



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

70 Market Street
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

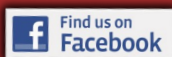
Monday & Friday 2pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 9am-5.30pm
(Closed for lunch 12pm-1pm)

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 (all year extended trial)

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

Council Works

Council works crews have recently undertaken some capital work items in Euston consisting of footpath and roundabout to link to Central Business District area and completed sealing of Cowper Street to the cemetery. (Both pictured)

Major sewer infrastructure works including sewer relining in areas of Balranald and sewer pond restoration have also been completed recently.

In the area of maintenance works Council has undertaken some footpath repair works in Balranald, grid repairs on MR67 and MR514 and parks and gardens maintenance in Balranald and Euston.



Tender for Supply of Plant and Equipment and /or Services associated with Road Construction and Maintenance—Tender No: 17/18-06

Balranald Shire Council is seeking the services of suitably experienced contractors for the provision of Plant and Equipment or services associated with roadworks within the Shire. Persons interested in tendering for proposed contracts are invited to submit applications in order for Council to prepare a list of recognised contractors from which tenders for particular contracts will be invited.

Tenders addressed to the General Manager and endorsed 'Tender for Supply of Plant and Equipment and /or Services associated with Road Construction or Maintenance—Tender No: 17/18-06' are invited and should be received at Council's Office 70 Market Street or PO Box 120 Balranald NSW 2715, up until 4 pm, Wednesday 19th December 2018. Tenders received after the closing date and time will not be considered.

Tender documents for the Supply of Plant and Equipment and /or Services associated with Road Construction or Maintenance can be obtained from Balranald Shire Council. The lowest tender or any tender will not necessarily be accepted by Council.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURES

Balranald Shire Office will be closed from 2pm Friday 21st December 2018 and will re-open at 8.30am Wednesday 2nd January 2019. To report emergencies call 0418 322 902.

Service NSW (RMS) will be closing 1pm Thursday 20th December, reopening 9.30am Friday 21st December, then will be closed from 1pm Friday 21st December 2018 and will re-open at 9.30am Wednesday 2nd January 2019. Please call Service NSW with any enquiries 13 77 88.

Balranald Library will be closed from Monday 24th December 2018 and will re-open at 9am Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Balranald Visitor Information Centre hours will be as follows:

Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December 2018 – reduced hours, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December 2018 – closed

Boxing Day, Wednesday 26th December 2018 – closed

New Year's Day, Tuesday 1st January 2019 – closed

All other days—normal hours

Garbage bin collection will be as normal.



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From the
Mayor's Office

As is custom, the November Council meeting is taken as an opportunity to bring the Council to one of the smaller townships in our Local Government Area. This year we met in Euston, holding the Council meeting in the Euston Recreation Reserve.

After the meeting we took the opportunity to visit some of the current and recently completed works around the area.

I recently attended the Australian Local Government Association Roads Congress in Alice Springs. The theme this year was *Connecting Transport Networks Now and into the Future*.

I would like to remind the community that each week I am available on Tuesday mornings for meetings at the Council office. Please take this opportunity to drop in and let me know about any matters you would like to discuss.

The next newsletter publication will be delivered after Christmas therefore I would like to wish you all a safe and merry festive season, may the holidays bring you joy and quality time with family and friends.



Next Ordinary Meeting of Council

**The next meeting will be on:
Tuesday 18 December 2018, 4pm
-please note earlier time-**

Swimming Season

The pool is now open! Over the summer months the pool will be open on days of temperature 28degrees or higher. School days the pool will be open from 3pm til 6.30pm. Weekends the pool will be open from 12.30pm til 6.30pm. Seasons passes are available now for purchase at the pool gate or from Council's Office.

2018 Christmas Lights Competition

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..... which means its time again for the annual Christmas Lights Competition!

