



## Roadworks and closures around Forrest

The Birregurra-Forrest Road between Forrest and Barwon Downs will undergo additional roadworks during October to install safety barriers. It is expected that the works will take approximately four weeks to complete with traffic management and speed limits in place and traffic down to one lane.

The works to replace the damaged culvit at the bridge closer to Barwon Downs, currently controlled by traffic lights, is ongoing. These works will require appropriate permits and environmental and cultural investigations to be completed before work to

replace the damaged culvit can commence. This is a longer term project that may take many months to complete.

Road closures will be in effect in Forrest, throughout the Otways and along the Great Ocean Road during the Amy's Grand Fondo bike race with thousands to descend on Lorne for the main event on Sunday 19 October. See page 5 for details or go to [www.amysgranfondo.org.au/community-road-closures](http://www.amysgranfondo.org.au/community-road-closures).

Drivers are urged to take care on the roads, obey signs and traffic management as conditions may change without warning.

## A History of Earthmoving in Forrest

Tich Evans, born Alfred William Evans, was the eldest of three children and grew up in Forrest. He started working at the age of 14 to support his family during tough times. Tich worked as a grader driver for the Otway Shire and as a semi-trailer driver for Hayden Brothers' timber mill. When he married Lorraine, they travelled around the Otway Ranges with the Shire grader, living in a caravan during the week and with their parents on weekends until they settled in Forrest.

In 1970, at the age of 36, Tich purchased his first grader from William Adams Melbourne, marking the beginning of Tich's Grader Hire. His employers, Joe and Bill Hayden, were important mentors who supported him in acquiring the machine. Tich's first grader was a Caterpillar, which he drove home from Melbourne to Forrest with his 6-year-old son Sam beside him. This marked the start of his business, which initially served local farmers.

As the business grew, Tich acquired more machinery and trucks. The business continued to expand, and in 2013, Sam and his wife Tania took over the company, now known as Evans Earthmoving.

Sam, who had joined the business at a young age, continued to grow the company, acquiring larger machinery and taking on significant projects, including land development and environmental improvements. One notable project was the removal of willows from the East Barwon River, which had a significant positive impact on the environment.



Tich was known for his community service, often providing free services to those in need and contributing to local projects such as building netball and tennis courts and maintaining roads. This legacy of community service continues with Sam.

Evans Earthmoving has been involved in many bushfire responses since 1970, providing essential services in difficult and dangerous conditions. The company has grown to employ 22 people, with a fleet of 26 machines and 6 trucks. Sam and Tania's son, Andrew, has just completed his Civil Engineering Degree and is currently working for a firm in Geelong and may one day continue the family tradition.

In 2025, Evans Earthmoving celebrates 55 years of operation, remaining a significant local business in Forrest.

*Gillian Brew with thanks to the Julie Hallifax and the Evans family for the providing the family history.*

***We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and waters around us, and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We respect their cultural heritage and knowledge here in Forrest where the waters flow over Gadubanud and Gulidjan Country.***

# Colac Otway Shire News

## Unscheduled Council Meeting

An Unscheduled Council meeting has been set as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday 14 October

**Time:** 2pm

**Venue:** COPACC (95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

The purpose of the Unscheduled Council meeting is to consider:

- Council Plan (inclusive of Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan)
- Financial Plan
- Asset Plan

Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend.

Copies of meeting agendas are available on Council's website the Thursday prior to the meeting at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings)

Meetings will be livestreamed to the public via Council's You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)).

## We're Recruiting

Colac Otway Shire Council is an exciting place to work. If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative council, and making a difference to your local community, we would love to hear from you!

- Coordinator Statutory Planning
- Statutory Planner

For a position description and to apply online, visit [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) or contact People and Culture on (03) 5232 9400.

## Tenders and Proposals

### Economic Development Strategy - Proposal Q25/26 11

Council is seeking proposals from experienced and visionary consultants to develop a bold, future-focused Economic Development Strategy that will guide the region's growth and resilience through to 2030.

A copy of proposal documents can be downloaded from Council's website at [www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway](http://www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway)

**Proposals close at 2pm, Wednesday 1 October 2025.**

### Major Patching and Reseal Program

#### RFT 2603

Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to complete major patching and reseal works as part of the 2025-26 Major Patch and Reseal Programs.

