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| **WHAT’S ON**  Thurs 14 – Wed 20 March 2024 | | | | |  | | |
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|  |  | **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* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thephoenixtrail> | | | | | |
| Thurs 25 Jan – Tues 2 Apr |  | **WTF – WHAT’S THEIR FUTURE**  *Award winning artists respond to the big climate change question. What sort of future can our children look forward to???!!! This art exhibition and expo are proudly presented by East Gippsland Climate Change Network.*  Butter Factory Art Space  Bridge St (enter off Paynesville Rd), Bairnsdale | | | | | |
| Fri 9 Feb – Sat 23 Mar |  | **FROM PLEIN AIR TO PRINT - FREESTONE PRESS PRINT-MAKERS**  *From Plein Air to Print with Freestone Press Print-makers Gillian Kline, Judy Dorber, Maria Fitzgerald, Adelaide Macpherson and Fiona Reynolds. Luminous, gestural and vibrant, these monotypes and etchings, capture the transient beauty of local Briagolong landscapes and the drama of the Northern Territory.*  East Gippsland Art Gallery,  12 Nicholson St, Bairnsdale  <http://www.eastgippslandartgallery.org.au> | | | | | |
| Fri 1 – Fri 29 Mar |  | **END OF AN ERA**  *The last of the Gippsland Lakes Fishermen exhibition. Hear the heart-warming stories of the last remaining fishermen and stunning photography by award winning photographers Leigh Henningham and Donna Squire plus Gippsland photographer Geoff Stanton*  Paynesville Library Breezeway.  Esplanade, Paynesville | | | | | |
| Fri 8 Mar – Mon 15 Apr |  | **AUSTRALIAN WOOD DESIGN EXHIBITION**  *The Australian Wood Design Exhibition (AWDE) has a long-standing history that dates back to its inception in 1993. Nestled in the heart of Orbost, renowned at that time for its timber industry and abundant hardwood resources, the AWDE has been instrumental in showcasing the exquisite craftsmanship and artistic excellence of Australian timber design.*  Orbost Exhibition Centre  8 Clarke St, Orbost  Opening hours: Tues – Sun 10:00am – 3:00pm | | | | | |
| Thurs 14 Mar  7:30pm |  | **ELVIS AND BUDDY ROCK AND ROLL SENSATION**  *Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll in a whirlwind of rock 'n' roll magic! A time when hips swayed, hearts raced, and the music spoke to your soul.*  Forge Theatre & Arts Hub  80 McKean St, Bairnsdale  Ph: 5152 1482 | | | | | |
| Fri 15 Mar  6:00pm |  | **THE SOLAR SESSIONS**  *Introducing the Solar Sessions; a concert series that combines the passion for music with a commitment to sustainability. Powered by the sun, the Solar Sessions aim to set a new standard for green concerts. We are on a mission to combine the magic of music with the power of sustainability to create unforgettable experiences that delight your ears and make the world a better place.*  Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve 2092 Princes Hwy, Nowa Nowa  <https://events.humanitix.com/the-solar-sessions-with-kim-churchill-and-ally-row> | | | | | |
| Sun 17 Mar  2:30pm |  | **LIVE MUSIC - METUNG MUSOS**  *Come along and join the return of the local musos ‘open mic’ for a great afternoon of entertainment.*  Metung Hotel  Metung Rd, Metung | | | | | |
|  |  | **MARKETS** | | | | | |
| Sat 16 Mar  8:30am -11:00am |  | **UNITING CHURCH CAR BOOT SALE**  Bairnsdale Uniting Church  Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd, Bairnsdale  Ph: John 0419 890 139 | | | | | |
| Sat 16 Mar  9:30am -1:30pm |  | **NOWA NOWA CREATORS MARKET**  Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve Stott St, Nowa Nowa  Ph:0419 565 775 | | | | | |
