



# Balranald Shire Council NEWSLETTER

## Community Growth Forum – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October

Across two nights, Council hosted its first Community Growth Forum.

Council invited representatives from industry, small business, emerging industries and most importantly OUR COMMUNITY to come along and participate in a Forum to:

- Collaborate and network – building relationships and awareness.
- Learn about present and future developments in our community
- Identify specific challenges and opportunities that are both cross-cutting and industry specific
- Develop strategies and prioritise actions to strengthen and grow current and emerging industries

Council was delighted with the turn out. Council registered more than one hundred attendees on the first evening and approximately two thirds of these people returned on day two. These participants played a pivotal role in shaping our Community's future – actively developing strategies to ensure that we have **"Sustainable Communities and Vibrant Futures"**.

All the data recorded by attendees during workshops and discussions throughout the two days will now be collated into a register that informs our Regional Economic Development Strategy. This strategy drives real actions and real benefits for our Community on its growth journey into the future.



**First Night: Panels of industry and service representatives presenting to the forum on their current situation and their vision of the future with questions from the forum attendees**



**Second Night: Taking stock of needs and opportunities. Tables were grouped together to foster conversation and brainstorming on target topics.**

Council is proud of what was achieved over the duration of the event and would like to thank the following groups and individuals who sponsored and/or presented:

### Presenters:

Cristal Australia – Ray Roberts  
Belectric – David Walls  
Maoneng – Antonia Peart (Limondale Solar Farm)  
National Parks and Wildlife NSW – Simone Carmichael  
Charles Sturt University – Peter Waterman  
QANTAC - Lee Bermingham (Accommodation Village)  
NUV Petroleum – Srikanth Nuvvala  
The Three Pegs – Ellie (Commercial Cleaning Services)  
The Euston Table Grape Industry – Rocky Violi  
Paika Station – Ian Lindsay-Fields and Diane Williams  
Outback Geo Adventures – German Ugarte  
Mallee Sustainable Farming – Tim O'Halloran  
Euston Cooperative Rural Society – Louie Zaffina

### Sponsors:

Maoneng  
Decmil  
NUV Petroleum  
QANTAC



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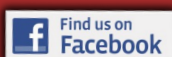
### RELATED SERVICES

#### 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](http://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 October — 30 April)*  
Tuesday & Thursday  
5pm-7pm  
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

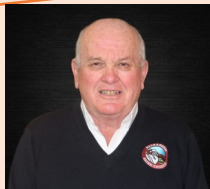
## COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURE

Residents and visitors are advised that the Council office will be

**CLOSED**

**ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018**

due to Union Picnic Day  
The office will re-open at 8.30am  
Tuesday 6 November 2018  
Council apologises for any inconvenience



## From the Mayor's Office

I extend my congratulations to Balranald Inc. on another fantastic Five Rivers Festival, and to the Gallery for the wonderful Bal-Archies exhibition. It was a wonderful weekend in Balranald and the tireless work of all the volunteers involved is deeply appreciated. You should all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved.

I had the privilege of attending the graduation ceremony of the newest group of Rural Fire Service Cadets earlier this month and I am so inspired by the commitment of these young people towards gaining skills to serve their communities. I applaud your spirit.

Furthermore, to all the youth completing school exams at this time, I wish you the best of luck.

My thanks go out to all those community members who attended the Community Growth Forum, what a fantastic event. My thanks also to Council staff, for all their work behind the scenes to bring together this event.

I recently attended the Local Government NSW annual conference in Albury representing our Shire alongside the General Manager and Councillors Byron and Mannix. This conference is the pre-eminent event of the local government year where councillors and executive staff from across the state come together to share ideas and debate issues. While in Albury we also attended a meeting of the Far South West Joint Organisation; meeting with Broken Hill, Central Darling and Wentworth Shire to collaborate on matters for our region.

### **Next Ordinary Meeting of Council**

**The next meeting will be on:**

**-Tuesday 27th November 2018-  
3pm @ Euston Rec. Reserve**

**\*\*\*please note change of time & venue\*\*\***

### **Drought Assistance**

Council wants to assist the farmers in our Shire who have been impacted by the drought. If you are living on a rural property within our Shire and are in need of potable water for human consumption please contact General Manager, Michael Kitzelmann, at Balranald Shire Office, phone 03 5020 1300.

### **Swimming Season**

Council is currently undertaking preseason preparation activities to have the pool ready for community enjoyment this summer period. Council aims to have the pool open Saturday 3rd November 2018. Watch our Facebook page for an update when it opens.

### **Fire Danger Period**

As the weather warms up and the dry conditions continue Council would like to remind residents to exercise caution and be mindful of their responsibilities with fire.

A Fire Permit is required for burning activities during the Bush Fire Danger Period. Fire Permits help ensure fire is used safely and minimise the danger to you, your property and the community.

The key things to remember:

You need a fire permit if it's the Bush Fire Danger Period.

Just because it's the Bush Fire Danger Period doesn't mean you can't use fire - but there are restrictions to ensure fire is used safely.

