

# Bendoc Wheel



## Possible Closure Delegate MPS

Public meeting to discuss the possible closure and or loss of services at the Delegate MPS. Of significance is the potential loss of the aged care beds and the Emergency Department at Delegate.

**WHEN: Thursday 9th at 6:30pm**  
**WHERE: Delegate School of Arts**

Invitations have been extended to:

The CEO of Southern Health, Margaret Bennett and various other relevant politicians. This meeting will go ahead regardless of their participation.

**Please come along and support the Delegate MPS as this is a cross border service and issue.**



## The Delegate Multi Purpose Service

**Wellness Clinic – Delegate MPS 02 6459 8000**

**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 Orbst Regional Health 03 5154 6666

# Farm Succession Planning Bendoc Session

The farm succession planning event held at the Bendoc Hall on the 30th November 2021 was successful and well attended. Bendoc and surrounding areas are a community that includes many farming families. Farm succession planning is all about handling the farm and business assets in the best way to ensure its continuation through multiple generations. Whether working directly with the day to day running of the farm; never working on-farm; or anywhere in between, all family members will have differing and sometimes conflicting expectations about the progression of the farm and business once the time comes for decisions to be made. We've all experienced or witnessed situations where families become divided and/or the farm and business breaks down due to poor succession planning. This event highlighted the important decisions to consider when thinking about succession planning to avoid this breakdown. These decisions relate to tax and business structures, family dynamics, and retirement plans.

## Key messages:

- Start early. It is never too early to be prepared.
- Get help. Farms are complex businesses and each farm is unique and it can be overwhelming to know where to start. However, professionals deal with these situations daily and understand the legal intricacies. Trusted professional advice that gives you peace of mind and certainty around the direction your farm is headed is worth the investment.
- Regarding the aged pension, many farmers believe they are ineligible due to the assets test. However, this is not always the case. For example, did you know that if you have been on the farm property for 15/20 years, you are entitled to certain exemptions?
- Communication is key. Talking about these sensitive topics can be tricky but starting the conversation early and involving all parties gives you a better chance of avoiding unwanted messy situations that evolve when succession planning is left too late.

We want to thank Eleni from Bushfire Recovery Victoria [BRV] for listening to the Bendoc community and going to great lengths to provide this service for Bendoc. We would like to thank all of the presenters for sharing their valuable knowledge around elements of law, tax, and the rights and obligations regarding farm succession planning. Simone Elias from Gippsland Legal Service for her advice on wills and power of attorney, Scott from Findex for his tax advice, Catherine from Warren Graham & Murphy for her legal advice on succession planning, Dermot from Social Security Rights Victoria. We would also like to thank Emma Orgil from Landcare for their support of this event.





**Results of the Bendoc Progress Association AGM**

President: Not filled  
Vice president: Lyn Button  
Secretary: Sara South  
Treasurer: Sharon Buckman

After our AGM the position of President remains unfilled. After 10 years of dedicated service to the Bendoc Progress Association, Claire Strickland would like to hand the responsibility over to someone new. If you are a Bendoc community member who is passionate about supporting community development, please consider joining our fabulous committee to have your input into what we do at the Bendoc Resource Centre. The committee would like to thank Claire for all of her hard work dedication over the years and wish her all the best in the future.

**Results of the Bendoc Memorial Hall AGM**

President: Marion Sheldrick  
Vice president: Irene French  
Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Stevenson

**Bendoc Progress Association Strategic Plan Meeting**

It is expected that all members of the Bendoc Progress Association will be at the strategic planning meeting to finalise our plan.

**When:** 7/12/21

**Where:** Bendoc Resource Centre

Thanks all, see you there :)

It is recommended that domestic septic systems should be pumped out every 5 to 7 years. How long since your septic was pumped out? Christy's Waste PL is a liquid waste contractor operating out of Orbost. They are offering a discount on septic tank pump outs for Bendoc if they are able to secure multiple jobs on an agreed date. Please contact Tricia 04 2854 1400



Unfortunately, the community fire meeting planned for last month was postponed due to inclement weather. We have had no update as to the new date for this event. However we will keep you posted and let you know as soon as we get some news.

Digital literacy is an important skill for everyone, and the ability to use technology in our everyday lives is increasing. If you are someone who is wants to

- Use technology to connect with family and friends,
- Learn how to send and receive emails,
- Update you digital skills to improve employment opportunities,
- Or if you have a fear of technology and the unknown

Our computer support program with Sharon is designed to help you.

- We can help with social media accounts.
- Connecting to online services such as MyGov for vaccination status.
- Help set up an email account and learn how to send and receive emails.



## Computers for over 50s

Fortnightly  
After lunch  
At the Bendoc Resource Centre  
02 6458 1402 Or 0412675253  
[bendocpa@bigpond.com](mailto:bendocpa@bigpond.com)



## **BENDOC POLICE NEWS**



Hello,

I'd like to introduce myself quickly. My name is Simon Locke and I've moved to the East Gippsland area just over 12 months ago after policing in Frankston and Cranbourne in the south east suburbs of Melbourne. Along with other members from Orbost Police Station, I'll be making every effort to get to the Bendoc Police Station as often as possible. I'm looking forward to meeting you all.

I'd like to acknowledge the effort of Senior Constable Arlene Burnett who has unfortunately moved on from policing. I'd like to highlight that the level of care and effort she put into policing East Gippsland's northern-most reaches was exceptional and a testament to her work ethic, passion for the area and her loyalty to the community members that she had developed such a strong relationship with.

With the expectation of the opening of travel between regional and metropolitan Victoria and the fairing of the weather, it's expected that East Gippsland will see an increase in the number of tourists over the next few weeks and months, and into next year. We'll see an increase in traffic on the roads. In particular, I suspect many will look east for camping spots, looking to get away after being locked down over the last few months. With the higher number of campers will possibly come an increase in illegal deer hunting activity.

I have spoken with a couple of residents in the last month about illegal deer hunting, and Orbost Police have identified a couple of areas that we will be paying particular attention to.

I would encourage everyone to continue to report illegal deer hunting, either through Orbost Police or through Game Management Authority's online reporting tool found at <https://www.gma.vic.gov.au/enforcement/report-illegal-hunting-online>.

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.

For dates for our upcoming visits to Bendoc to organise signing documents or enquiries, give Orbost Police a call on 5154 1073.

You can 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

Thanks  
Simon.



**My vaccination  
is my **ticket**  
to Saturday club  
cricket **snags****

Victoria, vaccination is your ticket to everything we love and miss.

**Book yours today at  
[coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)**



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# COUGH OR COVID COUGH?

The only way to be sure is with a test  
at the first sign of any symptom.

**ONLY A TEST  
CAN TELL**

**For testing locations,  
visit [CORONAVIRUS.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)**

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# Bushbubs Wildlife Shelter Bendoc

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(No birds or reptiles)

For bird and reptile care please call 03 5154 0196

2021		December				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
06	07 Open 9:00-2:30 BPA Strategic plan meeting Computers w Sharon	08 Open 9:00-2:30	09 Public Meeting @ Delegate School of Arts 6:30pm	10	11	12
13 Open 9:00-2:30	14 Open 9:00-2:30	15 Open 9:00-2:30	16	17	18	19
20	21 Open 9:00-2:30 Computers w Sharon	22 Open 9:00-2:30 Last day for the year, closed for Jan 2022	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03	04	Notes:				