



# OMEEO REGION NEWS SHEET



Wednesday 12 March 2025

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### Medical Services-Omeo Region

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Please Phone: **51 590 140**

To arrange an appointment

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**Pathology:** Collection Monday to Friday

8.00 am—9.00am

*by appointment only*

**OMEEO COMMUNITY HUB**

**LUCKY NUMBERS**

No 4 ... Jack Diamond

No 25 ... Oliver C/O Leanne McCormack

### SNAPDRAGONS JOKE

Two old men, Abe and Sol, sit on a park bench feeding pigeons and talking about baseball. Abe turns to Sol and asks, "Do you think there's baseball in Heaven?"

Sol thinks about it for a minute and replies, "I dunno But let's make a deal — if I die first, I'll come back and tell you if there's baseball in Heaven, and if you die first, you do the same." They shake on it and sadly, a few months later, poor Abe passes on.

Soon afterward, Sol sits in the park feeding the pigeons by himself and hears a voice whisper, "Sol... Sol..." Sol responds, "Abe! Is that you?" "Yes it is, Sol," whispers Abe's ghost. Sol, still amazed, asks, "So, is there baseball in Heaven?" "Well," says Abe, "I've got good news and bad news." "Gimme the good news first," says Sol Abe says, "Well, there is baseball in Heaven." Sol says, "That's great! What news could be bad enough to ruin that?" Abe sighs and whispers "You're pitching on Friday."

## District Diary

**Wednesday 12th March**

**Omeo to Bright Bus..departs Omeo 8.30am return 3.30pm**

Lego Club Omeo Library.....3.30pm 4..30pm

Water Board Info Session The Hub .....10.00am– 3.00pm

**Thursday 13th March**

Omeo Opportunity Shop Open..... 11.00am-3.00pm

**Friday 14th March**

**Omeo to Bright Bus...departs Omeo 8.30am return3.30pm**

**Saturday 15th March**

AA. meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month, CFA rooms .....2.00pm

Omeo Opportunity Shop Open..... 11.00am–3.00pm

**Sunday 16th March**

Anglican Church Omeo..... 11.00am

Catholic Prayer Meeting Omeo

Golf Comp ..... 12.00pm

**Monday 17th March**

**Omeo to Bright Bus depart...Omeo 8.30am return3.30pm**

The High Country Singers Omeo Shire Offices.....2-3.30 pm

**Tuesday 18th March**

Listen with Lorna live radio O.S.C.A.R. fm ... 12.00-2.00pm

**NB.** “ All those who seek to destroy the liberties of a democratic nation ought to know that war is the surest and shortest means to accomplish it.”

**Amicus.**

### *Medical Centre*

*Charles Luiz*

*&*

*Howard Goldenberg*



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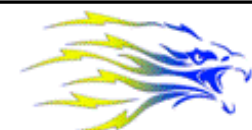
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The sessions incorporate freestyle activity and themed construction activities.

**Donations Welcome**

The library will gladly accept donations of old or new LEGO brand pieces for our LEGO Club collection.

For more information, phone **51524225** or ask in person at the library about these **FREE** sessions.

**Omeo Service Centre**

3.30pm-4.30pm

Every Wednesday

*Except School Holidays*



*All Children must be accompanied by an adult*



VICTORIA POLICE

## Omeo Police

It has been a big week in the Omeo Region with many exciting events attracting plenty of people to the area. Kicking off with the 85th Annual Mountain Calf Sales through to the Hinnomunjie Races and Three Peaks Cycling Event. Omeo police were well supported with additional members from Bairnsdale Police Station, Bairnsdale Highway Patrol Unit and Wellington Highway Patrol Unit. There were many alcohol and drug tests of motorists conducted throughout the week with no drink or drug driving offences detected. Police were pleased with the conduct of patrons, and it was excellent to see so many people enjoying themselves in the region and having plans in place to drink responsibly and get home safely!

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**19 MARCH AT 4 PM**  
Omeo Primary School staff room



East Gippsland **Water**

As part of East Gippsland Water's Customer Connect initiative, we're expanding this service to Omeo this year.

Our Customer Support team will be at the Omeo Community Hub, 179 Day Avenue on Wednesday, 5 March from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Customers can drop in to pay a bill, ask us to us about concessions and rebate programs, and more.

