

Bendoc Wheel

A wrap up of our 2 recent solar information sessions

September 7th brought with it a visit from Start Solar representatives Ayush and Francis to deliver a solar information session to the Bendoc community. They travelled overnight from Burwood Vic to be in Bendoc by 10 am on Wednesday morning. Start Solar has existed for over 10 years and is Australia's largest Solar provider, installing domestic and commercial systems locally and internationally.

The information session at Bendoc was well attended, with 12 people travelling from across our district to be there. The session began with a presentation, followed by questions and answers. Those wishing for more individualised information then had a chance for a one-to-one discussion with Ayush or Francis. As a result, everyone came away from the day with a deeper insight about how solar can work for them.

Attendees were impressed with Start Solar's commitment to supporting small communities, noting that they have donated to communities such as Buchan, Mallacoota, and Corryong. Additionally, For every solar system installed locally, Start Solar will generously provide one free solar panel to a community organisation of Bendoc's choice. For example, the Bendoc Hall or the Neighbourhood House.

The Neighbourhood House would like to thank Ayush and Francis for taking the time to travel to our remote corner of the world and offering considered and relevant advice to help locals make an informed decision. The event was catered for by the Bendoc Progress Association and plates of food provided by attendees and we would like to thank all attendees for taking part.

On 23 September, Ben from Orbest Solar and Electrical came from Orbest to deliver our second solar information session. Once again this event attracted people from across our district who were keen to discover what our local solar provider could offer with 15 participants in total. Attendees were not disappointed. Ben proved to be a wealth of knowledge on all technical aspects and benefits of installing solar on homes and businesses. Further to the workshop, Ben will be returning to the area to conduct multiple inspections to provide quotes on individual systems. So, if you are considering installing solar on your property, now is a good time to contact Ben as you could save on travel expenses.



Women in Agriculture Dinner

Helen, Sharon, Sara, Lana, and Irene travelled down to Lakes Entrance to attend a Women in Agriculture and business dinner. The event included guest speaker Frauke Bolton Boshammer. Frauke was inspirational and all ladies had a wonderful time



Frauke's story

“Arriving from Germany with her husband Friedrich Bolten and young children in 1981, Frauke could have no idea of the turbulent future that lay ahead on their Kimberley adventure.

To become a widow three years later with four beautiful children, living on 1000ha of remote farmland, suffering further devastation with the loss of one of her son, to finding new love with her second husband Robert Boshammer, and creating a dynasty for her growing family, now with five children, all built from true resilience and determination.

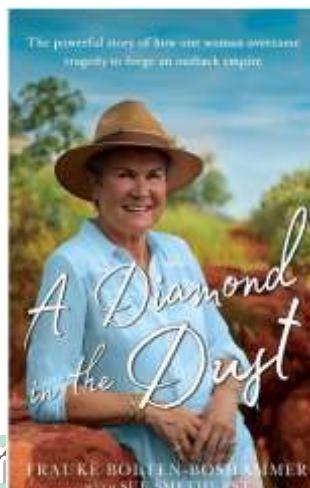
Following her heart whilst keeping focussed on her family, Frauke unknowingly embarked on one of her biggest journeys, to become a leading diamond dealer of the world's rarest precious pinks and building a family empire.

Initially selling jewellery from her back porch, in 1991 Frauke opened Kimberley Fine Diamonds. The timing was impeccable, as the new store grew in popularity, nearby Argyle Diamond Mine was starting to unearth more and more rare pink diamonds”.

<https://kimberleyfinediamonds.com.au/about/fraukes-story/>



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Free bus or tag along in your car
ERRINUNDRA NATIONAL PARK
Saturday 29th October 9:30 am BENDOC Victoria



Friends of Errinundra supported by the Victorian Government through the Volunteer Growth Fund VICTORIA



Departing Bendoc Hall 9:30 am (Dowling St)
Seats on the bus limited & must be booked (contacts below)
\$5 Sausage , cuppa and cake lunch available if you RSVP by email
friendsoferrinundra@gmail.com
or
phone / sms
Toni 0419400309

In memory of Jan Ingram

We would like to acknowledge the passing of Jan Ingram. She had a heart of gold and a generosity and kindness of spirit that she extended to all she knew. Jan will be sorely missed. We extend our condolences to Jan's family and friends at this sad time.

Congratulations to Troy & Lily Jamieson!

Bendoc local Troy Jamieson and Lily Sato were married on the 26th March 2022 by Fr Mick MacAndrew at the Seahorse Inn, Boydtown. Their wedding date coincided with five years from the date they met at the Bombala Debutante Ball in 2017. The newly-weds have recently built and are looking forward to settling down in Bendoc.

Celebrant: Fr Mick MacAndrew

Groomsmen: Todd Jamieson, Anthony Jamieson, Luke Jamieson, Charlie Lomas

Bridesmaids: Kelly Toskovski, Alicia Carraro, Karla Treeves, Kayla Jamieson



Victoria Police News

Victoria Police have recently initiated an enforcement operation 'SAMBA' in response to increased reports of illegal hunting and associated firearms offences within the Far East Gippsland area, the operational area extends from Orbost through to Bendoc and across to Cann River, with enforcement patrols focussing on both daylight and night time activities. This operation will be supported with officers from the Game Management Authority and Parks Victoria for targeted joint patrols.

The operation has so far seen 30 hunters inspected, 19 vehicles intercepted with all drivers tested for alcohol and drugs and one person processed for a Parks Victoria related offence. The patrols have also identified evidence that hunters are entering National Parks with hounds to illegally hunt, with some damaging locked gates to gain access to seasonal tracks.

Victoria Police with the assistance of their partner agencies will continue to target this illegal hunting activity over the coming months.

Anyone with information relating to illegal hunting is urged to contact Crimestoppers 1800 333 000, PAL 131444 or if you require urgent police assistance then contact 000.





Outcomes of Bendoc Progress Association Annual General Meeting

Thanks to all those who attended the recent Bendoc Progress Association AGM 27/9/22. We look forward to another successful and productive year under your leadership. Positions are as follows:

- President:** Claire Strickland
- Vice President:** Sara South
- Secretary:** Lyn Button
- Treasurer:** Sharon Buckman

Bendoc Neighbourhood House opening hours

2022		October				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
03 Open 9-2:30	04 Open 9-2:30	05 Open 9-2:30	06	07	08	09
10	11 Latrobe Mental Health First Aid 9:30am @ Bendoc HALL	12 Latrobe Mental Health First Aid 9:30am @ Bendoc Hall	13 Mobile library @ Bendoc Hall	14	15	16
17 Open 9-2:30	18 Open 9-2:30	19 Open 9-2:30	20	21	22	23
24	25 Open 9-2:30	26 Open 9-2:30	27 Mobile library @ Bendoc Hall	28	29	30
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