

Bendoc Wheel

Did you know your house could be eligible for \$250 off your power bill?

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As part of the Power Saving Bonus application process, we will present you with information about the best priced electricity offers available in your area. You are not required to switch offers or retailers.

If you need/want assistance with this process, please call into the Bendoc Neighbourhood House where we can help you lodge your application. All you need is your power bill and another form of identification with your name and address on it, such as your driver's licence.

The screenshot shows the top section of the Victorian Energy Compare website. It features a navigation bar with a progress indicator showing six steps: Start, Your energy profile, Consumption, Available Offers, Compare Offers, and Contact Retailer. The 'Start' step is currently active. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a yellow background. It contains the following text:

Take charge. Save on bills.

VICTORIAN ENERGY COMPARE

VICTORIA State Government

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The application process will take five to ten minutes of your time, and you will need to have a recent electricity bill with you.

Submit a \$250 Power Saving Bonus application

Frequently Asked Questions
Read about other energy support programs

Upcoming workshop @ Bendoc



SOLAR INFORMATION SESSION AT BENDOC

Orbest Solar and Electrical have kindly accepted our invitation to hold an information session at Bendoc on **ALL THINGS SOLAR**. If you have been considering solar power for your home or farm, but feel like you need more information, this workshop is for you. Topics will depend on participant interest but will include stand-alone, grid-connected solar, solar pumps, solar hot water, government rebates, and subsidies.

When: 23/9/2022

Where: Bendoc Hall

Time: To be confirmed

Contact: bendocpa@bigpond.com

or

04 1267 5253 to book your spot

Book your spot to avoid disappointment, this program is filling fast.

Say "no thank you" to single use plastic takeaway items and bring your own



Did You Know?
Single use takeaway items - cutlery, plates, straws - cannot be recycled and end up in landfill, whereas compostable cutlery takes about 180 days to break down. or better still, real cutlery can be used again and again!

For more information contact Council or visit our A - Z - Where to next? on our website.

Rethink & Recycle with the **WASTE RESCUER**.



Can you identify Asbestos?



Asbestos can be difficult to recognise and should be handled with care to avoid risk of exposure.

If a home was built or renovated prior to 1990, there is a very good chance it has some asbestos.


Asbestos can be located in any room of your house and come in many shapes and forms such as:

- Cement roofing, gutters and downpipes
- Fencing
- Outbuildings like gardens sheds and the outdoor toilet
- Wall cladding and ceilings
- Backing for tiles and splashbacks
- Underneath carpet or vinyl flooring
- Insulation in roofs and conduits
- Meter boards



To protect yourself and our waste-site staff, please make sure that all asbestos is disposed of according to safe asbestos handling regulations and preferably through a licenced asbestos remover. In East Gippsland, asbestos can only be disposed of at Bairnsdale Landfill and must be pre-booked.

<https://asbestosawareness.com.au/>
<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/>

The powerful story of how one woman overcame tragedy to forge an outback empire

SEP. 02

A night out with Frauke Bolten-Boshammer - a true survivor

by Emma Orgill

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<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-night-out-with-frauke-bolten-boshammer-a-true-survivor-tickets-358221489117>

East Gippsland Women in Agriculture invites all women in ag and business to a two-course dinner with an inspirational speaker

About this event

East Gippsland Women in Agriculture invites all women in ag and business to a dinner!!! The guest speaker will be Frauke Bolten-Boshammer from Kimberely Pink Diamonds and the author of 'A diamond in the Rough'. Frauke is a true survivor and her story will amaze and inspire you.

Date and time
FRI., 02/09/2022, 5:30 pm AEST

Location
Bellevue on the Lakes
201 Esplanade
Lakes Entrance, VIC 3909
[View map](#)



PROJECT UPDATE 6

Building Healthy & Resilient Communities through Service Equity

About the project

Over the last three months we have let you know about funding received for Stage 1 of this project. If you need more information you can refer to past updates or contact Eleni.

What's happening in August?

Call for Project Reference Group (PRG) members:

With rising interest in the project the PRG is calling for anyone interested in being involved in the project to get in touch.

- Membership of the PRG is voluntary, meetings are held monthly (4th week of the month) online. An in-person meeting option occurs every second month at Bonang Hall.
- Membership includes attending meetings, reading the project managers report each month and working collaboratively to make decisions about the project. There are sometimes documents to review or feedback to be given over phone or via email in between meetings. Expect to contribute up to 10 hours a month.
- Experience living locally is highly regarded and a range of skills and backgrounds is welcomed.
- If you are interested email Eleni who will provide the meeting schedule, background information and the terms of reference for all group members.
- The PRG will have an open call for new members approximately every 6 months, status of the project allowing.