Getting a permit is free and easy. Contact your local Fire Control Centre.

There are heavy penalties if you don't follow restrictions or rules.

The fire control centre for Balranald Local Government Area is Dareton. Phone 03 5027 4422 or visit <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/> for more information.

## **Council News** **Stronger Country Communities** **Funding Success**

Council is thrilled to report that Balranald has been awarded \$1.36 million under the Stronger Country Communities Funding (SCCF). Three of seven projects submitted were awarded funding this round and this is a fantastic outcome for our community.

Council would like to thank all the community members who contributed to the forums from which these applications were constructed. This is a wonderful achievement and Council looks forward to sharing future updates as these projects get underway. Scope details are as follow:

### **Sports Multi-Purpose Centre Renewal Project (Footy Shed—Greenham Park)**

- Supply and fit 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> gyprock ceiling panelling and reframe existing trusses as necessary to remaining areas.
- Supply and install ceiling insulation throughout centre.
- Supply and installation of air conditioning/heating for main area.
- Supply and install 1,200m<sup>2</sup> vinyl flooring throughout.
- Full fit-out of kitchen and bar facilities:
- Paint walls and ceiling.

### **Janelle Masters Memorial Pool Revitalisation Project:**

- Upgrade existing kiosk - add new shelving and storage and cafe area.
- Remove existing toilets to construct a new disabled toilet, toilets and showers.
- Upgrade entrance and add new signage and render facade.
- Installation of irrigation system for lawn area.
- Extend roof over BBQ area and pave.
- Install two new steel shade shelters.

### **Market Streetscape Revitalisation Project – Stage Two: Mayall Street to River Street:**

- Undergrounding the powerlines along Market Street from Mayall to River Street.
- Installation of new overhead street lighting.
- Upgrading pedestrian footpaths along both sides of Market Street from Mayall to River Street.
- Installation of an advanced tree line and planter areas between footpaths and kerbs
- Replacing existing street furniture, including seats, benches, bin surrounds, bollards
- Revitalisation of Theatre Royal parking area.
- Public art: Murals and sculptures

## **Australia Day Awards** **Nominations Now Open!**

Nominations have opened for the Balranald Shire Council 2019 Australia Day Awards. The awards recognise the wonderful members of our community for their contributions during 2018. Nomination forms are available for download from Council's website [www.balranald.nsw.gov.au](http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au); the Council Office or Euston Post Office. **Nominations close Monday 3rd December 2018.**

### **Calling for Committee Members**

Balranald Shire Council is calling for expressions of interest from community members to participate on the **Australia Day Committee** of Council. The committee holds approximately two meetings per year; the most important being choosing recipients for awards. You don't need qualifications - the most important aspects are your interest and engagement.

For further information on the committee function or to register your interest, please contact Carol Holmes [cholmes@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cholmes@balranald.nsw.gov.au) or phone the Council office on 03 5020 1300 during business hours. **Please register your interest by Wednesday 7th November 2018.**



**Australia Day**



# Community News



## Balranald Police Update

30th September 51 year old male was breath test on Market St Balranald and gave a positive reading for alcohol and subsequently charged with Drive with Low Range PCA.

28th September 2 males were involved in an incident at the Shamrock Hotel Balranald which resulted in one of the males being removed from the hotel. Police will remind any visitors to licensed premises that any violent, disorderly, quarrelsome or intoxication will be dealt with by removal from the premises.

Between 22nd and 23rd September unknown person/s have entered Yanga National Park. They have damaged gates and travelled along the river on Glen Avon.

12.45am on 23rd September police were involved in a pursuit with a white dual cab utility with a 4 wheel motorbike on the back on the Waugorah Rd Balranald. The vehicle had no rear number plate at the time. Police are urging any members of the community who have information on the driver/owner of this vehicle to make contact with police. This information will be dealt with confidentiality. Please contact Balranald Police on 03 5020 1404 or attend the station.

17th September a Balranald male and a Swan Hill male were issued with Banning Notices not to attend the Shamrock Hotel.

\*\*\* POLICE ARE REQUESTING THAT ANYONE WITH ANY INFORMATION IN RELATION TO DRUG ACTIVITY IN THE BALRANALD AREA MAKE CONTACT WITH BALRANALD POLICE ON 03 5020 1404 OR ATTEND THE STATION. ANY INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO POLICE WILL BE TREATED WITH CONFIDENTIALITY. POLICE REQUIRE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BALRANALD COMMUNITY IN TACKLING DRUG SUPPLIERS IN BALRANALD. \*\*\*

### Balranald Club Events

For more information contact The Balranald Club



Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BALRANALD CLUB IS CALLED

WHEN: MONDAY 29th October

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: CLUB AUDITORIUM

ANNUAL REPORT MAY BE VIEWED AT WWW.BALRANALDCLUB.COM.AU

### Balranald Club

Member of the Service Club



SPECIAL RACE DAY  
PRICED AUSSIE LUNCH  
& DINNER AVAILABLE



ORGANISED BY THE  
BALRANALD RACE CLUB



**CALCUTTA NIGHT AT THE CLUB**  
**SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER**

PRIZE FOR: **TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER**

BEST DRESSED MAN

BEST DRESSED WOMAN

BEST HAT WORN BY A WOMAN

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: must be present when drawn



