



# OMEEO REGION NEWS SHEET



Wednesday 19 March 2025

AN OMEOSHIRE LIONS CLUB PROJECT

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### Medical Services-Omeo Region

For **URGENT** Medical Care call **000**  
Omeo Medical Centre  
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*  
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### OMEEO COMMUNITY HUB LUCKY NUMBERS

19. Terry Petersen  
33. Leonie Bourke  
**SNAPDRAGONS JOKE**

And for our female followers' viewing pleasure, a men's beauty contest from 1919



## District Diary

### Wednesday 19th March

Omeo to Bright Bus..departs Omeo 8.30am return 3.30pm  
Lego Club Omeo Library.....3.30pm 4..30pm

### Thursday 20th March

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

### Friday 21st March

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

### Saturday 22nd March

AA. meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month, CFA rooms .....2.00pm  
Omeo Opportunity Shop Open..... 11.00am-3.00pm

### Sunday 23rd March

Anglican Church Omeo..... 11.00am  
Catholic Prayer Meeting Omeo  
Golf Comp ..... 12.00pm

### Monday 24th March

Omeo to Bright Bus depart...Omeo 8.30am return3.30pm  
The High Country Singers Omeo Shire Offices.....2-3.30 pm

### Tuesday 25th March

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

NB. May you be in heaven a full half hour before the devil knows you're dead.

Amicus.

### *Medical Centre*

*Charles Luiz & Howard Goldenberg*



*Please note some days are via telehealth*  
*Phone:5159 0140*



### **Weather Overview March 2025**

Sunny/Cloudy Days 29 Rain/Snow Days 2  
Average High 26° Average Low 10°





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HEDGE TRIMMING

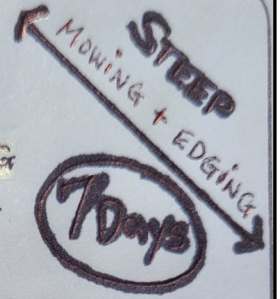
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email: [garysmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:garysmaintenance@gmail.com)



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**CHIROPRACTOR**

DR RICHARD HOWDEN

Will be available at Swifts Creek Sat March 22nd

FOR APPOINTMENTS & DIRECTIONS

Please phone 51554400 before noon Friday

EAST GIPPSLAND  
SHIRE LIBRARIES



## LEGO CLUB 2025



**Junior LEGO enthusiasts are invited to attend our after-LEGO Club school sessions.**

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*

## OMEO PRIMARY SCHOOL IS

### Looking For a Cleaner



Hours: 15-20 per fortnight

**EXCELLENT RATE OF PAY – well above award**

Cleaning needs to be done regularly Monday to Thursday with the option of cleaning on the weekends. All cleaning products and equipment are provided.

All Applicants will require a Working with Check- employee (not volunteer)

Holiday times will require a deep clean of the school or coordination of services to do the clean.

If you are interested in this position, please Andrea Shepherd-Business Manager or Tracey Rendell Administration on 5159 1313 between the hours of 830am and 4.30pm or drop into the school and ask at the main office.

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Drop in and meet our awesome team to grab a  
 bite to eat or stock up on supplies for your  
 adventure around Sunny Benambra

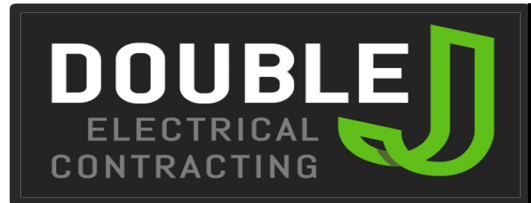
**TRADING HOURS**

Weekdays 8am - 5:30pm

Weekends 9am - 5pm

Public Holidays 9am - 5pm

**03 5159 9209**



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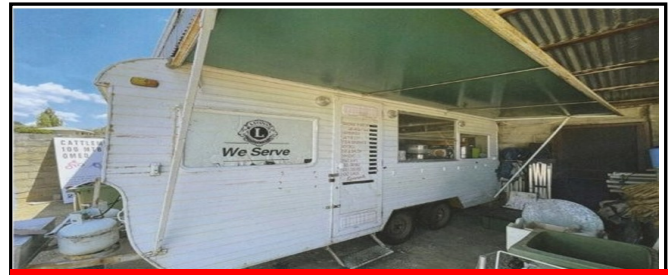
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Contact— Jeff Cooper 03 5159

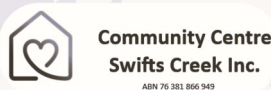


*Art and Wellbeing*  
with Donna Hall

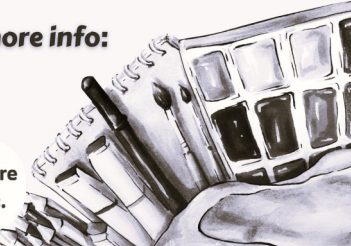
**First Tuesday of every month**  
**1pm-3pm**  
**at the Community Centre Swifts Creek**

Come along, play with art and chat.  
No experience necessary.

