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MATTER OF FACT

Providing information for Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower
and Walkerville district



A free community newsletter published by

**VENUS BAY
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Marinus Link Wants to Hear from You

Marinus Link's Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Effects Statement (EIS/EES) and draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) will be on public exhibition from **31 May – 12 July 2024**.

They will be hosting drop-in sessions through Gippsland to answer questions and provide information on the documents.

The first sessions will be held at:

- Mirboo North landholder drop-in: Tuesday 4 June (10.00am – 12.00pm)
- Mirboo North community drop-in: Tuesday 4 June (5.00pm – 7.00pm)
- Fish Creek community drop in: Wednesday 5 June (1.00pm – 3.00pm)
- Dumbalk landholder drop in: Thursday 6 June (10.00am – 12.00pm)
- Dumbalk community drop in: Thursday 6 June (5.00pm – 7.00pm)

Other sessions to follow are in Sandy Point, Churchill and Meeniyan.

If you are unable to attend the in-person drop-in sessions, two webinars will also be available.



Have Your Say on VicGrid's Draft Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Community Benefit Plan

VicGrid is developing a Community Benefit Plan and your feedback is needed to ensure it hits the mark for local people and communities.

Victoria is currently undergoing a transition to renewable energy, replacing fossil fuels, such as coal and gas, with renewable energy resources such as solar and wind, to generate affordable and sustainable energy for the future.

The Plan proposes the creation of new benefits for:

- Landholders.
- Regional Communities.
- Traditional Owners.
- Significantly Impacted Neighbours.

The Draft REZ Community Benefit Plan is currently open for community feedback until **Sunday 16 June**.

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/vtif-rez-community-benefits> OR follow the link below

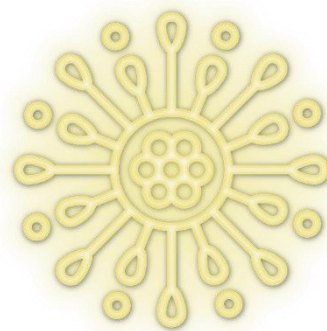


[Provide Your Feedback >>](#)

Community Energy Project update

Community Wealth Building

One of the exciting prospects emerging from the Community Energy Plan was how to embed Community Wealth building into any project or initiative – how can the investment be returned directly to our community in terms of capacity building, local employments, funds that flow directly to local suppliers – rather than sending dollars out of town. (more info to refresh your thinking here in the Economic Report : <https://www.vbcc.org.au/finalreports>)



We're doing it!

We have already started on the Community Wealth Building model – with the community ownership of an electric minibus and the project providing local employment in the form of project officer for 2 years.

We are also pleased to introduce our new partnership with **Mycelia Renewables**. The model of **Mycelia Energy Collective** will be used during an establishment phase while work commences on how the model might be adapted and applied/potentially managed directly by a governing body for and with the VB & TL communities. This will likely be a longer-term project that will help to determine what resources/capability/governance might be required to hold our own community benefit sharing fund (based on this model) or whether the existing arrangement meets our needs.

We are in the early stages of starting this journey together, and we look forward to bringing you more information about how you might choose to be involved.

So first up is a retail offer – have you considered buying your energy via a local co-operative? **New registrations for the Mycelia Energy Collective from our postcode - 3956– will contribute directly to a community benefit sharing fund for the Venus Bay & Tarwin Lower communities that contribute to the Community Energy Action Plan.** You can see if the pricing and offer suits you - Check it out here: [here](#) – it's easy to sign up – and it directly benefits our community! Plus they send out a really engaging and informative newsletter to keep you up to date on all things renewable energy.

An advisory group will provide oversight on collection and distribution of the funds. Quarterly reports will be provided by Mycelia to the advisory group.



The Collective:

- Includes households and businesses with solar and batteries, some with only solar, and others without either.
- Offers fair and competitive pricing to members.
- Matches production and consumption within the Collective to monitor use and set real targets.
- Provides a vehicle for a community-centred benefit sharing scheme.
- Makes locally produced renewable energy accessible to everyone!

Keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming **SPEED DATE AN ENERGY EXPERT session in AUGUST 2024.**

Based on the success of our event last year, and the recent event Mycelia hosted in Bass Coast, we are planning to host a session with local energy experts and will be providing personalised advice on the right solar or battery system for your home based on your energy needs. They'll also help identify bulk buys and rebates you may be eligible for. Watch this space - you won't want to miss this one!

