

# TUBBUT TATTLE

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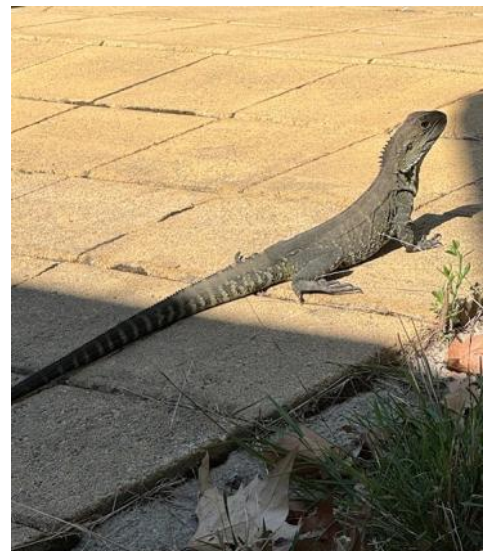
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# CLASSIFIEDS

Available for parties and anything—Tubbut pizza oven (Bonang Hall also has one available for public hire)



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Regional Roads Vic  
133778



## Wallabia Wildlife Shelter

Rehabilitation and rescue of injured and orphaned native wildlife

Call Joe or Rena  
03 51540196  
24 hours

**Tattler Contributions:** We welcome your articles, news, reports on local groups, photos from local events, milestones, interesting stories, poems, biographies, births, deaths, historical items, and more. *We also welcome any letters to the editors.*

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## FOR HIRE

The Tubbut Neighbourhood House has the following for Hire:

Trailer—\$5.00 per day

Wood Splitter—\$10.00 per day

*You can also borrow many of our gadgets:*

Laminator, recording VHS to DVD player, Laptop, tablet, digital photo scanner, convert photos, slides or negatives to digital, record records to USB

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**For bookings call 1800 999 880**

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No appointment necessary.

Every week except public holidays.

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# Tubbut Neighbourhood House

The Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Space is a health clinic serving the communities of Goongerah, Tubbut and Bendoc.

Led by a community Nurse Care Coordinator, the clinic visits:

**Goongerah on Tuesdays**  
7023 Bonang Rd, Goongerah

**Tubbut on Wednesdays**  
2584 McKillops Rd, Tubbut

**Bendoc on Thursdays**  
Dowling Street, Bendoc

**For more information or to make an appointment call**  
**0456 167 011**

If you would like to book a time out of business hours, or if the Wellbeing Space day in your area does not suit you, the Community Nurse Care Coordinator may be able to arrange an appointment that is easier for you to attend.

**Services include:**

**Health education**

**Health checks and health care plans**

**Telehealth appointments and support**

**Pathology**

**Wound care, dressings, suture removal**

**Urine analysis**

**Help filling medical forms, My Aged Care and Home Care Packages**

**Hosting service providers such as GPs, Women's Health Nurse**

**Mental health support via referral**

**Help navigating health services**

Other services will be added as they become available.

**If you have any questions about the services available at the Errinundra to Snowy Wellbeing Spaces call 0456 167 011.**

**mental health & wellbeing local**  
Free support in your community

## Free Suicide Prevention Training

**practice to help you know what to say**

Safe, evidence based, information and skills practice to increase your confidence talking to someone thinking of suicide.

Information on how to access private, personal support for yourself or a loved one will be available.

People making a difference with safeTALK



Coaches and Athletes



Military Personnel



Firefighters



Educators



Volunteers



Medical Professionals



Construction Workers



Police, Correction Officers



Faith Community Members



Friends and Family



Counselors, Social Workers, Clinicians



Community Members



EMTs and Paramedics



Service Industry



Students



Workplace

For more information on your Mental Health and Wellbeing Local visit [betterhealth.vic.gov.au/mhwlocal](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au/mhwlocal) or call 1300 000 352

### Event Details

**When:**  
10.00am - 2.00pm  
Tuesday 15th April

**Where:**  
Bendoc Community Centre

**RSVP and additional info:**  
REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

Questions or registrations  
Call or Text  
Susie 0476 112 665

wellways

Latrobe Regional Health



Mental Health and Wellbeing Local respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of Australia. We are committed to inclusive communities and the contribution of lived experience in mental health.

