



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715
www.balranald.nsw.gov.au
Office Hours
8.30am to 5pm
Monday to Friday
Ph 03 5020 1300
After Hours Emergencies
0418 322 902

RELATED SERVICES

BALRANALD LIBRARY

Monday & Friday 2pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 9am-5.30pm
(Closed for lunch 12pm-1pm)

BALRANALD VISITOR INFORMATION & DISCOVERY CENTRE

Cnr Market & River Streets
Open Daily 10am-4pm
Ph 03 5020 1599
www.visitbalranald.com.au



CountryLink tickets and fishing licenses can be purchased here

BALRANALD MUSEUM

Access via Visitor Centre, 7 days

SERVICE NSW (formerly RMS/RTA)

Balranald

9.30am to 4pm

Tuesday to Friday

(Closed for lunch 1pm-1.45pm)

Euston

11.30am to 3pm

2nd and 4th Thursday of month

(Closed for lunch 12.15pm-1pm)

SNSW Call Centre 13 77 88

TIP HOURS

Balranald (1 May-30 Sept)

Tuesday & Thursday 4pm-6pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

Sunday 10am-3pm

Euston (all year)

Tuesday & Thursday 1pm-6pm

Sunday 9am-3pm

Tokens available from Council Office, Visitor Centre, Café Cassaro & Euston Post Office

Inaugural Meeting of the Far West Joint Organisation



The newly established Far West Joint Organisation (FWJO) conducted its inaugural meeting in Broken Hill on Thursday 26 July 2018. The Joint Organisation comprises the councils of Balranald Shire, Broken Hill City, Central Darling Shire and Wentworth Shire. Three Mayors and one Administrator of these councils are the voting members of the FWJO Board.

Councillor Melisa Hederics, Mayor of Wentworth Shire Council was elected chairperson. Councillor Leigh Byron was elected the deputy chairperson. Mayor

Hederics said there was a lot of work ahead for this newly formed regional local Government body. "I am optimistic that the councils will make a difference in the Far West regional footprint and work collaboratively with other levels of government, agencies, communities and business to improve the bottom line for all residents in our vast region".

The FWJO will have a number of non-voting representatives including a representative from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Deputy Mayors and General Managers from each of the member Councils. Mayor Hederics went on to say that the Far West Joint Organisation is well aware of the challenges for the region but it was also clear that the FWJO would strive for a stronger say on social, economic and environmental issues, and direct dialogue with decision makers from the other two levels of Government. "A key outcome for the FWJO is to make member Councils stronger individual local government units in the region."

Dwellings for seasonal worker accommodation

Are you considering renting out your house for seasonal workers accommodation? The use of a house for this purpose is subject to a range of additional Health, Building and Planning rules.

Special building requirements may apply, you may require development consent and the premises may need to be registered with the Department of Fair Trading.

Some of the special building requirements are around areas such as additional smoke alarms, emergency lighting, floor space requirements per person, and access for disabled persons.

If you are considering using your house for seasonal worker accommodation, please contact Council to discuss your proposal.

Positions Vacant—Hostel Casual Personal Care Attendant

Position description available on Council's website www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies/ or by contacting Council's reception on 03 5020 1300. Confidential enquiries may be directed to Terri Bilske, Director Corporate & Community Services.

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW
good works

VINNIES IS RIGHT
HERE, DOING WHAT
WE'VE ALWAYS DONE:
OFFERING A HAND-UP
TO LOCAL PEOPLE
DOING IT TOUGH.



We'll be helping farmers affected by drought through:

1. Food assistance and assistance with household bill payments;
2. Funding the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations;
3. Organising events for communities to come together and find support.

To find out more call **02 6862 5758**
or email wcfsvdp@vinnies.org.au.

All queries and responses to requests will remain in complete confidence.

A message from the road crew.....

As regular readers would be aware, this section of the newsletter usually features a message from the Mayor. However, this month a submission has been made by Council's road crew who would like to address the public, their message is as follows:

To the residents of Balranald Shire Council,

On behalf of myself and my road crew, we would like to express our sincere thanks to some local farmers and two organisations for the use of their facilities, while we were working in their area repairing the roads for the past fourteen months.