RIVER DRIVE PARKING AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

Community members and businesses are increasingly concerned about the state of the road verge in River Drive, Tarwin Lower.

This area is not only used by bicycles and pedestrians, but it also forms the only parking on the river side, particularly servicing businesses in Tarwin Lower.

Large potholes and deteriorating surface of the graded edges are presenting problems for both pedestrians, bicycles and vehicle parking. While contact has been made with both VIC ROADS and Council – it seems it's in the too hard basket.



DID YOU KNOW...

A community consultation study and report was undertaken several years ago – 5 years ago to be precise - producing a report on many of the issues around the Tarwin River Precinct – with consultation from community groups, individuals and business owners about what matters to them.

A high-level strategic plan was developed outlining the priorities along with the key stakeholders and organisations who hold responsibility for the various areas in the River Precinct.

The research and consultation report aimed to provide a clear and concise summary that the community can utilise as a framework to focus advocacy, volunteering and community education. Local land managers and agencies can refer to this work to better understand the issues impacting on the community, visitors and local business.

The report identified a series of projects as realistic and important to the community to be implemented in relation to priority and of course, with relevant funding.

For full report and associated plans and documentation including Concept Plans and Existing conditions visit :

<https://www.vbcc.org.au/tarwin-river-precinct>

Project Name / Details	Indicative Cost	Project Partners	Priority
1. Connect informal pathway along the riverside Complete design work for connection of the informal gravel trail on riverside to connect all key areas along the precinct. It is a priority to repair the section behind the tennis court which is currently unsafe. Create planting/ barriers so that informal track to river are blocked to protect river bank.	Depending on scope of work. \$50-\$100,000	SGSC WGCMA Landcare	Very High
2. Creation of new fishing platform near the tennis courts Repair existing infrastructure, better connect to pathways, design a new platform that improves access to river for swimmer and water sports.	Maintenance-ongoing Design- \$3,000 Construct- \$50,000	WGCMA SGSC	High
3. Installation of bollards and formalise parking area Protect grass areas along river bank with bollards. Consider how artistic style could be incorporated. Undertake a traffic management/ parking study to determine how to formalize parking along roadway or in alternate areas of town.	Bollards- \$20,000 Traffic / Parking Study- to be determined by Council	SGSC VicRoads	High
4. There is a need for road crossing point- location to be determined Lobby for investigation to design appropriate crossing points potentially as part of the traffic management study as in dot point 3.	Study/ Design/ Construction Cost to be determined.	SGSC VicRoads	Medium

Great news for our Gippsland Coastal Areas – research funding secured to transform how coastal archaeological sites are researched, and to train a new generation of Aboriginal Sea Rangers to map, monitor and manage coastal landscapes threatened by erosion.

Professor Bruno David from the Monash Indigenous Studies Centre and the School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies has been successful in his application for an ARC Industry Laureate Fellowship. He is one of just eight new Fellows announced today by the ARC across all disciplines: <https://www.arc.gov.au/news-publications/media/media-releases/industry-laureate-fellowships-helping-address-industry-identified-challenges-and-opportunities>

The Fellowship, 'Katungal: Managing archaeological sites threatened by sea level rise', investigates Aboriginal coastal archaeological sites and landforms endangered by sea level rise. It expects to generate new knowledge on the distribution, characteristics and antiquity of archaeological sites in vulnerable landforms of the Gippsland coast. Expected outcomes are the development of a new, nationally and internationally applicable method to predict and monitor the susceptibility of coastal archaeological sites to erosion, and the training of a generation of Katungal 'Sea Country' Rangers in land-and-sea Country research, monitoring and management. This should provide significant benefits for the management of coastal archaeological sites and landscapes by Indigenous organisations and land management agencies.

This project is based on an extensive co-design process undertaken with the GunaiKurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GKLaWAC). The Rangers will be a permanent feature of GKLaWAC's Whole-of-Country approach to managing GunaiKurnai Country.

Bruno has worked for decades in the field of Indigenous archaeology and has pioneered approaches that integrate archaeological-geomorphological methods to reveal how landscape features were actively formed by people as they socially engaged with their surroundings. He is the author or editor of 17 books and over 300 articles and chapters, and, among many other notable activities, featured in the Walkley Award winning documentary film series, 'First Footprints' (ABC TV).