We have the possibility of an **Optometrist** visiting our area on the 22nd and 23rd of April. **We need numbers to make this happen.** Please call the Neighbourhood House ASAP to express interest. **02 64580295**

# Pottery Workshop



Many items were created during our two day pottery workshop with Deb Shill. We will all be waiting with bated breath for the firing and then it will be on to glazing or painting the items at a later date.





# 18th Annual Far East Gippsland Parks Vic Track Clearing

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Thursday 17 September to Sunday 20 October 2024

### Trip Participants

Range Rover Club of Victoria 9 participants

Pajero 4WD Club 38 participants

Land Rover Owners Club of Vic 4 participants

*Submitted by Prue Hasler – FWDV Regional Representative for Far East Gippsland.*

A marvellous long term collaboration of 3 Melbourne based 4WD clubs and Parks Victoria Rangers in the Errinundra National Park, Snowy River National Park and the Alpine National Park. We enjoy liaising with and working with the Parks Victoria Rangers who are always enthusiastic and enjoy sharing their knowledge about these National Parks with us.

Thank you to the club members who volunteer, drive the 450kms to the Bendoc Parks Victoria office, bring their chainsaws and equipment, work hard and then travel back to Melbourne.

By Andrew Mortlock - Pajero 4WD Club

What can I say? The annual Far East Gippsland Track Clearing expedition was another epic event, underlined by big timber. And I mean BIG TIMBER!

The seasonal closure of tracks in the Snowy River and Errinundra National Parks had seen months of storm force wind, torrential rain and snow. We subsequently expected plenty of track erosion, trees down and raging rivers and we were well equipped with the big chainsaws, drag chains, winches and crow bars. The equipment was all required.

An advance party from the Pajero 4WD Club took on some specific tasks from Parks Victoria, including repairing the water heater at the Deddick PV depot house, clearing of the iconic Deddick Trail, assessing the Mt Joan Staircase and clearing Waratah Flat Rd.

My group attacked the southern section of the Deddick Trail from Yalmy Rd up to the Mt Joan Staircase. We got about 10km in where we were confronted by a monster tree across the track, measuring over a metre in diameter. We set to work using every tool and technique we could muster and 3 hours and plenty of 2-stroke later we had removed a few tons of timber and cleared a vehicle width through the tree.

The convoy moved through but came up against another tree a couple of kms later. We were out of time and had to back track south and back to camp. We made new plans to reconvene at the Bendoc Parks office the next morning and have another crack at the Deddick and Waratah Flat.

The next morning we woke to bleak and miserable conditions. It was not looking good for another tilt at the Deddick Trail so we instead turned our focus to Waratah Flat, a relatively easy and safer track. Alas on arrival at Waratah Flat the weather had improved considerably and we subsequently decided to split into two groups and tackle both tracks.

Once again I took the Deddick group and this time we were able to clear our way to Mt Joan. The other group worked on a huge tree on Waratah Flat Rd, not far past the Waratah Flat campground.

My group lunched at the Mt Joan Helipad before going down on foot to assess the Staircase. It was a mess. Vehicle swallowing ruts caused by constant water erosion were accompanied by a large tree across a 25° slope section of the track. The tree was above our pay scale to clear, the root ball perched precariously on the edge of the embankment and the trunk well above shoulder height. It was dangerous and the decision was made there and then by Parks Vic to close that section of the Deddick Trail until the tree and the track surface could be made safe by professional contractors.

The forecast was for weather to set in towards the end of the day and the forecast was accurate. We arrived back at camp to increasing rain and wind and we battened down the hatches for the night. It was a night of deafening torrential rain and wind and when we stuck our heads out of the tent the following morning we were surrounded by a lake of water.

We all arrived at the Bendoc ParksVic office on Saturday morning meeting up with the 4 Parks Victoria Rangers and main volunteer group, again expecting a significant change of brief with the conditions the way they were. Sure enough the original plans to clear multiple tracks through the Snowy River and Alpine National Parks had to be abandoned. Instead we divided into 4 groups to all clear various sections of Errinundra National Park. The tracks in Errinundra are a lot easier but the trees are no smaller. Well OK, they are a lot BIGGER.

