

Bendoc Wheel

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With COVID restrictions gradually easing, it looks as though Victoria is slowly returning to some semblance of normal. While poor old Melbourne limps along under some restrictions that remain quite oppressive, regional Victorians are feeling forgotten. With a daily average number of cases across Victoria at 0.8, we have to wonder what else we can do to earn our freedom. Border towns are anticipating the removal of the hard border by Christmas so we can head north to do our shopping and attend doctors' appointments without feeling like second-class citizens and fugitives. We have been warned to prepare for Christmas early; the usual, last-minute, pre-Christmas shopping rush won't be possible for many, and would you want to be out in the bustling crowds anyway?! Nor is last-minute online shopping an option, with the current postage delays in Victoria you might be lucky to receive your parcels by Christmas 2021!

So, we have a proposal, we have set up a gift table at the Resource centre to help you fill your stockings. Gifts include soap, earrings, plants, cards, and more treasures, hand-made with love. Please feel free to call in and have a browse, and if you have a creative flair and would like to add some of your own creations to our collection, please drop them in and we will put them on display.

Getting away from COVID for a moment, we would like to say a BIG thank you to Windermere Child and Family Services charity for their donation to the Bendoc Resource Centre. This generous donation goes a long way to restocking our supplies and ultimately helps us to better support the Bendoc community. So, once again, our sincere thanks to Windermere.

Lockdown Opening
Hours

8:30 - 3:30

Wednesday only

(Subject to change)

Contact us on

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Bendoc Neighbourhood
House and Shire Out-
reach Centre



Kids' Section

(STRICTLY KIDS ONLY)

Hi, my name is Ella and I wanted to start a kid's section in the Wheel to bring all the Bendoc kids together. This will be a place to share anything from jokes, poems, recipes, photos, or anything at all you love. I've included a couple of my favorite jokes and a coloring-in picture to get us started. I look forward to seeing all your wonderful ideas, send them in and we will publish them in the Wheel.

JOKES

Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?

Because it was stuffed!

How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?

Use a pumpkin patch.

What did the buffalo say to his son?

Bison.



POEMS

I have this little frog, his name is Tiny Tim. I put him in the bathtub, to see if he could swim. He drank up all the water and gobbled up the soap. So, when he tried to talk he had a bubble in his throat.

I made myself a snowball as perfect as could be, thought I'd keep it as a pet and let him sleep with me. I made it pyjamas and a pillow for its head. Then last night it ran away, but first it wet my bed.



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Media Release

02 September | Media contact: Michelle Kearns 0436 618 318

Plan now for winter firewood needs

Firewood collectors across north east Victoria are being urged to start planning their winter firewood needs as part of the opening of the spring collection season.

From September 1, designated firewood collection areas will open across Victoria, allowing communities to gather wood for personal use.

All firewood collection activities must comply with public health measures, prioritising the safety of the Victorian community.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC) Gippsland Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Bethany Roberts said: "We are anticipating an increased demand for firewood during the spring and autumn collection seasons."

"Due to a range of impacts, including last summer's bushfires, we are anticipating that demand will exceed supply in some areas of the region." Mrs Roberts said.

"We are urging people who rely on firewood for heating and cooking to consider all options, including purchasing firewood from local merchants selling legally obtained wood.

"In fire affected communities, we are continuing to look for opportunities to provide alternative collection areas and restrict access to residents of certain post codes or local government areas.

"We want to remind the community that firewood can only be taken from designated collection areas in state forests or parks during approved collection seasons.

"Designated collection areas are selected for a range of reasons including the availability of firewood, community safety, and to protect sites of cultural and environmental significance.

"Firewood collected from public land is for personal use only and cannot be sold.

"It's important to stay within collection limits, which are in place to prevent households stockpiling large volumes of firewood from public land and denying others a supply.

"Collection limits include taking a maximum of two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year.

"The felling of trees and cutting of hollow logs for firewood is also prohibited. Hollow logs and dead trees provide critical habitat for a wide variety of native species."

Firewood collection from roadsides is managed by local government agencies and usually requires a permit. Residents are encouraged to contact their local councils directly for further details.

Authorised officers patrol parks, forests and reserves to ensure people are doing the right thing.

