



Balranald Shire Council NEWSLETTER

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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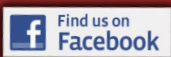
RELATED SERVICES

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



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

DrumMuster available @ Balranald

Celebrating in Balranald Shire

Australia Day 2019 was a wonderful event. Frank Ifield OAM, renowned Country singer, was our Ambassador and a glorious speaker. He spoke of his life and experiences and kept the audience in rapt attention. The day began at Balranald with a breakfast for the community and Acknowledgement of Country by General Manager Michael Kitzelmann. A flag raising ceremony led by Councillor Trevor Jolliffe and Damien Aidon, CEO of Balranald Local Aboriginal Lands Council, was then held. Followed by the singing of the national anthem by all in attendance, approximately 170 voices. Frank led the Affirmation and then he, the Mayor, and Youth Council Mayor presented the awards.

Frank, Michael, Mayor Purtill, Cr Jolliffe and Youth Mayor Bialobrzewski, then visited Bidgee Haven where staff and residents were holding festivities.

The celebrations then moved to Euston where a BBQ lunch was held and an afternoon ceremony in which two further awards were presented. There was a good crowd of approximately 60 people in attendance and it was wonderful to see so many people coming together to celebrate.



Pictured left:
Euston audience
queues for lunch

Pictured right:
Frank Ifield OAM
speaks to the
Balranald
audience



Congratulations to all our Award recipients:

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – ALEX CALLEJA

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – JEREMY JOLLIFFE

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – DREW LLOYD

SPORTING TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD – BALRANALD UNDER 15's NETBALL TEAM

YOUNG SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR – HANNAH MORTON

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR – LISA JOLLIFFE

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – CHLOE CALLEJA

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – ADRIAN GORMAN

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR – VILLERS BRETONNEUX 100YEARS – ROBINVALE/EUSTON 2018

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – CHELSEA ROBERTS

Seniors Luncheon 2019

Balranald Shire's Seniors Luncheon, as part of the NSW Seniors Festival 2019, was held on Tuesday 19 February 2019. This year was the biggest in recent times as more than 120 residents registered and it was fantastic to see such a great turn out, particularly from Euston as 14 made the trip over to attend.

Council thanks Ezra and his team for the wonderful food, it was a delicious meal. A variety of meats and salad were served and a beautiful dessert. Entertainment was provided by Hutch Lawrie, who is always a hit with the audience; playing a mix of classics and his own originals. The music was great and even got a few of the guests up on their feet for a dance. Children from Balranald Central School visited to perform for the crowd and following their singing and dancing they mingled with the guests. Council extends its thanks to Hutch and to Alison Linnett and all the children from Balranald Central School.

Council staff Carol and Vivienne called Bingo to enthusiastic participants, games of make-a-word and find-a-word were also played, and lucky door prizes were awarded. It was an afternoon of fantastic fun for all in attendance.



Lisa from the Office of Environment & Heritage Wollongong (pictured left) visited and presented to the crowd with an engaging discussion about saving money on electricity. Opening with a bold declaration that she could save them between \$200 and \$400 dollars, Lisa took bills volunteered by the audience and provided advice including how to negotiate with your provider, how to save power around your home, and the subsidies available for replacing old appliances with new energy efficient models.

Further information is available online visit <https://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au/> to enter your postcode and see all the plans available in your district. Or for more information about rebates and discounts visit <https://energysaver.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-and-discounts>



From the Mayor's Office

It brings me great pride to announce that one of our staff, and lifetime resident of Balranald, Genevieve McConnell was recently recognised with the 7th highest honour in Australia, the Public Service Medal. This award was given in recognition of "outstanding public service to community aged care facilities in New South Wales". Congratulations Gen, this is well deserved.

My congratulations to all those recognised at our Australia Day Awards, you are a credit to our community and should be very proud to have been nominated by your fellow residents. Your achievements are outstanding.

As you may be aware, the Office of Local Government is currently undertaking a public inquiry into Balranald Shire Council. I would like to express my support for this process; myself and my fellow councillors are committed to working proactively with the commissioner. The terms of this inquiry are available on Council's website and on the Office of Local Government website. Furthermore, please be aware that this will not interrupt Council's regular service provision to our community. Operationally Council will continue to deliver all our regular functions. Council will continue to share with the community information as it becomes available.

I would like to thank all those who attended the Seniors Lunch, although I was unable to attend as I was at a meeting with the General Manager in Griffith meeting with Minister Niall Blair discussing water matters. Deputy Mayor Byron was in attendance and has told me it was a wonderful afternoon, I thank the Deputy Mayor for speaking in my place.