| Sun 17 Mar  9:00am |  | **LINDENOW COMMUNITY MARKET**  *Come along and check out the huge variety of things to see, do and buy at the newly rejuvenated market.*  Lindenow Hall and car park.  Main St, Lindenow | | | | | |
| Wed 20 Mar  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 16 Mar  8:00am |  | **BAIRNSDALE PARK RUN**  Port of Bairnsdale  Ph:0409 122 766 | | | | | |
| Sat 16 Mar  8:00am |  | **LAKES ENTRANCE PARK RUN**  Lakes Entrance Foreshore Rotunda  Esplanade, Lakes Entrance  [lakesentrance@parkrun.com](mailto:lakesentrance@parkrun.com) | | | | | |
| Sat 16 Mar  8:00pm – 12:00am |  | **OLD TIME DANCING**  *Come along and enjoy all the fun of old-time dancing.*  *Picnic Point Hall*  114 Drevermann St, Bairnsdale | | | | | |
| Mon 18 Mar  1:00pm |  | **LAKES ENTRANCE BEACH CLEAN UP**  *Come along and join the Sea Shepherd volunteers in a clean-up of the beach at Lakes Entrance. Meet at the rotunda on the foreshore. BYO gloves, wear appropriate clothing, be SunSmart and bring water in a reusable bottle (no single use plastic).*  Foreshore  Esplanade, Lakes Entrance | | | | | |
|  |  | | **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** | | | | |
| Fri 22 Mar  7:30pm |  | | **OUTLAWED TOURING PRESENTS LEAVING JACKSON**  *Fall into the Ring of Fire with this unforgettable tribute to the music of Johnny Cash and June Carter. All the hits and stories in a 2-hour concert that will have you crying out for more!*  Forge Theatre & Arts Hub  80 McKean St, Bairnsdale  Ph: 5152 1482 | | | | |
| Sun 24 March  11:00am |  | | **PATTIES FOODS BAIRNSDALE CUP**  *Come along for country racing at its best.*  Bairnsdale Racecourse  Racecourse Rd, Bairnsdale | | | | |
| Sun 24 Mar  2:00pm |  | | **OPEN MIC**  *Come in and support the band "Shifty" and enjoy an open mic at Wy Yung pub. Open mic will be in the bistro, BYO instruments.*  Wy Yung Pub  Bullumwaal Rd, Wy Yung | | | | |
| Thurs 28 Mar  4:00pm |  | | **BAIRNSDALE TWILIGHT EASTER FESTIVAL**  *Come along and check out all the stalls and great food and entertainment.*  Nicholson St Mall and Laneway 3875  Nicholson St, Bairnsdale | | | | |
| Thurs 28 & Fri 29 Mar |  | | **LIVE MUSIC – SEO LINN**  *We know them, we love them. Sure, they’re our favourite Irish folk indie band, but they’re more than that. They’re our Irish sons - our brothers. This will be Seo Linn’s last LTB tour. It will be amazing! A whole new show! And they’re bringing with them an entire new Irish support band!*  Waterwheel Tavern  577 Lake Tyers Beach Rd, Lake Tyers.  Bookings essential [https://www.trybooking.com/COMUF](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.trybooking.com%2FCOMUF%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR32ByCveGcBZ03MrZI92URRKfxpYvRHVrClMpOF5VNnLBTUsAKZc6p6rTA&h=AT3R5Yq3qBYsP7wi9lVchwM6HHsVELFyZM9hPawX-oW0B2tUGiRTtqeW59w2BRpcf1kcP8NWaliJ9vytANrwLCFK_LKAJ9Xa3OHPSxkokWLZfF0EkZxzeqxaSEQDrinWwLdz&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT3ZnSwML21Y6c9Cn-M0Q6xl3ll3WmTg80xIhMMGCfyMQGfhnUnqCxheJDGI0o0eMCu2xZMizIY-S6qQKsWSYgsn7bZDLIl3qUgiNf2Muj75DfExWoGNzdzvky6UA6JE7dPVfLvAICiW0VEv0sYsmhgoigQZ5ucjC_BwbDEsCCBUSG4HKSWJUP1Hrbu1qVDUiW-KldmL_Biu) | | | | |
| Fri 29 Mar – Mon 1 Apr |  | | **DINNER PLAIN EASTER FESTIVAL**  *Come along and enjoy a fun weekend in the mountains with activities perfect for all the family. There will be free entertainment at the DP Hut on Saturday and a giant Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Local businesses will also be offering a range of specials and live music.*  Dinner Plain Village  Great Alpine Rd, Dinner Plain | | | | |
