosperous Lakes Entrance, which incorporates the aspirations of the community, creates a shared understanding of local issues and enables everyone to have a say in the town’s future.

The project will run over two years and will include many opportunities for you to get involved.

Early in 2018, we will invite community members to submit an Expression of Interest to join a Community Panel. The Panel will be established with volunteers to work with Council and a consultant team throughout the duration of the project. The Community Panel will also have an opportunity to help Council with other strategic projects and Council activities happening now and into the future in Lakes Entrance.

It is hoped that the Community Panel will consist of varied members of the community with membership of an interest group (e.g. business, environmental, social) and interests in the future of Lakes Entrance. Detailed Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest forms with information about time commitment and expectations will soon be available on Your Say East Gippsland for interested people to apply. So if you have an interest in the future of Lakes Entrance please consider making an application to be involved.

Further information: Kate Nelson

Seawall repairs

The seawall to the west of the Coastguard building has been fenced off for some time, as we worked through a design and contracting process for its replacement. Contractors were invited to tender for this work in early November, but disappointingly we were not able to award a contract for this work as the tenders we received were not within budget. Council and the relevant Victorian government department (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) are collectively making some minor modifications to the replacement design with the aim of seeking new contractor quotes in late summer. As the works wouldn’t have commenced until after the busy summer tourist season, this will have very little impact on the timing of the works.

The good news is that via DELWP, the Victorian government has allocated more funds to this important renewal project. This means that a much longer length of the seawall will be able to be replaced in 2018.

Further information: Marlene Battista and Damian Crozier

Improvements to Church Street coming soon

Improvements to Church Street are part of the broader revitalisation project for the Lakes Entrance area and will address both vehicle and pedestrian safety along this busy route. There is a history of speeding and pedestrian crossing difficulties along the street.

The works will be funded through the Australian government Roads to Recovery Programme. Works will commence in early February 2018 and will be completed before Easter. The focus of the work will be the section of Church Street between Mechanics Street and Carpenter Street.

Church Street provides important connection within Lakes Entrance, therefore full road closure will not happen. Travel delays are to be expected. Notification of the works and any travel restrictions will be provided via Council’s normal media channels. We ask Lakes Entrance residents to look out for these more detailed notifications and thank you in advance for your patience.

Further information: Damian Crozier
VicRoads create new entrances for Lakes

VicRoads recently completed road works to improve the western entrance into the Lakes Entrance township, which include:

- Upgrading the Laura Street intersection and service road;
- New asphalt surface along Laura Street; and
- New asphalt to the roundabout at the corner of Marine Parade and Esplanade.

VicRoads and East Gippsland Shire Council are investigating options for landscaping and public art in the concrete areas near Laura Street. For example, the median between the Esplanade and new service road.

Further information: Glen Franklin, VicRoads
**VicRoads improving Jemmy’s Point**

VicRoads recently completed road works to improve pedestrian safety and access to Jemmy's Point lookout. Improvements include:

- Upgrading, resurfacing and linemarking the carpark;
- Creating five long vehicle parks;
- A upgraded bus stop and new pedestrian paths to connect to Kalimna; and
- New pedestrian crossings of the Princes Highway and Hotel Road.

East Gippsland Shire Council will complete the lookout landscaping before Christmas, which will ensure that Lakes Entrance is looking its best in time for the busy holiday season.

*Further information: Glen Franklin, VicRoads*
Gippsland Ports Lakes Entrance Boat Harbours Redevelopment

Gippsland Ports is committed to offering visitors and residents opportunities to enjoy a broad range of recreational and water-based activities. At present there are waiting lists for permit berths and a shortage of available berths inhibits the further growth in recreational boating in the area. Therefore Gippsland Ports developed a plan to renew the Lakes Entrance boat harbours. The aim of the project is to provide first class recreational and commercial, transient and permitted berth access in Lakes Entrance. This will contribute to increased economic activity, enhance local tourism experiences and support the commercial fishing sector.