I recently sat in with interviews for the Balranald Country Education Fund, we have been able to award scholarships to some wonderful young people. My personal thanks to Rachel Williams and Bill Harben for all their hard work.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council

**The next meeting will be on:
Tuesday 19th March 2019, 5pm**



From the Youth Mayor

Congratulations to all the Australia Day awardees, a wonderful group of people for sure. I was honoured to be standing beside the Balranald Shire Council Mayor Cllr Alan Purtill, GM Michael Kitzelmann and Mr Frank Ifield OAM, and was honoured to assist in presenting awards.

Thank you to all whom have participated in our recycling program, your donations are greatly appreciated, we now have collection points at: Balranald Central School, St Joseph's, Balranald Shire Depot, Sturt Motel and the Balranald Caravan Park. Thank you also to all whom attended our Pool Parties, your support is greatly appreciated.

NSW Youth Week are running a design competition, this years theme is 'Coming together to connect, Share, Speak out, and Celebrate'. The designs can include- Paintings, Drawings, Digital Illustrations and Photographs. This competition is not about artistic skills, rather it is about showing people what inspires us. All ages 12-24 are eligible. For further information and how to enter please visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au

-Jackson Bialobrzewski, YC Mayor.

Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) Grant

On the evening of the 12 February, Shire officers met with our Pool users at the Janelle Masters Memorial Pool and, as a Pool Steering Group, reviewed the SCCF to revitalise the facilities. As a kick-off meeting, the Steering Group addressed the objectives for the pool facilities including, kiosk and toilet/changeroom facilities refurbishment, new BBQ facilities and shade structures. Concept design for the pool revitalisation is underway and will be refined with further guidance from the Pool Steering Group. Once the detailed design is completed and the pool season concludes, works will commence.

On the evening of the 13 February, Shire officers met with members of the Balranald Football and Netball Club (Inc.) (BFNC) to discuss the Sports Multi-purpose Centre Renewal Project (Footy Shed). Those present went through the funded scope of works with Shire officers which includes a complete refit of the kitchen/bar, new flooring and ceiling (including insulation and air conditioning). Detailed design will be completed with the aid of a suitably qualified person, guided by the BFNC members with a view that construction will commence immediately following the conclusion of the Central Murray Football League Season.

Bin Collection

Council would like to advise Residents and Businesses that only one (1) bin per property will be collected each week unless an additional bin service has been requested and an additional domestic waste charge has been applied. Residents are also reminded that only bins with a red lid will be collected in the weekly waste collection service. Furthermore, overfilled bins, or rubbish placed beside the bin, will not be collected.

If you need further information on Council's waste collection service, or need to organise a bin with a red lid, please contact Council's Rates Officer on (03) 5020 1300.



ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR BEST MATE SAFE?

Help get your cat or dog home safely by registering them - visit www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

Why register your pet?

If your pet is registered and your details are up to date, it can be safely returned if it gets lost.

It's also the law - pet cats and dogs must be microchipped and then registered in NSW.

Microchipping

To register your pet, it must first be microchipped by a vet or authorised identifier. Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under your pet's skin. Each microchip has a unique number that can be read with a scanner, like a barcode at the supermarket.

Discounts are available for de-sexed pets, eligible pensioners and cats and dogs bought from certain rehoming organisations, including council pounds and shelters.

More information

NSW PET REGISTRY
petregistry.nsw.gov.au
1300 134 460
pets@olg.nsw.gov.au

New and Improved NSW Pet Registry

Last year the Office of Local Government made some significant updates to the NSW Pet Registry to enable a fresh look, easier navigation and great new features. The upgraded website makes it easier to register pets, return lost animals to their owners and enables access to useful data for people thinking of buying a pet. Here are the changes at a glance:

- Create/add a litter - This allows pet breeders to create a litter and add offspring, making it easier for vets and other authorised identifiers to update new animal records with microchip numbers.
- Lost and found - If the microchip number of a lost cat or dog is known, a member of the public can use the NSW Pet Registry to send a secure message to the pet owner with their contact details alerting them that they have found their cat or dog.
- Upload a pet photo - This feature enables pet owners and pet breeders to include a photo of their pet on the Pet Profile page of their Pet Registry account to help identify & return the animal should it get lost.
- Search function - Prospective pet owners can use a microchip, breeder identification or rehoming organisation number to access important information before they commit to buying a cat or dog. For example, if a microchip number is used, the search will show the animal's recorded breed, age, gender and whether or not it is de-sexed.

