



LakesEntranceConnect

Sign up to receive this newsletter by email:
eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/YourPlace



Winter 2017

For immediate release — Thursday, 22 June 2017

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

Residents of Lakes Entrance needed to help in Survey

East Gippsland Shire Council needs your help to complete an Online Crime Prevention Survey for a car parking area in the Lakes Entrance Central Business District (CBD). We received \$225,000 funding from Department of Justice and Regulation for the Safer at the Junction Project. We will install lighting and CCTV within the Junction Precinct bordered by Barkes Avenue, Mechanics Street and Gray Street. This survey is a funding requirement from the Department of Justice and Regulation for the project. The purpose is to collect information from people aged 18 years and over on levels of crime and disorder and perceptions of safety and experience of crime in the Gray Street car park. The survey is entirely confidential and no personally identifying information will be collected at any stage.

You can assist us by completing this survey here http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/lakes-entrance-cbd-improvement-draft-masterplan/survey_tools/community-survey. Hard copies of the survey are also available at the Lakes Entrance Customer Service Centre, 18 Mechanics Street. The survey will only take 10 minutes to complete. We would like to thank you for helping us improve the Lakes Entrance CBD. Any questions please contact Sueanne Claringbould, Community Planning Project Officer on 5153 9500. Comments close 5pm, Monday 10 July.

Lanewayz in Lakes Project Community Celebration Thursday 13 July 2017

If you created a Love Lakes Mural print, or if you simply love Lakes Entrance, you're invited to come along and help us celebrate the official opening of the Lanewayz in Lakes Project. The opening will include interactive laneway activities and light refreshments.

Thursday 13 July 2017 at 11am

Laneway between Gray Street and the Esplanade Lakes Entrance

RSVP by 5pm **Thursday 6 July 2017**

via email: strategic.planning@egipps.vic.gov.au or telephone 03 5153 9500

The Lanewayz in Lakes Project was made possible by a \$20,000 grant from the Victorian Government Department of Justice and Regulation, Graffiti Prevention Program grant. Lanewayz in Lakes will transform the laneway into a contemporary, welcoming space.

Please note: a photographer may be at the event to record the activities for the East Gippsland Shire Council. Photographs or videos taken may be used for future publicity and educational materials, including publications and websites. If you do not wish to be photographed, please notify the photographer at the event.

Your customer service preferences and priorities

As community members using Council services we would like to understand your customer service priorities and preferences. This will help us to better shape and deliver these customer services into the future. A short survey can be completed on Your Say East Gippsland <http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/customer-service-preferences-2> or at any of council's Customer Service Centres.

Dog off leash areas in Lakes Entrance

We have chosen two sites in Lakes Entrance as possible off leash areas and would like to find out which site the community prefers. We believe these areas will balance supporting dog owners to exercise their pets responsibly, whilst protecting the safety and enjoyment of other park users. More information about the sites and a short survey are available on Your Say East Gippsland <http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/dogs-off-leash-areas-lakes-entrance> or at our Customer Service Centres. Feedback closes at 5pm, Wednesday 5 July.

Council grants now open

The next round of council grants opened on 7 June and will close on 2 August. The program aims to support local community based groups, organisations and in some categories, individuals. The grant categories are Community Projects, Community Facilities, Community Festivals and Events, Arts, Heritage and Regional and District Events Sponsorship. Council grants are offered on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Your contribution may be in cash or in-kind.

For further information, please visit: http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Community/Council_Grants/Program_overview

A wide variety of Lakes Entrance and District projects were funded in the last round.

Lakes Entrance Secondary College: Man Up in Lakes

Thanks to a \$1970 Community Projects grant, 'Man Up in Lakes' was held at Lakes Entrance Secondary College. The two workshops saw Tom Harkin work with teenage boys and their parents to help them navigate the many pressures they face as they approach manhood.

BirdLife East Gippsland: Brochure 'Where to find birds around Lakes Entrance'

BirdLife East Gippsland were funded \$2287.50 through the Community Projects grant stream to design and print an easy to follow guide showing the best spots to view native birds locally and how to get there. The completed brochure will be available to the public and displayed in Lakes Entrance Visitor Information Centres, Service Centre and Library.