Stage one of this redevelopment is currently underway and focuses on upgrading the Western Boat Harbour. These works are anticipated to be finished by Christmas.

Further information: Greg Hatt, Gippsland Ports
Lakes Entrance gas connection – update from Enwave
The original section of gas mains is over 24 kilometres of pipework and work is sixty percent complete. Contractors have finished working for the year, and will recommence in the northern section in early January to avoid disruption during the tourist season.

The Esplanade mains are complete except for a small section that needs to be lowered. Heavy-duty pits need to be put in place on the roadway to house valves. The northern section of the build is anticipated to be completed by April 2018. Once the network and daughter station are complete, residents will be sent information on how connect their property to natural gas.

Enwave are investigating extending the network to the other side of the Princes Highway to feed Eastern Beach Road, Golf Links Road and surrounding streets to give more residents the opportunity to connect. The network has been included on the Dial Before You Dig website www.1100.com.au to protect its integrity.

Construction of the daughter station will begin early in 2018, once Council approvals are completed and local civil contractors are appointed.

Further information: Peter Dutton, Enwave

Have your say on a proposed new development
110 Palmers Road and 30 Thorpes Lane, Lakes Entrance Development Plan
A proposed Development Plan for a 162-lot residential development in Lakes Entrance have been prepared, lodged with Council for approval and will soon be made available for public feedback as part of a foreshadowed community consultation period. The development plan is a multiple lot subdivision at a property located at 110 Palmers Road and 30 Thorpes Lane, Lakes Entrance. It is proposed to be completed in twelve stages; and has been designed to align with adopted Lakes Entrance Northern Growth Area Outline Development Plan.

Before the plans are formally considered by Council, we are keen to understand Lakes Entrance locals’ views of the proposed development. In early 2018 we will be writing to landowners within the study area, advertising in local newspapers and publishing a project page on Your Say East Gippsland: http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au. Community consultation will take the form of a fact sheet, an online survey and written submissions.

The community consultation period will commence on January 15, 2018 and close on January 31, 2018.

Further information: Nicole Reynolds

Lakes Entrance summer foreshore carnival 2017-18
Over summer the East Gippsland Shire Council delivers a carnival on the foreshore in Lakes Entrance. The carnival will operate from Friday December 22 to Sunday January 28, 2018. Set up is from Sunday December 10 to Thursday December 21, 2017. When the carnival finishes, the pack down process will go from Monday January 29 to Sunday February 11, 2018. The carnival operator is required to operate within the Code of Practice for Circuses and Carnivals. There are several exceptions to the rule, as agreed to by council: later hours from Monday to Thursday, New Year’s Eve and operating for additional days.

Further information Jeanette Seignior

Supercharge your summer
The Summer Reading Club is a free holiday program packed full of activities, games, stories and prizes! Make sure you pick up a flyer for the East Gippsland Shire Library School Holiday Activity program. Participate at the library and online at: www.summerreadingclub.org.au. Register to participate in the reading club and keep a record of what you read. Drop into your local library for more information.

Join us for the screening of the comedy-drama Victoria & Abdul
Abdul Karim arrives from India to attend Queen Victoria’s golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favour with the queen herself. As their friendship deepens, the queen sees a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity. This movie is rated PG due to mild themes and coarse language. The movie will screen from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday January 10 at the Lakes Entrance Service Centre. Phone 5152 4225 or book in person.

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Café Culture Series 2018

Season tickets for the 2018 Café Culture Series are now on sale. A season pass is $80 or prepurchased individual show tickets are $25 each. Dates and performances are: Friday March 16 Pacific Belles; Friday May 11 Red Dress and the Sugar Man; Friday September 7 Dr Caske and his Swinging Elixir Band; Friday November 30 Bollywood. All concerts will be held at the Albert & Co Function Centre, Bellevue on the Lakes, 201 Esplanade. Book online: www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/forgettheatre or phone 5152 1482.

