



WELCOME TO BAIRNSDALE

Your Relocation &
Settlement Guide

**EMPLOYER:
BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH**

Welcome to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service

Welcome to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service (BRHS). Whether you are relocating from elsewhere in Australia or joining us from overseas, we are delighted to welcome you to East Gippsland.

This guide has been developed to help you settle into your new home, workplace and community.

We look forward to supporting you on this exciting new chapter.

Inside you will find practical information about housing, healthcare, education, transport, community services and lifestyle opportunities.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact the Connecting the Docs Team at connectingthedocs@erh.org.au.

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service is a growing regional health service, providing a wide array of health care services to the East Gippsland community.

Our vision is for Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to be an innovative leader in healthcare and to expand and improve the outstanding service it delivers to the people of East Gippsland.

We are East Gippsland's largest employer and a magnet for talented professionals across a wide range of professional specialties including medical and clinical, information technology, administration and finance, and logistics. Staff work across three campuses in Bairnsdale and in community sites across East Gippsland.

We take pride in fulfilling the role of improving the health and wellbeing of the East Gippsland community by providing accessible, high quality and sustainable health care.

Why Choose East Gippsland?

East Gippsland offers an exceptional lifestyle, combining rewarding career opportunities with stunning natural surroundings and a strong sense of community.

Located in one of Victoria's most beautiful regions, Bairnsdale provides easy access to:

- The Gippsland Lakes
- Ninety Mile Beach
- National parks and forests
- Alpine High Country
- Walking and cycling trails
- Water sports and fishing
- Vibrant local arts and cultural experiences



The region offers an affordable lifestyle, excellent educational facilities, modern healthcare services and welcoming communities, making it an ideal place to live, work and raise a family.

When living and working in East Gippsland, you will be on the traditional lands of the Gunaikurnai People, whose enduring connection to Country continues today.



Did you know?

- 10 minutes to the Gippsland Lakes
- 20 minutes to Paynesville
- 35 minutes to Lakes Entrance
- 3.5 hours to Melbourne

Preparing for your move to Australia

To help you prepare; the Australian Government provides a range of official resources covering visas, residency, taxation, and settling into life in Australia.

Department of Home Affairs

Why it's essential:

- Official visa information and application portal.
- SkillSelect information for skilled migrants.
- Visa Finder tool to help identify suitable visa options.
- Updates on migration and visa policy changes.

Live in Australia

Helpful information on:

- Visa and migration pathways
- Permanent residency
- Australian citizenship
- Living and working in Australia

Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Important for understanding:

- Tax obligations in Australia
- Tax File Numbers (TFNs)
- Superannuation (retirement savings)
- Information for new residents





Superannuation

Superannuation is Australia's retirement savings system. Your employer will make contributions to your nominated superannuation fund in accordance with Australian legislation. You may choose your own fund or use your existing Australian superannuation account if applicable.

[Choose your Superfund](#)

Applying for an international driver permit

Most Australian states and territories allow visiting drivers to drive indefinitely on their overseas licence as long as it is current. It is only when there is a change in visa/citizenship status or the overseas licence expires that an overseas driver is required to take out an Australian issued driver licence. It is a requirement to you to comply with the regulations based where you live.

[New to Victoria : VicRoads](#)

Establishing essential services early will make settling into Australia much easier.

Banking

Australia has several major banking providers including:

- Commonwealth Bank
- NAB
- ANZ
- Westpac

Most banks offer digital banking services and can assist new arrivals with account setup.

List of Australian Banks

Medicare

Medicare is Australia's universal health insurance scheme, providing eligible Australians and some overseas visitors with access to a range of health and hospital services at low or no cost. Before relocating, check your eligibility and visit Services Australia for information on enrolling in Medicare and accessing healthcare services.

Enrolling in Medicare - Medicare - Services Australia



Finding a home

Securing suitable accommodation is often one of the first priorities when relocating.

Options available in East Gippsland include:

Short-Term Accommodation

- [AirBnB](#)
- [Booking.com](#)

Rental Properties

- [Realestate.com.au](#)
- [Domain](#)

Shared Accommodation

- [Flat Mate Finder](#)

Local Real Estate Agents

- [O'Brien Real Estate Agent](#)
- [King & Heath First National Real Estate](#)
- [Ashwood & Associates Real Estate](#)
- [LJ Hooker Bairnsdale](#)

We recommend commencing your accommodation search as early as possible and arranging temporary accommodation if required during your initial transition period.



Employment support for your partner

If your partner is seeking employment, there are a number of resources available to support their job search in East Gippsland and across Australia.

Seek is Australia's largest online employment marketplace and is widely used by employers, including Bairnsdale Regional Health Service. Job seekers can search opportunities by location, industry, occupation, employment type and salary range.

LinkedIn is another valuable platform for professional networking, career development and job searching. It enables users to connect with employers, industry professionals and recruitment agencies while accessing advertised vacancies.