Youth Focused Network: East Gippsland National Youth Week-Colour Fest

Through a \$2500 Community Festival and Event grant, the Youth Focused Network ran a range of events during National Youth Week with 'Youth Colour Fest' a youth festival celebrating diversity. The colour festival event was held on the Lakes Entrance Foreshore, had a range of activities for youth to participate in, and was facilitated in partnership by youth service providers from across East Gippsland.

Lake Tyers Beach Hall Committee: Showing Off @ LTB

Since renting the Lake Tyers Beach Hall, the Float Project has noticed an increased demand to present digital slideshows at the venue. A \$400 Community Facility grant enabled Lake Tyers Beach Hall Committee to buy a retractable wall mounted projector screen and digital projector.

Lakes Entrance Keenagers: Replacement table tennis tables

Keenagers has been in existence for approximately ten years. The Club services mostly older community members and it is open and accessible to all. Due to wear and tear, many of the tables needed to be replaced. Through an \$1108 Community Facility grant, the Club will replace the tables with the goal to the playing experience and encourage more people to join the Club.

Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance: Gippsland Lakes Art on Show

Now in its third year, and in partnership with Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Corporation, the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance received a \$2100 Arts Project grant for Gippsland Lakes Art on Show.

Wurinbeena: Three Bark Canoes

Thanks to a \$10,000 Major Arts Project grant, the Three Bark Canoes project will bring together Aboriginal Elders and young Aboriginal men to make traditional bark canoes at Lake Tyers.

\$50 million for Princes Highway East update (VicRoads)

Between Sale and the NSW border, including Cann River roundabout and truck rest area and Lakes Entrance pedestrian and cycling improvements

VicRoads has met with key stakeholders and run community sessions in Cann River, Orbost, Lakes Entrance, Bairnsdale and Stratford to help identify key issues and concerns. They had more than 100 comments via the online engagement website, <https://engage.vicroads.vic.gov.au/princeshighwayeast>. VicRoads are now compiling all this feedback and will provide a summary of the feedback and inform the community of the proposed program of works in July. For larger, site-specific projects, further conversations with the community will be held prior to development of final designs.

It is anticipated that early works will begin later this year, with the full program of works identified to be completed by the end of the 2019/2020 financial year. For further information please visit the VicRoads website:

<https://engage.vicroads.vic.gov.au/princeshighwayeast> or email gippslandprojects@roads.vic.gov.au.

Country Roads Gippsland (VicRoads)

Through the Country Roads Gippsland Program, VicRoads are asking for feedback on your priorities for roads in your place. Topics include: freight, road safety, road maintenance, tourism and the future of the road network in Gippsland. The online forum will be open for comment until August 2017. For further information visit:

<https://engage.vicroads.vic.gov.au/countryroads-gippsland>.

Make Your Business Shine: Retail training in Lakes Entrance

Lakes Entrance CBD traders have the opportunity to participate in the free workshop series *Make Your Business Shine Project*. The workshop series is designed to assist traders to maximise sales through creating a point of difference in their customer service and visual presentation of their retail space. Sessions will be held at East Gippsland Shire Council offices, 55 Palmers Road Lakes Entrance. Bookings can be made via <http://trybooking.com/280460>. For further information please contact Marlene Rickhuss, Economic Development Administration Officer, on 5153 9500.

Free Digital Technologies Training from Monday 17 July

Business & Tourism East Gippsland in conjunction with East Gippsland Shire Council are pleased to bring you a free series of six interactive, hands-on workshops covering digital technologies. The purpose of the workshops is to help businesses and event organisers in Lakes Entrance to become more digitally savvy. All workshops will be informal and interactive with lots of opportunities to ask questions and look at practical examples. You will learn from our young, digitally savvy presenters and also from what other businesses are doing. Sign-up for any or all of the workshops, bearing in mind that the Best Websites for Business is in two parts, as is Facebook and Instagram for Business. The final workshop is a review session where there will be opportunity to ask additional questions/review topics previously covered. There is no cost for the workshops but bookings are essential, go to <http://trybooking.com/292614>.