OPEN

@

9:00am

at Your Local Club

Swipe your member card upon entry for FREE entry into the lucky door prize

SPECIAL PRICED AUSSIE LUNCH MENU  
Make your booking direct with the bistro staff on 5020 1253

SWEEP TICKETS ON SALE THROUGHOUT

### "Retracing the Journey" (Trek Rerun)

Nearly 90 people stopped over in Balranald on Wednesday 10th October, travelling from the Barossa Valley, on route to the town of Walla Walla, retracing a wagon journey taken 150 years ago. In October 1868, a group of German Lutherans left Ebenezer in South Australia to travel overland in horse drawn vehicles, to NSW to settle. They were from German families that immigrated to SA between 1838 and 1856. They travelled with 14 wagons, 2 spring carts, cows to provide milk for the children and poultry to provide eggs. Those retracing the journey are making the journey in six days, rather than the six weeks taken 150 years ago. Retracing the original route as closely as possible in their much more modern vehicles – the earliest vehicle used dates from 1953.

## St Joseph's Christmas Fete 2018

Come and join the fun!

Jumping Castle ★ Colouring Comp ★ Face painting ★  
Cake Stall ★ Popcorn ★ BBQ ★ Pizza ★ Drinks ★  
Spinning Wheel ★ Raffles ★ Local & Visiting Stalls ★  
Hot Donuts ★ SANTA

Saturday  
17th  
November

106 Church Street Balranald



Clare Public School P&C

### Melbourne Cup Lunch

"Harts Horns" Station

Tuesday

6th November 2018

\$30 per adult  
Under 18's free

Entry Fee Includes

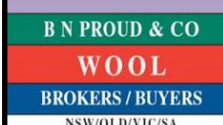
Champagne, Morning Tea, Nibbles, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, BBQ Tea and LOTS of lucky door prizes!



Department of Primary Industries

LICENSED BAR Sweeps KIDS GAMES Fashion Prizes RAFFLES Live Racing Coverage

...AND LOTS MORE!!



CAMBORN  
WHITE SUFFOLK  
STUD  
(Roger Wilkinson)



Northern Wool  
Tony Keam

Elders Balranald, Bodinnars, Hay Hydraulics, Homebush Pub, Balranald Tyre Service, Balranald Motor Inn, Darren Tapper Landmark Hay, Good Deal Tyres, Elders Mildura, Bendigo Toyota, Swan Hill Stock Feeds, Sturt Motel, Rodwells, Balranald Takeaway, Conway Agencies, Brock Fitzgerald, Country Wide Tyres Mildura, Jean Harris Memorial, Trevor Ablett, Elders Swan Hill, Mildura Finest Quality Butchers-Plaza, Balranald Sports, Deakin Motorcycles, Balranald Tyre Service, Dan Murphys, Cellar Door Mildura, In the Garden Balranald, Markwells Mildura Toyota, Stead Shearing, BR&C Swan Hill, Markraft Mildura 4wd, Carsons Mildura, Now Buildings, Balranald Pharmacy, Salon 115 Hair and Beauty, Case Mildura, Mildura Motorcycles, Kubota Swan Hill

## Councilor Contact Details

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Cr Leigh Byron  
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Cr German Ugarte  
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Cr Jo Roberts  
0409 147 787

Cr Trevor Jolliffe  
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Cr Doug Allen  
0421 526 671

Cr Jeff Mannix  
0409 783 075

## Changed Traffic Conditions

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) would like to advise Swan Hill Bridge is back to normal service. Thank you for your patience during night closures to carry out essential maintenance work.

Motorists are reminded the bridge continues to operate at General Mass Limits only, which is 42.5 tonnes for semi trucks and 62.5 for B doubles, with a 3.1 metre width restriction in place.

RMS will continue to monitor the bridge's load capacity with sensors and cameras on the bridge. Heavy vehicle inspectors will also continue to monitor heavy vehicle compliance.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

3 Nov	Balranald Races
5 Nov	Council Office Closed
6 Nov	Clare Public School—Melbourne Cup Lunch
10&11 Nov	The Gallery—Needle Felting Workshop Ph 0488 728 986 for enquiries
17 Nov	St Joseph's Primary School Fete
25 Nov	Pony Club Gymkhana
7 Dec	Balranald Hospital Auxiliary Annual Christmas Street Stall
9 Dec	Community Carols—Theatre Royal
31 Dec	New Year's Eve—Greenham Park

### 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 Australian dishes available. 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)

### What's on at Euston Club Resort

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



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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

**Reading Corner** Monday afternoons at the library, for more information phone the hospital or email [sophie.thicket@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sophie.thicket@health.nsw.gov.au)