



# NOWA NOWA FUTURES

## NEWS

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## What's happening in the transition project?

Over the past two months, we have begun to meet regularly to discuss in detail the opportunities within Primary Industry, the Visitor Economy and Nature Tourism around the Nowa Nowa area. More importantly, we've started to discuss what we want to see happen and **how** we will make them happen.

Accessibility, digital technology within nature tourism, Lake Tyers, wastewater, pub feasibility and the use of the mill site are all part of the discussions being had in the Visitor Economy and Nature Tourism innovation Working Groups in Nowa Nowa over the past couple of weeks. If you'd like to take part in these discussions, we would love to see you! Details below.

Each of the working groups are made up of community members, business owners, Government representatives and researchers. Community members who are interested in future groups are encouraged to take part.

The Nature Tourism Working Group is currently looking at digital technology within nature-based (including history, culture and creative) experiences, accessibility for the area, including around Lake Tyers and the wider Nowa Nowa area.

At the Visitor Economy workshop, the group has identified some key priorities, such as looking at how the mill site could be used, potential innovative wastewater treatments and the feasibility of the pub or other hospitality business in the town.

The initial Primary Industry workshop identified many challenges and opportunities, including biosecurity, plant waste, water, transport and location. These will all continue to be explored further.

Community members from across the Nowa Nowa area are encouraged to attend these working groups to have a say, to ensure their voice and opinion is heard.

*Dates and times for upcoming working groups are as follows:*

Primary Industry Working Group: Thursday 13th June 2-4pm

Nature Tourism Working Group: Monday 24th June 6-8pm

Visitor Economy Working Group: Monday 1st July 6-8pm

All groups are held at the Nowa Nowa Primary School. RSVP is essential.

**Please contact Hayley on 0487 053 709**

### NEWS!

After 18 months, Liz has decided to resign from her role as Project Admin in Nowa Nowa.

Unfortunately (for us), both her life in Orbost and her grandparenting duties have taken priority.

## Gippsland Lakes Complete Health Supporting Nowa Nowa

Last week, a group of community members met with the GLCH Executive Manager for Clinical and Nursing Services, Cheryl Bush, to talk about sustainable ways to provide more healthcare support to residents at the Nowa Nowa Health Centre.

One of the options discussed, was to provide support to access telehealth (video) via the Health Centre at Nowa Nowa, which could enable people to:

- have their review appointments with specialists without leaving town (dependant on specialist) with or without a nurse present.
- access the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department
- access to other online health services including mental health and allied health.

As we all know, the internet is not great in and around Nowa Nowa, so GLCH are looking into establishing a Starlink connection.

Before deciding whether to progressing with this idea, GLCH has offered to show the community what this all might look like, and provide an opportunity for everyone to ask questions and make suggestions. Dates for this are TBC.



## Have you got a 3G phone? You may not be able to use it soon

Mobile network 3G shutdown date has been extended.

The Telstra 3G shutdown date has been extended to 31 August 2024, giving you an extra two months to conduct a health check on your devices to ensure that they are 4G or 5G compatible. Reach out to your service provider or manufacturer to ensure that you stay connected moving forward.

OR you can check if your phone will or won't work by simply SMS'ing '3' to the number 3498.

The following devices may use the 3G network:

1. Phones
2. Tablets/iPads
3. Modems
4. Medical devices
5. Devices and equipment that extend mobile reception, such as antennas
6. EFTPOS machines
7. IoT equipment such as farming probes and sensors, monitoring cameras for watering, etc.

**Visit <https://regionaltechhub.org.au/> for a more detailed explanation of the 3G shutdown.**



## Stargazing in Nowa Nowa

Destination Gippsland recently launched the Dark Skies project - Stargazing Gippsland - at the Gippsland Tourism Forum and Nowa Nowa is one of the towns to feature!

All presentations are now available for viewing on the Destination Gippsland Industry website:

<https://bit.ly/PresentationsForum2024>

If you have any questions about the presentations or would like to know more about the Dark Skies project, please contact Janine Hayes [jhayes@destinationgippsland.com.au](mailto:jhayes@destinationgippsland.com.au)



## And don't miss these Nowa Nowa events!

### Art therapy Sessions:

Free sessions every fourth Wednesday from 1 - 3 pm. Come and explore and connect to yourself in a supportive group environment. Nowa Nowa School.

### Lemon Hill Gallery:

The 'Down the Road and Over the Hill' exhibition opening June 9th. Works by Joachim Kruse.

## Things happening in Gippsland

### Farm Business Resilience Workshop East Gippy

The Farm Business Resilience Workshop is supporting farmers to develop the knowledge and skills they need to improve their farm business and be better equipped to manage the impacts of drought and a changing climate.

Agriculture Victoria, in partnership with the ION Group, is inviting you to join other farmers in free workshops and short courses with specialists on the topics including business, finance, people and natural resource management.

More info at [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/FBRP](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/FBRP)

**June 17 - 19.**

**Booking Form via QR code**



### Managing Pastures Through Dry Times: Multispecies vs Ryegrass

A chance to get out to a field day in Goon Nure to discuss the Mixed Species Project, a joint project between the University of Melbourne and Dairy Australia. This farm is one of eleven dairy farm trial sites across Victoria looking at how multispecies pastures might work to make grazing-based dairy more climate resilient in the southern Australian dairy industry.

The focus will be on pasture resilience, particularly during periods of climate stress, and what this means for home-grown feed supply and pasture management. The group will look at the annual and seasonal pasture production and quality, multispecies compositional changes, and soil health under the two pasture types.

