

# Bendoc Wheel

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So..... Another eventful month for Bendoc. COVID has magnified many of the issues that border communities have been raising for years, namely communication between the states (heaven forbid) and the isolation Bendoc experiences from the rest of the Victoria. Confusion ensued as a result of the sudden implementation of the border closure between Victoria and NSW. Many locals voiced their concern at the thought of having to leave the relative safety of Bendoc and travel south into potential danger as reports emerged of active cases in Orbst, not to mention the added worry of navigating the Orbst Road unnecessarily. Luckily, restrictions were amended and Bendoc residents are now able to travel to Delegate and Bombala for essential supplies and services. A permit is required for all travel from Victoria into NSW, with a number of categories available. Permits are available to undertake essential services such as agriculture and education, students are permitted to attend school across the border, and individuals are allowed travel to receive medical care as long as they can provide proof of the care they are to receive. The Bendoc Resource Centre has been available to assist people with the permit application process and we extend the offer to all locals who potentially may not have access to phone, internet, or printing services, or who simply wish to talk to someone about their concerns. Please feel free to call in and we should be able to help you with your permits.

Opening Hours

Return to normal

8:30 - 3:30

(Subject to change)

Contact us on

04 1267 5253

Or

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The border closure roadblock outside of Delegate



# New Shire Appointment

Bendoc Resource Centre was pleased to be contacted recently by the recently appointed East Gippsland Shire Council Place Manager for the Errinundra to Snowy district, Peter Balmer. Peter is keen to understand the challenges and triumphs of our remote communities and is taking a proactive approach in getting his head around this complex and vast region. Peter has included a brief biography and we look forward to developing a positive and productive relationship between Peter and the Bendoc community as we get to know each other.

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I have been working in the 'community' sector as a Social Planner/ Place Maker for 25 years in a range of locations across south east Queensland, the ACT and Victoria - from highly disadvantaged locations such as the Logan and Ipswich shires outside Brisbane, to the 'salad bowl' farming communities of the Lockyer Valley west of Brisbane to the relative affluence of the Sunshine Coast. More recently I have been working in Victoria's Latrobe Valley.

For these roles I have worked across aged care, migrant settlement, mental health and disability support for local government, federal government, not-for-profits and peak bodies.

I did the sea-change/ tree-change from Melbourne to the Gippsland Lakes four years ago which was like 'coming home' after spending many happy holidays here as a kid and visiting family and friends in between.

I will be working in the Errinunderra to Snowy (E2S) localities of Tubbut, Bendoc, Bonang, Goongerah, Dellicknora, Deddick Valley up to the NSW border, and in other districts as required.

My mobile number is 0409 701 309 and my work email is [peterb@egipps.vic.gov.au](mailto:peterb@egipps.vic.gov.au).

The Place Manager role with EGSC is a new function within council with seven Place Managers now appointed to provide community support in all districts across the shire. The role sits within the Bushfire Recovery Directorate with the immediate focus on Recovery however this task cannot be done in isolation of all the other social, community, environmental and economic impacts on local communities. My role is to work with communities, to listen - and hear what you know to be best for your community, and to ensure that message gets heard.



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#### Charges

Domestic Waste

\$ 5 bag (minimum charge)

\$11 up to 250 litre (large wheelie bin)

\$46 per cubic metre (approx. 6x4 trailer x 1.5 feet deep)

**Domestic Recyclables - must be loose, can be transported in a bag but must be emptied into tip cage/bin**

\$ 1 bag size (minimum charge)

\$ 2 up to 250 litre (large wheelie bin)

\$ 8 per cubic metre (approx. 6x4 trailer x 1.5 feet deep)

**Green waste** - tree prunings, branches or grass clippings, BUT, no logs larger than 30cm diameter)  
Free

**Scrap Metal** - fencing wire, clean of wooden posts and vegetation. Roofing, guttering, white goods (only fridges or freezers that have already lost their refrigerant gasses)  
Free

**Mattresses** - generally not accepted. However, if the inner metal springs are removed and the fabric covering rolled up and tied up tightly, they can be disposed of as scrap metal (free) and waste (charged by volume)

**Polystyrene** - charged as waste (by volume)

BUT the Bendoc TIP is currently taking polystyrene and sending it to Bairnsdale Tip, to be part-processed (to have the air crushed out of it) for forwarding on for further processing.

**Small household batteries, no larger than a D cell battery** - Jim is happy to collect and take to ALDI for disposal in their special battery recycling bin. (Best way is to put loose batteries in a plastic bag. They have to be loose to go through a 2-inch diameter hole in the ALDI's bin)

**Soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, soft frozen food bags etc.** - Jim is also happy to collect and take to Woolworths and Coles for disposal in their special soft plastic recycling bins. (Best way is to stuff and pack all your plastic bags tightly into a long bread bag and tie a knot in the end) then drop off to Jim at the tip.