The weather gradually improved through the morning from driving rain to incessant drizzle but the teams all worked together to do some amazing work. My team worked our way south down Hensleigh Creek Rd and past the picturesque Queensborough Campground before coming up against yet another monster tree. It was considered unsafe to work on in the conditions so we marked it and turned around.

We drove back through the towering forests, tree ferns and flowering Waratahs that make Errinundra such a special place.

It was a weekend of challenging weather conditions and huge trees, but it did not deter us. I'm already looking forward to next year.

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By Mark Bown – Range Rover Club of Victoria

This weekend was a joint meeting of the Range Rover Club, the Land Rover Club, and the Pajero Club to join Parks Vic in Far East Gippsland to open some of the seasonally closed tracks in preparation for the opening on Melbourne Cup weekend in two weeks time. The weather wasn't predicted to be as good as it might have been.

We met in Bendoc at the pub on Friday evening- the staff had apparently been expecting four people for dinner, we were closer to forty. The dealt with the situation splendidly! The Chicken Parma is something to behold! Most of us camped at Wilson's Hut a few km away. The night was a bit aquatic with about 60mm of rain falling.

We met at the Depot on Saturday morning at 8:30 - the plans had to be revised to accommodate the track conditions- we divided into four groups and headed for the more level tracks in Errinundra. We managed to find useful things to do, opening up a few tracks clearing a number of trees from the tracks in the mist and light rain.

Saturday evening saw us all assembled at the Bendoc Hall for a BBQ put on by Parks Vic. Retired PV Ranger Wing who was the very first Ranger for track clearing showed up - great to catch up with him.

# 18th Annual Far East Gippsland Parks Vic Track Clearing cont,

The BBQ was followed by a talk by one of the Rangers, Peta, who had been involved in the recent freeing of a whale entangled in fishing “line” off of Mallacoota - Peta was a little out of her element being more at home on the water- qualified as a Skipper, able to repair a marine diesel engine at sea. The \$30 million boat she got to “play with” was quite a bonus (it was the first time she’d steered a ship with a mouse rather than a wheel). This was followed by a viewing of a video on the training of wildlife Rangers in South Africa - a collection was taken for supporting their widows and \$211.00 was raised.

Sunday saw a smaller group comprised of 4 Rangers and about 8 club volunteers assemble to have a stab at one of the larger trees obstructing a track- about 1.5m in diameter - very educational! Job done we headed back to the camp ground at about 1pm.

A great weekend out yet again.

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By Roland Hollingsworth – Range Rover Club of Victoria

It was the first time I had attended a track clearing so I didn’t really know what to expect. The way the work was conducted and supervised by Parks Victoria made it very safe and fun for all participants.

Graeme Bartle-Smith certainly should be crowned the “leech king” for the weekend. They just loved him! Despite the weather’s best attempts to rain us out, it was lots of fun and the scenery was just breathtaking. The Rangers did an excellent job arranging the crews and tracks to be cleared with safety in mind.

Friday night at the Bendoc Hotel and camping at Wilson’s Hut with old and new friends was a treat. It was good to give back in some small way to make our High Country accessible for the 2024/25 season. Saturday night was simply wonderful with Parks going to so much trouble. With their BBQ, talk, and a movie, it was a sensational night enjoyed by all.

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By Jennifer Bartle-Smith – Range Rover Club of Victoria

So much more than the task at hand

Well, what a ride! We enjoyed a nostalgic walk down memory lane, a trip into an alternate universe, mind-blowing drives through old growth forest, fabulous and not so fabulous encounters with nature, rain, fog, new faces, familiar faces and more. And despite the weather being less than ordinary, and me feeling as useful as legs on a snake, all in all it was a terrific weekend.

As campers moved into Wilson’s Hut near Bendoc from three clubs on Friday afternoon – ours (RRCV), the Pajero 4WD Club and Landrover Owners’ Club (mind you they don’t all own one) – we soaked up our bush camping haven. Healthy bush, plenty of open space for campers, fire pits and tables. What more could one ask for? Oh yes, it was a free camp. But enough ‘soaking’, first stop – the pub.

