

WAIREWA CRC GRAPEVINE

What's On

Wednesday 16 Feb
10.00am - 2pm

NRRA & Rotary
Community BBQ

Nowa Nowa Public Hall

Wednesday 16 Feb
12:30pm CRC Meeting

Wairewa Hall

Friday 18 Feb 5:30pm
Community Get together
Drinks and Nibbles

Wairewa Hall

Wednesday 23 Feb
AgVic Farm Walk TBC

Wednesday 02 March
12:30pm CRC Meeting

Wairewa Hall

Sunday 13 March 2pm
"Mosaics Rock" opening
By Sylvia Melville and Joy Rossi.

Lemon Hill Gallery

Monday 14 March
Orbost Agricultural Show
Costa is Coming to Visit!
Orbost Showgrounds.
Farm First Aid Course
TBC after Easter 2022

FLOOD MITIGATION ROAD WORKS AT WAIREWA ROAD - BILL CREEK CROSSING

Photos of flooding at Bill Creek Crossing on Wairewa Road in mid November and again in early December were sent to Fiona Weigall, General Manager Assets and Environment, EGSC by Wairewa CRC. Fiona sent an email to Wairewa CRC on 10 December in response:

"Thanks for your email. This crazy weather continues to challenge many of our services – including roads. I can confirm that design work for improving Wairewa Road is underway and could actually be complete...We also have provisionally allocated \$525,000 for these works in 2022, with this allocation requiring Council confirmation".

Wairewa CRC will continue to seek confirmation that this funding is secured. **Our chances will be improved if each community member of Wairewa contacts their local councillor and requests that these works proceed.** The flooding at Bill's Creek has long been a frustration for local businesses and prevents our local CFA from accessing the Highway. It also prevents other emergency services such as SES and Ambulance Victoria from accessing the valley above Bill Creek from the highway. This could mean life or death for a community member.

Contact: Deputy Mayor Cr Arthur Allen at: cr.allen@egipps.vic.gov.au or tel:0429 630 474. Next Council meetings are: Tuesday 22 February, 6.00 pm and Tuesday 15 March, 6.00 pm.

Update on Funding and Projects - Wairewa Hall & O'Grady's Bridge Reserve.

Connect Well - Elbow Community Building funding



announced in February 2022 for a grant of \$19,500 for kitchen upgrades at the hall. This will enable new flooring, a commercial dishwasher and stainless steel benchtops to be added to the new cabinetry funded by the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal grant received last year.



East Gippsland Community Foundation Funding

announced in January 2022 is a grant of \$9,670 to Wairewa Hall CoM for construction of a storage shed at the Hall. This will provide outdoor storage space for fuel to power the diesel generator, maintenance equipment, the BBQ and gas cylinders.



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Hall upgrades are continuing with the court lights being upgraded on February 14 and resurfacing to occur April 2022. The BBQ shelter will be erected within the next 6 weeks and the fire sprinkler system completed shortly after. Kitchen renovations will commence after final measurements in March.

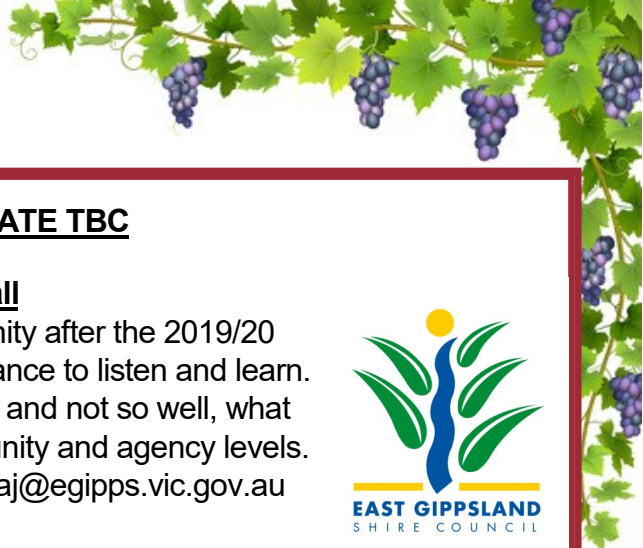
O'Grady's Bridge Reserve Funding Application with BSBR.

Wairewa CRC lodged a grant application under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery funding with the Federal Government 8 Oct 2021 for preservation and tourism facilities at O'Grady's Bridge reserve. The outcome was scheduled for release by January or early February 2022, but this seems to be delayed until April. No formal reason for the delay has been received.

Contribution deadline 5 days before end of the month:

wairewacrc@gmail.com





Wairewa Community Debrief & BBQ Lunch— DATE TBC

Saturday March 26 2022 - 12pm to 3pm at the Wairewa Hall

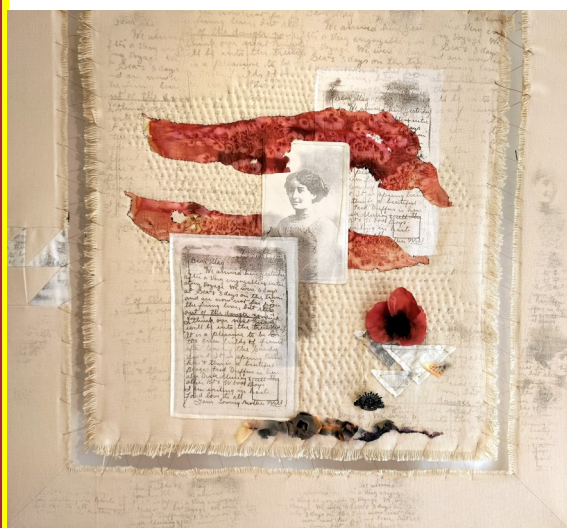
This is a facilitated opportunity to come together as a community after the 2019/20 Summer bushfires. Agency and Council staff will be in attendance to listen and learn. We would like to have a conversation about what worked well and not so well, what more we can do to be better prepared from individual, community and agency levels. For more information please contact Paula Jorgensen at paulaj@egipps.vic.gov.au or 0400 871 856.



The Zagami family continue the epic rebuild of their farm infrastructure with a new farm shed completed in February 2022.



Gwenneth Poore's Exhibition "Personal Impressions" held at Lemon Hill Gallery November 2021, was an exquisite display of how the ephemeral quality of textile can intersect with harder material to convey a strong message of loss, change and hope. The piece *Adrift* (pictured left) sat alone within the exhibition space as a statement of just how delicate our connection to the solid can be. *Quickening* (right) is an aching portrait of in-utero vulnerability.



Left: *The Last Postcard*. Gwenneth stitched together a personal history from WW1 imprinted with blood red spilling through the narrative. Lest we forget.

Right: *Feral Fairie*