A copy of tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at [www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway](http://www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway)

**Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 8 October 2025.**

Submissions must be lodged in the Electronic Tender Box only. Late, posted or emailed tenders will not be considered.

**Andrew Tenni**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Have Your Say

The following community consultations are now open. Visit our website [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay) for more information.

### Road Safety Strategy

Community members can attend one of three Community Drop-In Sessions across the shire to share their knowledge about blackspots, safety concerns, and their insights into what can support road safety in Colac Otway.

### Community Drop-in Sessions

#### BIRREGURRA

**Date:** Friday 10 October 2025

**Time:** 10am until 12 noon

**Venue:** Birregurra Hall, Main St, Birregurra

#### COLAC

**Date:** Friday 10 October 2025

**Time:** 4.30pm until 6.30pm

**Venue:** COPACC, 95-97 Gellibrand St, Colac

#### APOLLO BAY

**Date:** Saturday 11 October 2025

**Time:** 10.30am until 1.30pm

**Venue:** Apollo Bay Bowls Club, 6 Moore St, Apollo Bay

**Submissions close at 5pm on Mon 20 Oct 2025.**

### Barham River Flood Study

Join Colac Otway Shire Council and community stakeholders to share your thoughts and local knowledge on the Barham River Flood Study.

### Community Drop-in Session

**Date:** Saturday 11 October 2025

**Time:** 10.30am until 1.30pm

**Venue:** Apollo Bay Bowls Club, 6 Moore St, Apollo Bay

**Closes at 5pm on Friday 17 October 2025.**

### Draft Governance Rules

Council has reviewed its Governance Rules and is now seeking feedback for the community.

**Closes at 5pm on Tuesday 7 October 2025.**

Submissions can also be made online via Council's website at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)

**Colac Service Centre: 2- 6 Rae Street, Colac, Open: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5pm**     
**Ph: 5232 9400 Email: [inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au) or find us online: [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)**

## Shakespeare's Insult October

*Bit of an oblique reference to "ferals" this month. Certainly a useful rejoinder to some of those out in our community.*

"Thou elvish-mark'd, abortive,  
rooting hog".

- Richard III

**Writers:** Gillian Brew, Mary Dracup, Noor Petersen, Adam Davies and Ian Fry.

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## An inside experience of dementia

The October 1 Forrest Flick, *The Father* (2020), will stay with you for a long time. The film gives a first-person perspective of the confusing shifts of reality that dementia brings. Anthony Hopkins fully deserves his Oscar for his nuanced performance of the ailing father, and Olivia Coleman also gives a heartbreakingly good characterisation of his favourite daughter at her wits' end. Time shifts and loops along with Hopkins' perceptions on the day, allowing us to experience his terror as he tries to make sense of changes in his surroundings and carers. I think it is a stunningly good film.

*The Father* will be showing on Wednesday 1 October at the Forrest Hall. Doors open at 7 pm with a free glass of wine, nibbles and cheese. The film starts at 7:30, followed by tea, coffee, biscuits and a chance to chat about the film with your neighbours. Subtitles will be shown.

Forrest Flicks Film Society subscriptions and one-off trial screenings can be paid for online using the QR code in the picture, find Forrest Flicks Films on the [Eventbrite website](#) or at the door with cash only.

On the night we will be asking attendees to help choose the films for 2026, from a long list compiled from subscribers' suggestions.

Mary Dracup

6 Film Subscription \$45/\$35 concession

3 Film Subscription \$25/\$20 concession

1 Film try it and see \$10/\$8 concession



**WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER - Forrest Public Hall - 7pm**  
for complimentary wine & cheese - Movie starts 7:30pm

Barwon Water | Forrest Flicks Film Society | Colac Otway | Creative Victoria | Victorian Government

## October at COPACC

Victorian Seniors Festival 2025

**CONNECT  
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CELEBRATE**  
1-31 October

**Wednesday | 15 Oct | 6pm**  
**Choose Your Own Adventure  
with Queenie Van De Zandt**

Hold onto your hats, folks!  
The musical theatre maverick and comedic cabaret queen, Queenie van de Zandt, is back and she's shaking things up like never before!