Stage 1: The final report from FedUni/CERG is complete and available to view online www.warmcornersconsulting.com/projectdocs or get in touch with Eleni to receive a copy via email. There are two reports available - the summary report and the full report.

The key findings of the report are:

1. A health professional is essential to the success of a health service delivery model in rural and remote communities.
2. Digital health care is an essential addition to a rural and remote health service improving and maintaining accessibility to healthcare appointments.

Stage 2 (Minor Building Upgrades and Maintenance): A series of grant applications to fund stage 2 equipment, furniture and minor works are underway.

Stage 3 (Operational Pilot): We are working with Orbost Regional Health (ORH) to formalise a partnership to deliver Stage 3. We have made contact with the Department of Health and are working through next steps to discuss funding of a nurse or similar to provide service across the Service Hubs.

How can I find out more?

Email: Eleni - hello@warmcornersconsulting.com

Project (Stage 1) funded by:



EAST GIPPSLAND
**Community
Foundation**



FRRR
Foundation for Rural
Regional Renewal

July 2022

Bendoc Progress Association have had no update from Police Vic as to the progress of their official response to the matters raised in the community meeting held at Bendoc on 4 May 2022. However we want to keep the community informed on this matter to the best of our ability and as such are including this correspondence from the Office of the Assistant Commissioner. No surprises yet.



VICTORIA POLICE

Office of the Assistant Commissioner
Eastern Region
Ground Floor 420 Burwood Hwy
Wantirna South 3152

20 July 2022

Bendoc Progress Association
18 Dowling Street
Bendoc
Victoria 3888

Dear Sir / Madam,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your recent letter to Victoria Police raising your concerns regarding the decision to alter the service delivery operating model covering the Bendoc response zone.

As you are aware, a review of the Victoria Police Service Delivery model for Bendoc was conducted in August 2018. The review established that a significant decline in population and local industry, led to a greatly reduced demand for police assistance in the Bendoc Response Zone. This review was accompanied by significant consultation with Victorian Government Stakeholders, Local Community and The Police Association with no objections or adverse commentary.

A final report outlining the benefits and increased service delivery across the Division was approved by the Deputy Commissioner, Regional Operations and endorsed by the Chief Commissioner of Police and the police minister at the time.

A post implementation review was conducted in May 2020 which supported the rationale and business decision endorsed in 2019. This included an analysis of calls for police assistance and crime statistics, both which support the current operating model and demonstrate efficiency gains.

Relevant to your correspondence, Victoria Police undertook a further review of our service delivery and identified opportunities to make enhancements post the Covid Pandemic impacts. This includes:

- The opportunity for the community to decide which two days they would like the shop front to open.
- Implementation of a designated portfolio holder for the Bendoc Neighbourhood Policing Model
- Designated patrols of Bendoc and surrounds
- Targeted operations to address illegal deer hunting and farm crime in the area.

The Local Area Commander and Divisional Area Commander will continue to work closely with the community to address any incidents, issues or concerns as they arise.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Superintendent Mark Edwards on mobile 0407 565 243.

Yours sincerely

Tony Langdon
Assistant Commissioner
Eastern Region

BENDOC POLICE NEWS



There have been a few changes to the personnel who will be overseeing Bendoc and the surrounding area.

Sergeant Pat Shegog from Orbost Police Station will be managing the Bendoc Police Station Portfolio. Senior Constable Gavin Murphy and First Constable Chris Watson will be assisting him and are the faces you will see on a more regular basis.

Police members continue to be rostered for patrols in your area and open the Bendoc Police Station each Wednesday as well as other days throughout the week, so If you see the police car out the front of the station feel free to pop in to have documents signed, ask any questions, make a report or just to have a chat.

On the 11th of May, 2022, Orbost police received a report of illegal shooting on a private property on Mackillop's Rd Bonang. A very good description of an offender and registration number plate of a vehicle were provided. This information allowed police to conduct an investigation that has led to the identification of four persons of interest from the Fulham and Sale area. The persons are assisting police with enquires. We're still looking to prioritise illegal hunting at this time of the year – so thanks to all those who continue to provide information to help target areas that are currently having issues. We rely on this information to develop our tasking for patrols and increase the chances of locating and stopping some of the illegal hunting in the area.

I would encourage everyone to continue to report illegal deer hunting, either through 000, PAL or through Game Management Authority's online reporting tool found at <https://www.gma.vic.gov.au/enforcement/report-illegal-hunting-online>.

For dates of our upcoming visits to Bendoc to organise signing documents give Orbost Police a call on 5154 1073 or email bendoc.uni@police.vic.gov.au.

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

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Examples of non-urgent crimes and events you can report via the Police Assistance Line include:

- burglary at a commercial property or a home with no occupant present;
- theft (including theft of a motor vehicle);
- property damage;
- lost property; and
- general police enquiries.

