

# Bendoc Wheel

## News from the Neighbourhood House

From the Co-ordinator’s desk Bendoc Neighbourhood House.

For those interested in our **Tree of Life Craft Courses** the next is booked for **10am on the 25th of October 2018** and will be a shabby chic card class. These are very interested cards and the cost as always will be \$25. The course will be held at the Tree of Life in Maybe St Bombala NSW just down from the Bombala Bakery. Please ring 64581402 Monday to Wednesday for further info.

Operation Norwich has seen one person face court and receive a minimum sentence and jail time. Investigations are continuing into this case.

Take care on the roads, with dead wildlife being left on or beside the roads makes it a little dangerous for low to the ground vehicles.

Fire season is here, please ensure you have your bushfire emergency plan up to date and be ready. Could be a long hot summer coming.

### Fire warning

**Please remember if you wish to burn off anytime of the year your burn needs to be registered with Vic Fire by phoning 1800 668 511.**

It’s school holidays again and for NSW school students, HSC examinations start mid October through into November, for all those sitting the exams good luck, to all those driving this holiday period, please stay safe on our roads.

Here it is Wednesday 26th September, and finally some rain, hope to see more.

Till next month happy reading.

Bendoc Progress Association Inc.

Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

9.30am—2.30pm

Closed Public Holidays

(Subject to change)

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### **Remember**

East Gippsland Shire Council Library Books can be returned to our centre, we also have new books & DVDs for your perusal.

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**Bombala Rotary Market**  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**8am – 2pm**  
**Along the banks of the**  
**Bombala River**

*For additional information or to  
secure your stall site please call*

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**Vehicle pictured is Steve's actual Bobcat**

## Bendoc Tip Operating Times and Charges.

Open Mondays 8am to 11am, Wednesday 12noon to 3pm, Saturday 8am to 11am

<b>Fees.</b>	<b>Domestic</b>		
Bin	\$11	Bag (minimum Fee)	\$5
Car/Wagon	\$23		
Per M3	\$45		
Ute	\$45		
Ute High Load	\$90		

<b>Trailers</b>	<b>Standard 6x4 Single axle</b>	<b>Large over 6x4 single axle</b>	<b>All Tandem Trailers</b>
Trailer Level	\$34	\$45	\$68
Trailer High	\$68	\$90	\$135
Caged Trailer	\$135	\$180	\$270

**Recyclables Co-mingled**      Bag = \$1      Bin (up to 240) = \$2  
    Car/Wagon = \$4      Ute = \$8

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With that said, please forward any interesting historical or current items to the Editor, Bendoc Wheel c/o Bendoc Progress Association Inc, PO Box 50 Bendoc Vic 3888.

Or via email at [bendocpa@bigpond.com](mailto:bendocpa@bigpond.com)

DVD's and books are available at the centre, do remember that we are an East Gippsland Shire Outreach Centre, if you have any questions just drop in.

**Snowy Monaro Council Roads Dept.**  
 If you wish to report road conditions in the new Snowy Monaro Shire please ring **02 6451 1018** (Main point of contact for all Roads related complaints)

**Tree of Life Craft day 25/October/2018**  
 Starts 10am with ladies meeting for lunch afterwards.  
 Email to [bendocpa@bigpond.com](mailto:bendocpa@bigpond.com) or ring 0264581402 Mon-Wed 9.30 to 2.30pm

## Local Community Wild Dog Control Program update

The spring baiting program has kicked off for the AWI-supported local community wild dog control group which covers Tubbut, Deddick, Bonang, Dellicknora, Deddick River and Bendoc.

The program involves delivery of baits for 3 rounds of baiting in spring and 3 in autumn and is delivered with support from the DELWP Southern Ark program.

During autumn this program supported 21 landholders in putting out 2784 baits across 16,191Ha in support of their farming enterprises. Participation is down slightly in the spring program due to the extra workload being experienced due to the recent dry conditions and community wild dog coordinator, Mick Freeman has been working with local producers to identify areas where we might be able to increase participation by autumn 2019.