Local employment agencies may also assist with finding work opportunities, including:

- AKG, Employment, Health, Training, Community
- AtWorkAustralia, Bairnsdale Employment Services
- Interact Australia, Leading Community, Care and Disability Employment Services



Community networks can also be a valuable source of employment opportunities. Local Facebook community pages regularly advertise vacancies across a range of industries and can be particularly useful for those seeking casual, part-time or immediate employment opportunities.

Getting to Bairnsdale

By Road

Bairnsdale is approximately 3.5 hours from Melbourne via the Princes Highway.

By Public Transport

Regional [V/Line](#) services connect Bairnsdale with Melbourne via train, with connections available from Melbourne Airport through Southern Cross Station.

Vehicle Hire

A number of major vehicle rental companies operate within Bairnsdale should temporary transport be required upon arrival.

- [Europcar Bairnsdale](#)
- [Hertz Bairnsdale](#)
- [Avis Bairnsdale](#)



Childcare and schooling for your children

We encourage you to contact these schools and centres prior to your arrival, so that you can understand availability, enrolment requirements and potential waiting lists, as well as ensuring they are the right fit for you and your children.

Childcare and Kindergarten

- [Cubby Care Bairnsdale](#)
- [Milestones Early Learning Bairnsdale](#)
- [Westdale Kindergarten](#)
- [MyTime Playgroup](#)
- [Bairnsdale Childcare & Kinder](#)

Primary School

- [Bairnsdale Primary School](#)
- [Clifton Creek Primary School](#)
- [St Mary's Primary School Bairnsdale](#)
- [Lucknow Primary School](#)
- [Bairnsdale West Primary School](#)

Secondary School

- [Nagle Catholic College](#)
- [Bairnsdale Secondary College](#)

Primary and Secondary Schools

- [Bairnsdale Christian College](#)
- [Gippsland Grammar](#)



Rental demand can be high in East Gippsland. Consider booking temporary accommodation before arrival while searching for a long-term rental.

Connect with your community

One of the best ways to settle into East Gippsland is by becoming involved in the community.

The region offers opportunities to participate in:

- Sporting clubs
- Fitness and recreation groups
- Arts and cultural organisations
- Community and volunteer groups
- Local events and festivals
- Outdoor adventure activities

Joining local networks is a great way to build friendships, establish support systems and make East Gippsland feel like home.



Sports and Recreation in East Gippsland

Community Sport and Recreation

- [GippSport](#)
- [WORLD Sporting Precinct](#)
- [Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre \(BARC\)](#)
- [East Gippsland Sports Foundation](#)

Team Sports

- [Bairnsdale Football Netball Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Netball Association](#)
- [Bairnsdale Amateur Basketball Association](#)
- [East Gippsland Hockey Association](#)
- [St Mary's Nagle Cricket Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Cricket Association](#)

Racquet Sports

- [Bairnsdale Badminton](#)
- [Bairnsdale Tennis Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Squash & Racquetball Association](#)
- [Bairnsdale Table Tennis Club](#)



Cycling, Running and Outdoor Activities

- [Mountain Biking East Gippsland](#)
- [Bairnsdale Cycling Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Parkrun](#)

Other Sporting Clubs

- [East Gippsland Bowls Division](#)
- [East Gippsland Gymnastics Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Motorcycle Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Clay Target Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Croquet Club](#)



Arts, Culture and Events

East Gippsland offers a vibrant arts and cultural scene, with opportunities to engage in creative pursuits, attend local events and connect with community groups.

Events & Festivals

- [East Gippsland Events, Festivals & Markets](#)

Arts & Culture

- [East Gippsland Art Gallery](#)
- [Bairnsdale Lapidary Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale & District Arts Society](#)
- [Bairnsdale Production Line Theatre Company](#)
- [East Gippsland Performing Arts Eisteddfod](#)
- [Gippsland Opera](#)

Community Centres & Interest Group

- [Bairnsdale Library](#)
- [East Gippsland Historical Society](#)
- [The Hub Community & Education Centre](#)
- [Picnic Point Farm](#)
- [Neighbourhood House](#)
- [Bairnsdale RSL](#)
- [Bairnsdale Uniting Church](#)
- [East Gippsland Aero Club](#)
- [East Gippsland Historic Automobile Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Men's Shed](#)
- [Green Thumb Society](#)
- [East Gippsland Climate Action Network](#)
- [Bairnsdale & District Field Naturalists Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Bridge Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Four Wheel Drive Club](#)
- [Bairnsdale Garden Club](#)
- [Eastwood Village Shopping Centre](#)
- [Country Fire Authority \(CFA\)](#)
- [Bairnsdale Lions Club](#)

Health

A range of essential healthcare and support services are available in Bairnsdale to help visitors and residents access medical, dental, and pharmacy care when needed.