Community Notices



Can Assist – Balranald Branch
Cancer Assistance Network

Book Shop re-opening
Saturday March 2 from 10.30 a.m.
at 92a Market Street Balranald
ALL WELCOME
Please feel free to call in and
browse around
All sorts of subjects for all sorts of tastes

The Big Read
Can Assist
CANCER ASSISTANCE NETWORK
Pre-Loved Secondhand
Bookshop

Can Assist is looking for volunteers to run the book shop.
If you can help and have a few hours in the day to spare
please contact Karen on 0404 842037 or
Connie on 0400 123940
(Can Assist is a confidential service)

Can Assist Celebrates 10 Years

Formed in December 2007 and with a official launch on March 8 2008 in the Theatre Royal, Balranald the Can Assist Balranald Branch, celebrated ten years of assisting cancer patients in the region last December.

Founder Tina Powis and the original committee members Jan Lawler, Caroline Hillerman, Wynn Scott, Robyn Old, Pauline Howley and Carol Lance all agree that the service continues to be a great asset to the community and praised the current Committee for continuing to do a wonderful job in keeping the branch going.

Current President Bill Harben said "Can Assist, Balranald Branch is a committed local volunteer group which understands that families go through difficult times as a result of a cancer diagnoses, as well as what can be a reduced income, they also face increased expenses such as travel, medication, accommodation as well as household running costs. As a branch we are here to help relieve some of the stress associated with this illness."

Can Assist has received generous donations over the years which has enabled the Branch to continue with support to many in the community and the continued financial support ensures that the Branch stays financially viable into the future.

New Creative Kids Program

Creative Kids is all about making it easier for school-aged kids (4.5 to 18 years old) to get involved in creative and cultural activities. Parents, guardians and carers can claim a \$100 voucher per year to put towards the cost of lessons and fees with registered providers. It's a great opportunity to let kids find their passion and learn new skills.

Vouchers can be used to contribute to registration, participation and tuition costs for performing arts, visual arts, coding, languages, literature, music and other creative and cultural activities with our approved list of activity providers. To find out more visit service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids, call 13 77 88 or visit your local Service Centre.

Community Sharps Bins in Balranald

Local Council, working with NSW Health, provides community sharps disposal services around the state. Community sharps bins are usually bright yellow and provide an important access point for people to dispose of items that may be of harm around the home and in the community.



What are community sharps? Community sharps are items generated in the community that need to be disposed of in special bins instead of in the general rubbish, because they can break the skin and cause injury to waste disposal workers and the general community. Common examples of community sharps include diabetic needles and lancets, agricultural sharps and other needle and syringe equipment that is used for injecting. Community sharps can all be put directly into a community sharps bin or into a smaller rigid container, which when full can be put into the larger bins.

Can I put other things into the Community Sharps bin? Certainly! Needles aren't the only things which might cause injury to a waste disposal worker or community member. Fish hooks, razors, broken glass or any other bits and pieces that could be dangerous if stepped on handled accidentally can go in these bins to help make the area safe. Just remember these are for an important reason, so don't fill them with general rubbish or there will be nowhere to put community sharps!

Local Sharps Bins can be found at: Balranald Health Service Market Street, Balranald.

If you find a needle in the community and don't feel comfortable disposing of it yourself, you can report it at 1300 NEEDLE (1300 633 353).

NSW Electoral Commission Job Opportunities

The NSW Electoral commission are looking for 10,000 more people to fill a range of jobs at the 2019 NSW State election. You don't need any experience to apply visit elections.nsw.gov.au/ to find out more.



Balranald Police Update

On 3rd February 2019 a 48 year old male from Parlowie was charged at Balranald with Assault and traffic related matters from an incident in Balranald on 3rd October 2018. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 1st April 2019.

On 4th January 2019 a 26 year old male from Balranald was charged with breach of bail. He appeared at Wentworth Local Court on 5th January 2019.

On 16th January 2019 a 49 year old male from Balranald was charged with 1 outstanding warrant. He appeared at Wentworth Local Court on 5th February 2019.

On 19th January 2019 a 56 year old male from Euston was charged with Mid Range PCA at Euston. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 2nd April 2019.

On 28th January 2019 a 35 year old male from Balranald was charged with Low Range PCA. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 1st April 2019.

On 31st January 2019 a 61 year old male from Bayswater was charged with 1 outstanding warrant. He appeared at Hay Local Court on 4th February 2019.

On 7th and 8th February 2019 a Police Drug Detection dog visited Balranald and Euston townships. A number of persons were searched as a result of indications by the dog. Police would like to remind the community to report any suspicious activity or behaviour. Reports can be made anonymously to Crime Stoppers or Balranald and Euston Police Stations.

