

WHAT'S ON

Thu 23 Feb – Wed 1 March 2023

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ongoing

PHOENIX ART TRAIL

From the High Country to the Lakes, to Mallacoota and everywhere in between, artists from across the region are featured in this trail of galleries. A copy of the Phoenix Trail brochure is available at Visitor Information Centres throughout East Gippsland. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thePhoenixtrail>

Fri 20 Jan – Sat
18 March

INTERNATIONAL ART TEXTILE BIENNALE

The International Art Textile Biennale 2023 seeks to exhibit the best of contemporary art textiles and this the second Biennale, reflects a wide range of works related to the textile medium. The goal of the exhibition is to include innovative work rooted primarily in textile as well as art that explores unexpected relationships between textile and other creative disciplines.

East Gippsland Art Gallery

2 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale

Ph: 5153 1988

Gallery Hours: Tue to Fri 10:00am – 4:00pm, Sat 10:00am – 2:00pm

Thurs 15 Dec –
Thurs 2 March
9:00am – 5:00pm

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Come along and see the superb photography of artist Maree T Thomson. The images on display are of a 12-month journey capturing the magnificent birdlife of our waterways and surrounds.

Lakes Entrance Visitor Information Centre Art Space

2 Marine Pde, Lakes Entrance

Fri 3 Feb – Sat
March 25

CHANGED FOREVER – LEGACIES OF CONFLICT

The Shrine of Remembrance Trustees and East Gippsland Shire present this exhibition of stories of migrants who have settled in Australia from war-torn countries alongside those of recent veterans of overseas service in the Australian Defence Force. This exhibition explores the impacts of global and civil conflict in changing and shaping contemporary Australia.

Forge Theatre & Arts Hub

80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

Gallery hours Tues – Fri 10:00am – 4:00pm, Sat 10:00am – 2:00pm

Groups by appointment - andrea@egipps.vic.gov.au

Fri 24 – Sun 26
Feb

PAYNESVILLE MUSIC WEEKEND

Once again, the Paynesville community is coming together for a weekend of wonderful music and entertainment. Most venues in Paynesville will be featuring bands and musicians, many of which will be free.

For more details <https://www.visitpaynesville.com.au/paynesville-music-festival/>

MARKETS

Sat 25 Feb
8:00am – 1:00pm

PAYNESVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Foreshore Reserve

Esplanade, Paynesville

Ph: Michael Nelson 0416 048 680

Sun 26 Feb

9:00am

HOWITT PARK MARKET

This large market is under the big yellow slide on the banks of the Mitchell, just on the east side of the highway bridge. There are around 100 stalls, with indoor and outdoor plants, beautiful and unique new and up cycled clothing, individual, handmade jewellery items and all sorts of indoor and outdoor décor. Our food court has everything from hamburgers and sausages cooked by our Paynesville Coastguard to Chinese dumplings and Thai and Vietnamese cuisine.

Howitt Park
Princes Hwy, Bairnsdale

Sun 26 Feb

9:00am – 1:00pm

ICEWORKS SUMMER MARKET

Lakes Entrance's exciting home-grown market, full of local and bespoke goods - created by East Gippsland artists, makers, baristas, growers and bakers - and vegies grown just up the road. With live music on the lawn every week.

5 Carpenter Street, Lakes Entrance
Iceworks.3909
Ph: 0491 605 465

Wed 1 March

10:00am – 2:00pm

MAKE IT, BAKE IT, GROW IT, SEW IT, SELL IT

Nowa Nowa General Store
2081 Princes Hwy, Nowa Nowa
Ph: Jeremy 5155 7209

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Sat 25 Feb

8:00am – 1:30pm

STREET DISPLAY OF RACE CARS

Come and check out some of the cars that will be racing at tonight's speedway event.

Main St, Bairnsdale near to the Rotunda

Sat 25 Feb

8:00am

BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN

Port of Bairnsdale
Ph:0409 122 766

Sat 25 Feb

8:00am

LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN

Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda
Esplanade, Lakes Entrance

lakesentrance@parkrun.com

Sat 25 Feb

10:00am – 3:00pm

BLACKSMITH @ THE FORGE

Come along and see Blacksmith Bill perform his trade at the historic pioneer area and his damper making demonstration, also view the old farm machinery and caretaker's cottage.

Nyerimilang Heritage Park
20 Cliff Rd, Nyerimilang
Ph: 5156 3253

Sat 25 Feb

5:30pm

BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY RACES

There will be VSC Sprintcars (State Title), Standard Saloons, Div 2 Hot Rods, VSC Ladies standard saloons and Limited Sportsman.

Bairnsdale Speedway
120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock
Race day only queries 0458 617 910

Sat 25 Feb

8:00pm – 12:00am

OLD TIME DANCING

Come along and join in the fun of old-time dancing. Please bring a plate to share for supper.

