

East Gippsland Historical Society

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Museum in Bairnsdale, VIC The building is maintained by members of the East Gippsland Historical Society Incorporated. The building was restored to its present condition for use as a Museum and Resource Centre, and has been open for inspection since 1972. The building was originally designed for the Presbyterian Church for use as a college. The Bairnsdale College was opened for day students and boarders but was not terribly successful and by 1895 had become St Andrew's College, operating as a school for girls until it closed in 1909. With many changes of ownership over the years, the building was eventually purchased by the Shire Council on the 29th October 1970. In the surrounding grounds of the museum you will find farm machinery, tools, and various buildings, including Calegero log hut, a pioneer building, which was built in circa 1880 by John Caughey on his selection near Iguana Creek on the Dargo Road at Glenaladale. The hut has been moved from its former location to the museum site and was reconstructed and restored in 1989 by his descendants and their friends as a Bicentennial project. The Historical Museum has seven main rooms which showcase furniture, furnishings and artifacts from the days of our parents and grandparents. Specialist collections include: Office equipment from public offices; Photographic, cameras and projectors; Lamps and lighting; Musical instruments and gramophones; War memorabilia and honor rolls; Medical, dental and pharmaceuticals; Clothing fashions; Communications, telephones and radios; Saddlery, harness and coaches and Early settler tools.

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