Jamie, Delee Fitzgerald & Family

Jock & Kerry Harris & Family

Greg & Prue Turner

Iluka & Mungo National Park

David Rankin, Manager at Tupra Station

Simon & Carolyn Booth

Russel & Rita Clothier & Family of Gol Gol Station

Also a very special thanks to

Ian & Maria Armstrong

Graham & Helen Morphett, and

Sally Morphett

For us to be able to access water to do the work on the roads, in these very dry and trying times. Without them we would not be able to continue our work.

Special thanks,

Rick Campbell & Crew

Balranald Shire Council

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council

The next meeting will be on:
-Tuesday 18th September 2018-



Livestreaming & Draft Social Media Policy

Council is excited to announce that this month's Council meeting was livestreamed on Facebook. Council is thrilled to have implemented this technology and hopes this new distribution of the monthly meetings will prove to be accessible and engaging for our community. Council has also developed a Draft Social Media Policy to govern its interaction with online members and would like to remind all Facebook Users that inappropriate comments will be deleted. Council encourages residents to view the draft policy which is on exhibition at Councils office and website. Feedback will be received until 19 September 2018. To view the meeting livestream please find Council on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BalranaldShireCouncil/>

Street Sweeper Schedule

Council has received some enquiries recently regarding the street sweeper schedule and wishes to advise that it is as follows:

Balranald—every third Thursday, alternating halves of the township. The next visit will be 30 August 2018. On this visit the sweeper will sweep the main street and all the streets on the North Side (between the main street and the aerodrome). On the following visit, scheduled for 20 September 2018, the sweeper will sweep the main street and all the streets on the South side (between the main street and the river). This will also include all the medians in town.

Euston is swept once per month, the next visit is scheduled for 5 September 2018.

Please note all dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Council News

Gravity Sewer Main Relining and Repair Project

Balranald sewerage system was constructed in 1982 with a projected life span of 60 to 80 years and consists of over 21km of underground pipe, manholes, pumping stations and treatment works and would cost in excess of \$12M to replace.

Installation, maintenance and renewal of a high quality sewerage system is an essential service for ensuring public health, amenity, and environmental protection for the residents of Balranald. As sewers age they deteriorate, or are damaged by ground movement, trees roots, poor connections, corrosive gases or liquids. They may become structurally unstable, prone to blockages, or allow infiltration of rainwater into the system.

Council has identified a number of sewerage collection sub-catchments that are critical to its operations that exhibit either poor condition, a high degree of infiltration inflow, or have used a significant portion of their useful service life. In view of this, Council has decided to implement a project to rehabilitate these sewers to reduce infiltration inflow and to provide an effective service life of at least fifty years.

A contractor "Interflow Pty Ltd" has been appointed to carry out a variety of works and repairs and activities to take place over approximately six months. Individual properties will be advised of works in their area as the program progresses through the town.

More information about the types of work being undertaken around town can be found on Council's website. Should you have any questions about these works please contact Councils engineering department on phone 03 5020 1300.

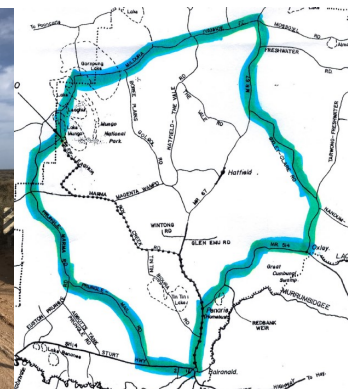


Library News

Are you a reader but don't have time for a paper book? Did you know, at your local library you have access to thousands of ebooks and emagazines which you can listen to anywhere and anytime. No fees apply for access to this service as it is included as part of your library membership, free to all residents. Call in and see Angela at the library to find out more.

Roads Inspection

Infrastructure committee and senior executives of Council recently conducted a rural roads inspection around the Shire. The group assessed the overall condition of roads and will use this information along with subsequent technical inspections to assist in the prioritisation of resource allocation for road asset management. Pictured below are the group out on the road and a map of their route.