Want to know more about coastal erosion in our patch:

Cape Paterson to Cape Liptrap (Inverloch and Venus Bay)

[Cape to Cape Resilience Project](#)

Visit the [Cape to Cape Resilience Project webpage](#) to find out more about what's going on at Inverloch, Venus Bay, Anderson Inlet and other coastal areas between Cape Paterson to Cape Liptrap.



South Gippsland Shire Council local news



Container Deposit Scheme

You may have heard about changes to the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) at South Gippsland transfer stations, so I thought it would be timely to provide a brief update.

Transfer stations in South Gippsland are operated by a private contractor who was keen to support the Container Deposit Scheme if it was manageable for them to do so. Unfortunately, after trialling the reverse vending machines at the Transfer Station for a number of months, the contractor found that it was not viable for them to continue with the trial. This was due to a number of factors including ongoing difficulties with the collection of deposited containers.

Although disappointing, Council respects the contractor's decision; they gave it a shot but it wasn't something that was right for them at this particular time. There are other nearby locations where containers can be recycled including Meeniyah IGA and Foster Football Netball Club. You can view CDS collection point information at: <https://www.returnit.com.au/vic>

Electoral Boundary Changes

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) recently confirmed the implementation of proposed changes to South Gippsland's ward boundaries, a move triggered by the need to address uneven councillor-voter ratios exceeding 10% in some wards. This adjustment ensures that each ward maintains an equitable number of voters per Councillor, enhancing democratic representation.

A key driver for this change is the requirement that **non-resident ratepayers need to re-enrol to vote** in the upcoming local government elections. Unlike previous years, where automatic enrolment was extended to those who had previously voted in South Gippsland Shire Council elections, this year re-enrolment is required. While voting remains compulsory for all residents over 18, non-resident ratepayers can choose to enrol, and embracing this democratic right is encouraged.

Application forms have been mailed out to all non-resident ratepayers that need to be completed and lodged with Council by the end of July. Your engagement strengthens the democratic process and ensures your voice is heard in shaping the future of South Gippsland. To find out more on the boundary changes, please visit: <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/electoral-representation-advisory-panels-eraps>

ArtCubes

If you've not already done so, please take the opportunity and check out the ArtCubes which are currently in Tarwin Lower until 17 July. The small purpose-built colourful shipping containers are hosting a variety of local artists in-residence who are using a variety of mediums to showcase their artwork and creativity. I was fortunate to visit the ArtCubes with my Councillor colleagues during May and can highly recommend dropping by to take a look. We are fortunate to have so many talented artisans in South Gippsland and their work deserves to be viewed and celebrated. Our visit formed part of a South Gippsland Shire Council 'Community Day' which provided an opportunity for us to meet the resident artists and the Tarwin Lower Memorial Hall Committee.

Shortly after our visit, the Chief Executive Officer of Regional Arts Victoria, Jo Porter, also called into Tarwin Lower to view the ArtCubes first-hand. The visit provided exposure for the exhibiting artists and recognition for the innovative ArtCubes concept.

The ArtCubes can be found at 27 River Drive Tarwin Lower – next to the Memorial Hall Mechanics Institute. You can find out more about the ArtCubes at: <https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au/blog/artcubes/>

Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Grants awarded for 2024

The committee for the Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Grants are pleased to announce the projects that have been awarded funding for 2024.

The committee were impressed with the range of projects submitted – particularly the District Grants – acknowledging that it is always difficult to choose just one district project.

The projects that received funding in 2024 are:

Small Grants

Walkerville Ratepayers and Resident Association (WRRRA)	Read and Share - Promontory Views Street Library and community share space	\$2,000.00
Venus Bay & District Community Emergency Response Team Inc. (CERT)	Volunteer Responders Training - Apple Ipad and Training Venue Fees	\$1,799.00
Thirsty Work Studio Gallery Inc.	Gallery Improvements 2024 - two new interior display walls	\$2,000.00
Venus Bay Community Centre	Satellite Communications during emergency events	\$1,943.00
Tarwin Landcare Group Inc.	Tarwin Tea and Trees Project	\$1,997.10

District Grant

Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Hall	The Tarwin Lower Hall Restoration Project	15,000.00
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The Community Fund has been in operation since 2017 and allocates \$25,000 each year (for 20 years) to projects and initiatives that strengthen the local communities of Tarwin Lower, Walkerville and Venus Bay.