SAFE STORAGE INSPECTIONS FOR FIREARMS

Police across NSW are currently contacting owners of registered firearms to arrange for the regular inspection of their safe storage. Firearms owners across the district, who have not had their firearms inspected recently, should be ensuring that their contact details are up to date with the NSW Firearms Registry and any transfer of firearms has been finalised.



**Please sign up to
Renew Our Libraries at**

www.renewourlibraries.com.au

**However, if you don't have an email
address or use a computer you can still
help to Renew Our Libraries by writing a
personal letter to the Premier of NSW.**

In your letter, you could include:

- What you love about your library
- Why your library is important to you
- How you use your library
- Why you believe that NSW public libraries should be properly funded

**Please be sure to ask the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian
to support our public libraries by:**

- doubling the NSW Government contribution to public libraries.
- creating a new funding model for NSW public libraries that is sustainable.

Your letter doesn't have to be very long, just a few sentences is fine. Once you're done, you can post your letter to:

The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP
Premier
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

3-9 March	NSW Women's Week (Balranald event TBA)
9 March	'Fluid Art Workshop " An exciting painting experience with a difference @ " The Gallery" Cost is \$75 with all materials supplied. Phone 0418316347 or 0488728986 for more info or to register your interest.
24-25 March	Needle Felting Workshop. Wonderful ways with wool & a fun filled creative experience. @ "The Gallery" 51 Mayall Street \$110 per person which includes a beginner's kit plus all materials to complete 2 projects. Phone 0418 316347 or 0488728986.
26 March	BusinessConnect Bus Outside Balranald Senior Citizens Centre 9am - 3pm
TBA April	Youth Week Events



	What's on at Balranald Club <i>Membership is now open & only \$8 until 30/6/19 to take advantage of member only benefits. Being a member you can get a discount at the bar & bistro along with swipe & win in-house vouchers.</i>
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 – Every Tuesday \$15 Homemade Chicken Parm. Every Thursday Homemade chicken Snitzel with gravy \$12. Every month, 2nd and last Sunday, Roast Lunch only \$15. New Australian dishes available in the Bistro. Don't forget our regular facilities Keno, TAB, Coffee Shop. Reminder that Fishing Licenses, Pre-paid mobile phone credit and city-link passes and a host of other pre-paid facilities can be purchased at the Club. Printing & Fax Services are available, plus we now offer hire on equipment such as PA system, tables, chairs, and a host of other goods...ask at the office to make arrangements and find out what is now available. Internet facilities available at the Club – Come on in and connect with your friends & family or simply do some surfing. Desktop computers available as well as FREE WiFi. Come and join the sewing Group every 2nd week on Sundays. UNDER 18'S are allowed in most areas of the club except TAB and Pokie Area and the must be in the company of a responsible adult and must be 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
Wednes-day	Raffle night & members draw from 6pm Members cash draw from 7pm Riverina Super draw 7 - 9pm
Thursdays	Members cash draw from 6pm-8pm
Thu/ Fri	Social Bowls. Registration 12.45am - call John
Thu/Sun	Bond on 5026 4244 Free Live Entertainment from 7.30pm
Fri & Sat	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, Multi-purpose 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

Can Assist Balranald Branch meeting 2nd Monday of the month 4p.m. at the Book Shop 92a Market Street. The Second-Hand Book shop will be open when volunteers are available. Contact numbers for the book shop are Karen on 0404 842037 and Connie on 0400 123940. (Can Assist is a confidential service).

Vision Australia - Phone Yann 03 5023 9500

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

Balranald Presbyterian Church - Monday Ladies KYB 7.30pm @ the hall, Thursday Music group worship prep 5.30pm, Men's KYB 7.30pm @ the Manse, PWA (last Thurs month) 2pm, Friday Ladies KYB 10am @ the Manse, Youth Bible Study 7.30pm (school terms), Sunday Prayer meeting 9.15am (Sunday school room), Worship service 10am. Contact Dennis Rayson 0428 830 276

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



The Leukaemia Foundation is calling for Australians to help them shave the world from blood cancer during the annual World's Greatest Shave campaign this March 13 - 17.

Balranald's own Shania Bax is making the chop and cutting 10+inches to donate to the Foundation and also hoping to raise as much money as possible to help with their research. Her fundraising page is now live and she is just over 25% of the way to her \$1000 goal. Be sure to jump on and show your support for this worthy cause.

Well done Shania, you are to be congratulated on your bravery!

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