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BENDOC POLICE NEWS

Hi All,

Welcome to the September edition of Police News for Bendoc and surrounding areas.

Looks like stage 3 restrictions will be with us a bit longer than expected.

I would like to reiterate the importance of looking after each other in these challenging times and encourage anyone who is feeling anxious or overwhelmed, to reach out and talk to someone or phone mental health services such as Life Line (13 11 14) or Beyond Blue (1300 22 [4636](tel:1300224636)).

Current Events: In late September, we will be commencing works on the residence behind the police station. Once completed, this will allow members to stay over night for operations and emergency response situations such as wild fires. In time, we hope to have units attend Bendoc and surrounding areas on a more regular basis allowing us to conduct more patrols in bushland and hunting hot spots. Thank you to those community members who keep us informed of the illegal hunting in the area. This assists us with our intel for upcoming operations.

Police continue to visit Bendoc on a weekly basis and encourage community to contact the member at the station or call Police if they require assistance.

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

Did you know that the Orbost District Recovery Hub offers a mobile service?

Your local Orbost District Community Recovery Hub is operating under 'safe operation' mode to ensure the safety of our community while Stage 3 restrictions are in place. Your local Recovery Hub also offers a mobile service which can come to your community.



Eleni McIlroy is your Hub Services coordinator and can be contacted on 0409 041 947 or OrbostHub@brv.vic.gov.au.

During COVID-19 restrictions the mobile hub can visit by appointment only, though Eleni is keen to start planning now to set up regular visits to your local hall or other community facility. Eleni can also talk about plans for regular mobile hub visits as COVID restrictions change.

Eleni can respond to the specific needs of your community to connect individuals to other services and supports.

If your business is also suffering because of COVID-19 impacts on your operation let Eleni know as she can connect you to financial and business support that can help you identify and apply for bushfire, drought and COVID-19 grants, loans and support.

So, if there is something you have identified in your community that is missing or would help you or your neighbours recover from the bushfires please get in touch.

While COVID may change the way we provide services, it will never change our total commitment to provide those services to our community through whatever means possible.

Our 'safe operation' mode keeps services available and keeps the community safe.

The mobile recovery hub propose a visit to Bendoc early October to meet with anyone interested in discussing the above. Eleni has offered to organise services such as Royal Flying Doctor Psychologist, Rural financial counselling service, legal service and/or Anglicare financial counselling for those interested. Please contact the centre for more information.

Bendoc Progress Association Annual General Meeting

Bendoc Progress Association will hold their Annual General Meeting on the 13th October 2020.

Due to COVID restrictions, the meeting will be held at the Bendoc Hall and social distancing protocols will be followed.

AGM will commence at 10:30, followed by a general meeting and lunch.



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 Orbest Regional Health 03 5154 6666





Notices

* BOBCAT CONTRACTOR
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Slasher suitable for scrub or regrowth
Clearing
Small Earthworks
Levelling
Preparation for sheds, carports,
water tanks and paving
Clean ups

Reasonable rates

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Contact: Steve on 02 64580303 or
0407190258 (Mobile does not work at home)

Or email: stephenscroope@bigpond.com



Opening Hours

To meet Victorian lockdown requirements, the Bendoc Resource Centre will be opening one day a week to the public. This is primarily to ensure the Bendoc community have access to the facilities required to access border permits. However, if there is anything else that you require, please don't hesitate to let us know. The Resource Centre will open its doors on a Wednesday though we have a limit of 4 (including co-ordinator) in the building at one time and ask that you follow social distancing and hygiene guidelines at all times. It is also mandatory that you record your contact details in the sign-in book at the building entrance and wear a mask.

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We will return to normal opening hours as soon as restrictions allow.

2020		October				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	01	02	03	04 Daylight saving begins
05	06	07 Open 8:30 to 3:30	08	09	10	11
12	13 BPA AGM 10:30	14 Open 8:30 to 3:30	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Open 8:30 to 3:30	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Open 8:30 to 3:30	29	30	31	01
02	03	Notes:				

BENDOC HALL AGM THURSDAY 5TH OF NOVEMBER 10:30 AT THE HALL