

Bendoc Wheel

Police Meeting

The Bendoc Progress Association would like to stress the importance of the upcoming Vic Police community meeting at Bendoc. This meeting is as much about curbing rural decline and the continual loss of services in remote and rural areas as it is about reinstating our permanent Police position back at Bendoc. Over time Bendoc and the surrounding areas, including our neighbours across the NSW border in Delegate, have seen a decline in services, including health, transport, education, and policing, and this trend will continue unless the community speaks out. This meeting provides the opportunity for the community to present a united front and have their collective voice heard to press for our right to the Policing model that best meets our safety needs. That is a permanent police officer who is a part of our community and who offers the potential to develop and maintain cross-border relations with NSW Police.

We have been given the opportunity to advocate for Bendoc and surrounding communities, so please pencil the date in your calendar and prioritise this meeting.

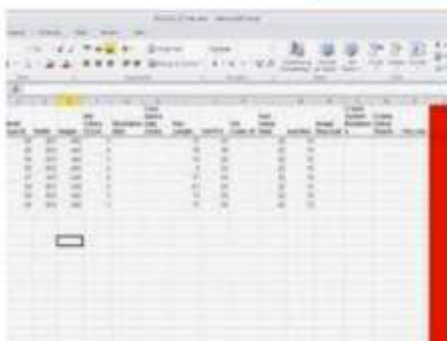
Regards,

Bendoc Neighbourhood House and Bendoc Progress Association

(See flyer on the following page for meeting details)

In other news, our much anticipate Excel training in Bendoc last week was well attended after a two year delay due to COVID. The very experienced Nigel Martin travelled down from Canberra for the two day training at the Bendoc Hall to share his knowledge on all things Microsoft Excel. The diverse group of participants travelled from as far away as Tubbut to attend the event and develop useful and practical skills Excel offers.

The Bendoc Resource Centre would like to thank Nigel for making the effort to travel so far and for offering such a high-quality training experience locally. We appreciate you sharing your expertise with us and we're sure much was learned that people will now go home and put into practice. (Photos inside)





VICTORIA POLICE

BENDOC PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Victoria Police in partnership with the Bendoc Progress Association are holding a public meeting to discuss the policing service delivery model for Bendoc and surrounding townships. Local police will also inform communities about the Neighbourhood Policing Framework (NHP).

The NHP provides the opportunity for police, community, government, and non-government organisations to work together to resolve community safety issues.

Community members will be able to discuss local crime and safety issues with police and other organisations to assist the NHP in providing a balanced response between re-active and proactive policing activities and address the root causes of crime to improve community safety.

WHEN – 6:30pm on Wednesday 4th May, 2022

WHERE – The Bendoc Hall

Please RSVP to Irene French at the Bendoc Community Resource Centre on (02) 6458 1402 or via email: bendocpa@bigpond.com

Victoria Police Representatives on the day will be:

Superintendent Mark Edwards – Divisional Commander for East Gippsland and Wellington LGA's

Inspector Nicole Cantillon – Local Area Commander for East Gippsland

Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Wealands – Orbost Station Commander

Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme

We included this content in the last newsletter but have included it here again as it is important information that is relevant to many community members. For anyone who finds themselves requiring transport to attend specialist health services over 100km away, there is a government rebate scheme that can assist you in covering the cost. So if you are travelling to see a specialist, please take the time to look into the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme. The claim form is too large to be published in the Wheel, however, it can be downloaded from <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/publications/vptas-travel-and-accommodation-reimbursement-claim-form>

If you need help accessing Victorian Transport assistance please contact us at the Bendoc Neighbourhood House 02 6458 1402 or ben-docpa@bigpond.com

Key messages

- Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS) covers some of the travel and accommodation costs incurred by rural Victorians when they must travel more than 100 kilometres one way for specialist medical treatment.
- To be eligible, patients must live in a designated rural area and not be undergoing clinical trials or accessing allied healthcare.
- An approved medical specialist or authorised officer must sign the claim form.
- From 1 July 2019 cheques will not be issued for VPTAS claim payments. VPTAS payments will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly into the bank account provided. To receive a VPTAS payment by EFT bank account details need to be provided in Section E of the updated VPTAS claim form.
- Please contact the VPTAS office on 1300 737 073 or vptas@dhhs.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.

Are you a Victorian resident travelling a long way to see a specialist?

Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS)

Do you travel over 100 kilometres one way or 500 kilometres in a single week to see a specialist?

VPTAS may be able to reimburse some of your travel and accommodation costs.

For more information
Visit: www.vptas.vic.gov.au
Call: 1303 5333 6040 or 1300 737 073
Email: vptas@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Ask staff at this location for a VPTAS claim form.

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Excel training in Bendoc



March 2022

Dear Far East Landcare members,

Please find attached a project expression of interest form. If you are looking to plant trees in the near future or have an idea for an on-farm trial this is the place to let us know. We use the returned forms to collate projects for both the Landcare Groups and for FEVL (the Network). All ideas will be taken into consideration.

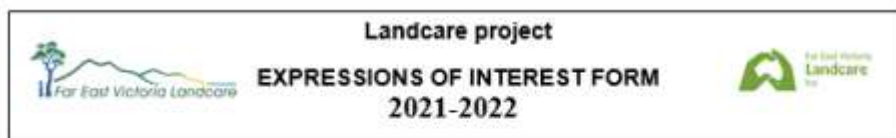
So, no matter how big or small your idea/project is, get it on paper and let us know. This information is important in informing us what is important to you all.