HATFIELD HAPPENING

Ladies wellbeing day

Guest Speaker this year is:
Tanya Ellis of Sarah & I Styling

Tanya is a personal Fashion Stylist and Image Consultant. Tanya will be presenting a fun filled day of fashion and styling to women of all ages.

Plus a Body Confidence and Self-Love workshop

Stallholders - Please call Fleur Turner 0429 206 897 if you are interested in holding a stall.

More details to follow soon

Save the Date!

HATFIELD HALL
THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2018
9.30AM
LUNCH & AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED
SUPPORTING THE CANCER COUNCIL'S
BIGGEST MORNING TEA



BALRANALD BRANCH

Community News

NSW Grandparent of the Year Award & Photography Competition

Grandparents and older people give so much to our communities and families, from sharing their skills and wisdom, to volunteering their time and looking after grandchildren. Celebrate everything a grandparent or older person does for you and your community and nominate them for the 2018 NSW Grandparent of the Year Award today. For more information visit: <https://www.grandparentsday.nsw.gov.au/awards>

Calling on grandparents and grandchildren of all ages to get involved in the NSW Grandparents Day Photography Competition. The competition celebrates older people and their contributions, while encouraging connections between generations. It's open to all residents of NSW and has two categories: Open and School-aged. The judging panel will review all the entries and select one winner from each category who will be awarded a Microsoft Surface Pro tablet. The theme for this year's competition is 'intergenerational'. All entries need to bring this theme to life in some way. Get creative in showing what the older people in your life and community mean to you. Entries close 5.00pm Friday 14 September 2018. For full entry details, visit: <https://www.grandparentsday.nsw.gov.au/photo-comp>

Wool and Transport Museum

Adrian Gorman would be pleased to hear from anyone who would assist him to establish a wool and transport museum in Balranald. To contact Adrian please phone 03 5020 0350.

'Bal-Archies' & 5 Rivers Festival Poster Competition

Hey Kids! Enter the 'Bal-Archies' & 5 Rivers poster competition now, great prize money to be won. Contact Jan on 0488 728 986 or at The Gallery.

NSW Government Emergency Drought Relief Package

Recently the NSW Government announced a \$500 million NSW Emergency Drought Relief Package to help farmers manage the effects of the current drought. The three major elements of package are: \$190 million for Drought Transport Subsidies, \$100 million for cutting the cost of farming fees and charges – by waiving Local Land Services rates (2019), waiving fixed water charges in rural and regional areas (Water NSW), waiving class one agricultural vehicle registration costs, and waiving interest charges for existing Farm Innovation Fund loans for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years and \$150 million to bolster the Farm Innovation Fund (FIF) infrastructure program.

The package also includes funding for: Counselling and mental health, critical services in regional communities including transporting water and drought related road upgrades and repairs, and animal welfare and stock disposal. This takes the total NSW Government funding for Drought Assistance to \$1.1 Billion. For more information visit www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au or call the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

Scam Alert

Balranald Shire Council wishes to remind residents to be cautious and keep an eye out for scams that can come from phone calls, email, social media, Facebook etc. The ACCC Scamwatch report that there are various ways scammers become involved with unsuspecting citizens including; investment, dating & romance, betting, online shopping, identity theft and more. In the year 2017 the total loss through investment scams was over \$31M with 1,997 reports filed. Pictured right, 2017 Table from Scamwatch website.

A more detailed article on scams can be found on Council's website.

The purpose of Scamwatch is to help you recognise scams and avoid them. You can find helpful resources or report information you believe to be a scam to the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission via scamwatch.gov.au

Top 10 scams by amount lost



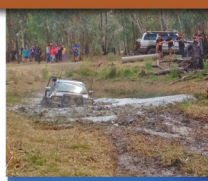
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BALRANALD'S 5 RIVERS OUTBACK FESTIVAL

5-7th October 2018

FOR REGULAR UPDATES & TICKETS VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR

www.5riversoutbackfestival.com.au



ADAM BRAND · CODE 5 · REVIVE BAND · OVERDRAFT · SCOTT LESLIE · JETT CHARMAN
MUSIC · MARKETS · 4WD MUSTER · PROGRESSIVE DINNER · BAREFOOT BOWLS AND MORE