| Sat 30 Mar  9:00am – 4:30pm |  | | **EAST GIPPSLAND MAKERS FESTIVAL**  *Proudly hosted by the Rotary Club of Mitchell River this festival will showcase the fabulous range of talented artists and artisans of East Gippsland.*  Bairnsdale Racecourse.  Racecourse Rd, Bairnsdale | | | | |
| Sat 30 Mar  10:00am |  | | **OMEO RODEO**  *A great day out for all the family. There will be all the usual ups and downs of the rodeo. There will also be activities for the kids as well as food vans and stalls.*  80 Bilton St, Omeo | | | | |
| Sat 30 Mar  5:30pm |  | | **BAIRNSDALE SPEEDWAY**  *Div 2 hot rods, wingless sprints, compact Speedcars, VSC Sprintcars, RSA limited sedans.*  Bairnsdale Speedway  120 Deptford Rd, Granite Rock | | | | |
| Sun 31 Mar  9:00am |  | | **TWIN RIVERS LIONS CLUB EASTER MARKET**  *Come along and check out the stalls.*  Nicholson Primary School Grounds  Princes Hwy, Nicholson | | | | |
| Sun 31 Mar  9:30am |  | | **NOWA NOWA CREATORS MARKET**  Nowa Nowa Recreation Reserve  Stott St, Nowa Nowa  Ph:0419 565 775 | | | | |
| Sun 31 Mar  10:00am |  | | **BUCHAN RODEO**  *A great day out for all the family. There will be all the usual ups and downs of the rodeo. There will also be activities for the kids as well as food vans and stalls.*  2063 Bruthen – Buchan Rd,  Buchan South | | | | |
| Sun 31 Mar  11:00am |  | | **TAMBO VALLEY PICNIC RACES**  *Come along and join in the family fun at the last Picnic Race for the season. There will be lots of fun activities for the kids along with food stalls.*  Tambo Valley Racing Club  7100 Great Alpine Rd, Swifts Creek | | | | |
| Sun 31 Mar  10:00am |  | | **DINNER PLAIN POLO**  *Come along and join in the best family fun day. There will be novelty events, music food and drinks available on site.*  Cobungra Station Front Paddock  1929 Great Alpine Rd, Cobungra | | | | |
| Fri 5 & Sat 6 Apr  9:00am |  | | **EAST GIPPSLAND FIELD DAYS**  *Come along and check out what’s on at the field days. There will be all the usual farm and agriculture displays along with the woodchopping, sheep dog trials, reptile and animal live shows, music, kids’ entertainment, dog education zone and lots of great food.*  Bairnsdale Aerodrome  Aerodrome Rd, Bairnsdale | | | | |
| Sat 13 Apr  2:00pm |  | | **NICK PARNELL SONGS OF COMFORT**  *Inspired by international cellist*Y-Yo Ma's Songs of Comfort and Hope*, Vibes Virtuoso****Nick Parnell****combines the smooth, intoxicating sounds of the vibraphone with double bass to bring you the music which brought solace to many throughout the pandemic.*  Forge Theatre & Arts Hub  80 McKean St, Bairnsdale  Ph: 5152 1482 | | | | |
| Fri 19 Apr  7.30pm |  | | **SINNOACH RUA GREAT IRISH SONGBOOK**  *Be transported to Ireland with an evening of fiddles, frame drums, pipes, and tales of Irish traditions. 'Sionnach Rua's Great Irish Songbook' is a show like no other.*  Forge Theatre & Arts Hub  80 McKean St, Bairnsdale  Ph: 5152 1482 | | | | |
| Fri 26 & Sat 27 Apr  10:00am |  | | **WILD HARVEST SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**  *The Wild Harvest Seafood Festival celebrates the fruits of the land and sea, and the Indigenous custodians that have been connected with this land for thousands of years. Mallacoota is firmly rooted (or should we say, seaweeded) in seafood, and the festival shines a light on the unique abundance and variety found in this corner of the world. There will be food, entertainment and activities for the whole family.*  For more information  <https://www.wildharvestseafoodfestival.com/events2024> | | | | |
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