For more details about this program, contact us on 1800 671 841 or email [egw@egwater.vic.gov.au](mailto:egw@egwater.vic.gov.au)

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**Opening Hours**

Friday from 5pm  
Sunday Breakfast 8am 12pm  
Sunday Lunch 12- 2pm

**Phone: 51591276**




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## Tech Savvy Workshop

### Camera and Digital Photos



**Omeo Service Centre**  
**Monday 17 March**  
**9.30am—12.00pm**

Join us for this group workshop! Spend time learning how to utilise the Camera App on your phone as well as how to manage and share your photos. This session will cover: • Tips to taking the best photos • Different Capture Settings • Editing/Cropping • Managing/Sharing Photos  
This session is aimed at intermediate users.

**Book Now at your Library**  
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## Tech Savvy Workshop

### Online Banking and Banking Apps



**Omeo Service Centre**  
**Monday 24 March**  
**9.30am—12.00pm**

Join us for this group workshop! Learn how to manage your banking using your smartphone or tablet! This session will cover: • How to access your bank account online • Checking transactions • Making payments • Transferring funds and keeping secure. This session is aimed at intermediate users

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## Cultural Diversity Week Movie



Join us at the library for a special movie screening to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week! This event highlights the beauty of diverse cultures through film, offering a chance to explore new perspectives, traditions, and stories from around the world.

For specific film information, ask in library.

**Thursday 20 March**  
**2.00pm—4.00pm**

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## THE HANGOUT

Join us after school in a fun space to hang out with friends! Enjoy food, your favourite music, and weekly opportunities to learn new skills, get crafty, or play games.

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## Ensay Bush Nursing Centre

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Nursing services: No cost No appointment required.

Pathology Monday to Friday 9 am until 10.30 am- No cost. No appointment required

Footcare: Approximately 6 weekly, \$15.00 cost ring for an appointment

Walk and morning tea: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month may include some craft activities, no cost only delicious homemade cakes etc.

RFDS mental wellbeing: Fortnightly face to face and telehealth model.

Memberships: \$50.00 family and \$25.00 single due 31<sup>st</sup> of July each year, pro-rata payments accepted for new members.

AGM: Occurs on the second Monday of October all welcome, new members to the COM welcome.

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WEBPAGE

<https://www.ensaybushnursing.com.au>

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Omeo is always busy over Easter.

Please contact the Hub for further information  
or to book a site.



Registered Nurse from Swifts Creek Bush Nursing Centre will be visiting Benambra Neighbourhood House each month, Starting from **Thursday 13th March, 2025.**

Please come anytime between 8am and 3pm or make a booking (phone number below).

Services available include blood pressure checks, blood sugar monitoring, cervical screening self-collection, telehealth, social emotional support, and assistance with accessing services.

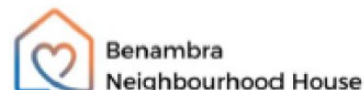
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*Senior Constable Kirsten CLARINGBOLD, Omeo Police.*

*Phone .. 51591222*



## OMEO GOLF RESULTS

Wednesday Twilight 05/03/25			Sunday 09/03/25	
9-hole Stableford - start 4.30pm			18-hole Stableford - start 12.30pm	
Place	Points	Player	Points	Player
Winner	22	Walter Bower	41	Christine Faithfull
2nd (countback)	22	Ken Worcester	39	Ken Worcester
3rd	20	John Reid/ Daryl Shepherd/ Phil Chapman	37	John Reid
NAGA	11	Lorna Peterson	21	Daryl Shepherd
Nearest pin 7th	-	Steve Thomas	-	Walter Bower
Nearest pin 16th	-	-	-	Pat McCormack
2 <sup>nd</sup> Shot nearest 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Ken Worcester	-	John Reid



Come join us on Wednesday &/or Sunday ... all welcome.

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12 March, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
- **Benambra Neighbourhood House**  
12 March, 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm
- **Omeo Service Centre**  
13 March, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Swifts Creek Community Centre**  
13 March, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- **Paynesville Service Centre**  
17 March, 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm
- **Cann River Community Centre**  
20 March, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
- **Mallacoota Service Centre**  
20 March, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- **Orbost Service Centre**  
21 March, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
- **Lakes Entrance Service Centre**  
21 March, 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

## Anglicare's Financial Counsellors

Anglicare will be available at Orbost, Paynesville and Lakes Entrance on the days and times listed above as well as the Corporate Centre, Bairnsdale, to provide free, confidential assistance:

- **17 March:** 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
- **14 April:** 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
- **12 May:** 9:30 am – 12:00 pm



For more information on our support options, please contact us or visit our website.

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