- [Capstone Medical Centre](#)
- [Pacific Smiles Dental](#)
- [Complete Care Pharmacy](#)
- [Bairnsdale Medical Group](#)
- [Riviera Dental Care](#)
- [Priceline Pharmacy](#)

Get out and explore

Food and Drink

Whether you're looking for a relaxed café breakfast, a hearty pub meal, or a delicious dinner after a day of exploring East Gippsland, Bairnsdale offers a variety of dining options to suit every taste.

- [Earth & Soul Pizza](#)
- [Iron Vine Restaurant](#)
- [Grand Terminus Hotel](#)
- [East Handy Store](#)
- [The Stables](#)
- [Benjamin's House](#)
- [New Leaf Cafe](#)

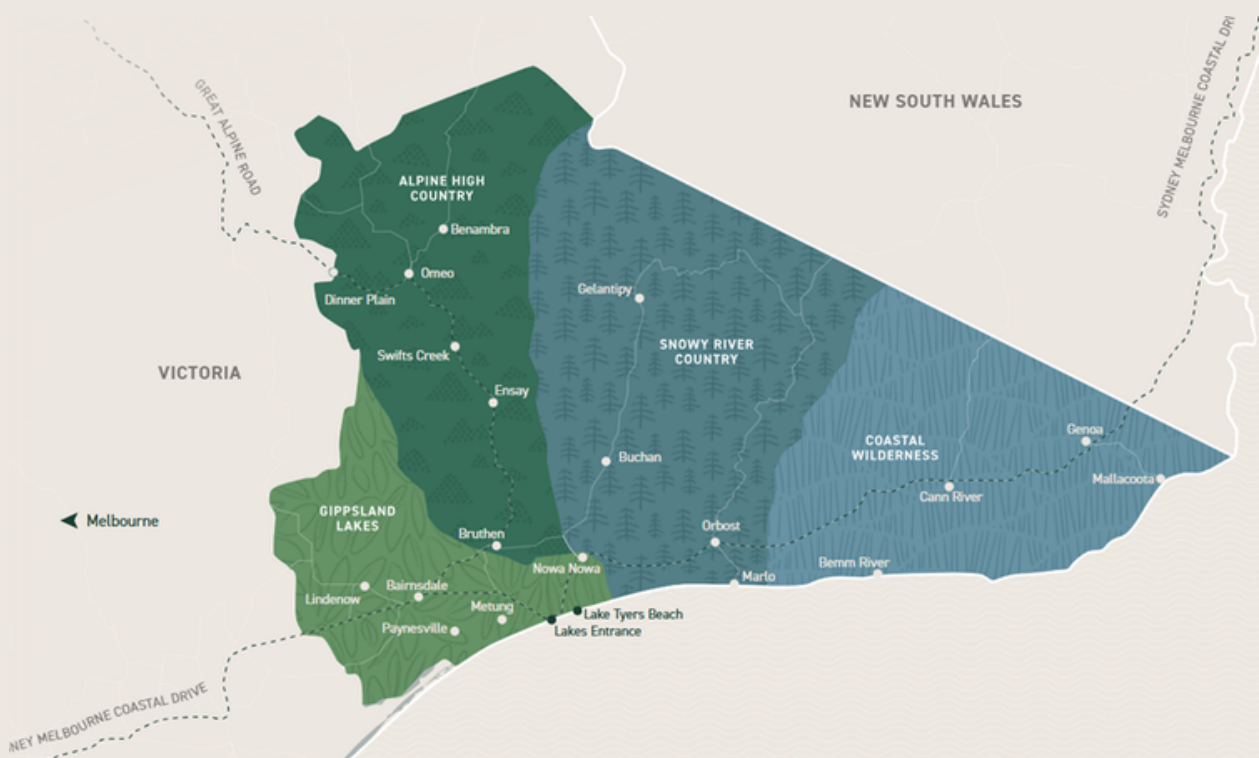
Visitor Information

Planning to explore the region? The Visitor Information Centre is a great starting point for maps, local knowledge, attractions, events, accommodation recommendations, and travel advice.

Bairnsdale Visitor Information Centre

Address: 273 Main Street,
Bairnsdale VIC 3875

Phone: 1800 637 060



Climate

Summer (December to February):

Get ready for some balmy summer days in Bairnsdale during summer! Temperatures range between 22°C (72°F) to 28°C (82°F), so it's still useful to dress relatively warmly.

Autumn (March to May):

Bairnsdale's autumn is also pretty cold, with windy and wet weather. Expect temperatures between 12°C (54°F) and 22°C (72°F). It's the perfect season for comfy outfits and a touch of style.

Winter (June to August):

Winter brings even cooler vibes to Bairnsdale, and it can sometimes get downright chilly. Keep warm with layers, as temperatures range from 6°C (43°F) to 14°C (57°F). Don't forget your cozy essentials!

Spring (September to November):

Springtime in Bairnsdale is a mix of sunshine and showers. Temperatures range from 9°C (48°F) to 20°C (68°F), so be prepared for some wardrobe versatility. Embrace the changing seasons with stylish outfits.



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