Over the past years, \$200,000 of funds have been awarded to projects that have included:

- Projects that preserve and protect our natural environment and fauna
- Emergency resilience
- Computer equipment and other resources for local clubs
- Sporting equipment & resources
- Community events
- AED's
- Playground at the Tarwin Lower Rec Reserve
- Playground at Tarwin Lower Primary School
- Refurbishment and equipment for Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Hall

2025 grants will be open in November 2024 and close in April 2025 and be allocated as follows:

In 2025, the Committee has made the decision to allocate funds in the following categories :

- One District Grant of up to \$15,000.00.
- One Small Grant of up to \$5,000.00.
- Two Small Grants of up to \$2,500.00 each.

More information can be found here: <https://baldhillswindfarm.com.au/community-fund/>

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HILLS
WIND
FARM



Hello all,

Of course our news headline is the delivery of the fabulous **ArtCubes** installation beside the Hall! These three customised shipping containers have hosted their first round of artists' residences. I would like to thank **Mandy Gunn** and **Leise Knowles** for their enthusiasm, Mary Sullivan Arts Officer from the South Gippy Shire Council and my trusty Hall Committee for their support. This week **Kate Stuart, Martine Booth** and the **Tarwin Lower Primary School** students led by the fearless Renee Pilkington will move in. Click [here](#) for more information. Drop in for a visit! Activity from these cubes will culminate in a fabulous **Art Show** opening on **Friday 12 July at 6:30pm** continuing Saturday 14 July and Sunday 15 July between 10am - 4pm. Chat to the creators and maybe buy a piece. Support local 😊



Renovation update – Breaking news! Members of the Hall Committee of Management were thrilled to attend the fabulous Riverview pub for presentations to local organisations as part of the Bald Hills Windfarm Community Grant program. Congratulations to all those who received grants for the amazing things they are doing for us all. Thank you also to all the wonderful locals who have contributed to the funds raised for the Hall restoration. Initially quoted at \$80,000, it has cost twice that and would not have been possible without the generosity of residents and organisations alike. Whether via hall hire fees, contributions from local legends like the automotive club Duck Races or just buying some scones or a sausage at the markets – all of this over 15 years went into the budget for the restoration project. She'll be right for at least another 100 years!. We are looking forward to finalising this chapter of major works to the exterior just in time for the Art Show 😊

Tarwin Lower Film Society will screen **Military Wives (2019)** on Friday 21st June at 7:30pm

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Duration 1hr 52h

DIRECTOR: Peter Cattaneo CAST: Kristin Scott Thomas, Sharon Horgan, Emma Lowndes

With their partners away serving in Afghanistan, a group of women on the home front form a choir and quickly find themselves at the center of a media sensation and global movement. Tickets available here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CIEXW> BYO drinks and food.



Market Dates 2024 for your diary

King's Birthday - Monday 10 June 8am – 1pm

Twilight Market – AFL Grand Final Friday 27 September 3 – 7pm

Melbourne Cup long weekend - Monday 4 November – 8am – 1pm

Marg de Wolff

Secretary, Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Committee

tarwinlowerhall@gmail.com





Tarwin Lower Mechanics
Institute Memorial Hall
&
South Gippsland Shire Council
present



ARTS CLUBS

EXHIBITIONS & RESIDENCIES 2024

@ Tarwin Lower Hall
29 River Drive

06 MAY - 13 July

LOCAL RESIDENT ARTISTS



Mandy
Gunn



Leise
Knowles



Kate
Stuart



Martine
Booth



Bec
Robertson



TL Primary
School



Tracie
Mitchell

FUN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Exhibitions, workshops, projections, village markets, music
& MUCH MORE!!!!



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Out of hours GP care is only a call away

Health Access provides after hours health care and advice when your local Gippsland GP isn't available.

Take care of your health and call us when it's not an emergency, but you can't wait to feel better.

Call us on 1800 272 767

Opening Hours:

- Weeknights: 6pm-10pm
- Saturday: Midday - 10pm
- Sunday & Public Holidays: 8am - 6pm



Lyrebird Count

Listening listening Listening.....its time for the **lyrebird count** again!

Information evening Fishy Hall Supper Room ,12th July with Dr Alex Massey talking on all things Lyrebirds and picking up kits .

Counting in Cape Liptrap Coastal Park - Walkerville and Waratah ends, Saturday 13th July and Sunday 14th July 7.00-7.30 am, followed by community breakfast.

Come to one or all three events . No experience necessary .