Any local landholders who are not currently involved in the program and would like to become involved to support their own enterprises or the efforts of their neighbours are encouraged to call Mick on 0477 358 061

## Fire restrictions declared for Wellington and East Gippsland

**CFA and Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) are introducing fire restrictions for Wellington and East Gippsland shires, starting from 1.00 am on Monday September 10 and continuing until 1 May 2019 unless stated otherwise.**

CFA's Assistant Chief Officer, Trevor Owen said that restrictions are being enforced early to minimise the risk of more grass and bushfires being started by private burn-offs in the current dry conditions.

"This is not a normal year, conditions are a month ahead of what used to be normal - we've had a 50 to 60 per cent deficit in annual rainfall on top of last year's deficit, and grass and forest fuels are tinder -dry," Mr Owen said.

"CFA and FFMVic have already responded to an unprecedented number of early fires this year, the majority of which were caused by burn-offs on private land getting out of control.

"In many instances, the landholders did all the right things and were caught out by sudden changes in wind and weather and very dry fuels," Mr Owen said.

"But we also saw irresponsible behaviour: lack of resourcing, not attending a burn at all times, no notification to VicFire and neighbours, and an apathy towards the responsible management of fire.

"Both fire services have brought their fire preparations forward and are well-resourced and well-prepared to respond to the threat of bushfire, with additional fire fighters, new equipment and infrastructure, and an expanded aircraft fleet.

"The community needs to be fire ready early too – especially those living in high risk areas. Fire restrictions are in place for a reason – to help prevent fires from starting.

"It's critical that residents understand and comply with these fire restrictions to help to prevent bushfires, like the ones we've already seen in Gippsland during winter," Mr Owen said.

"We urge residents to make preparation for fire a habit, so they are not caught unprepared when bushfires strike. "Prepare your property, prepare yourself and prepare your family for fire. Have a fire plan in place and most importantly, practise it."

To find out more about getting ready for the fire season visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call **1800 226 226**.

## Delegate Pony Club News

Delegate Pony Club held their 1st rally for spring and it was a chilly day. Guest instructor Ange Kane came along and work with the riders on a number of things. She ran a session of flat work, upright riding positions and diagonals. All the rider got a lot out of their session with Ange and enjoyed her instructing. Thanks Ange for coming and braving the cold with us all.

Rowena Butterworth ran the riders through their paces with trot poles and positioning in jumping with diagonals. This was a very well run session with working on different instructions. Rowena and Jasmine Butterworth ran the riders through some great specialised techniques for mounted games. Jasmine learnt these techniques at a mounted games session she attended and couldn't wait to share these with her fellow team.

Our next rally will be 7th October 930am gear check with a 10am start.



## BIRTHDAYS!

Celebrating their birthdays this month are..

Veronica Hartmeier Lydia Jamieson Callan Jamieson

Wishing you all the best on your special day.





# The Delegate Multi Purpose Service

Bendoc Progress Association

## Wellness Clinic – Delegate MPS

This is a clinic where people come in for procedures or assessments by nursing staff.

This includes:

Wound care

Blood pressure readings

Blood sugar readings

Non-urgent ECG update hours!

Suture or clip removal

Other procedures that do not require a Doctor.

Wellness Clinic is held on the following days and times

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday & Friday

1.00pm—2.00pm

No appointment necessary. Closed Public Holidays.

The Delegate MPS will still be open as per usual, so if you have a health concern please come over and be assessed by the nursing staff.

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## Community Information Board

**MOBILE LIBRARY** The Mobile Library visits Bendoc as per calendar (once a fortnight) from 9.00am—10.00am. You are also able to sign up as a member (membership is free), borrow and return books here at the Bendoc Resource Centre. Where we have a broad range of books and DVDs that are rotated regularly for your enjoyment! Come in and browse our selection of books..

**BENDOC BUS SERVICE** Merimbula Day Trip—once a month on a Friday. Please phone Claire 6458 1433, Nola 6458 3285 or Chris on 6458 1402 to book your seat. Usually 2nd Friday of Month..