[copacc.com.au](http://copacc.com.au) | Box Office | 03 5232 9418

THE INTERACTIVE CABARET WHERE YOU DECIDE HOW THE NIGHT UNFOLDS

**Wednesday | 22 Oct | 7pm**  
**Dave Arden - Songman**

Renowned Gunditjmara/Kokatha Songman, David Arden is celebrated for his powerful storytelling through music, which honours and preserves First Nations culture and history.

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This project is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria





# Forrest & District Neighbourhood House - September

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE F&DNH

### MONDAYS - open 12pm-4pm (incorporating youth group)

**Youth group:** 3.30pm-4.30pm. Open to youth aged 10+. Cost is \$15 per term or a gold coin each week.

### TUESDAYS -open 8.30am-3.30pm

**Playgroup:** 10am-12pm. Gold coin or \$10 per term.

**Craft group:** 3pm-5pm each week. BYO craft project to work on. Gold coin.

**Seniors morning tea:** First Tuesday of the month, 10.30am-11.30am. Gold coin.

**Book club:** 2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm. Gold coin

**Weeding group:** 4th Tuesday of the month 10am-12pm. Contact Susan Langridge for more details 0498 592 364.

**Pantry top up and food boxes:** Please contact coordinator to arrange or just visit the pantry after top up (from 12pm). Food available to all in the community.

### WEDNESDAYS - open 8.30am-3.30pm

**Yoga:** 9.10-10.30am, \$15 per class

**Forrest voices (singing for fun):** 11am-12pm. Gold coin.

**Studio Forrest art group:** 1pm-5pm, \$200 per semester. Peer led local artist group.

**Pantry top up:** evening after 8pm. Food available to all in the community.

### THURSDAYS - coordinator located at the hall

**Community lunch:** Take away or dine in.

Order on Wednesdays on Facebook or text 0493105502, pick up from the hall at 12.30pm on the day. \$7. Return containers each week!

### FRIDAYS - CLOSED

**Pantry top up:** (late evening)

**Community Gym (at the rec reserve):** memberships available, contact coordinator for more info. Gym can be accessed between 6am-10pm daily.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

**Forrest Osteopathy** will be onsite on Friday 3rd October. Call 0438298669 to book in.

**My Aged Care information session by Safe Solutions Care-** Thurs 9th October 2-4pm. Contact NH to book.

**Thea Brown Reflexology** will be in house on 14th & 15th October. Call 0447669787 to book in.

**\$100 Power Saving Bonus** is available to eligible concession card holders. Please contact coordinator to apply.

**CFA Fire planning workshop for business-** Wed 15 October 2pm-4pm.

**Halloween in Forrest-** Frid 31 October from 4.30pm. See poster for details

**WE ALSO HAVE:** Free WiFi • Printing services • Room hire • Community spaces • Reading room • Food share • Clothes swap • Forrest & District Historical Society display and library • Treatment/massage room for hire • Office space • Computers and more!

## FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM FOR UP TO DATE INFO AND EVENTS!



Mon 12-4pm, Tue, Wed 8.30am-3.30pm Thu - at the hall, 8.30am-3.30pm

Office hours may change or be limited if coordinator or volunteers are unavailable.

Please phone ahead if required **Ph:** 0493 105 502

**E:** forrest.nh@gmail.com **A:** Community Hub - 47 Grant Street, Forrest 3236



## HALLOWEEN IN FORREST

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025.

TRICK OR TREAT YOUR WAY AROUND FORREST FROM 4.30PM, SWING BY THE NH HAUNTED GRAVEYARD, VISIT THE GENERAL STORE FOR A SCARE AND FINISH AT THE BREWERY FOR A WITCHES BREW.

MAP OF TRICK OR TREAT LOCATIONS WILL BE SHARED CLOSER TO THE DAY.

## FIRE SAFETY PLANNING FOR YOUR BUSINESS WORKSHOP

CFA is offering a FREE Fire Planning Workshop for your business.