Save the date: East Gippsland Tourism Industry Forum Tuesday 1 August

Destination Gippsland provides tourism operators with a range of resources and opportunities. The next tourism industry forum will be held in East Gippsland on Tuesday 1 August. Details to be released shortly via the Destination Gippsland website <http://destinationgippsland.com.au/industry-development/events>. For further information please contact Stephen Kleinitz, Senior Economic Development Officer, on 5153 9500.

Café Culture show Friday 25 August

i Viaggiatori is a truly multicultural and cosmopolitan combination with Kavisha Mazzela and Irine Vela from Melbourne and Mark Holder-Keeping and David De Santi from Wollongong. They bring together varying musical experiences but combine to present sensitive and harmonious renditions of new and old Italian folk songs. They present music they performed for the silent Italian documentary dall' Italia all' Australia. Tickets are \$25 (adult pre-purchased) and are available from the Lakes Entrance or Bairnsdale Visitor Information Centres. Alternatively you can buy a ticket on the door for \$30.

Our Vision for Reconciliation

East Gippsland Shire Council has made a commitment to embed cultural change in the organisation through increased mutual understanding and effective partnerships, put into action through our Reconciliation Action Plan 2015-2018. http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/About_Us/Publications_and_Policies/Reconciliation_Action_Plan_RAP

Visit the Keeping Place

As a part of Reconciliation and NAIDOC Week, East Gippsland Shire Council is working with Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-Operative (GEGAC) to provide young people the opportunity to visit the Krowathunkooloong Keeping Place free of charge between 27 May and 9 July 2017.

Krowathunkooloong Keeping Place is a cultural Aboriginal Centre housing a vast collection of artefacts, art and information where visitors can learn about the history, heritage and culture of Aboriginal East Gippsland. The displays feature shields with traditional markings, boomerangs, bark canoes and grass baskets. Some of East Gippsland's most significant Aboriginal Artefacts can also be found there. Bookings essential, Robert Hudson, Manager Keeping Place, 03 5150 0700.

NAIDOC Week

The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages will be the focus of national celebrations marking NAIDOC Week 2017, Sunday 2 July to 9 July. Further information please visit our website: http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Community/Groups_in_Our_Community/Koorie_Community

Children's Book Week: 18 to 25 August

To celebrate Children's Book Week 2017, children are invited to draw a picture or write a story relating to the Children's Book Week theme, *Escape to Everywhere*. If you had the chance to escape reality, where would your imagination take you? Where would you choose to visit and what would you see there? It could be magical lands, mythical beasts or something else altogether. It's entirely up to you! Entry forms are available from your local Library. For more information phone 5152 4225.

Movie Screening *Beauty and the Beast*



Contains action violence, peril and frightening images.



Join us for the screening of the newly released live action version of *Beauty and the Beast*

A beautiful and independent young woman who is taken prisoner by a beast in his castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the Beast's hideous exterior and realize the kind heart and soul of the true Prince within.

Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this FREE event.

Monday 3 July
Lakes Entrance
Service Centre
2.00 pm – 4.20 pm

Wednesday 5 July
Omeo
Service Centre
2.00 pm – 4.20 pm

Thursday 6 July
Orbost
Service Centre
2.00 pm – 4.20 pm

Friday 7 July
Bairnsdale Library
2.00 pm – 4.20 pm

Friday 14 July
Paynesville
Service Centre
2.00 pm – 4.20 pm

School Holiday Activity Paint a Piggy Bank



Come and join the library's school holiday activity and paint a piggy bank which you can keep

The activity session will include stories and games. As stock is limited, bookings are essential.

Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this FREE event.