If you would like to be involved, contact Marg 0488592725

Angling club news



VENUS BAY ANGLING CLUB will hold the June Fishing Competition starting at 12 noon Friday 7th June and finishing at 3.00 pm sharp Monday 10th June. There will be a weigh in each day at the club between 4-6pm Friday, 4-6 pm Saturday, and 4-6pm Sunday and the final weigh in between 2.30-3.00 p.m. when the winners will be announced. 1st Prize for financial members is a \$50.00 voucher from a local business.

Our BBQ will be held on Saturday night, meat provided, and members and visitors are asked to bring along a hot dish/salad/dessert to share. For non members there is a

\$5.00 entry fee for the competition which covers you for the BBQ Saturday night as well. We will have our raffle on Saturday night (with some great prizes) as well as the members draw. Come along and join in the fun.

Future Competition Dates for 2024

ALL FISH MUST BE GUTTED FOR WEIGH IN

June-Kings Birthday

7th, 8th, 9th, 10th – 3 1/2 day Comp

July 19th, 20th & 21st -2 1/2 day comp

August 16th, 17th & 18th – 2 1/2 day comp

Sept 13th, 14th & 15th – 2 1/2 day comp

Oct 25th, 26th & 27th – 2 1/2 day comp

Nov-Cup weekend

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th – 4 day comp

Dec 6th, 7th & 8th – 2 1/2 day comp



COMMUNITY RECYCLING ENTERPRISE

Surviving the cost of living

In today's tough times, it can sometimes feel like we need to give up so much just to make ends meet. However, the rising cost of living does not have to mean you can't afford to look good or give yourself the treat of a new outfit. Time to get savvy people and save yourself a fortune.

You may have noticed our well dressed mannequins in the past. Amongst our volunteers we have people with a great sense of styling who are always happy to help out with an outfit for that special occasion or work interview.

Below are some samples of what you might expect to find in store currently.



Workwear

Brown Ladies Business Suit, brand new with tags, made in Italy \$20,

Shirt \$6,

Shoes \$4

Total outfit = **\$30**

Evening

Little Black Dress \$6,

Shoes \$5,

Bracelet \$3

Total outfit = **\$14**



Casual

Jumper \$6,

Skirt \$5,

Shoes \$5,

Jewellery \$5,

Total outfit = **\$21**

Kindergarten in South Gippsland REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Kindergarten is two years of early education for children before they start primary school. It gives children important opportunities to learn, make friends and develop skills through a play-based curriculum. It also helps prepare children for their transition to primary school.

Registrations for three- and four-year-old kindergarten open on 1 May each year for children that will start kindergarten the following year. To register, you will need an up-to-date copy of your [Immunisation History Statement](#).

South Gippsland Shire Council manages kindergarten registrations for children at community and not-for-profit kindergartens.



To be included in first-round offers, registrations must be received by 30 June 2024.

To find out more visit: <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder>

VENUS BAY BEACH ONE – RAMP UPDATE



Based on requests from concerned community members about the state of the ramp access at Beach One Venus Bay, a group of people met with Parks Victoria staff recently.

It was a very positive meeting where we viewed the state of the ramp and acknowledged that maintenance work does indeed need to be undertaken.

Gerard and Matt from Parks Victoria, have agreed on a scope of work that will include:

- Resurfacing the ramp with rock composite to make it more stable and have a better curve that allows for drainage.
- Repair and reinstate the existing fence line on both sides of the ramp – including a top railing. It was noted this will not be a handrail – but could be used as a stabiliser for people walking down the track.
- Some form of erosion control (netting or teatree barrier?) might be used to prevent sand drift.
- It was also acknowledged the prevailing winds, and high tides are different in each season and all contribute to erosion and sand movement in relation to the ramp.

Furthermore, Parks Victoria will liaise with the Managing Country Together team to ensure there is appropriate indigenous cultural heritage processes in this work.

It was proposed this work can take place in the next few months in order for the ramp maintenance to be completed in time for Summer – November 2024. It was agreed this scope of work can be achieved in that timeframe.



Tarwin Lower Union Church



Regular services:

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Catholic
Liturgy/Communion on the Saturday before the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month

Saturday 4 p.m.
Mass before the 3rd Sunday

Sunday 10.30 a.m. Anglican/Uniting

Our mission is to be a welcoming, sharing Christian community

Coming up:

- * **Women's discussion group:** Thursday 13th and 27th June at 10.30 a.m.