When: Wednesday 15th October 2025  
Time: 2:00pm  
Where: Forrest Neighbourhood and District House  
47 Grant Street, Forrest

The session will include information on:

- Preparation
- Fire Behaviour
- Personal Safety

For further information please call CFA on on 5551 1515 or via email [swrcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:swrcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au)

## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY & ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION NOTIFICATION OF ROAD CLOSURES THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025 & SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025

The annual AMY'S GREAT OCEAN ROAD GRAN FONDO, held in memory of Australian cyclist Amy Gillett, will host the 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. The expanded program of racing will see road closures with the Great Ocean Road transformed into a competitive arena for cyclists from around the globe, chasing the title of becoming a world champion.

### CONTACT US

There are many ways to receive event updates, get the latest traffic and transport advice or contact us for further information. We are committed to working with the community to ensure we minimise disruptions to residents and businesses.

A traffic hotline will operate during business hours in the lead up to the event and the following times over the event weekend:

**Thursday 16 October - 5.00am - 6.00pm**

**Saturday 18 October - 9.00am - 5.00pm**

**Sunday 19 October - 5.00am - 4.30pm**

Phone: 0456 479 606

Email: [info@o2events.com.au](mailto:info@o2events.com.au)

[www.amysgranfondo.org.au](http://www.amysgranfondo.org.au)



### THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER GREAT OCEAN RD: LORNE TO EASTERN VIEW - TIME TRIAL

ROAD	LOCATION / CLOSURES	TIMES
Great Ocean Road	Between the Memorial Arch, Eastern View and Deans Marsh-Lorne Rd roundabout (both directions)	9.00 am - 4.30 pm ***

\*\*\* Victoria police will escort local residents and business vehicles between Lorne and Eastern View at 11.15 am\* & 1.35 pm\* from Lorne to Eastern View • 11.35 am\* & 1.55 pm\* from Eastern View to Lorne  
If an escort is required, please be ready ahead of time, as the window to be escorted is small. \* Times subject to change.

### SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER UCI GRAN FONDO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP & AMY'S GRAN FONDO REC RIDE & MEDIO FONDO

ROAD	LOCATION / CLOSURES	TIMES
Mountjoy Parade, Lorne	Between Otway St & William Rd	4.45am - 11.30am
Mountjoy Parade, Lorne	Between William Rd & Albert St	4.45am - 5.30pm
Mountjoy Parade, Lorne	Between Deans Marsh Rd & Otway St	7.00am - 8.00am 8.50am - 9.30am
Deans Marsh-Lorne Road	Between Birregurra - Deans Marsh Rd & Great Ocean Rd	6.00am - 11.00am
Birregurra-Deans Marsh Rd & Deepdene Rd	Between Cape Otway Rd & Deans Marsh - Lorne Rd	7.00am - 11.30am
Birregurra-Forrest & Birre-Deans Marsh Rd	From Rifle Butts Rd to Colac - Lorne Road	7.00am - 10.00am
Birregurra-Forrest Road	Between Deepdene Rd (Colac-Lorne Rd) & Colac-Forrest Rd	7.30am - 12.30pm
Forrest-Apollo Bay Road	Between Beech Forest Rd (Turtons Track) & Colac Forrest Rd	8.00am - 2.00pm
Skenes Creek Road	Between Great Ocean Rd & Beech Forest Rd (Turtons Track)	8.30am - 2.30pm
Great Ocean Road (Both directions)	Between Skenes Creek Rd, Skenes Creek & Albert St, Lorne	8.30am - 4.30pm
Great Ocean Road	Between Hardy St, Apollo Bay & Skenes Creek Rd, Skenes Creek	11.45am - 12.30pm

## Planning ahead for summer

The cold wet Spring we have been experiencing makes it difficult to turn our thoughts to the next season, but Summer is rapidly sneaking up on us! The blossoms are out, heralding the change and the grass has sprung into action and mowers will be running hot trying to keep up with the abundant growth.

Now is a great time to prepare for the coming fire season and make sure you are ready when the warm weather gets here. Planning with your family and neighbours is important and CFA is running two workshops in Forrest to give you the opportunity to learn what you can expect, how to prepare and be safe if we do have a fire event this summer.

FLARE members will be attending to encourage community to get on the map and be more connected. We will be investigating how we can keep in touch, strengthen our community and support vulnerable people. Do you want to be part of a phone tree? Is email or WhatsApp your thing? What is a Community Fire Guard group and how can you get involved? Come and discuss what we need to support our community to be safer and more connected or be more informed about your personal safety.