Finish with a farm walk where you will hear from farm owner, Rohan Bingley, on the management of these different pasture types.

**Wednesday 26th June 10.30am - 1.30pm.** To register contact Robyn McLean, [robyn.mclean@gippsdairy.com.au](mailto:robyn.mclean@gippsdairy.com.au)

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## Gippsland Agriculture Group (GAgG) Events

- 2023 Gippsland Agricultural Research Results book - now available to [download online](#). Local research, plus more publications.
- Farm dam citizen science project - [be involved!](#) <https://www.bluecarbonlab.org/our-research/teal-carbon/farm-dams/social-sciences/>



Due to popular demand, the Business of Farming series is continuing - save the dates:

- SATURDAY 15th June 10am to 1pm - Tax and succession
- TUESDAY 2nd July 6:30pm to 8:30pm - Getting bank ready
- FRIDAY 31st Oct 10am to 1pm - Cost of production

All events are being held at the Gippsland Ag Centre at the Bairnsdale Airport, are free of charge and include a meal, look out for the fliers as you need to register. To register, go to [gippslandag.com.au](http://gippslandag.com.au) or contact Natalie by emailing [administration@gippslandag.com.au](mailto:administration@gippslandag.com.au)

### Other helpful things....

**Business Victoria's free web based planning tool.** Web based and free, to help you plan, track and learn. Invest in your business and focus on the tasks that matter to keep your business on track.

<https://plan.business.vic.gov.au/>

**TYPSY - Free online training for tourism, hospitality and events.** Available to all operators, subsidized by state and federal governments. [More info here.](#)

**The Cyber Wardens program** is a short course funded by the Australian government to protect small businesses from daily online threats.

This free 45-minute online training course is available for you or your employees to build your cybersecurity skills. [Click here to enrol now.](#)

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## Have a voice with the NN Development Group

Do you have an idea or issue about Nowa Nowa? Do you want to join the development group, please email [info@nowanowa.org.au](mailto:info@nowanowa.org.au) or speak with one of the members of the committee.

The following meetings in 2024 are open to all Nowa Nowans. We hope to see you there - Second Tuesdays of each month at 6pm in the Community Room behind the Health Centre.

**July 9, September 10 and November 12**

The alternate meetings are for the elected committee.

## Mobile Phones for Dummies Sessions

**Do you feel like your smartphone is smarter than you?**

In an age when it seems everyone has an electronic device of some sort attached to them like an extra limb, it can be uncomfortable to feel as if you are being left behind in the digital world.

Nowa Nowa Futures project with Learn Local Gippsland has the solution for you! Over three weeks in August, a series of 'digital literacy sessions' will enable even the least tech savvy of us to start to unlock some of the extraordinary functions that a phone, tablet or laptop can now offer that better connect us with the world around us. Keeping in touch with friends, checking the weather, keeping aware of emergencies, shopping and healthcare are just some of the things our devices can help us do.



Workshops will run on Wednesday March 6, 13 and 20th. Subsidized by Nowa Nowa Futures, the cost per person is just \$10

**We need to know numbers! If you think you might be interested, or would like more information, please contact Hayley on [hayley@nowanowa.org.au](mailto:hayley@nowanowa.org.au)**





## NOWA NOWA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

# NEWS



### Bernie's Corner

**Hi all, and welcome to winter in Nowa Nowa. I hope you all have found ways to keep dry and warm.**

Firstly, thanks to all those that turned out for the burger night. It was a nice to see people get out and about and the food was great. Thanks very much to Paula and all her helpers for the work they did to make it all happen. Stay tuned for more information on the next get together. I am not sure when it might be but free food and wonderful company will both definitely be involved.

There is a lot going on now and I won't cover it all here but a couple things are well worth noting. As you know the council recently removed the **floating pontoon/jetty** at the top end of the Nowa Nowa Arm of Lake Tyers due to safety concerns. We are currently in discussions with the council about the **replacement jetty** and what that jetty and surrounds might look like. We hope to progress this matter quickly and aim to have a replacement in place in a reasonable timeframe. We will keep you posted.

Members of the Development Group are also meeting with the Great Outdoors taskforce this coming Monday. This taskforce was set up by the State Government to look at the use of our forests and National Parks and Monday's meeting will hopefully outline for us what sorts of things they are planning to do or explore. Again, we will keep you posted once we know more.

Hayley is continuing to run the Innovation Workgroups and we still need the Communities assistance in taking these forward and getting your ideas put forward. This is your opportunity to have your say and influence the direction of Nowa Nowa. Don't miss this opportunity. If you have ideas, thoughts or opinions on our future Hayley needs you to come forward now. Time is running out so don't miss your chance.

Enjoy June and I hope to see and hear from lot's of over the course of the month.

Bernie  
President

# East Gippsland Estuary Management Protocol Lake Tyers Community Drop in Session



**East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority**

invites you to a community  
drop-in session

to chat about estuary  
openings and closures

**When: Monday 24th June**

**5:00 – 6:30 pm**

**Where: Toorloo Arm Primary School**

**315 Lake Tyers Beach Rd,**

**Lake Tyers Beach**

For further information about the event contact

Bridget Potts on 0400 166 751 or [bpotts@egcma.com.au](mailto:bpotts@egcma.com.au)

For further information about the Estuary Management and the East Gippsland  
Catchment Management Authority at <https://egcma.com.au/what-we-do/>



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