EARLY BIRD
TICKETS AVAILABLE
ONLINE UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 8TH



Councilor Contact Details

Mayor
Cr Leigh Byron
0428 201 301

Deputy Mayor
Cr Alan Purtill
0429 201 301

Cr Steve O'Halloran
0429 619 880

Cr German Ugarte
0407 267 087

Cr Jo Roberts
0409 147 787

Cr Trevor Jolliffe
0408 066 460

Cr Doug Allen
0421 526 671

Cr Jeff Mannix
0409 783 075

UPCOMING EVENTS

9 Sept	MotoX—MX Rd 5	
5 Oct	'Bal-Archies' Exhibition opening at The Gallery, entries may be submitted online, visit www.balranaldartgallery.com.au	
5-7 Oct	5 Rivers Festival, for more info visit www.5riversoutbackfestival.com.au	
13 Oct	The Great Murray River Salami Festival Euston, for more info visit murrayriversalamifestival.com.au	
18 Oct	Hatfield Happening	
17 Nov	St Joseph's Primary School Fete	

What's on at Balranald Club

Mondays	Members Seniors \$5 lunch
Mon - Fri	\$10 lunch 12-2pm
Tue & Thu	Bingo: Tuesdays 7pm, Thursdays 2pm
Fridays	Smorgasbord from 6pm, Raffle and Members Draw LTPS/14/02429
Saturdays	Free Poker from 6.30pm

Also Available @ The Club:

BISTRO SPECIALS – Tuesdays \$15 homemade chicken parmi. Thursdays homemade chicken schnitzel with gravy \$12. Every month, 2nd and last Sunday, roast lunch only \$15.
NEW @ the Club: FOXTEL, electronic dart board & new pool table for your enjoyment. Don't forget regular facilities: Keno, TAB, coffee shop, fishing licenses, pre-paid mobile phone credit, city-link passes & more can be purchased. Printing & fax services, internet facilities including desktop computers as well as FREE WiFi available at the Club. Hire equipment including PA system, tables and chairs available, ask at the office. The Club has an U18s section, when using these facilities U18s must be in the company of a responsible adult and supervised at all times.

 [facebook.com/clubbalranald](https://www.facebook.com/clubbalranald)

7 Days/week	Station46 Bistro open daily - Breakfast Mon-Thurs 7am-9.30am & Fri-Sun 7am-10am Lunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 6-8.30pm. Café open all day
Mon/Thurs	Free Bingo Mon 10.15am Thurs 7pm
Tues / Sun	Poker Tues from 6.30pm Sun from 6pm
Wednesday	Raffle night & members draw from 6pm- Members cash draw from 7pm
Thursdays	Riverina Super draw 7 - 9pm
Thu/ Fri	Members cash draw from 6pm-8pm
Thu/Sun	Social Bowls. Registration 12.45am - call John Bond on 5026 4244
Fri & Sat	Free Live Entertainment from 7.30pm
	MEGA Raffle last Wednesday of month
	 facebook.com/eustonclubresort

FREE live entertainment Friday & Sat from 7.30pm and Sunday from 1.30pm to 5pm

COMMUNITY GENERAL INTEREST

Adult Day Care Monday 10am-2pm, Thursday 10am-2pm at the Hospital. Contact 03 5071 9800

Seniors Club every Friday 2pm Senior Citizens Hall

Hospital Auxiliary 2nd Monday of month 2.30pm, Adult Day Care Centre. Contact Karen 0404 842 037

Health Advisory Council (HAC) 4th Monday of month 7:00pm. Contact 03 5071 9800

Baby & Child Clinic Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri—Balranald Tue - Euston

Balranald Immunisation Clinic every 2nd Wed 9.30-11.00am at the Hospital. 0427 699 485 to book

Little Bunyips Playgroup each Thursday 10am to 1pm - corner of Market and River Street. Contact Jess 0488 697 533

Singing Group Friday 1.30pm Presbyterian Church all welcome

Men's Shed Tuesdays & Thursdays 8am at Heritage Park (behind Visitor Information Centre)

Take Off Weight Naturally Club Mondays 6pm, Multipurpose Centre. Contact Betty 0417 589 284

Optometrist (from Deniliquin) last Wednesday of month. Appointments made at Balranald Chemist

Balranald Wool Centre 3rd Friday of month, 10am - 3pm at the Gallery. New members welcome

Balranald Community Arts & Crafts Open most weekdays 10am - 4pm or by appointment. Meetings 3rd Monday of month, 2pm at the Gallery.