They sure don’t do pubs like the Bendoc Hotel in the city, (or maybe they do and I just need to get out more). Felt like we had stepped back in time. Picture small yellow, smoke and time aged rooms that had heard many a story shared over the beer on tap. That, and meals the size of small children. And I mean chubby small children. Hot tip - if you ever go there to eat, order the half-sized meal and then share it with a friend.

Stuffed to the gills, we headed off to our first ‘double-doona’ night (that’s code for VERY cold) and a night of heavy rain. So much rain. Next morning, some woke to water-front camping, while others to indoor water features. But undeterred we loaded up with raincoats, winter woollies and a packed lunch with a thermos before heading to the Parks Vic office where Graeme and I enjoyed a trip down memory lane.

Remember those mostly defunct café bars with red clickers to dish out your instant coffee and sugar? Defunct for a good reason I reckon. Probably not that any of you will give a toss, but Graeme and I met over one of those café bars 45 years ago. Oh, the memories and flashbacks of a time when we were young, naive and could eat and drink whatever we liked without consequence.

Then came the necessary but preaching-to-the-converted safety procedures that Parks Vic have to deliver, before the also mandatory group photo by Pajero Club photographer Frank Amato who was the chief photographer for the event. Nothing like putting on a happy face while standing in bitter wind with the rain coming at us sideways.

Finished with the formalities and realising the weather wasn’t going to improve, we headed out filled with anticipation to get the job done. I think we had a top of 10 degrees, drizzly rain plus wind chill that day. Are we having fun yet?

We headed down single lane well-formed, yet muddy tracks, past trees that would make a logger salivate, masses of wildflowers and huge tree ferns. The Errinundra National Park is truly breathtaking and worth visiting in any weather. The low cloud / fog gave it an eerie yet peaceful feel.

With 25 cars in all, divided into four groups, our (still) somewhat large group meant that only the quick and very enthusiastic helpers up the front of the convoy did most of the clearing work. Call me a princess, but I quickly figured that I could sit in the warmth of the car and enjoy the stunning old growth rainforest without anyone noticing I wasn’t doing much. While I did pop out occasionally to take a photo and say ‘good job everyone’ that soon turned to ‘only get out when I really had to’ because we had entered leech city! So much blood drawn, the blood bank would have been envious.

At the end of the day, we slipped into our party clothes (not really) for a fabulous BBQ and fresh food spread put on by Parks Vic. The evening provided an opportunity to mingle with the other clubs and get to know a bit about some of the terrific Parks Vic crew. Peta (Mallacoota turf) shared some of her amazing personal journey. From delivering multi-million-dollar luxury boats up and down the coast as a skipper, to an incredible whale rescue.

A humpback was caught in tonnes (yes tonnes) of rope and other fishing paraphernalia that it had dragged across the globe from the Antarctic on a South American ship. By the time it was found, it was incredibly weak and a white pointer was circling, ready for the kill. The good news is that most of the rope was cut off, the whale appeared to say thank you with a slap of its tail and off it went never to be seen again.

Next was a short film about the good yet dangerous work of rangers. In Africa around 150 rangers lose their lives each year in the line of duty, protecting animals against poachers.

## 18th Annual Far East Gippsland Parks Vic Track Clearing cont,

Club members all chipped in to the Thin Green Line Foundation to support the rangers, their families and communities. \$211.00 raised for the Thin Green Line.

As day two dawned, many packed up and headed home. Understandable given it's about a six-hour trip back to Melbourne. The rest of us were off to clear the track of the mother of all trees. Really not a 14-person job, but nevertheless interesting to watch the mammoth undertaking from the side-lines. We were fortunate to have a dry although cold day (7 to 10 degrees...brrrrr) and only one leech that I know of after it had had a good feed (eeewwww). It was also a good opportunity for a bit of a walk.

Around four hours of chain sawing, chopping, crowbar-ing and carefully rolling of the tonnes of wood off the track later, Parks Vic called it almost done. Wow! I have renewed respect for the work they do. It's massive. They only have a small crew and a small and ever-diminishing budget. And they had an even bigger monster tree to clear on another critical fire track. Don't know how they do it all. I can certainly appreciate how important our Club's participation is to Parks Vic efforts in keeping the tracks open.