Free internet is still available at the Bendoc Neighbourhood House, along with fax and photocopying services. Just drop in during opening hours

### New times for DWELP Office Bendoc

Monday 9am to 3,30pm lunch 12.30 to 1pm

Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am to 3.00pm lunch 12.30 to 1pm

Closed on Fridays

Effective 1st May 2018 till 30th November 2018

Bendoc Resource Centre and  
Neighbourhood House  
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East Gippsland Shire  
Council Outreach Centre  
and Library.

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collector of antique bottles

## **Telstra infrastructure fails communities**

On Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>, the community where Deb Foskey lives had an early reminder of the dangers presented by the oncoming fire season.

“There are lessons for local residents to get their fire plans in action, but there are also lessons for major infrastructure providers like Telstra and Vicroads,” said Deb Foskey.

“I was driving home to Cabanandra from Bairnsdale when I got a call telling me that ‘Tubbut is alight and its going like the clappers towards your place’. Only my mobile phone connected me to people in my community to find out what was going on. Of course, it doesn’t work on the road between Orbost and Bonang.

“There is no way to make a three hour trip shorter, nor was there access to any more detailed information, so I had to stay calm and keep driving.

“The fire started in a pine plantation when a machine caught fire. In the mad winds of Saturday the plantation was soon alight. Like most of the southeast of Australia, vegetation is crackling dry and the fire spread was rapid.

“Local people were enveloped by smoke but couldn’t see the source. Being on private property, the communication machine didn’t immediately swing into action.

“While CFA crews quickly arrived – the Goongerah crew was putting a fire out near my place as I arrived home – people didn’t know whether their places were under threat.

“ABC Gippsland started broadcasting emergency warnings after lunch, but many people in this mountainous region cannot get local radio.

“There was no news on CB radio, although people were trying to find out what was going on.

“Our mobile phone network, built earlier this year, was our major means of communication as the landlines went down.

“However, when the power went out the mobile tower had only 8 hours of life in its batteries.

“Despite repeated representations from our community, and from Darren Chester our federal member, for 48 hour battery backup, Telstra insisted we had to be happy with the standard installation.

“For more than 12 hours this weekend our community was unable to be contacted by family and friends in the wider world. Locals could not even ring 000 if they were in immediate danger.

“Around midday a local person came across a Telstra employee trying to deliver a generator to install at the mobile phone tower site. Unfortunately, the directions he had been given led him astray.

“This early fire is a wakeup call to our community that we can no longer leave our fire plans till November as in earlier years.

“It is also a wakeup call to Telstra to listen to communities and their needs. Bonang-Tubbut area isn’t the only community that will experience this frightening communication loss in the fiery summer ahead.

“The standard outfit of 8 hours of battery life is inadequate during wildfire. Back-up generators cannot be delivered when roads are unsafe to drive.

“Our message to Telstra and other infrastructure providers is: Listen to communities. They know their needs better than anyone else. We want action so we can feel safer this summer,” said Deb Foskey

# **DELEGATE'S CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE WEEKEND**

**October 27th and 28th**

**Saturday—9.30am Children's old time games, egg and spoon Race, three legged Race,**

**throwing the gumboot, potato race, sack race.**

**The Snowy River Sprint for a trophy**

**Tug of War—teams can be mixed (6 a side) Cash Prize.**

**Market stalls and lunch at Bill Jeffreys Park**

**Enjoy Billy tea & damper at the Settler's Hut at 2pm  
and later at 4pm wine and nibbles**

**Saturday evening commencing at 6.30**

**Live Music and Dinner at the Delegate Country Club**

**Sunday: 10am a thanksgiving service at the Delegate Cemetery at the site of the first place of worship on Monaro.**

**The Service will celebrate the first place of Worship on Monaro and commemorate the end of WW1 with the welcoming home of soldiers from the war.**

**Following the service, those who wish to are invited to march into town along the original route, via Victoria Parade to the Monument where local Federal Member the Hon. Mike Kelly will unveil the Men from Snowy River Plaque.**

**Opening of the new Plaza in front of the School of Arts by State Member the Hon. John Barilaro and unveiling of second plaque.**

**Luncheon will be available at the School of Arts following the official ceremony.**

**For those wanting to have a market stall on Saturday, we can provide some Gazebos, but you will need to bring your own table. For bookings phone Kristy on 64588335.**