**If you have any questions, please call Jim Stevenson on 0403 196528 during Tip times.**





## **BENDOC POLICE NEWS**

Hi All,

Welcome to the second edition of Police News for Bendoc and surrounding areas. Orbost Police remain committed to providing a policing service within the Bendoc area, including the opening of the police station where community members can attend for document signing and other police related business. Our intention is to keep the community informed on what is happening in their local area and to ensure you are aware of police attendance and patrols.

### ***Recent Events:***

Police have attended Bendoc and surrounding areas over the past month on a weekly basis and are pleased with the community interaction. We continue to get calls from community in relation to Illegal deer hunters and encourage you to please continue reporting.

Since 2015 Victoria Police have implemented targeted operations to tackle the increasing trend of illegal hunting / shooting within East Gippsland, predominantly within the Orbost, Bendoc, Cann River and Omeo areas. The 2019 operation achieved record outcomes, with over 21 firearms seized and 12 persons charged with offences connected with illegal hunting activities and associated drink / drug driving offences. The 2020 operation commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and whilst in its infancy, has already achieved excellent results which were printed in the last newsletter. This operation sees Victoria Police coordinate patrols with the Game Management Authority, Parks Victoria and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to ensure a vast range of enforcement options are implemented.

Unfortunately, these illegal and unsafe shooting activities present significant safety risks to residents and also impact on hunters that abide by the laws and regulations through the reluctance of land holders to allow legitimate hunters onto their properties.

Report incidents or contact police in the following ways.

- 000 for immediate police attendance or urgent matters
- Police Assistance Line on 131 444 for any non-urgent matters, to report a crime or leave a message for a police member to contact you
- Online Reporting [www.onlinereporting.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.onlinereporting.police.vic.gov.au)
- Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

### ***Police facts***

Back before we drove cars, the local Bendoc police member would have to patrol all the way to Mallacoota on horse and cart!

It would take 3 days to complete the round trip...



# New Speed Limit For Darragh



## Speed limit reductions for Mount Darragh Road between South Pambula and Cathcart.

Transport for NSW will be reducing the speed limit on sections of Mount Darragh Road between South Pambula and Cathcart on 16 June 2020.

### What are we doing?

Adjustments are being made to speed limits along Mount Darragh road following community concerns and an increase in accidents in the area.

A speed zone review assessed several factors including the crash history, road alignment, road environment and hazards,) road usage, adjacent development, traffic volumes and the number of access points along the road.

Speed reductions include;

- **Reduce** 100km/h to 80km/h from South Pambula to Chalk Hills Road
- **Reduce** 100km/h to 60km/h from Chalk Hills Road to 4km west of Chalk Hills Road
- **Reduce** 100km/h to 80km/h between 4km west of Chalk Hills Road to 320m east of Clarke Street, Wyndham
- **Reduce** 100km/h to 80km/h from West Street to 1.5km west of New Buildings Road, Wyndham
- **Reduce** 100km/h to 60km/h from 1.5km west of New Buildings Road to 900m west of Stoves Road, Mount Darragh

The image on the back page highlights the various adjustments being made being made.

### What you need to know

You will see over the coming weeks crews out preparing for the speed limit changes on the 16th June. While these crews are working, for the safety of motorists and workers, a single lane closure, traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place.

For the latest traffic updates download the Live Traffic NSW App, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or call 132 701.



## BENDOC HALL COMMUNITY EVENINGS

There will be fun and games and something to eat every second Saturday night at the Bendoc Community Hall, starting 1st August.

Due to COVID (and heating) the number of people who can attend is, unfortunately, limited to 12.

There is a selection of games, but if you have your own favourite game you'd like to play, you are more than welcome to bring it along and we'll give it a go.

It is hoped, as COVID restrictions ease, and the weather warms up, that we will be able to have more people, and make the community night a weekly event.

### Information!

- Bendoc Community Hall -

- 6pm -

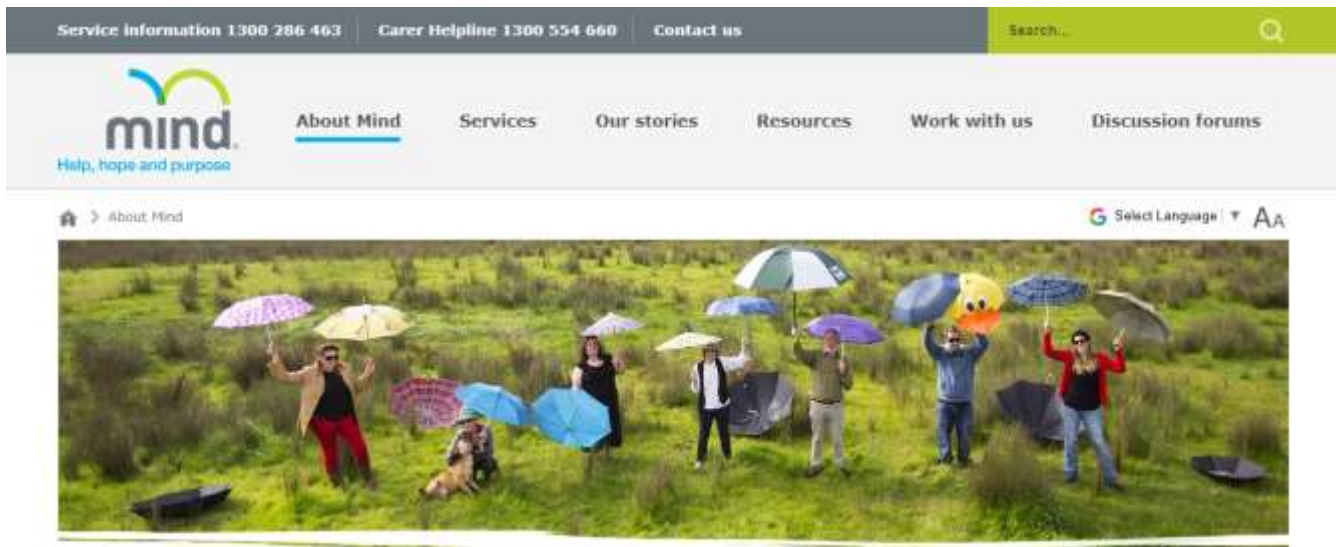
- Saturday 1st August, 15th August and 29th August -