Friday 7 July
Paynesville
Service Centre
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Monday 10 July
Bairnsdale Library
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Tuesday 11 July
Lakes Entrance
Service Centre
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Wednesday 12 July
Omeo
Service Centre
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Wednesday 12 July
Mallacoota
Service Centre
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Thursday 13 July
Orbost
Service Centre
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Lego Club

Junior Lego enthusiasts are invited to attend our after school Lego Club sessions held monthly on a Tuesday at the Lakes Entrance Customer Service Centre from 3.40pm to 4.40pm. The supervised sessions incorporate freestyle creativity as well as some themed construction activities. We are also accepting donations of new or used Lego. Further information please visit our website: http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Libraries/Library_Events

Bright Futures Special Commendation Award

East Gippsland Shire Council *Bright Futures Project* received a Special Commendation in the 'Infrastructure Innovation for a Strong Climate Future Award' category of the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) World Environment Day Climate Action Awards. The award was presented at the UNAA Climate Collaboration Forum held in Melbourne on Wednesday, June 7 and reflects what has been an enormously successful project for East Gippsland Shire. *Bright Futures* is an innovative energy efficiency program that saw \$804,103 wiped from council's energy bills and reduced carbon dioxide emissions significantly, through changes to street lighting and major changes to the BARC and Lakes Entrance Aquadome. These three areas were previously the highest power users of all Council operated facilities. The project contributed to the energy efficiency of council's built infrastructure throughout the region. It also engaged with residents across our diverse communities to promote sustainability and educate residents on how they can reduce energy use in their homes. The award recognised both council's own endeavours and how the projects were being used as examples of change for the wider community. Read the full media release on council's website: http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Council/News_and_Media_Releases/Council's_Bright_Futures_project_recognised

Be Scam Savvy

East Gippsland Shire Council Libraries and Service Centres will be promoting a campaign from Consumer Affairs. Titled *Be Scam Savvy*, this campaign aims to inform older Victorians about online scams and how to stay scam savvy. We are encouraging the public to visit the Scam Savvy Website www.consumer.vic.gov.au/scamsavvy and take the Consumer Affairs scams quiz www.consumer.vic.gov.au/scamsquiz.

Age-friendly Communities Strategy 2030

The East Gippsland region has one of the state's highest per capita populations of ageing people. It is forecast that by 2020 almost 40 per cent of our residents will be 60 years or older. East Gippsland Shire Council has formed a reference group and is working with a range of service organisations and older community members to develop the Age-friendly Communities Strategy 2030. The strategy will guide council's planning by looking at the challenges and opportunities of our fast ageing population. Council will also fund a small number of the strategy's projects. During May we asked older persons in the community how we can make our region more age-friendly. Consultation closed 22 May and the draft strategy is now being developed based on the feedback received from the community. The Age-friendly Communities Project is funded by the Victorian Government's Department of Health and Human Services. You can follow the project on Your Say East Gippsland: <http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/age-friendly-community>.

Adult Literacy

The library will be beginning a trial of a new adult literacy program reading circles on Monday. The library has been fortunate to receive a grant for the State Library of Victoria to develop an Adult Literacy collection as well as series of reading circle sessions. These sessions offer community members the opportunity to come together in a relaxed informal setting with an adult literacy teacher and improve their reading and writing skills. The reading circles will run weekly on Monday mornings 10am to 12pm until the end of September. The collection will initially be housed in Bairnsdale but will be available for loan from any of our library or Customer Service Centres.