And so the weekend adventure at Errinundra NP came to a close. Graeme and I headed down the mountain to Orbost then on to Cape Conran where we enjoyed sun, surf, sand, a fabulous coastal walk and more wildlife encounters. A huge tiger snake and red belly black snake plus a monitor casually moved through our site. Crikey!

The trip left me wanting more. More bush, more wilderness and more feeling like I was part of something bigger than myself.



## This and That

Our next Community lunch is on the 16th of April at Tubbut Supper Room

Community Lunch - 14th of May

Card Making at Tubbut - 15th of May

There is the possibility a Chinese medicine practitioner may offer a service locally  
If you are interested please let Tubbut or Bendoc Neighbourhood house know.

## Library Bus April dates - 10th and 24th

Bendoc Rec reserve 10.30am—11.30am

Bonang Hall 12.30pm - 1.30pm

## Sudoku

		8	2			4	7	
				8		3	1	
	9				4	8		
	3	4	6	1				
			4		7			
				5	8	1	4	
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	1	2		9				
	7	3				1	6	

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# Errinundra National Park—Park Watch

PARKfriends

## ERRINUNDRRA NATIONAL PARK

IN PARK FRIENDS  
IN WE VISIT ONE OF  
VICTORIA'S NATIONAL  
PARKS TO REVEAL ITS  
FEATURES, THREATS  
AND FRIENDS

### Location



Traditional lands and waters of the **Bigwell, Ngarigo Monero & Gunaikurnai**

485 km E of Melbourne

43,090 hectares

### Map



10km

### History

Proclaimed 1988

Additions in 1991, 1996, 2010 and 2020

Anti-hogging protest, Errinundra Plateau, 1984. Credit: AUSTIN



### Physiography

Highlands Far East, Monaro Tablelands, East Gippsland Uplands bioregions

9 EVCs including Damp Forest, Wet Forest, Cool & Warm Temperate Rainforest, Montane Wet Forest, Shrubby Dry Forest, Blackthorn Scrub, Montane Riparian Thicket, Rocky Outcrop Shrubland

Over 200 native animals

Over 850 native plants

### Features

The largest contiguous area of temperate rainforest in Victoria

Some of world's best mixed forest – emergent eucalypts over a dense understorey of rainforest



Large parts of the park are old growth forest

John Hillier

### Features

Large areas are relics of pre-European fire regimes

Undisturbed natural water catchments including the Goolengook and Errinundra Heritage Rivers



More than 130 bird species and 32 native mammals

Sarah Bowerland, Ricardo Serrano

### Threats

79 plants and animals listed as **Threatened** under Victorian legislation (Flora and Fauna (1) Act 1988)

14 plants and animals listed as **Threatened** under federal legislation (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999)

Feral species including deer, foxes and pigs

### Friends

**Friends of Errinundra**

friends-of-errinundra@quora.com

friendsoferrinundra@gmail.com

Friends of Errinundra

**Main activities:** Assisting PV rangers by holding working bees, hosting botanical tours and scientific presentations, obtaining grants to support activities and updating social media with park information



# Errinundra National Park - Park Watch

← Errinundra National Park  
JUDITH DELAND

Klug's Xenica →  
MATT TUOCH



## PRUE THWAITES TAKES A WALK THROUGH A VICTORIAN NATIONAL PARK RICH IN NATURAL WONDERS

Located in the remote and rugged terrain of far East Gippsland, Errinundra National Park includes the Errinundra Plateau which is the southern-most extension of the Monaro Tablelands. At an average height of around 1000 metres, annual rainfall is 1000 mm.

The Traditional Owners of this area are acknowledged for their ongoing care over many thousands of years. The park area was an important meeting place for local people, and many travelled through the park area along ancestral trails to the Snowy and Bogong High Plains to participate in the annual Bogong Moth feasts.

