



COMMUNITY CONNECT

NEWSLETTER FOR EAST GIPPSLAND
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

WELCOME!

This is a weekly newsletter that is being provided for East Gippsland Children, Young People & Families to provide information and ideas for support during social distancing.

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL WEEK

Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held every year to raise awareness about the simple things we can do to reduce our negative impact on our environment and ignite change among society. COVID 19 has also impacted the environment from the increase of single use food containers to face masks and gloves. We all must prevent the spread of litter to help keep our country beautiful.



INQUIRY INTO THE 2019-20 VICTORIAN FIRE SEASON – COMMUNITY UPDATE 3

The Inspector-General for Emergency Management (IGEM) would like to provide an update on progress of the independent Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian fire season.

Inquiry Phase 1 – Preparedness and Response

The Phase 1 report focusing on the preparedness for and response to the 2019–20 Victorian fire season was delivered to the Victorian Government on 31 July 2020.

Inquiry Phase 2 – Relief and Recovery

Phase 2 of the Inquiry focuses on the effectiveness and progress of relief and recovery activities and arrangements during and after the 2019–20 Victorian fire season.

We would like to hear from individuals and organisations about:

- how the 2019-20 Victorian fires affected you
- what worked well in the delivery of emergency relief and recovery activities during the first 6 months
- what didn't work as well as you would have expected or preferred
- your suggestions for improvement.

We also recognise the added challenges the coronavirus emergency is having on bushfire recovery, and encourage individuals and communities to share these impacts during the engagement process.

Submissions addressing the Inquiry's Terms of Reference for Phase 2 can be made through:

- completing the online submission found at www.igem.vic.gov.au
- emailing a submission to: igem@igem.vic.gov.au
- mailing a submission to: Inspector-General for Emergency Management GPO Box 4356 Melbourne VIC 3000

For further information and to read the full Community Update visit igem.vic.gov.au

Children & Young People in Emergency Management

Save the Children is particularly interested in hearing the voices of children and young people in East Gippsland around emergency management, from preparedness through to response and recovery and will be working to capture input from children and young people over the coming months. More information on this will be included in the next edition.

RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

THE WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE REPORT

The 2018 Wellbeing of Children and Young People Report East Gippsland demonstrates positive shifts of children in the region with improvements in areas targeted by the Children's initiative project. For more information on the different aspects that are improving and the challenges that are still present access the report here: https://www.savethechildren.org.au/getmedia/cc1f94fc-8907-41c8-a9f6-d470d01ce177/East_Gippsland_Wellbeing_Children_Report.pdf.aspx

JOURNEY OF HOPE

A free online workshop is now available for parents, caregivers and teachers of children affected by the dual impacts of the bushfires and COVID-19.

What is The Journey of Hope Caregivers program?

- An evidence based, proven program that strengthens parent and caregiver skills and confidence to improve children's social and emotional behaviour
- Facilitated by experienced Early Childhood Educators and Family Support Workers
- One session that runs for 2 hours

Register in the Journey of Hope Caregivers Program by calling Cathy on 0437 839 304

VIRTUAL CAMPS

While we cannot physically attend camps, YMCA has created virtual camps, so no one has to miss out on the camp experience! Learn about conserving our waterways with Marine Debris, local fauna with Wildlife Encounter, or discover how to prepare for an outdoor adventure, and much more!

<https://virtually.ymca.org.au/youth-space/learning>

FIFA X NBA TOURNAMENT

If you're up for the challenge sign up for the FIFA X NBA PS4 tournament for the chance to win \$500 prizes while having fun! The FIFA20 Tournament is held on the 29th of August and NBA2020 Tournament on the 5th of September. Be sure to register via the link or scan the QR code to show off your amazing skills. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBSCOnlinegaming>

WEEKLY CHALLENGE




CHALLENGE 18: NATURE ART BUGS

This week's challenge is to create nature bugs. This can be making any type of insects including butterfly's or ants, using natural material from outside. For inspiration check out <https://www.thecrafttrain.com/nature-art-bugs/> and see the type of bugs they have created.

Don't forget to send a photo to rachel.bell@savethechildren.org.au or 0409 203 566, to be in the running for awesome prizes.



ONLINE RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES

	PRESCHOOLERS (0-4 years)	CHILDREN (5 – 12 Years)	YOUNG PEOPLE (13 – 18 Years)
ARTS & CRAFTS	<p>How to Make an Upcycled Matchbox Doll Craft https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/activities/craft-activities/how-to-make-an-upcycled-matchbox-doll-craft/news-story/c342b6ba4f3147d81506034a865cce9d</p> 	<p>Lace and Patterns https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/LACE-AND-PATTERNS-ACTIVITY.pdf</p> <p>TAKE THE CHALLENGE! Continue the pattern or design your own to finish this lace.</p> 	<p>How to Make a Jewellery Frame https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/activities/craft-activities/how-to-make-a-jewellery-frame/news-story/cabb8bde857ba4d4d6d8294deb764165</p> 
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	<p>Fun Games to Play with trees! https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/outdoor-activities/outdoor-play/fun-games-to-play-with-trees/news-story/b44e5f05fad6d9694127ca89aa323921</p>	<p>How to Build a Tree House in Your Backyard https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/outdoor-activities/outdoor-play/how-to-build-a-tree-house-in-your-backyard/news-story/95b219e53658ee05e84a0b4091931fca</p>	<p>Core Workout https://youtu.be/7EHGO-arlwI</p>
STORIES	<p>Meet the Arist E-Books https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/kids/</p> <p>'The Island' Read Aloud By Author John Heffernan https://www.happinesshub.org.au/post/the-island-read-aloud-by-author-john-heffernan</p>		
LEARNING @ HOME ACTIVITIES	<p>Play School: Sea and Space https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/shows/play-school/sea-and-space/12476944</p>	<p>Cassowary Fractions https://education.abc.net.au/home#!/media/1389015/cassowary-fractions</p>	<p>VCE Science https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/VC/Secondary?science</p>
COLOURING PAGES	<p>Sloths Love Llamas Nap Time https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/sloths-love-llamas-nap-time-coloring-page/</p>	<p>Disney Toy Story Woody and Buzz https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/disney-toy-story-woody-and-buzz-coloring-page/</p>	<p>Say it Colourfully Heart Thank You Note https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/say-it-colorfully-flowers-coloring-page/</p>