One million stars to end violence

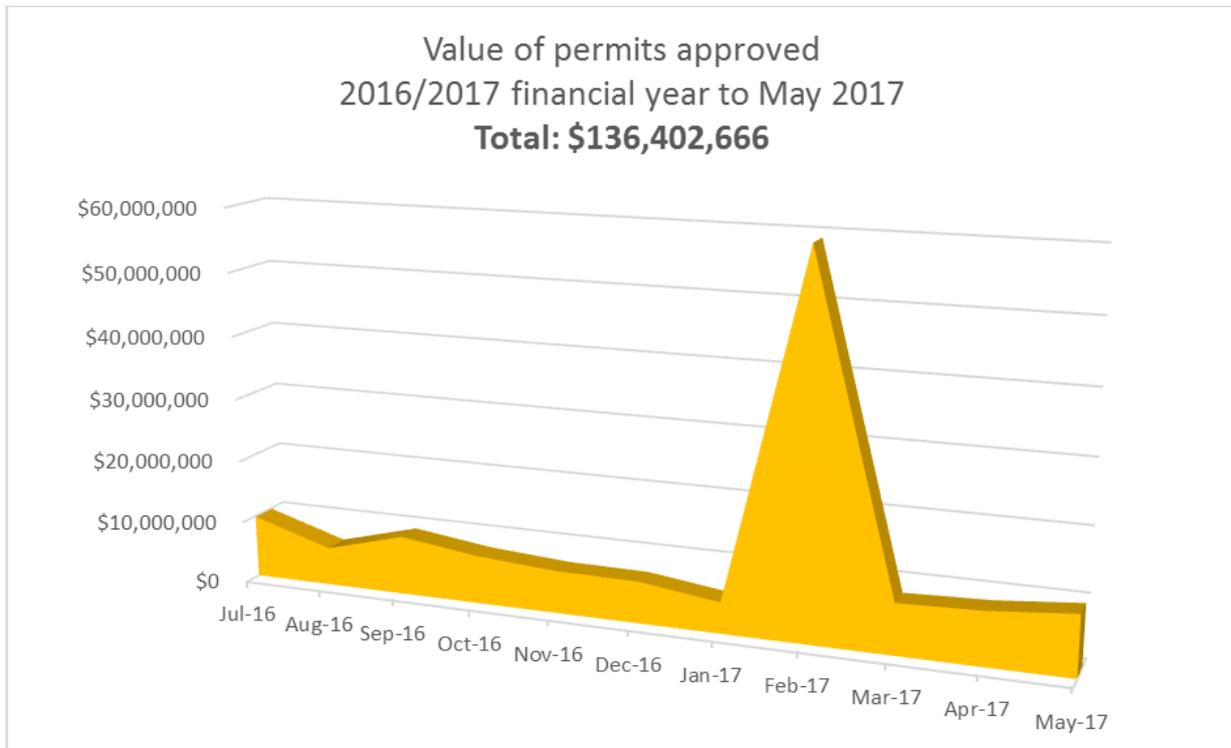
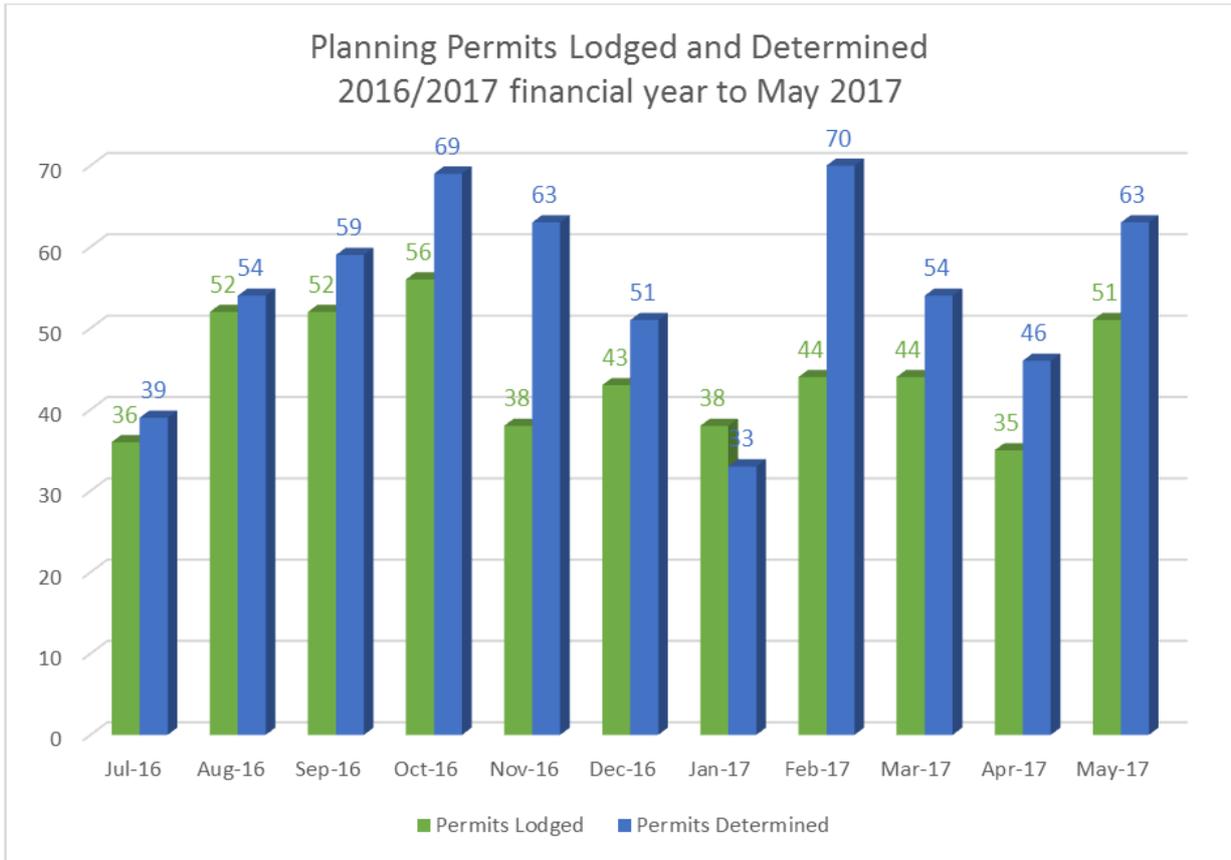
10,000 stars was our aim, and the East Gippsland community achieved our target. A big thank you to all the wonderful star makers in the community. Learn more about the project that is raising awareness about family violence: <http://www.onemillionstars.net>.