After concerted efforts to protect the area from logging, Errinundra National Park was established in 1988 in recognition of significant natural, cultural and recreational values. The park's diverse arboreal fauna, mix of rainforests and tall wet eucalypt forests and many undisturbed catchments, are considered highly valuable for conservation. When the park was established, fire had been absent from the plateau for more than 150 years. Bushfires in 2014 and 2020 affected large areas of the park's rare cool temperate mixed forest. However, important areas of the plateau were not burnt and continue to provide a refuge for threatened flora and fauna.

Conservation groups have campaigned for Errinundra over many years. VNPA has coordinated a number of Forest Forever camps for people to discover the park's biodiversity and rich natural heritage. Advocates support further additions to the park for the permanent protection of significant flora, fauna and ecosystems.

There is concern that support and resources for the park may be reduced even further, increasing the risk of threats such as invasive weeds and decaying infrastructure.

*Prue Thwaites, Friends of Errinundra*



↑ Highlands Copperhead FRANK KÖHLER

↑ Errinundra Shining Gum DEAN MCDOLLE



↑ Dawsonia moss JOHN HASLER

↓ Rainforest gully JUDITH DELAND



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Pages 8 and 9 are from Park Watch found at <https://vnpa.org.au/publications/park-watch-march-2025/>



## Private native timber harvesting approved

East Gippsland Shire Council has approved an application for native timber harvesting and regeneration at Cabbage Tree Creek.

The application on privately-owned land follows several years of consultation between the permit applicant and the Victorian Government Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

Mayor Cr John White said the decision was based on advice from DEECA, and the potential environmental impacts are addressed in a property vegetation plan, prepared in accordance with the Victorian Government's 'Guidelines for the Removal, Destruction and Lopping of Native Vegetation', and endorsed by DEECA.

"The timber is proposed to be harvested applying a Variable Retention Harvesting method which aims to retain and protect a broad range of forest values with a focus on high biodiversity conservation values," John said.

"Council considers that there are sufficient safeguards in place to allow the proposal to proceed."

In 2022, the Council adopted a position paper on native timber harvesting which "supports a high quality, low volume native timber harvesting industry where communities continue to thrive, forests have multiple uses, biodiversity is protected, and where harvested timber is used for the highest value purposes".

Last August, the previous Council requested the Minister for Planning to decide on the application. The Minister responded in January this year and did not agree with the request.

As there were objections to the proposal, the Council's decision may be appealed to VCAT.

## Community feedback shaping Council budget

Locals have helped shaped East Gippsland Shire Council's 2025/26 Budget, with almost 1,000 residents using an interactive online 'Fund It' slider tool to have their say on how Council allocates funding to essential services. Council services include libraries, emergency management, roads, waste and recycling, sports and recreation, environmental health, and local laws. The feedback received will help ensure that these services are aligned with community's priorities. In total, 976 contributions were received with 492 people providing comments.

### Key themes that emerged from the feedback include:

- A strong desire to maintain and improve infrastructure and local facilities, with roads, footpaths, and drainage identified as top priorities.
- Support for responsible financial management, with an emphasis on sustainability and resilience in the face of environmental challenges.
- Concerns about balancing population growth while preserving the unique character of East Gippsland's towns and communities.
- A call for equal access to high-quality services, facilities and opportunities to engage in community life.

### High priority services identified were:

- Roads, footpaths and drainage
- Parks and playgrounds
- Aquatic and recreation centres
- Community facilities
- Emergency management
- Waste services
- Environmental management and sustainability

Council is now reviewing this valuable feedback as it finalises the 2025/26 budget, ensuring that the priorities of East Gippsland's residents are at the heart of future decision-making.

## Word Search

G	V	I	X	D	K	J	T	H	G	I	L	P	W	L
S	R	F	V	C	H	Z	V	R	C	T	S	U	J	I
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|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Camera  | Fling  | Olive  | Statue |
| Cart    | Funny  | Pickle | Smart  |
| Dinner  | Giant  | Plane  | Trust  |
| Driving | Just   | Plight | Tired  |
| Flight  | Little | Proud  | Shop   |

### Sudoku Solution

2	9	1	6	9	2	8	7	3
6	1	2	7	9	3	5	8	4
4	5	9	8	6	2	7	3	1
9	2	6	3	5	8	1	4	7
5	8	1	4	2	7	9	6	3
7	3	4	6	1	9	2	5	8
3	9	5	1	7	4	8	2	6
2	4	7	9	8	6	3	1	5
1	6	8	2	3	5	4	7	9



# The Local Rag , continued from last month

After the war Jamiesons bought a Chev Blitz truck with a jib and winch for snagging and handling logs. In 1950 they moved the mill back to Haydens Bog. They then began buying their logs from logging contractors.