If you have a business in Forrest or surrounds, CFA is running a workshop on Wednesday 15 October tailored to your specific needs to ensure you are informed about how to prepare, share information and keep your staff and customers safe. With the fire season corresponding with times of high tourist visitation, if you run a tourism based business or accommodation this workshop will help you to plan for your business and customers.

A general fire safety planning workshop will be held at the school on Wednesday 22nd October with all welcome to attend.

Gillian Brew




## FIRE SAFETY PLANNING WORKSHOP

CFA is offering a FREE Fire Planning Workshop  
for the community of Forrest

When: Wednesday 22nd October 2025  
Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm  
Where: Forrest Primary School  
10 Grant Street, Forrest

The session will include information on:



Preparation



Fire Behaviour



Personal Safety

For further information please call CFA on 0551 1515  
or via email [swrcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:swrcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au)





## Mapping a healthy future: Locals asked to share food shopping stories

Colac Otway Shire locals and those from surrounding communities are being asked to share stories of their food buying experiences through the new Map My Food Colac Otway Shire online survey. Map My Food Colac Otway Shire will collect information such as where people shop, how far they travel to shop for food, what they buy and why they choose to shop where they do. It will also ask the community to suggest ideas for improving access and availability of good quality and affordable healthy food in Colac Otway Shire.

Colac Otway Shire's Community Engagement Officer, Lesley Hendy, will be on the ground in the community regularly sharing information about how you can contribute and will be available to assist where needed. You can find Lesley at the Birregurra Farmers Market, Colac Show, Apollo Bay Library and other local events throughout the engagement period

be-tween 8th September and 8th December 2025. The data we gather will help us identify ways to make healthy choices the easier option in rural communities and help drive change.

Map My Food is accessible online via <https://mapmy.com.au/myfood> or through the QR code.

The Map My Food Colac Otway Shire platform was developed and tested with members of the community, researchers from Deakin's Global Centre for Preventive Health and Nutrition (GLOBE) in the Institute for Health Transformation (IHT) and University of Newcastle's De-partment of Rural Health.

This project is supported by funding support from the Australian Government's Medical Research Futures Fund.

Tell us how you get your food and go into the draw to get a voucher



The Forrest Formula One Race Day is zooming closer! The entire school has been transformed into mini assembly lines! Excited chatter rumbles across the yard and classrooms as children paint their cars, apply stickers, design logos, flags and publicity posters.

This collaboration with the Men's Shed will culminate on a fun day on Friday 21st November 10am. Blundy Street will be the race track! All involved with this project are welcoming and hoping for a big community presence to cheer along the children with their funky cars. Come and add to the infectious joy and hilarity already felt by young and old so far. Prizes to be won with buckets of laughter guaranteed.

Noor Petersen

## Barwon Water Updates



29%

West Barwon Reservoir



40%

Wurdee Boluc Reservoir



4ML

Current minimum daily passing flow at West Barwon

### Community talks and tours

As part of our commitment to local community groups, we provide guided tours of key facilities, and guest speakers for events, meetings, or information nights.

#### Guided tours are available at:

**West Barwon Reservoir:** One of our most important water supply catchments, in the foothills of the Otway Ranges.

**Wurdee Boluc Water Treatment Plant:** A main water treatment facility for our region, located 40 minutes' drive from Forrest.

**Black Rock Water Reclamation Plant:** Our largest wastewater treatment and water recycling plant, located in Connewarre.

**Upper Stony Creek Reservoir Number 1:** the first major reservoir for the Geelong region, opened in 1873.

Our other sites may be available for tours on request. All tours are subject to availability; maximum and minimum numbers apply.

Our guided tours are available for not-for-profit community groups during normal business hours.

### Request a speaker

You can request a Barwon Water speaker for your next community meeting.

Find out more about where your water comes from and how we are planning for the future. We're also happy to share water saving tips, updates on our major projects, and stories about our history. We'll tailor every presentation to the interests of your group.

If you're interested in a guided tour or a speaker for your community group, please contact us.

Learn more!