Thanks,

Gavin.

FMD webinars

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Preparing for and responding to an outbreak

Victorian livestock producers and service providers are invited to join one of our upcoming webinars to hear from Agriculture Victoria veterinary specialists, including Victoria's Chief Vet Graeme Cook, about how we are preparing for and will respond to a foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak.

Good biosecurity is paramount for protecting our economy, environment and community from the negative impacts of pests and diseases.

There are several risk factors that are contributing to an increased threat of a biosecurity incursion in Australia.

All levels of government, livestock producers, industry organisations and other supply chain participants including livestock agents, transporters and contractors all share responsibilities in minimising biosecurity risks and impacts to the industry.

PRESENTERS

Dr Graeme Cooke - Chief Veterinary Officer, Biosecurity Victoria

Dr Megan Scott - Principal Veterinary Officer, Emergency Animal Disease


Dr Jeff Cave - Senior Veterinary Officer, Animal Health and Welfare


TOPICS to be discussed:

- What is FMD and how has the risk profile to Australia changed?
- How is industry and government preparing for a possible outbreak?
- What to expect on Day 1 of an outbreak and what is a livestock standstill?
- What actions and farm biosecurity measures can you do now?



DETAILS

Date:	Monday 1 August 2022
Time:	7.00– 8.00 pm
Register:	Register for the Zoom webinar by clicking here or scan the QR code 

Date:	Thursday 4 August 2022
Time:	7.00– 8.00 pm
Register:	Register for the Zoom webinar by clicking here or scan the QR code 

For further information:	www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/events Lyndon Kubeil 0418 532 085 lyndon.kubeil@agriculture.vic.gov.au
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Working dog training.

We are very excited to announce that Bendoc Neighbourhood House is partnering with Red Cross Australia and Gary White to bring this high-quality event to you. To avoid disappointment, please book your spot as we anticipate positions will fill quickly.

bendocpa@bigpond.com or 04 1267 5253

RED CROSS INITIATIVE WITH GARY WHITE



WORKING DOGS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

WHAT – Gary white is a world-renowned working dog trainer who will make himself available for workshops in East Gippsland. Learn to train your working dog- skills applied to cattle, sheep, and goats.

WHO – Gary will provide one day workshops for up to 12 participants and their dogs. Young and old, trained or untrained- all welcome to come and watch.

WHERE – Free event in East Gippsland communities|

WHEN – Dates TBC

TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST CONTACT:

Melissa Holden | mholden@redcross.org.au | 0459 536 642

Celeste Morrison | cemorrison@redcross.org.au | 0409 316 272



The 12-hour Standard Mental Health First Aid course teaches any adult (18 years and over) how to provide initial support to someone who is experiencing a mental health problem or crisis.

Learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in adults, how to provide initial help, where and how to get professional help, what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective, and how to provide first aid in a crisis situation.

STANDARD MHFA **Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th October** **Time: 0930 – 1700**

Venue: Bendoc Memorial Hall
Dowling Street, Bendoc

Trybooking Link - <https://www.trybooking.com/CAM01>

Alternatively, please call (03) 5128 0083 for registrations.

For alternate booking, contact
the Resource Centre
Email—bendocpa@bigpond.com
Phone—0412675253

• *Training provided free of charge for East Gippsland and Wellington Shires to aid in Bushfire Recovery. Joint venture between Latrobe Regional Hospital and the Victorian Government.*

• *You are required to attend the full 12 or 14 hours in order to obtain a certificate of completion.*

Note: The information provided in MHFA courses is for general mental health first aid only and is not intended to be and should not be relied upon as a substitute for specific professional medical advice.

Announcements!



BPA meeting moved to 9/8/22 @ 10am Bendoc Neighbourhood House



We want to thank Celeste from Red Cross for delivering more native tree seedlings. These can be used for regeneration and are attractive to native birds. The seedlings are free to a good home and need planting out or repotting sooner rather than later.

Please contact the Neighbourhood House if you would like some of these.

bendocpa@bigpond.com
Or
04 1267 5253

2022		August Bendoc Neighbourhood House opening hours				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01	02 Open 9-2:30	03 Open 9-2:30	04 Mobile library @ Bendoc Hall	05	06	07
08 Open 9-2:30	09 Open 9-2:30 BPA meet @ 10am Neighbourhood house	10 Open 9-2:30	11	12	13	14
15	16 Open 9-2:30	17 Open 9-2:30	18 Mobile library @ Bendoc Hall	19	20	21
22 Open 9-2:30	23 Open 9-2:30	24 Open 9-2:30	25	26	27	28
29	30 Open 9-2:30	31 Open 9-2:30	01	02	03	04
05 Open 9-2:30	06 Open 9-2:30	Notes:				