This year the competition is open to residents of the Balranald Shire Council area, and the best decorated residences will receive business vouchers of:

First Prize: \$300

Second Prize: \$200

Third Prize: \$100

To participate please phone Council office to register your address by
12noon 17th December 2018

Winners personally advised
19th December and announced
on Council's Facebook page



From the
Youth Mayor

Since mid-October Balranald has had an active Youth Council, we have a group with 12 students, 8 from Balranald Central School, and 4 from St Josephs. The idea behind the Youth Council is to prioritise the voice of our young Balranaldites. In our most recent meeting, we discussed our ideas and planning for Youth Week (10th-18th April 2019). Confirmed activities including an art exhibition, art competition and colour fun run. All ideas are welcome. To help us afford these activities we have been given a budget by the Balranald Shire Council and have also committed ourselves to multiple fundraisers. Our major fundraiser is recycling, we are looking for assistance to collect bottles, cans etc. so that we can trade them in for 10c each. All help is appreciated. On Wednesday 21st November 2018, the Youth Council held its second meeting, in which, we elected our committee. Youth Council member Jackson Bialobrzkeski was elected Mayor, and Ben Johnstone was elected Deputy Mayor. The role of Secretary will be shared turnabout with the remaining Youth Councillors. Meetings are scheduled on a fortnightly basis, with the month of January likely not to have a meeting due to School holidays.

-Sincerely Jackson Bialobrzkeski, Youth Council Mayor.

Euston Salami Festival

Did you see it? Euston's Inaugural Salami Festival was reported in Parliament by Sussan Ley MP. A very exciting achievement! Huge congratulations to the committee for organising such a spectacular event. A crowd of more than 1,500 turned out for the event and enjoyed a wonderful day by the river enjoying the atmosphere, with live music, market stalls, jumping castles and face painting for the kids, and of course, the food! Entrants for the competition put forth their best salamis and these were judged by a panel of eight judges including none other than Council's General Manager, Michael Kitzelmann, and his daughter, Skarlette.

Council is looking forward to seeing this great event again next year.

St Joseph's School Fete

St Joseph's School Balranald had its annual School Fete on Saturday 17th November. It was a beautiful warm day and our locals were seeking shade anywhere they could – Tom and Ruby found a spot near the chocolate wheel. The children had fun on the merry-go rounds, bungee tramps, bouncing castles and slides, while the parents were able to try their luck at guessing the weight of the Christmas pudding, stocking up on fruit and vegetables or starting their Christmas shopping with some great gift ideas available. Santa flew into the Balranald Airport where he was greeted by Balranald Fire Service who arranged transport to meet at the school. Congratulations to the School P&F on again putting on a lovely afternoon of fun for the community.



To the Community:

Frances Parker and family would like to express their appreciation to all the locals for their love, concern, flowers, cards and help in so many ways after the death of Bob. Many Thanks.



Balranald Hospital Auxiliary

Christmas Street Stall

**When: Friday 7th
December 2018**

Time: 9:00am

**Where: Balranald Senior
Citizens Centre**

**Christmas Cakes,
Christmas Puddings,
Cakes, Relish and
lots more**

All Donations greatly appreciated



Community Notices



CHRISTMAS DAY

ARE YOU ON YOUR OWN, CHRISTMAS DAY?

IF, SO,

COME AND JOIN US AT THE SENIOR CITIZEN HALL,
AND HAVE CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH US,

LOVE TO SEE YOU. RSVP Ring Bill 040 8829 128 by 18/12/18

Christmas Carols

Balranald

The Combined Churches Community Christmas Carols will be on at the Theatre Royal, Sunday 9th December 2018 starting 7pm. Singing by school and community groups.

Euston

Carols by Candlelight Thursday 13th December 2018 at the Euston Club Riverfront Lawns, gates open at 5.30pm, bring along a chair or picnic rug. Santa, face painting, jumping castle, live music, food & drinks, battery candles. Alcohol free event. For more information call the Club 03 5026 4244.



Balranald Police Update



11th October a 70yo Balranald male was charged with firearms offences. He is due to appear at Hay Local Court on 17th December 2018.