Doorknock to check on pet registrations

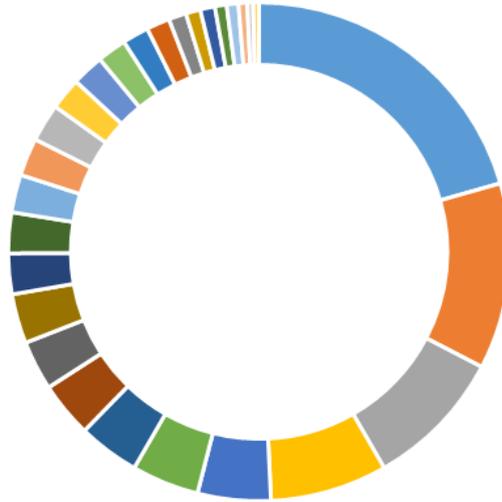
Residents across East Gippsland may receive a visit in coming months as East Gippsland Shire Council works to ensure all dogs and cats are registered. All dogs and cats, including working dogs, need to be registered once they reach three months of age. Residents must renew their cat or dog registration before 10 April every year to avoid a penalty. Residents found to have unregistered pets during the door knock campaign will receive on-the-spot fines of \$311. For information on how to register your pet and avoid a fine visit council's Pet page: http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Services/Community_Laws/Domestic_Animals/Animal_Fees_and_Fines

Planning statistics

The graphs below provide a snapshot of planning permit lodgements, decisions and locations.



Planning Permits Determined
2016/2017 financial year to May 2017
Permit Locations



- | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| ■ Bairnsdale | ■ Lakes Entrance | ■ Metung | ■ Paynesville | ■ Raymond Island | ■ Kalimna |
| ■ Wy Yung | ■ Mallacoota | ■ Eagle Point | ■ Newlands Arm | ■ Bruthen | ■ Lindenow |
| ■ Marlo | ■ Forge Creek | ■ Nicholson | ■ Orbost | ■ Hillside | ■ Lake Tyers |
| ■ Swan Reach | ■ Buchan | ■ Nungurner | ■ Omeo | ■ Tambo Upper | ■ Cann River |
| ■ Ellaswood | ■ Eastwood | ■ Bengworden | ■ Benambra | | |