**Phone Donna for more info:**  
**0456 852 070**



Community Centre  
Swifts Creek Inc.  
ABN 76 381 856 949



**NEW RUSH BREWHOUSE**

**Opening Hours**

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

**Phone: 51591276**





## 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**

**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

**Book Now at your Library**  
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Fundraise with us to help  
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**19 MARCH AT 4 PM**  
Omeo Primary School staff room

## Ensay Bush Nursing Centre

T. 03 5150 2416 F. 03 5150 2419

email: [ensaybnc@gha.net.au](mailto:ensaybnc@gha.net.au)



Open 9am until 3pm Monday to Friday

or 8.30am-9am and 3-3.30pm emergencies only

5 Great Alpine Road  
Ensay, VIC. 3895

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.

Follow us on facebook and our webpage for events and employment opportunities.

WEBPAGE

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



**9am- 4pm Saturday & Sunday**

**BRING ALONG YOUR CASH**

**Where? Opposite the Chemist**



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.

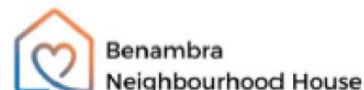
All available free of charge.

Wound care and suturing – small fee

Pathology collection available between 7am and 8am.

Bookings for Pathology are essential.

**Ph. 03 5150 2430**



## LYREBIRD PLANT NURSERY



### AND GARDEN SUPPLIES

35 HANKSHAW'S HILL ROAD OMEO – Last house on the left.

Or anytime by appointment.

Our hot weather will be over soon enough so why not get a head start and have some plants on hand for Autumn planting, the perfect gardening Season!

Visitors are welcome to wander through the Nursery garden and purchase stock.

Established potted colour, Native shrubs, small trees, Indoor plants and Succulents.

Range of bagged potting mix available.

CASH ONLY OR DIRECT DEPOSIT

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# HILLTOP HOTEL

OMEQ

## Staff wanted.

*Hilltop Hotel is hiring. We require a chef/cook for 20-25 hours a week.*

*Sunday to Wednesday. Commencing at 4.30.*

*Casual staff also required for cleaning/ bar and kitchen.*

*Please contact the Hilltop Hotel on 51591303 and leave a message. We will return your call.*

*Gary & Mandy Peterson*



## OMEQ GOLF RESULTS



Wednesday Twilight 12/03/25			Sunday 16/03/25	
9-hole Stableford - start 4.30pm			18-hole Stableford - start 12.30pm	
Place	Points	Player	Points	Player
	22	John Reid	38	Ken Worcester
	18	Richie Adams	36	Trent Heesom/
	17	Leigh Fulton/	35	Richie Adams
	8	David Canning	23	Lily Hawkins
	-	Dean Jobling	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	Walter Bower	-	-



Come join us on Wednesday &/or Sunday ... all welcome.  
**Annual Tournament Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**Entry forms: email: omeogolfclub@gmail.com**



## SWIFTS CREEK FUTURE - PROJECT UPDATE

### February 2025

#### **Value-Add Primary Industry**

##### Project Update: Recent Developments

- **Consultant Proposals:** Proposals from various consultants have been received and are currently under evaluation. Following the selection process, an application will be submitted to the Community Development Fund for potential project funding.
- **Agribusiness Survey Report:** The findings from the Agribusiness Decision-Making Survey are in the process of being compiled. A detailed report will be released shortly, providing valuable insights for future planning and strategy.

#### **Nature-Based Recreation and Tourism**

##### Project & Initiative Updates

- **TRC Tourism Draft Report:** The TRC Tourism Draft Report is currently under review by the Innovation Working Group (IWG). The final version will be made available to the public in March, ensuring transparency and community engagement.
- **New Subgroups Formed:** Several subgroups have been established to advance important initiatives. Notably, efforts are underway to create a static display of the Crossley Engine in Ensay and to develop the Jimkee Water Race as a scenic trail.

#### **Education and Skills**

##### Study & Pilot Project Updates

- **Consultation Phase Complete:** The consultation phase of the study has now been successfully completed. The draft report, along with the findings, will be presented to the working group in March for further discussion and review.
- **Pilot Project Proposal:** A proposal is currently under consideration for an exciting new initiative: a "This is Swifts Creek" picture book project. This initiative aims to bring together several tertiary facilities in collaboration with Swifts Creek P-12. The project will focus on fostering literacy skills, building learning networks, and exploring the theme of "What's Outside the Window" in Swifts Creek, providing valuable educational benefits to the community.

