

# WAIREWA CRC GRAPEVINE

## What's On:

**Landcare Working Bee**

**O'Grady's Bridge Reserve**

Sat 8 Oct—9:30am

**CRC Meeting**

Wednesday 12 Oct - 1pm

Wairewa Hall

**Community Get Together:**

Friday 21 October 5:30pm onwards

Wairewa Hall

**CRC Meeting**

Wednesday 26 Oct—1pm

Wairewa Hall

**Landcare Meeting**

Thursday 3 Nov 5:30pm

Wairewa Hall

**SAVE THE DATES!**

3 December

**Orbost Fire Expo**

10 December

**Community Christmas Dinner at Wairewa Hall**

**Community Get Together: BBQ in the new Shelter!!**

**21 October 2022 5:30pm at Wairewa Hall**

**Tea, coffee, juice provided. BYO other drinks**



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## Changes to Bushfire Recovery Management

Bushfire Recovery Victoria and East Gippsland Shire Council are finalizing the transfer of bushfire recovery activities and support arrangements provided by the State Govt and in place since shortly after the Black Summer bushfires, completely to EGSC. Responsibility for management and acquittal of funding will sit with Council until June 2023.

Bushfire Recovery Victoria has been working closely and strongly with local communities in East Gippsland to assist as we recover from the severe impacts of bushfire on our homes, businesses and our built and natural environments. BRV brought a lot of knowledge to the table, gained at great personal cost by those communities impacted by the Black Saturday bushfire disasters, to share with us. The COVID19 pandemic posed additional massive challenges, affecting everything from meeting funding deadlines on projects, cancelled community recovery gatherings, isolation, illness and further trauma for many people.

Wairewa CRC warmly thanks BRV staff for their hard work over their almost 3 years in far East Gippsland. We hope that the experiences and knowledge our communities have shared with BRV will help further inform how effective community assistance is delivered into the future.

Wairewa CRC will continue to work directly with EGSC (including via our Place Manager, Rachel Eastman) and with other support agencies in our ongoing bushfire recovery work. Wairewa CRC meetings are open to everyone.

**Saturday 8th October—Working Bee at O'Grady's Trestle Bridge Reserve**

**Start: 9:30 followed by lunch at 12pm**

**Bring gardening gloves, shovel, rakes, hat, sun-screen, gumboots!**

**Jobs: planting, weed control, spreading mulch, brushcutting, clearing and fun!**



Contribution deadline 5 days before end of the month:

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## Recovery Funding and Projects: Wairewa Hall & O'Grady's Bridge

### Wairewa Hall Upgrades: A lot has happened over Winter!

- New kitchen cabinets, stone benchtops and splash backs have been installed by Bairnsdale Cabinets and the kitchen looks a treat!
- The industrial dishwasher has also been delivered and installed.
- There are new stainless steel catering pots, pans and oven trays replacing the old aluminum.
- The BBQ shelter concrete and pathway on the south side of the hall are finally poured despite all the rain and a bogged pump truck! The BBQ area is enormous and provides a covered outdoor public space in Wairewa.
- The hall has been completely repainted inside including the kitchen and small meeting room.
- The small meeting room cabinets are complete and the purpose built mobile cabinet for the model of O'Grady's Bridge fits perfectly in the new storage cabinet to be locked away.
- A sound bar, projector and conference microphone are available for meetings or movies.
- The small meeting room is now a 'remote office hub' for the use of community members. There is a computer, printer, laminator and free WiFi connection. Book via Hall CoM.
- New vinyl flooring will be installed in the kitchen 10 October to complete kitchen upgrade
- A new front door will be installed in the coming weeks to facilitate disabled access.
- Ember proofing works by EGSC on the exterior of the hall should commence in November.

**Thanks to our wonderful donors and supporters who made these Hall upgrades possible: ConnectWell and FRRR, Lions Club Lakes Entrance and Bendigo Adelaide Bank CEF, GIVIT and RACV, BRV and East Gippsland Community Foundation, PHN and Freemasons.**



### O'GRADY'S BRIDGE

As everyone is no doubt aware there has been quite a lot of activity at O'Grady's Trestle Bridge with extensive works being done by DEWLP over the past months. Wairewa & District Landcare will be holding a working bee 8 October and will continue to maintain the site with regular working bees in the future.