Fire prevention inspections

Our Fire Prevention Inspections commenced on November 8 2017. If you have property that may present a Fire Hazard, ensure that your home is safe and avoid the receipt of Notice to Comply. Remember that you really should not wait to receive a Notice, as this means that you are non-compliant during the declared Fire Season.
Further information - Laura MacDonald

Bushfire Management Overlay changes

As a result of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, the Victorian Government is considering changes to the Bushfire Management Controls in planning schemes across the state. While this means more areas will be affected by the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO), it also means that we can build more resilient communities with the objective of saving life and protecting property. Now that the changes have been introduced by the Minister for Planning, a planning permit will be required on top of the building permit if you are planning to build within a BMO area. To find our more visit the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning’s website: www.planning.vic.gov.au/bushfireprotection/bushfiremanagementoverlay
Further information: Elaine Wood

Supporting community projects and activities

The first round of successful East Gippsland Shire Community Grants program for 2017/2018 has been announced and all applicants have been notified.

- The Community Grants program received 51 applications with a total request of over $181,000. Council has supported 20 applications to the value of $48,298.90.
- Arts and Heritage program received 13 applications with a total request of over $68,000 and Council will support 8 applications to the value of $28,900.
- This round of the grants included grants to: Lakes Entrance Parkrun, Nowa Nowa Local History Sharing Day, Toorlool Arm Primary School Community Fair, Mount Nowa Nowa Challenge FunkRun, Gippsland Lakes Art on Show, Muk Wane by Ricky Harrison auspiced by GunaiKurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation and Every House has a Story auspiced by Heritage Network East Gippsland.

The impact of Council partnering with a wide range of community organisations across the region is significant and a highly valued function of council. A full list of successful recipients can be view on our website: www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/documents/plancom_directorate/grants/approved_round_1_20172018_grants.pdf

If your group missed out in this round or you would like to apply for future funding, the next round of grants opens January 10 and closes March 7, 2018 for work beginning after mid-May. Information sessions will be held at a variety of locations in early 2018.

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Further Information – Kath MacDonald

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Regional and District Events (RADES)

East Gippsland Shire Council also provides resources and advice to assist the facilitation and enhancement of events held in the East Gippsland region through the Regional and District Events Sponsorship program. The RADES funding is focused on supporting events with an economic benefit for East Gippsland.

The second round of RADES funding for 2017/18 opens Wednesday January 10, 2018 and closes March 7, 2018. Up to $100,000 per year (over two funding rounds) is allocated through this fund.

Information regarding the funding program and other event information can be found on our website:
www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Arts_and_Leisure/Events

Further information: Jeanette Seignior

Love food, hate waste

Each week the contents of our weekly garbage bins contain a large amount of food waste. Some of this can’t be avoided, such as tea bags and orange peels. But much of it can be – in fact 25 percent of the contents of our garbage bins is made up of avoidable food waste.

Council received funding from Sustainability Victoria to visit farmers markets in Bairnsdale, Metung, Paynesville and Bruthen to talk about food waste and how it can be avoided.

Further information: Michelle Kearns

Catch a live show in 2018

Tickets are now on sale for two performances at Forge Theatre and Arts Hub.

The Pirates of Penzance by the Gilbert and Sullivan Company of Australia will kick off the 2018 Forge Theatre Presents Program on Saturday February 3 at 7.30pm.

The Everly Brothers & Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons will be presented by Ben Maiorana Entertainment on Friday February 9 at 7.30pm.

You can purchase tickets online at www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/forgeetheatre, from the Box Office by phoning 03 5152 1492, from the Bairnsdale or Lakes Entrance Visitor Information Centres or Council Customer Service Centres.

Council launches electronic planning

Since October, planning permit applications have been able to be lodged electronically either via the ‘find a form’ page on our website or by email to: planning@egipps.vic.gov.au. Since the service went live, the majority of applications have been received electronically. Applications will still be accepted in hardcopy.