25th October a 38yo Balranald male was charged with High Range PCA and appeared at Hay Local Court on 19th November. He was fined \$500, issued a Community Corrections order for 12 months, disqualified from driving and ordered to participate in an alcohol interlock program.

26th October a 30yo male from Balranald was charged with Assault Police x 2, Intimidation x 2 and resist arrest. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 7th January 2019.

2nd November a 34yo Euston male was charged with stealing offences that occurred in Tooleybuc. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 4th December 2018.

4th November a 25yo male from Bannerton was charged at Euston with Low Range drink driving. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 5th February 2019.

5th November a 24yo male from Balranald was charged with Mid Range PCA and driving whilst disqualified. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 17th December 2018.

8th November a 43yo male from Currans Hill was charged with a Low Range PCA offence that occurred in August 2018. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 7th January 2019.

8th November a 20yo male from Balranald was charged with Larceny, relating to the stealing of the aerial on the Police vehicle in the early hours of 4th November 2018. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 5th February 2019.

11th November a 35yo male from Mellool was charged with Low Range PCA. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 17th December 2018.

18th November a 32yo male was issued a Cannabis Caution after an amount of cannabis was located in his vehicle during a search by Police.

Police would like to remind residents to report all crime to Balranald Police on: 03 5020 1404 or Crime Stoppers 1300 333 000. If a matter is not reported we are unable to investigate or take any action. Police would also like residents to report any suspicious behaviour or activity related to drug use/possession/supply. Callers can remain anonymous.

Seniors Card Program

NSW permanent residents aged 60 or over, who average no more than 20 hours' paid work a week across a 12-month period, can apply for a NSW Seniors Card. This free card gives you discounts and special offers at thousands of businesses across NSW. If you have a valid green Medicare Card you can apply for a NSW Seniors Card online. Or visit the Service NSW Agency in Council Office.



Caring for Carers: a new program to reach carers for people with dementia

The Caring for Carers of People with Dementia Project links carers of older people with dementia to other carers living in regional and rural Australia. The chat-based group program allows carers to chat with other carers in similar circumstances. Carers join a weekly group videoconference meeting from their home and connect with other carers in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Carers have the opportunity to share information, experience and skills. The program is available to primary carers of a person with dementia.

The information and chat meetings are led by an experienced facilitator, Dr Annie Banbury, and run for six weeks. Group programs have now started and will be offered through to May 2019.

The project team is keen to hear from carers who would like to participate. To register or find out more, please contact the project by email carers@cqu.edu.au or phone Karen Nixon on 0427 812 156 or Kristen Forster on 0437 579 695.

You can also register your interest online at

cqu.edu.au/caringforthecarers



From "The Gallery"

With the Balarchies & another busy year behind us the committee & friends of "The Gallery" wish to thank our community & the visitors to our great little town for their continued support & wish everyone a wonderful Xmas & a happy & healthy 2019.

We are open until Saturday 22nd Dec so call in to 51 Mayall St & let our volunteers help you out with some great gift ideas.

Councilor Contact Details

Mayor
Cr Alan Purtill
0429 201 301

Deputy Mayor
Cr Leigh Byron
0418 530 782

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

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



Swim Club on Tuesdays
See listing in Community General Interest for more information

7 Dec Balranald Hospital Auxiliary Annual Christmas Street Stall. Cakes, puddings, relish and more. Balranald Senior Citizens Centre 9am

7 Dec Robinvale Country Twilight market from 5.30-8.30pm, good selection of stalls for last minute Christmas shopping, Santa in attendance from 6pm. Enquiries Ph. 0438 363 095

8 Dec Balranald Motor X Club AGM and Presentation Day 11.30am at the Caravan Park



9 Dec Community Carols—Theatre Royal

13 Dec Carols by Candlelight Euston

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 6.30pm registration 7pm start

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/clubbalaranald](https://www.facebook.com/clubbalaranald)

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

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

COMMUNITY GENERAL INTEREST

Swim Club—Tuesdays 4.15pm—6pm, training Tuesdays, Club Swims once a month. Contact Lou Ph 0409 026 881

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