For more information, visit:  
[www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/  
community-and-education/community-groups](http://www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/community-and-education/community-groups)





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[birrepharmacy@hotmail.com](mailto:birrepharmacy@hotmail.com)

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ADVERTISE WITH US! Reach local customers and visitors and support your local volunteer run news sheet. Proceeds go to the Forrest Primary School or Neighbourhood House for printing costs and to support the Forrest Men's Shed. CONTACT US: [theforrestpost@gmail.com](mailto:theforrestpost@gmail.com) for more information.





## FORREST FACES: Hoya Wolfgang

Hoya is a well-known Barwon Downs community member, recognised for facilitating Catan board game sessions, welcoming people of all genders and ages. These popular gatherings have attracted participants from nearby areas and as far as Melbourne. Hoya has played Catan for over 30 years. The game was released in Germany in the 1990s, is globally beloved for its strategic gameplay involving resource collection and settlement.

Beyond gaming, Hoya's creativity influences his music, songwriting, design, make-up artistry, and inventive tinkering, all of which he brings to WildHoney Performing Arts ([wildhoney.net.au](http://wildhoney.net.au)).

*'To ride wild wings, take risks and walk the edges'* is how they introduce their work, setting the scene for a visual feast for all drawn into their buzzing wild hive. Eloise Wood, Hoya's partner,

is the founder of the Hive. She has orchestrated a small humming group of designers and makers, many from Forrest, collectively instilling their visionary creative passions into this innovative performing ensemble, featuring mythical figures, stilt dancers, and luminous displays. Their events encourage communal imagination and celebrate seasonal cycles, often including children's workshops focused on arts and transformation.

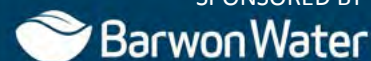
WildHoney have appeared at festivals and events such as White Night Melbourne, Cairns Festival, WinterWild Apollo Bay, and Port Fairy Folk Festival.

Hoya, when not tending to gardens, being a barista and helping with the community lunch is the extraordinary maker of the most fantastic costumes. A true Multi Master!

Noor Petersen

## BIRDS OF THE OTWAYS

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### Wedge-tailed Eagle

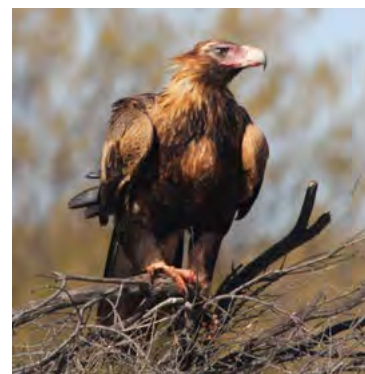
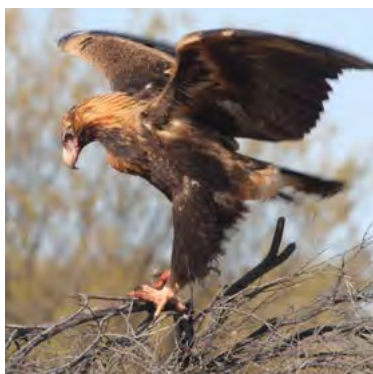
The magnificent Wedge-tailed Eagle, with a huge wingspan, is our largest and heaviest raptor. It is found all over Australia, from hot deserts to temperate forests.

In our area they are often seen circling effortlessly on thermal currents, with outstretched wings and upward pointing outer primary wing feathers. The iconic wedge tailed shape can easily be seen, making identification very easy.

The Wedge-tailed eagle hunts small to medium vertebrates, especially rabbits and small macropods. They can also take larger birds like cockatoos in flight with their huge, stretched out talons. They also eat carrion such as road kill, where they are sometimes struck by passing vehicles as they can take quite a while to get airborne with their heavy bodies.

These eagles build huge stick nests, often in an elevated spot that provides views all round. These are often used for decades. The picture of young birds on the nest that I have included was taken with a large telescopic lens, from quite a distance away as to not disturb the birds. They can desert the nest if disturbed, so if you find a nesting pair please be extra careful around their area. It is a pleasure so have these majestic birds in our district.

Ian Davies and Adam Fry



Visit Forrest online at [www.forrestvictoria.com](http://www.forrestvictoria.com)

