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Independent candidate Ant Pitt to take the long road through East Gippsland

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Independent Eastern Victoria candidate Antoinette Pitt will spend more than a week travelling through East Gippsland, meeting with residents, community organisations, farmers, local advocates, councils and other people working to build the region's future.

From **1–9 October**, Antoinette will travel from Morwell through Swifts Creek and Omeo, across to Lakes Entrance and Mallacoota, and back through Orbost, Bairnsdale, Lindenow and the Gippsland Lakes before finishing in Traralgon.

The trip is deliberately broad — geographically and in the issues it will explore.

"I don't want to campaign for East Gippsland by sitting in a room and deciding what people here need," Ms Pitt said.

"I want to travel the roads, get into the towns, meet the people doing the work and listen to what is happening on the ground.

"East Gippsland is a huge and diverse part of Eastern Victoria. The experience of someone living in Omeo isn't necessarily the same as someone in Mallacoota, Orbost or Bairnsdale.

"That matters when we're talking about housing, jobs, transport, health, agriculture, emergency services and the future of our communities."

Antoinette will also meet with East Gippsland Council, local housing and homelessness organisations, Landcare representatives, agricultural groups and community networks, as well as taking time for informal conversations with residents along the way.

The trip will include stops in **Swifts Creek, Omeo, Lakes Entrance, Bairnsdale, Cann River, Mallacoota, Orbost, Eastwood, Paynesville and Lindenow**, before returning back through the Latrobe Valley.

"There is a lot of expertise and community leadership already in East Gippsland," Ms Pitt said.

"My job as an independent candidate is to listen, ask questions and take those local voices into the broader conversation about what Eastern Victoria needs."

Where to find Ant Pitt

Thursday 1 October

- 11am — Morwell,

Friday 2 October

- 1.30–2.30pm — Swifts Creek, MacMillan Street
- 3–4pm — Omeo, Day Avenue

Saturday 3 October

- 10–11.30am — Lakes Entrance, Slipway Sheds
- 2.30–3.30pm — Cann River, Tamboon Road/Princes Highway
- 4.30–6pm — Mallacoota, Maurice Avenue

Sunday 4 October

- 10am–12pm — Lakes Entrance, Iceworks

Monday 5 October

- 9.30am — Meeting with East Gippsland Council, Bairnsdale
- 12.30–2.30pm — Orbost, Pitt Stop, Nicholson Street
- 4–6pm — Bairnsdale, Pitt Stop, Nicholson Street

Tuesday 6 October

- 10am–12pm — Eastwood, Howitt Avenue

Wednesday 7 October

- 1–2pm — Lunch at Lindenow Pub
- 4.30pm — **East Gippsland Housing Affordability Conversation**, Slipway, Lakes Entrance

Thursday 8 October

- 2 - 4 Paynesville, Wellington Street
- 6–8.45pm — Friends of Gippsland Lakes Forum, *A Ramsar Wetland at a Crossroads*, Bairnsdale

Friday 9 October

- 11am–12.30pm — HIA State Election Housing Roundtable, Traralgon

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