

# WAIREWA CRC GRAPEVINE

## CANCELLATION OF CRC PUBLIC EVENTS UNTIL FEB 2022

At the 10 November meeting, Wairewa CRC members made the decision to cancel all public CRC recovery events. As disappointing as this may be for some, it was not a decision taken lightly and was unanimously agreed after lengthy debate. This will remain the situation until the meeting of 02 February, 2022.

The reasons for cancelling CRC public events are that COVID19 Safe marshalling of such events is "too bloody hard" for a small number of people, especially if case numbers continue to grow in Far East Gippsland and mandatory COVID vaccination means some community members are unable to attend.

The hall grounds are also very boggy with the long-term weather forecast for a very wet summer, renovations to the hall kitchen will be too disruptive and, with lockdowns lifting, CRC members want to see their families in the next month and will not be available in full strength to organize such events.

Please stay in touch with bushfire recovery and support agencies if you need personal assistance.

**Stay safe over the Christmas and New Year Period and be kind to each other.**

Contribution deadline 5 days before end of the month:  
[wairewacrc@gmail.com](mailto:wairewacrc@gmail.com)



## LUCAS MILL LAUNCH IN WAIREWA

The East Gippsland Timber Milling Project (EGTMP) was launched and commenced operations (in cold rain!) at Wairewa on November 8 at the Zagami property - two months ahead of schedule. This unique project, the brainchild of Sarsfield farmer Ingrid Biram and friend Bill Higgins, provides a funded Lucas Mill and crew who will cut downed timber to your specs on your property (you must fill in the form provided by Debbie Brient in advance). So get your forms in or register if you haven't already.

Some of the guests on the day included Steve Boyce, Chairman of EGTMP; Bernie Farquhar Past President Rotary Club Mitchell River, Bairnsdale and Secretary of EGTMP; Tony Benbow OAM, Chairperson Australian Lions Foundation; Darren Chester Federal Member for Gippsland; Cr Arthur Allen Dep Mayor EGSC. An apology was received from Tim Bull, Member for Gippsland East.

The major donors and organizers of the project are:

East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid Group  
Lions Clubs of District 201V3  
Australian Lions Foundation  
Minderoo Foundation  
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning  
Bushfire Recovery Victoria  
Dwyers Toyota  
Riviera Trailers  
Lucas Mill Pty Ltd  
Bendigo Bank  
B & J Crane



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Land, Water  
and Planning



Clockwise from left below: Lucas Mill crew with Matt & Katie Zagami (with an offsider lying down on the job!); explaining the mill; formalities included handing out Lucas Mill caps to guests.



**Peter Sindrey of East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid (EGRFA) committee can also access grant funds for native tree seedlings for distribution in fire affected areas. If Wairewa residents are interested in obtaining some native tree seedlings please contact Julie Saunders 0435 079 020.**

## Freemasons Lakes Entrance Donated Diesel Generator Now Fully Operational

As one of the first major donations to the Wairewa community immediately after the fires, Freemasons Lakes Entrance were quick to respond and donated \$14,000 for a diesel generator, fire pump and concrete slab to the Wairewa Public Hall CoM to improve community resilience into the future. With this generous donation, the hall now has an uninterruptable power supply, the capacity to pump to a sprinkler system and a concrete base sited on the north side of the hall to secure the generator and pump to.

Recently, Darren Chester, Federal Member for Gippsland visited the hall. John Appleby, President of the CoM, took the chance to explain that the pictured 10kva Blue Diamond generator has now been hard-wired to the hall switchboard and forms a continuous circuit with the solar system. Hall funds were used to pay for the electrical works required to wire this circuit. If the mains power is cut off, then the diesel generator will automatically kick in to recharge the solar system batteries and then shut down once they are fully charged and the hall will run off the stored battery power. If we need to re-charge phones or other communication devices in the event of a prolonged blackout, we can do so at the hall. The generator is also programmed to test run every Monday at 12pm.

The Wairewa community thanks Freemasons Lakes Entrance for their incredible support.



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## Tank Deals for Wairewa Residents

Fire affected Wairewa residents have the opportunity to purchase a discounted water tank from Waterline Tanks. Please see the attached flyer and compare for yourselves their discounted price to their competitors.