Further information: Aaron Hollow

Turnaround times improved

The 2016/2017 financial year has been an exciting time in the Statutory Planning area. Our average processing times for planning permits have been consistently sitting well below the State and Rural averages. Investment in development has been strong this year with an annual investment cost of approximately $121 million.

Several planning approvals in the Lakes Entrance area saw the district ranked as one of the shire’s strongest investment areas. Over ninety-five percent of all planning permits lodged during the financial year were approved.
Planning Permits Approved, Refused and Withdrawn by Financial Year

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Library summer holiday program
Call 5152 4225 to book or in person at the Lakes Entrance Service Centre.

ACTIVITIES

Film Screening – Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (G) (Ages 5 – 12)
Come along to see a special screening of Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie. Free popcorn and cordial provided at all sessions. This movie is rated G and contains some very mild crude humour.

Animals of Oz (Ages 5 – 12)
Come along to this special Animals of Oz presentation and learn about native Australian Animals. Animals of Oz presentations are fun, interactive and educational, and can captivate the attention of any audience.

Activity Session Hats (Ages 5 – 12)
Come along and listen to stories, play games, win prizes, and paint and decorate your very own hat (cap!)

Illustrate a Book Day (Ages 5 – 12)
Come along to the Bairnsdale Library, listen to a story and then paint your version of the illustrations. The Bairnsdale and District Art Society will be there to help assist and young artist prizes will be awarded.

Board Games and Xbox Day no bookings required (Ages 5 – 12)
Bring along a friend and have some fun playing Xbox games and board games

DATES AND TIMES

Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (G)
Wednesday 3 January
Omeo Service Centre
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm
Thursday 11 January
Orbost Service Centre
11.00 am - 12.00 pm
Thursday 11 January
Lakes Entrance Service Centre
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Activity Session Hats
Wednesday 10 January
Malua Bay Service Centre
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm
Wednesday 17 January
Bairnsdale Library
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Activity for a Day (Ages 5 – 12)
Gallery for a Day is a travelling exhibition of the original artwork from well-known Australian picture books. Preliminary drawings and developmental work is displayed alongside many of the illustrations enabling attendees to understand the planning and process that goes into producing picture book illustrations.

Animals of Oz
Tuesday 9 January
Paynesville Service Centre
11.00 am - 12.00 pm
Tuesday 9 January
Bairnsdale Library
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Lego Club (Ages 5 – 12)
Junior LEGO enthusiasts are invited to join in the fun these school holidays. An assortment of LEGO pieces are provided.

Code Club – A Taste of Scratch (Ages 8 – 12)
Want to learn basic computer coding? Want to have fun learning how to develop animations and games? Join us for this taster session of Code Club using Scratch.

Activity Session – Plates (Ages 5 – 12)
Come along and listen to stories, play games, win prizes, and paint your very own plate.

Board Games and Xbox Day no bookings required
Wednesday 3 January
Bairnsdale Library
9.30 am - 5.30 pm
Monday 22 January
Paynesville Service Centre
9.30 am - 5.30 pm
Wednesday 24 January
Paynesville Service Centre
8.30 am - 5.00 pm

Code Club – A Taste of Scratch
Thursday 11 January
Bairnsdale Library
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Friday 12 January
Paynesville Service Centre
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Wednesday 24 January
Orbost Service Centre
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Activity for a Day
Wednesday 10 January
Malua Bay Service Centre
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm
Wednesday 17 January
Bairnsdale Library
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Activity Session Hats
Wednesday 10 January
Bairnsdale Library
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm
Wednesday 17 January
Bairnsdale Library
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm
Aquatic centre summer program
Bookings via Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre: 5152 5710 or Lakes Entrance Aquadome: 5155 3333.