Victorian Landcare Grants are opening soon so please get your ideas into us by 24th April 2022. And remember I am here to assist you and your group develop projects and apply for funding so please don't hesitate to be in touch when the grants do open.

Below is a sample page outlining the application process. Please contact us at the Bendoc Resource Centre for the full application form bendocpa@bigpond.com

Or

Penny Gray: penny.gray@fevl.org.au



Far East Victoria Landcare seeks expressions of interest from Landcare Groups and individuals, who have ideas for projects either individual, group or Network-wide. These forms are collated annually to inform Group and Network funding bids.

If you have a project idea or are interested in any of the suggestions below, please complete and return this form by 24th April 2022 to: penny.gray@fevl.org.au

Name:	Email:	Phone:
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Mailing Address:

Project Address:

RETURN BY Wednesday 24 April 2022 to be considered for this year's Victorian Landcare Grant round opening soon.

Please tick if interested

Please note: Fencing is usually reimbursed at \$5 p/m post installation.

Remnant/riverside/wetland/rainforest/vegetation protection/enhancement
Seedling numbers..... Fence length..... Area (ha).....

Revegetation/Shelterbelt Seedling Numbers:..... Fence length (m)..... Area (ha).....

Paddock Tree Protection Seedling Numbers:..... Fence Length (m)..... Area (ha).....

Erosion management Seedling Numbers..... Fence Length (m)..... Area (ha).....

Dam revegetation Seedling Numbers:..... Fence Length (m)..... Area (ha).....

Land Class Fencing Fence Length (m)..... Area (ha)..... (monitoring conditions apply)

Jarrahmond Linkages 11 (tick this box and indicate need in revegetation field above)

Trials/Demonstrations.....

I want to learn more about.....

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New ideas/concepts

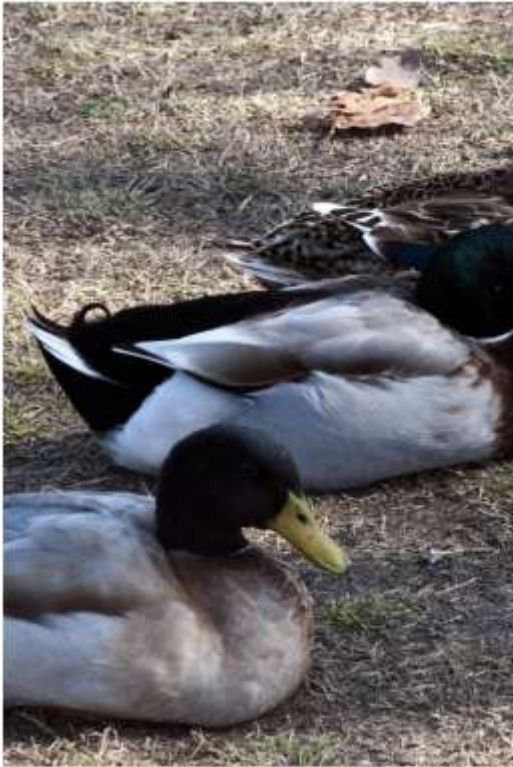
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PLEASE NOTE – Requirements of investors are:
Shelter belts must be a minimum of 12 metres wide - Barbed wire cannot be used on fences - Boundary fences cannot be included in project activities.



Wanted

Female ducks or ducklings, preferably Peking or Khaki Campbell. Please call 0412675253



Bendoc craft group

Where: Bendoc Neighbourhood House

When: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,

Time: 12:00 – 3:30

BYO lunch and craft project

Students from Delegate Public School compete at NSW PSSA State swimming Carnival

Four students from Delegate Public School, Cooper Gilbert, Georgina Jeffreys, Bella Tonissen, and Ella French, travelled up to Sydney this week to compete in the PSSA State Swimming Carnival as a relay team. They left on Monday morning and travelled on the Delegate Public School Bus to Sydney Olympic Park to stay overnight and compete the next morning. All students swam their hearts out and managed to shave four seconds off their qualifying time to achieve their fastest time to date. Congratulations to the kids for coming 8th in their heat and 24th overall in the STATE! Needless to say, the trip to Sydney as a team and the chance to compete in the Olympic Swimming pool are memories the kids will cherish forever. We don't know who is more proud, the kids, the parents, or the school! All the parents who travelled up to support their children wish to thank Brad Bannister and Selina McKinnell for organising the trip and actively encouraging the kids throughout the entire experience.



Announcements!



Bendoc CFA News



Could all CFA members who have had their 3rd COVID booster please contact Bendoc CFA secretary Lyn Button ASAP. It is a CFA requirement that members have their 3rd booster to be fully operational and the secretary needs a list of these names.

Lyn 04 8871 9233

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the CFA please contact Lyn.

Bendoc Hall News.

The old jail at the Bendoc Hall is undergoing maintenance. The new coat of paint will help preserve the historic reminder of Bendoc's past and improve its appearance.

Fire Recovery BBQ

When: 9/4/22

Where: Memorial Park Delegate

Time: Noon onwards

Jumping castle at the event.

All welcome

Bendoc Neighbourhood House opening hours

2022		April				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
04	05 Open 9- 2:30	06 Open 9- 2:30	07 Bendoc craft day	08	09	10
11 Open 9- 2:30	12 Open 9- 2:30 Computers with Sharon restarts	13 Open 9- 2:30	14 Mobile library Bendoc	15	16	17
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