#### **Overall Project Updates**

- **Local Development Strategy:** The draft of the Local Development Strategy has been submitted to the Leadership Group for review and approval. We are targeting a potential release and launch of the strategy in April or May.
- **Project Manager Position:** The application period for the Project Manager position has now closed. Interviews are scheduled to take place in March, and we look forward to selecting the ideal candidate for this important role.

**We look forward to sharing more details as these initiatives move forward**



## SWIFTS CREEK FUTURE - EXTERNAL LOCAL PROJECT UPDATE

### February 2025

If you have an update for a project you're working with and would like us to share, please email [kiria@egjpps.vic.gov.au](mailto:kiria@egjpps.vic.gov.au)

#### Omeo Justice Precinct Activation Project - Update

The Omeo Justice Precinct Activation Project is funded by the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry, and Regions' Tourism Investment Fund. Aimed at transforming this historically significant site into a vibrant tourism hub, the project will identify commercial opportunities that celebrate Omeo's heritage while boosting visitation and local economic growth.

A consultant will be appointed in March 2025 to deliver the project, focusing on adaptive reuse of the Precinct's Victorian Heritage-listed assets, including Australia's most intact 19th-century police and court complex.

##### **Project Objectives:**

- Enhance the visitor experience and extend stays to complement Councils MTB product.
- Showcase Omeo's history and culture while preserving heritage.
- Develop a sustainable management and governance plan.
- Create a business case, master plan, and roadmap for future development.

##### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Increased year-round visitation and local economic activity.
- Adaptive reuse of heritage assets generating income for site upkeep.
- Establishment of the Precinct as a vibrant, accessible tourism hub



#### Ensay Hall - Update

We have completed the following aspects of our Hall Master Plan

- New kitchen with new appliances
- A newly constructed deck with accessible concrete entry ramp
- We are now in the middle of constructing new accessible toilets - awaiting flooring and painting

We have also applied for funding for reverse cycle air conditioners and still need fireproof doors and to paint internally.

#### Ensay Recreation Reserve - Update

The Ensay Rec Reserve is coming along nicely. Painting interior and exterior completed, Change rooms are being tiled at present. Building itself is at lock up stage.

The new building will have

- A coin operated laundry mat, and this can be utilised by the community when needed.
- An RV dump point incorporated near the existing toilet block.
- Reverse cycle air-conditioning has been installed and runs throughout the whole building.
- Large fully fitted out commercial kitchen,
- Large Meeting room with adjoining bar area.
- 2 change rooms,
- 1 disabled bathroom
- Large storeroom at the rear.
- A lovely alfresco area at the front of the building.

There will be flood lights for night events and or for the Helimed if and when the time arises.

All the Reserve will be under security surveillance.

Landscaping has been sourced and currently deciding on who to use. Multi-purpose sports court has started construction.

Extra storage tanks installed and now full of lovely fresh rainwater. Another tank to come for gravity feed from top of hill.

Angling Recreation Club completed with new roof, deck, painted and window installed.

We also are refurbishing the old Tennis Club storeroom shed. This will be brought back to life soon by High Country Homes, Omeo.

We are happy with how things are progressing and many thanks to everyone for their patience. We are on schedule to be fully completed by December 2025.

Camping is available now but only for fully self-contained vehicles/vans. As it is a construction site there needs to be care taken in and around the Reserve when there.



# SWIFTS CREEK CHEESEMAKING WORKSHOPS



Community Centre  
Swifts Creek Inc.

ABN 76 381 866 949

with Barry Roberts

Join us in our six-hour, one day Basic Cheesemaking workshop & make:  
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MOZZARELLA, BURATTA, MASCARPONE.

We will teach you how to make these wonderful cheeses within the workshop. Recipes & notes supplied.

## WORKSHOP DATES 2025

New date added!!

Thursday, April 10  
OR  
Friday, April 11



## WORKSHOP COST

\$50/(\$25 concession),  
thanks to support from the  
Gippsland Community  
Foundation and the East  
Gippsland Neighbourhood  
House Network

## WHAT DO YOU GET?

You will take home up to 1.5kg  
of the cheese that are made  
during the workshop.

Morning tea – cheese platter  
Lunch entrée – Halloumi  
Lunch – Paneer curry & rice



## LOCATION

Swifts Creek Hall  
6869 Great Alpine Road  
Swifts Creek



## SESSION TIMES

The workshop will run from  
**9am to 3pm.**



## HOW DO I BOOK?

Send an email to [ccswiftscreek@gmail.com](mailto:ccswiftscreek@gmail.com) and you will be sent a confirmation email with full course details and payment instructions. For further information phone Leanne at the Community Centre Swifts Creek on 0491 697 298.



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# GOLDEN AGE HOTEL OMEO



RUNNER UP

## MICK HARRINGTON

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