**WEEK 1**

**Thursday, December 28**
**Aquadome** – Aquarun
1pm – 3pm.
Cost: $8.40 non-member, $3.10 member

**Tuesday, January 2**
**Aquadome** – Aquarun
1pm – 3pm.
Cost: $8.40 non-member, $3.10 member

**Wednesday, January 3**
**Aquadome** – Glow Dance Fun – 1pm – 2pm. Cost: $8

**Thursday, January 4**
**Aquadome** – Aquarun
1pm – 3pm.
Cost: $8.40 non-member, $3.10 member

**Friday, January 5**
**Aquadome** – Obstacle Race Fun – 1pm – 2pm. Cost: $8

**WEEK 2**

**Monday, January 8**
**Aquadome** – Zuu Kids
1pm and 4.30pm. Cost: $6

**BARC** – Aquarun 1pm – 3pm.
Cost: $9.40 non-member, $3.10 member

**BARC** – School Holiday Program
commences and runs until end of school holidays

**Tuesday, January 9**
**Aquadome** – Aquarun
1pm – 3pm.
Cost: $8.40 non-member, $3.10 member

**Wednesday, January 10**
**Aquadome** – Glow Dance Fun – 1pm – 2pm. Cost: $8

**Thursday, January 11**
**Aquadome** – Aquarun
1pm – 3pm.
Cost: $9.40 non-member, $3.10 member

**Friday, January 12**
**Aquadome** – Obstacle Race Fun – 1pm – 2pm. Cost: $8

**WEEK 3**

**Monday, January 15**
**Aquadome** – Zuu Kids
1pm and 4.30pm. Cost: $6

**BARC** – Aquarun 1pm – 3pm.
Cost: $9.40 non-member, $3.10 member

**BARC** – School Holiday Program

**Tuesday, January 16**
**Aquadome** – Aquarun
1pm – 3pm.
Cost: $8.40 non-member, $3.10 member

**BARC** – Intensive Swim Lessons

**WEEK 4**

**Sunday, January 21**
**BARC** – Family Fun Day – Free entry. Aquarun from 12pm – 2pm.

**Tuesday, January 23**
**Orbost Outdoor Pool** – Aquarun
12pm – 2pm.
Cost: $9.40 non-member, $3.10 member

**Wednesday, January 24**
**BARC** – Sports Clinic
11.30am – 1.30pm.
Bookings essential.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Aquadome** – large pool inflatable suitable for all ages. Watch around water policy at all pools. Children under the age of 5 are required to be within arms reach of a responsible person over the age of 16.

**Zuu Kids** – a fun, interactive exercise program focusing on speed and agility using natural primal movements. Suitable for ages 4 – 12.

**Glow Dance Fun** – dance away in the dark with glow sticks and dance mats. Suitable for ages 4 – 12.

**Obstacle Race Fun** – energetic obstacle race style exercise.
From hill climbs to rope carry, work in teams to complete the course. Suitable for all ages.

**School Holiday Program** – holiday activities from January 8 until January 26. Children supervised by qualified care while enjoying a range of different activities.
See Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre for more details and bookings.

**Intensive Swim Lessons** – five days a week lessons to help improve, strengthen and encourage children to swim. Suitable for ages 4 and up.
See Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre for more details.

**Sports Clinic** – basketball and soccer sports clinic suitable for ages 5 – 12. Learn basic skills or participate to enhance techniques. Bookings essential.
Contact the Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre for further information.
Share your Mitchell River flood stories!
The Mitchell River Flood Study focuses on the Mitchell River floodplain from Glenaladale through to Jones Bay. We are working on a flood mapping tool for the Mitchell River and need stories and information about past flooding experiences. You are invited to submit flood photos, videos, annotated maps, and stories of past floods observed on the Mitchell River. You can provide this to us in a range of ways: Online via Your Say East Gippsland http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/mitchellriver-flood-model, by email feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au or in person at the Bairnsdale Business Centre, 34 Pyke Street.

