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

### What's happening with the Lindenow-Glenaladale Road Bridge?

Since our last update to you, the Lindenow-Glenaladale Road Bridge officially closed on 28 March and works are tracking on schedule.

A number of site preparations happened from the time the contractors took over the site. Power lines were relocated at the eastern abutment and an 8 metre deep rock groin and pier scaffolding was installed to make way for the temporary water main mounting system.



Now that the bridge is closed, demolition works are underway as scheduled. The overhead power line relocation is complete and the Telstra line will be relocated by the end of April.



Over the coming months, pier piles and abutment piles will be constructed, the beams and trusses will be installed and the new concrete deck will be poured.

Council's Your Say East Gippsland website has a page dedicated to information on the bridge replacement:  
<http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/lindenow-glenaladale-road-bridge-replacement>.



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## Lindenow Recreation Reserve upgrades



The community celebrated the opening of the new netball courts, kitchen and cricket shelter at Lindenow Recreation Reserve on Friday 21 April. The netball courts and cricket shelter were listed as priority projects in the Lindenow Recreation Reserve Master Plan. The kitchen was also in need of a major expansion to meet the growing needs of the community.

All three projects have been completed at the same time with financial support from East Gippsland Shire Council, Sport and Recreation Victoria and the Lindenow Recreation Reserve Committee of Management.

Sport and Recreation Victoria is a major financial contributor, providing \$85,328

through the Country Football and Netball grant funding program. East Gippsland Shire Council contributed a total of \$75,875 to all three projects and the Recreation Reserve Committee of Management funded \$75,000 plus in-kind support.

At the celebration, Mayor Cr Retтино made special mention of the Committee and Martin Woodward's dedication to fundraise and approach donors to come up with the money for the projects. We look forward to seeing the community and visitors to the region enjoying these facilities for many years to come.

*Pictured above: Lindenow Recreation Reserve Committee of Management president, Marty Woodward, cuts the ribbon to open the new kitchen with Cr Joe Retтино and long-time canteen workers Judyanne Alexander, Veronica Alexander, Monica Edwards, Jo Hurley and Jodie Crane.*

## \$50 million for Princes Highway East

The Australian and Victorian Governments have announced a major upgrade of the Princes Highway from Sale to the NSW border. Funding of \$50 million has been allocated for 'betterment' or improvement works, not maintenance, on this important freight and tourism route. These works will be planned and coordinated by VicRoads. VicRoads is looking to identify improvement works that contribute to route safety, accessibility and reliability for all modes of transport, along with neighbourhood amenity and economic activity.

Recognising that Bairnsdale is intersected by the Princes Highway, VicRoads is seeking feedback from the community to identify issues of concern along this route. Input from the community will be used to compile a list of proposed works to be considered under the upgrade program.

A community feedback session is therefore scheduled for Bairnsdale on 3 May at St Mary's Parish Hall 2 Pyke Street from 2pm to 7pm. You are encouraged to come along and contribute your ideas.

For a project bulletin about these works please visit:

[http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Your\\_Say/70M\\_road\\_upgrades\\_for\\_East\\_Gippsland](http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Your_Say/70M_road_upgrades_for_East_Gippsland)

If you are unable to attend any of the information and consultation sessions, and want to have your say, a feedback form can be downloaded from the web page mentioned above and mailed to the VicRoads project team.



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## East Gippsland Vegetable Innovation Days

East Gippsland Vegetable Innovation Days will be held at Bulmer Farms, Main Road Lindenow, on May 3 to 4 2017. Come and visit Lefroy Valley, and view innovative and favourite varieties growing in demonstration sites, an undercover event hub and an industry networking function in the Lindenow Hall.

## Recreation Reserves to enjoy electricity charge reductions

As part of East Gippsland Shire's electricity contract we have been able to negotiate for some of our community managed recreation reserves and facilities to also access these lower utility rates. In Lindenow and District, two facilities will now enjoy lower electricity charges, allowing them to spend the savings on other important aspects of maintaining these significant community facilities.

## Coming soon: free older driver road safety seminar

Following the success of last year's road safety seminars, council is planning to hold an Older Driver Road Safety information session in 2017. It is proposed that the sessions will be held in Lakes Entrance in early June 2017. They are aimed at all members of the community and will also provide important information for family and friends to support older drivers.

Topics include: supporting older drivers to continue to drive safely; how to choose safe vehicles; how to stay fit to drive; health and medication impacts on driving; road rules update; how to be a safe pedestrian; considerations prior to purchasing a scooter and how to assess your own driving ability.

Dates will be advertised in the Council Noticeboard section of the Bairnsdale Advertiser or you can register your interest by contacting Rhonda James by email [feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au](mailto:feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au) or telephone 03 5153 9500.

## Explore your Customer Service Centre and Library

Bairnsdale Customer Service Centre is first point of contact for any council enquiries you may have. Did you know that we also provide free Wi-Fi at the Bairnsdale Library? Our friendly Customer Service Officers can also help you with printing and scanning for a small cost. We have a well-appointed, modern meeting room available for hire, which seats up to twenty people.

The Bairnsdale Library has weekly Storytime and Rhymetime sessions, and movies and Tech Savvy Seniors sessions are scheduled on a monthly basis.

Discover more events on our website: [http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Libraries/Library\\_Events](http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Libraries/Library_Events)

## Koorie Community virtual meeting place

Council's vision for our community is a future of mutual respect and harmony. We will respect the views of others and act with courtesy and consideration.

We recently developed a page on council's website as a virtual meeting place and information board for local Koorie events, updates on our Reconciliation Action Plan, news and links to some of our partner organisations. [http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Community/Groups\\_in\\_Our\\_Community/Koorie\\_Community](http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Community/Groups_in_Our_Community/Koorie_Community)

If you have an event or information you would like listed please contact Kath Macdonald 5153 9500 or email [feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au](mailto:feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au).