In 1958 the mill was sold to Cuthberts and Richards. Roy and brother Arthur then bought a bulldozer and truck and became logging contractors for several years.

Roy then bought a farm at Brown's Camp , just ober the border in N.S.W. and grew sheep for a few years.

Other mills to start up in Bendoc were, Gauntson and Overand with a G.M. diesel engine in the late 40's. This mill was sold to Keith Mason and later to Cuthberts and Richards.

Cornelius Brandenberg opened up with his brother on the Gap Rd. in the 50's with a 6 cylinder G.M. diesel engine. That mill closed in '77.

Yelds brothers also owned a mill in Bendoc which was later sold to Cuthberts and Richards.

C & R's Monaro Sawmill opened up in Bendoc about 10 years ago. Along with Roy's mill, these are now the only mills operating in Bendoc.

In 1964 Roy and Arthur bought the Bendoc Hotel. Roy was nominee from 1965 to '71 when the business was sold to Keith Bent.

Roy and his wife Edna then bought a house in Bairnsdale where Edna works as a sister at the hospital. Roy and Edna were married in '56. They have two sons, Raymond and Steven. Roy also has a daughter, Gayle from his first marriage.

In 1971 Roy started up his present mill in Bendoc. It was powered by a diesel engine for 6 years and then was converted to electric power like most mills these days. The mill began sawing timber from private land until in 1980 obtained his first 'Residual Timber' licence (salvage licence) from the Forests Commission. Residual logs are those which remain after the logging contractors have taken their pick of the logs from a logging area. Roy has had to invest in special plant to run his salvaging operation including a tracked vehicle with front-end loader, winch and log splitter attached and a tip truck. The operation requires one person working in the bush most of the time to keep the mill supplied. The discarded butts of trees are most often salvaged. They are split in the bush and termite damaged sections are left behind.

Roy estimates that in the areas where they work they are only recovering 10% of the usable discards. His mill is the only one in the Orbst District currently recovering residual logs and has the largest quota.

Roy believes that residual log recovery should be encouraged by the government and stuff which is not suitable for sawing should be removed and sold for pulp. He believes that timber left on the forest floor provides a breeding ground for termites and obstructions to future logging operations.

For six years Roy was cutting palings; they have now shifted back to sawing scantling timber. In peak production the mill employs six people.

Apart from the working and the business side of life, Roy and his family have a long history as musicians in the area. Father Bill, a talented violin player, instilled a love of music in his children. Harry, Bertha, Roy, Gladys and Dulcie are all musicians. Roy's first experience in a band was Bill's band in the mid '20s. Roy played Swanny (slide) whistle, Bertha played banjo.



The most longlived Jamieson 's Band so far, was formed in the early 30s. Roy's uncle George on sax, George's wife Thelma on piano, Arthur on sax and Roy on drums, were the mainstays, with Dulcie on accordion for special functions. This band played almost every weekend for 35 years, rotating between Bendoc, Bonang, Delegate, Currawong, Craigie and Delegate River. For annual events, they would travel as far afield as Pambula. They even made a few quid out of it.

After the death of George in 1968, the band went into recess for 13 years. They have now reformed with Arthur on sax, Bertha on banjo ( back in action after a 45 year retirement), Thelma and sometimes Dulcie on piano, Roy's son Raymond on drums and Roy on bass guitar, sax and swanny whistle.

At my request, Roy played a few tunes on sax, which was a real treat for me. I noticed that after more than 50 years in the sawmilling business Roy still possesses a full set of digits. Well done I reckon!

I'd like to thank Roy for allowing us to do this article, I know where I'll be buying my timber in the future. Thanks also to Graeme Dyce and his book 'Combiemar Valley of Contentment' from which I obtained some info.

Peter Harley



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