Further information: Wayne Burton

How would you like to do business with council?
East Gippsland Shire Council aims to achieve consistent delivery of brilliant customer service. By completing this survey, you can help us understand your priorities and preferences in relation to customer service. This will be an ongoing process and your feedback will help to shape the way we plan for, and deliver, customer service into the future. Visit Your Say East Gippsland http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/customer-service-preferences or pick up a hard copy survey at any of council’s customer service centres.

Further information: Swathi Kartik

Age-friendly Communities Strategy 2017-2030
Following a thorough and extensive consultation period with local organisations and the older population, key themes have been identified and presented in the Age-friendly Communities Strategy 2017-2030, titled "Ageing Well in East Gippsland".

The strategy was unanimously adopted by Council at the December meeting and can be downloaded from Your Say East Gippsland along with the final engagement report: http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/age-friendly-community. Thank you to everyone who’s participated in the conversations and surveys that have helped shape the strategy.

The next stage of the project will involve the implementation of a small number of demonstration projects that support outcomes identified within the strategy.

The Agefriendly Communities Project is funded by the Victorian Government’s Department of Health and Human Services.

Further information: Fiona Weigall or Jo Ellison

So much to do in East Gippsland!
Summer events are popping up everywhere, giving you a great reason to explore what’s happening in your own backyard!

Further information: Jeanette Seignior

December 2017

Corroboree on the Water: December 22, Boat Ramp 2 Lakeside Drive Lake Tyers
www.facebook.com/events/312955539113231

Lakes Entrance Theos Summer Program: December 28 to January 6, Lakes Entrance Skate Park and Slipway
www.facebook.com/theosallyear

Texas Barbeque at Eastern Beach Holiday Park: December 30, 42 Eastern Beach Road Lakes Entrance
www.facebook.com/events/1674600165937812

SkyFest Lakes Entrance New Year Family Festival: 31 December Esplanade Lakes Entrance

Lakes Entrance Foreshore Carnival: December to January Lakes Entrance Foreshore near Rotunda
www.facebook.com/lakescarnival
January 2018

Metung Family Friendly Film Nights: January 2, Metung Village Green

Marlo Triathlon: January 6, Marlo Hotel Marlo

2018 Mountain Cattlemen’s Association of Victoria Omeo Get Together: January 12 to 14, Livingstone Waters 204 Omeo Valley Road Omeo

Netball Victoria Beach Netball Competition: January 20 to 21, Main Beach Lakes Entrance

X-Marathon: January 25 to 28, Marlo

Australia Day Celebrations: January 26, various locations
www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Community/Australia_Day

February 2018

Lakes Entrance Parkrun launch: February 3, Esplanade Lakes Entrance

X-Terra East Gippsland: February 10, Tambo River, Forestech, Colquhuon Forest

Colour Ya World: February 11, Mitchell River Port, Bairnsdale

Bruthen Blues Festival: February 16 to 18, Main Street Gardens Bruthen
www.bruthenblues.com.au

2018 Cycling Victoria Tour of East Gippsland: February 17 to 18, Metung
www.vic.cycling.org.au/summencalendar

Open Water Learning Experience: February 19 to 21, Paynesville and Lakes Entrance
www.lsv.vic.edu.au/education/owle

Australian Beach Games: February 23 to 25, Main Beach Lakes Entrance

March 2018

Car Cruise for Cancer: March 2 to 4, Location TBA

Frountville: March 3, Brackenbush Indoor Equestrian Centre, 117 Higgs Lane Lakes Entrance
www.finc.org.au/froutville

Hooked On Lakes Entrance: March 11, Lakes Entrance Foreshore Lakes Entrance

Live on the Hill: March 16, Wy-Yung Pub Bullumwaa Road
www.facebook.com/events/113155999440352

Groundswell: March 17, Waterwheel Tavern Lake Tyers Beach
www.facebook.com/groundswellfest

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