Join us as we read and discuss the book

'The art of happiness: a handbook for living' by the Dalai Lama

- * **KYB (Bible study):** Friday 14th and 28th June at 1.30 p.m.

Join us as we read and study 1st and 2nd Thessalonians

- * **Sunday 30th June: Café Church** - featuring the Evans Family

The Evans family is a multi-generation family of singers and musicians whose passion is to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with the gifts He has given them through singing to bless others and spreading the 'good news'.



Tarwin Lower & District Community Health Centre

Nurse Practitioner Deb Garvey

Every Wednesday from 8am. Please book at the Health Centre or call and leave a message on 03 5667 5680.

Health Centre **Gardening Bee** (First Saturday of each month) June 1st. 10am-11.30am. Please bring gloves and a small plate of something to share for brunch. Everyone welcome- no experience necessary.

Healthy Ageing Series- rescheduled to July. Dates to be confirmed.

Pilates on June 4th, 18th & 25th

Classes (\$15) at 9.30am & 10.30am.

To book, please call Jeanette on 0409 252 863.

Red Cross meets on Tuesday 4th June 1.30pm. Contact Glenda Arbuthnot (President) 03 5663 5244

Community Food Cupboard needs food please. Tinned fruit, veggies, soups, tuna, pasta, sauces, rice, noodles, flour, sugar, tea, coffee, kids school snacks and anything that can make a meal. All donations are very appreciated and can be dropped off at the Health Centre - 19 Walkerville Rd, Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm.

You can access the Health Centre website at any time for more information.

<https://www.tarwinhealth.com.au/>





SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES RETURN

03 JULY: 10:00-12.00

CREATING BUG HOUSES AND NATURE
PAINTING

04 JULY: 10:00-12.00

CREATIVE JOURNAL MAKING

**WITH JORJA
\$10.00 PER CHILD**



Art Cubes

The Art Cubes will be hosted by the Venus Bay Community Centre in late January 2025. We would love to be able to support emerging artists and creators of any genre, but in particular, those who may align with our own values of reducing waste, upcycling and community connection.

There will be an expression of interest process later in the year but we are **ready for conversations now.**

The Cubes will be on offer to ALL types of artists, new, emerging and established.

**In the meanwhile get down
to Tarwin Lower Hall and
support the artists there.**



South Gippsland
Shire Council

Next Outing

Sunny the e-bus is heading to Loch for the Food and Wine festival. You can book a seat on the bus via Humanitix for \$10. If you wish to attend the Festival you will need to purchase your ticket separately. You may also choose to just wander Loch for the day instead.

Bus tickets can be found at: <https://events.humanitix.com/e-bus-trip-loch-food-and-wine-festival>

LOCH VILLAGE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

SUNDAY JUNE 9th | 10am - 3pm
LOCH RAILWAY RESERVE

\$20 ENTRY, UNDER 18 FREE

Meet the people behind our wineries, breweries, great produce and eateries, celebrating some of what South Gippsland has to offer. Enjoy beer and wine tastings, local restaurant pop-ups, international food trucks, live music and the festival vibe before exploring our historic village.

BOOK TICKETS VIA THE QR CODE:



COMMUNITY
ENERGY
E-BUS

Venus Bay



Powered by community... for community.

THE CUPBOARD IS ALMOST BARE

Please help us collect non-perishable items for the food cupboard. The cupboard has been a little bare lately.

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Venus Bay Community Centre
27 Canterbury Road
Front Verandah pantry cupboard

Big shout out of thanks to everyone who has donated in the past.

The Tarwin Health Centre also runs a food pantry for those in need. Donate at: 19 Walkerville Rd, Monday to Friday
10am to 2pm



VENUS BAY CHEESEMAKING WORKSHOPS



Join us in our Cheesemaking workshop and make the following cheeses:

HALLOUMI - a wonderful cheese for frying

CHEDDAR - a hard cheese that is ready to eat quickly on sandwiches

FETA - wonderful in salads

COTTAGE - great as a toast topper or in an omelette

RICOTTA - used for a toast topper or for cooking

PANEER (lemon cheese) - used in Indian curries as a substitute for meat

Barry the Beeman will teach you how to make these wonderful cheeses within the workshop. All recipes and notes are supplied.