Narelle's Driving School Contact 0402 782 597

Balranald History Group 4th Tuesday of month from 5pm, Theatre Royal Ticketing Office

CanAssist Balranald Branch 2nd Monday of month 4pm - 92A Market St. **Bookshop** open Mon to Sat when volunteers available or by appointment by phoning Karen on 0404 842 037 or Kirstyn on 0448 158 709

Vision Australia - Phone Yann 03 5023 9500

Sureway Employment & Training Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am-5pm. Contact 03 4028 4900

Balranald Presbyterian Church - Mon Ladies KYB 7.30pm, Last Tues of month PWA, Thurs Music Group worship 5pm, Mens KYB 7.30pm, Fri Ladies KYB 10am, 3rd Sat of the month, Bidgee Haven service 3pm Sun, Worship Service 10am (last Sunday of Month, Hospital service - 2.30pm)

Balranald Rescue Squad meet 3rd Thursday of month, 8pm, Rescue Squad headquarters.

Friends of the Southern Cross Market Day - Last Saturday of month—Woodsys corner 8.30am

LiveBetter Community Transport for non-urgent transport. Contact Connie on 0428 335 711

Ability Links Balranald Wednesday's - phone 0487 740 000

ROAR – Reach Out and Relax Last Tuesday of month. Contact Chris 0428 096 462

Pony Club please contact Emma Scott or Rhani Neville

Changed Traffic Conditions RMS works will affect the below bridges:

Swan Hill Bridge over the Murray River will be closed 11pm and 6am from Mondays to Thursdays and expect to complete the work in October 2018

Tooleybuc Bridge over the Murray River Weekdays from Monday 27 August between 7am and 5pm, weather permitting, bridge will need to be closed to all traffic for some of the work, for the safety of workers and road users. The bridge will be closed between 6am and 6pm on Sunday 2 September and Sunday 9 September. The bridge will also be temporarily closed Monday to Thursday nights, between 10pm and 6am, from Monday 10 September to Friday 28 September. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Motorists will be detoured via Nyah Bridge and should allow an extra 45 minutes travel time.

DISCLAIMER

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Kerbside Pickup is on again!

Who is eligible for this service?

The kerbside pickup is available to all residents within the townships of Balranald and Euston.



What can I get picked up?

Large individual items that are too difficult for you to deliver to the local tips or that are too big for the weekly Waste Collection Service can be picked up such as: roofing, fencing materials, white goods, furniture, large dead tree limbs etc.

What day is the pickup?

BALRANALD
Monday 24 September 2018
from 7.00am

EUSTON
Monday 24 September 2018
from 7.00am



Kerbside Pickup is
FREE
to Residents

Remember: there are items not eligible for collection

- TYRES
- BATTERIES
- DANGEROUS GOODS
- Other small items of household rubbish or grass clippings and pruning's will NOT BE COLLECTED.



What do I need to know?

- If you wish Council to remove large items from within your yard*, please contact the Council on 03 5020 1300 to make a time for the items to be inspected and access determined.
- Items should be left out no earlier than the day prior to the pickup. Council will remove the items from the kerb on the allocated day.

** Please note: A collection fee for some large items removed from within your property may need to be imposed, please ask at the time of inspection.*

Normal Tip Hours

1st May to 30th September

Balranald

Tuesday	4pm	till 6pm
Thursday	4pm	till 6pm
Saturday	10am	till 1pm
Sunday	10am	till 3pm

Euston

Tuesday	1pm	till 6pm
Thursday	1pm	till 6pm
Sunday	9am	till 3pm



Also, don't forget... don't over fill your bin

As previously advised, waste must be confined to allow your bin lid to fully close at the weekly collection service. Overfilled bins result in littering and will not be collected by the contractor.

Your help is appreciated. Thank you.



Michael Kitzelmann, General Manager