Picnic Point Hall
114 Dreverman St, Bairnsdale

Sun 26 Feb
10:00am – 3:00pm

DEVONSHIRE TEA & LIVE MUSIC

Come along and enjoy Devonshire tea at the homestead while being entertained by 'Moore Fiddlin' Around'.

Nyerimilang Heritage Park
20 Cliff Rd, Nyerimilang
Ph: 5156 3253

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fri 3 March
7:30pm

ALONE WITH BLUES – DIESEL

Having crafted his homage, a killer solo blues album 'ALONE WITH BLUES' DIESEL hit the road exclusively in NSW in 2021, showcasing The Blues and his greatest hits, in an intimate two set solo concert performance with a brief intermission - designed especially for theatres.

Forge Theatre & Arts Hub
80 McKean St, Bairnsdale
Ph: 5152 1482

Sat 4 March
9:00am

ORBOST POKER RUN 2023

All is set for another great fund raiser for Ronald McDonald House. Departing Bairnsdale, this year will also see a new course taking in the revamped Bellbird Hotel and finishing in Orbost for a night of fun, filled with music and great food. Meet at Bairnsdale McDonalds car park for registration and briefing.

Sun 5 March
2:00pm

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

The Pipe Organ and Musical Events Group proudly present one of Australia's leading organist playing a selection of organ favourites including pieces by Bach, Mendelssohn and Dubois.

Bairnsdale Uniting Church
Cnr Great Alpine Rd and Lanes Rd, Lucknow
Admission \$30 at the door
For more information 0409 021 651

Sat 11 & Sun 12
March

ANNUAL LABOUR DAY WEEKEND TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Come along and be a spectator for our annual tournament with over 30 events across the 3 days. For more information visit

<https://play.tennis.com.au/bairnsdaletennisclub>

Bairnsdale Tennis Club
Cnr Pearson & Ligar Sts, Bairnsdale

Sat 11 March &
Sun 12
9:00am

ACTION SCALE RALLY

Bring along your best scale models for a great event. On-site catering, camping, fire pit, toilets and showers. Cooking facilities available for campers.

Bairnsdale & District Model Aeroclub
115 Bengworden Rd, Goon Nure

Sat 11 March
11:00am

HINNOMUNJIE PICNIC RACES

Hinnomunjie Picnic Races has a rich history and is steeped in heritage, it is the oldest picnic race this side of the divide and was established in 1876. Come along and get involved with all the fun of Picnic races. There will be fashions on the field, carnival activities including face painting and kids races and lolly drop, food vans and more.

Omeo & District Racing Club
Racecourse Rd, Hinnomunjie

Sat 11 March	<p>55th MARLAY POINT OVERNIGHT YACHT RACE <i>The Marlay Point Overnight Race has been running on the Gippsland Lakes since 1969. It is the only overnight race for trailer sailors in Australia and has earned the reputation as the Sydney-Hobart for smaller yachts. Starting at sunset, competitors sail across Lake Wellington, through the McLennan Straits into Lake Victoria for the run home to Paynesville.</i> For more information www. https://mponr.com/</p>
Sat 11 March 8:30pm	<p>LIVE MUSIC – GIBBS & TAYLOR <i>Come and dance the night away. Gibbs & Taylor will entertain you with a little bit of country and some rock 'n' roll.</i> Bairnsdale RSL 2 Forge Creek Rd, Bairnsdale</p>
Sat 18 March 7:30pm	<p>REWIND 80'S MIXTAPE TOUR 2023 <i>The siren call of the 1980's - spandex and all - is beckoning crowds in all areas of Australia. Rewind 80's promises to pull out all the stops from the decade of big hair and even bigger tunes. The multi-piece live show is set to bring out two live party sets, asking guests to prepare to be immersed in a huge celebration of nostalgia.</i> Forge Theatre & Arts Hub 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale Ph: 5152 1482</p>
Sat 18 March 8.30pm	<p>THE INXS TRIBUTE SHOW - INXSIVE <i>INXSIVE are an absolute "must see" for all INXS fans and lovers of iconic Australian music! 18+ Event, Tickets essential.</i> Club Eastwood 117 Great Alpine Rd, Lucknow Ph: 5152 5242</p>
Sun 19 March	<p>OPERA BY THE LAKES <i>Now in its 8th year, Opera by the Lakes will return to the fabulous Nyerimilang Heritage Park. Tickets essential.</i> www.gippslandopera.org.au</p>
Sun 26 March 11:00am	<p>PATTIES FOODS BAIRNSDALE CUP <i>Come along and join in the crowd at the races this weekend</i> Bairnsdale Racing Club 75 Racecourse Rd, Bairnsdale</p>
Fri 7 – Sun 9 April	<p>FAR EAST MUSIC FESTIVAL <i>Local residents and visitors alike are invited to come together to be immersed in three days of music, culture and nature as we emerge from fires, floods and pandemics to reconnect and tread lightly together in the beautiful and recovering coastal landscape of Mallacoota and surrounds.</i> <i>Early bird tickets now available</i> www.fareastmusicfestival.com.au</p>

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