WORKSHOP DATES

2024

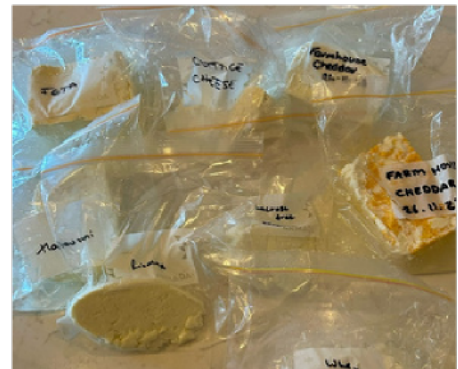
March 31,
June 9,
October 13.

WHAT DO YOU GET?

You will take home over 1kg of the cheese that are made during the workshop.

LOCATION

Venus Bay Community Centre
27 Canterbury Road
Venus Bay



WORKSHOP COST

\$150 per person

SESSION TIMES

Workshop sessions are from 10am to 3pm. A light lunch is included.



HOW DO I BOOK?

Send Barry an email to cheesewithbarry@gmail.com, stating your desired workshop location and date, and he will send you a confirmation letter with full course details as well as an invoice.

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Winter

makers

market



Meeniyan Town Hall
Sat 8th June 10-2pm

Devonshire Teas by the CWA

follow @clay.made_south_gippsland for more

Artists

Registration

open

1st June 2024

Close

31st July 2024



**ART CONNECT
SOUTH
GIPPSLAND
OPEN
STUDIOS
2024**



Weekends
12 October 2024
To Tuesday 5th
November 2024

10:00am to 4:00pm



Enquires: artconnectsouthgippsland@gmail.com

Art Connect South Gippsland
Art Connect 1 South Gippsland Inc

ABN: 35761868864
A0122317S

Finding Support & Introduction to THE NDIS **Expressions of Interest Required (EOI)**

(Group Session HW01)

Are you asking the following questions or do you find yourself in the following situations?

- Have you or a family member been diagnosed with a new condition that is significantly affecting your life?
- Don't know where to go or who to ask for help
- Unaware of what services are available
- Don't know what is required to improve your quality of life

You may be wondering if the NDIS is the right avenue to follow.

If you have been told by a health and/or medical professional that you or the person affected would benefit from accessing the NDIS but face the following roadblocks; -

You don't know; -

- How to apply for NDIS
- What is covered and what the NDIS is for
- What documents are required and who to get them from
- What needs to be said or how to fill out the forms
- Why the NDIS is relevant to you and what your rights are

You may have experienced; -

- You may have rung the NDIS or spoken to someone about the NDIS and they tell you that you're not sick enough
- You may get a different answer every time you either ring the NDIS or speak to someone about it.
- Have applied for the NDIS but keep getting knocked back.

SESSION DETAILS;

Venus Bay Community Centre

Date: 24th June 6pm

Time: 1.5 hour session Followed by 30 min Q&A

Cost; \$50 per person: Participants, general public, carers and professionals

- o Subsidies \$25 per person: Non NDIS and on a pension;

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NDIS Plan Information 2 – Participants

Expressions of Interest Required (EOI)

(Group Session HW02)

Have you got your first NDIS Plan and don't know; -

- Where to start
- What it can be spent on
- Which services or providers you can and can't use
- How many hours of funding you can have per week/month/year
- Which are the right providers
- How to protect yourself and get quality for your money

OR

- Had your plan for a while and don't know how to use the funds
- It's not meeting your needs

Don't know how to use your NDIS Plan to; -

- Increase your quality of life
- Increase your functional capacity

This workshops outlines; -

- The legal rights of people with disability and mental illness
- Information required in reports and the easiest and most straightforward way to write these reports
- The common reasons supports are denied
- Common mistakes made by providers and participants
- Issues that arise and how to address them
- Issues experienced with NDIS Participants and how to address them
- Accurate information and statements to assist and advocate for your rights.

We will cover;

- The Structure and outline of an NDIS Plan
- The area of funding within each plan
- Who NDIS Plans should and should not be shared with
- Which parts of a plan go to who
- How to prepare for a Plan Review meeting and Documents
- Instances when a Plan review can be brought forward.
- Reportable Instances
- Common misconceptions.

SESSION DETAILS;

Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre

Date: 25th June 1.pm

Time: 3 hour session Followed by 30 min Q&A

Cost; \$60 per person: Participants, general public, carers and professionals

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Every bit counts and every bit is appreciated. We could not function without our fabulous team of volunteers.

So why not come and join in!

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