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## **Schools gear up for the grand final of the East Gippsland Wicked Water Eisteddfod**

Six local schools will be competing for honours in the grand final of the East Gippsland Wicked Water Eisteddfod this Saturday (24 October) – the first water-themed event of its kind to be held the region.

This event is being run by East Gippsland Water and East Gippsland Waterwatch and is aimed at primary and secondary schools, including P-12 colleges, throughout the region. The grand final coincides with National Water Week.

The name for the Eisteddfod was the brainchild of students and teachers from St Joseph's Primary School in Orbost, while Lindenow Primary School came up with the support slogan *Put the plug in and perform*.

Participating on Saturday at the Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre will be students from Bairnsdale, Lindenow, Meerlieu and Clifton Creek primary schools, as well as pupils from St Joseph's Primary School and Lakes Entrance Secondary College.

Said East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Les Mathieson: "This is a great, fun way for students to think about the value of water and water conservation, as well as the environmental importance of protecting our streams, rivers and lakes. There is plenty of scope to push the boat out creatively, using any form of performing art including poetry, song, dance and mime. There are also plenty of exciting prizes up for grabs.

"We're delighted to be working with Waterwatch on this very exciting initiative and it's clear from the submissions received that the competition between the finalists will make the judging very tough this weekend."

The public are welcome to attend the event, which will run from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

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### **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

**You are welcome to send a reporter/photographer/camera crew to cover the East Gippsland Wicked Water Eisteddfod. For more information and to confirm attendance, please contact Kim Snyder of East Gippsland Waterwatch (5150 3502) or Ronan Carroll of East Gippsland Water (5150 4434) in advance.**