So, if you'd like to come along one (or more) night/s, send Jim Stevenson a text on 0403 1965 28 with your name, what night/s you'd like to come along, and how many people will be coming.








## Mental Health

The mental health issues related to lockdown and the pandemic are especially hard for people with depression. The wonderful charity MIND have a 24hr help line  
03 0012 33393 or 1300 554660

<https://www.mindaustralia.org.au/about-mind>



## Other Useful Contacts

 <p><b>Kids Help Line</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• call 1800 551 800</li><li>• go to <a href="http://www.kidshelpline.com.au/">www.kidshelpline.com.au/</a></li></ul>	 <p><b>Court and legal help</b></p> <p><b>Magistrates Court</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• go to <a href="http://www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au">www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au</a></li></ul>
 <p><b>Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria</b></p> <p><b>Centre Victoria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• go to <a href="http://www.dvrcv.org.au">www.dvrcv.org.au</a></li></ul> <p><b>For young people</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• go to <a href="http://www.burstingthebubble.com">www.burstingthebubble.com</a></li><li>• go to <a href="http://www.lovegoodbadugly.com">www.lovegoodbadugly.com</a></li></ul>	 <p><b>Victoria Legal Aid</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• call 1300 792 387</li><li>• go to <a href="http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au">www.legalaid.vic.gov.au</a></li></ul>
<p><b>Victims of Crime Help Line</b></p> <p>for victims of a crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• call 1800 819 817</li><li>• text 0427 767 891</li><li>• go to <a href="http://www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au">www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au</a></li></ul>	 <p><b>Women's Legal Service Victoria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• in Melbourne call 03 8622 0800</li><li>• in country Victoria call 1800 133 302</li><li>• go to <a href="http://www.womenslegal.org.au">www.womenslegal.org.au</a></li></ul>
	 <p><b>Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• call 1800 064 865</li><li>• go to <a href="http://www.vals.org.au">www.vals.org.au</a></li></ul>
	 <p><b>Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• call 1800 105 303</li><li>• go to <a href="http://www.fvpis.org">www.fvpis.org</a></li></ul>





# The Delegate Multi Purpose Service

## Wellness Clinic – Delegate MPS 02 6459 800

### Wellness Clinic

**Monday 9am—10am every week except public holidays. No appointment necessary.**

### Procedures include:

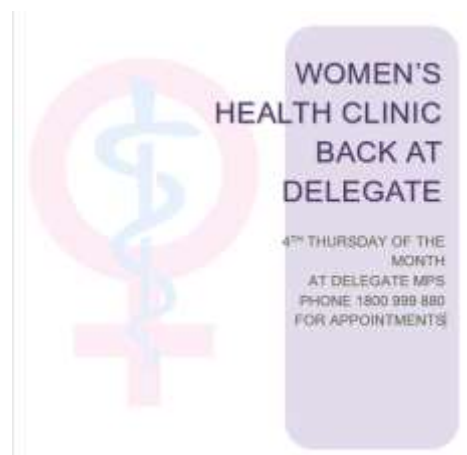
- Wound care
- Blood pressure reading
- Blood sugar readings
- Suture or clip removal
- Injections with doctor's written order

### Pathology Clinic:

**Wednesday 9:30—10am every weekday, no appointment needed.**

### Victorian Visits:

Community nurse visits with Victorian clients fortnightly. For referral call Orbost Regional Health 03 5154 6666



2020 August						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	31	01 Bendoc Hall Community evening 6pm	02
03 Open 8:30-3pm	04 Open 8:30-3pm	05 Open 8:30-3pm	06	07	08	09
10	11 Open 8:30-3pm	12 Open 8:30-3pm	13	14	15 Bendoc Hall Community evening 6pm	16
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31	01	<b>Notes:</b> While every effort will be made to adhere to these opening times, at times there may be unforeseen events that result in changes to opening times. Please feel free to call before dropping in to avoid disappointment.				