



Balranald Shire Council

NEWSLETTER

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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 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



AUSTRALIA DAY

IN BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

AUSTRALIA DAY 2019
Saturday 26th January

BALRANALD

Greenham Park Hall
Church Street

Commencing at 8am
 Free BBQ Breakfast
 Flag Raising Ceremony
 Australia Day address by
 Ambassador Frank Ifield
 Affirmation Ceremony
 Presentation of Australia Day Awards

EUSTON

Euston Recreation Reserve
Cary Street

Commencing at 12.30pm
 Free BBQ Lunch
 Flag Raising ceremony
 Australia Day address by
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Australia Day

Announcing: Frank Ifield!

Council is thrilled to announce that Frank Ifield will be our Ambassador for Australia Day 2019.



Frank is an English born Australian country music singer and guitarist, who often incorporated yodelling, being one of the most successful recording artists in the UK Charts during the early 1960's!

Frank signed with EMI Australia in 1953 and released two successful singles, including "There's a loveknot in my lariat". Soon he was hosting weekly television show, Campfire Favourites. In 1959 he went to London and had his first British hit "Lucky Devil" in 1960. In 1962 Frank became a star with his yodelling classic "I Remember You". It stayed at the top of the British charts for over two months and when released in the States it hit number five on the pop charts. In 1963 he scored two British number one hits, including "I'm Confessin (That I love you)".

During this time Frank toured with the Beatles. Frank also went to Nashville and was made an Honorary Tennessean by the State's Governor. Frank recorded two albums in Nashville and debuted on the Grand Ole Opry. During 1966-1967 his hits included "Call Her Your Sweetheart", "No One Will Ever Know" and "Tale of Two Cities". He again found popularity in Europe during the 1970s, and continued to tour and perform at country music festivals and cabarets.

Frank was inducted into the Aria Hall of Fame in 2007 and became a NSW Seniors Festival Ambassador in 2018.



Seniors Week Luncheon - 19 February 2019

Love your life with our annual Seniors Luncheon this NSW Seniors Festival in Balranald. Balranald Shire Council invites our community's seniors to gather together at the Royal Theatre for our annual lunch and entertainment. There's so much to love about life at any age and there's so much to love about the NSW Seniors Festival.

Our luncheon will be held 12 noon Tuesday 19 February 2019. All Balranald Shire residents who are aged 60 years and over, or Aboriginal / Torres Straight Islander 50 years or over, or over the age of 50 and have a life-long disability are invited to join the festivities. Please note, Council will no longer be mailing out personalised invitations, rather this announcement is an open call, so please tell your family, friends and neighbours and make sure to remember to register by the due date.

To register please contact Council Office by phone 03 5020 1300 or email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au and provide your name and please notify Council if you have any special dietary requirements.

Registrations are due by 5pm Tuesday 12 February 2019, Council regrets that late registrations cannot be accepted due to catering restrictions so please register without delay.

Council looks forward to seeing you there!



13-24 FEBRUARY 2019

Find an event near you at seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au or contact your local council

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE BY 5PM TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY



From the
Mayor's Office

First and foremost, please be assured that our drinking water is safe. If at any time our water becomes unfit for human consumption you will be alerted to this. More information regarding the water situation is contained in this newsletter and will be provided by other channels as it becomes available.

Secondly, I want to extend my thanks to Council's Water and Sewer Operators for their tireless efforts under trying conditions. I have been informed that you put in many extra hours over the holiday period to maintain safe filtered water for our community and although your efforts are unseen you have my sincere gratitude.

I am proud of our Shire and what can be achieved when we all work together. I would encourage all residents to remember this when engaging in conversation regarding the blue-green algae and indeed any issues in our region.

Some recent examples of wonderful outcomes by people working together towards good for the community, I would like to thank the following individuals and groups:

Bill & Jill Hargrave, for your Community Christmas Lunch

The New Years Eve Committee, for another exciting fireworks display and fun evening at Greenham Park

Cooma Rotary Club and Adaminaby township, for donations, your assistance to those struggling in these drought conditions is to be commended.

Georgie O'Halloran, for your leadership and efforts in making packages for drought affected youth.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council

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



From the
Youth Mayor

We are very excited to launch our recycling project & thank all who have participated by dropping off their empty containers. We are recycling the 10c containers with the proceeds going towards running Youth Week activities. If you wish to support our project please donate cans, plastic & glass bottles with the 10c recycle logo into our collection drum out the front of the O'Connor Street Depot.

Youth Week is 10th – 18th April in which we are in planning to host a colour run as well as art & photography competitions.

Youth Council's next meeting will be held on the 21st January 2019 at 4.30pm.

We would like to wish everyone the best for the New Year and have a great Australia Day. Please join us at Greenham Park & Euston Recreation Reserve for the celebrations. I hope that everyone enjoys the rest of their holidays.

Jackson Bialobrzkeski – Youth Council Mayor

Janelle Masters Swimming Pool

Swim and Survive lessons were held early this month with excellent participation levels. Council would like to thank Stacey Armstrong for running these classes again, teaching vital skills and building water confidence in her young students.

The pool has had low but consistent attendance over the summer season so far. New Year's Day brought huge numbers with more than 70 people through the gates over the opening hours. Pictured right: a recent aerial image of the facilities.



Murrumbidgee River Quality (Balranald Weir Pool)

Council has recently engaged with State and Commonwealth environmental water regulators as well as State and Federal Ministers' Offices to advocate for healthy inflows to our weir pool as soon as possible to improve water quality.

With low flows and water temperatures up around 26°C, conditions have been ripe for blue-green algal blooms. Our weir pool is currently at AMBER Alert with RED Alerts upstream all the way back to Hay.

Algae alerts may be monitored online at WaterNSW website: <https://www.watarnsw.com.au/water-quality/algae>

Recent river observations show green slicks along the river banks and water looking otherwise slightly grey with aggregating schools of carp at surface gulping (possible indication of low oxygen availability). Council and our community alike are concerned for the wellbeing of our river fauna.

Everyone will be aware of the upcoming Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic that will be held 30 & 31 March. This event is a major tourist event drawcard – one which is recognised in the Murrumbidgee River Operations Plan as requiring "higher flow levels at Balranald". Council is also mindful of the impact the low quality condition of our river is currently having on tourists who are subsequently choosing not to stay.

Council is especially concerned for outlying residents and stock water supplies potentially leading to adverse health outcomes.

Please be aware that Council is extending every effort to improve river water conditions and will continue to share updates as soon as they become available.

Balranald Township Filtered & Unfiltered Water Quality

Residents may have noticed the taste and smell of the filtered water supply has changed recently. This is due to the current blue-green algal bloom in the Murrumbidgee River which requires the filtered water to be treated by carbon dosage to ensure it is safe for residents to drink. Council regularly monitors and tests its filtered water supply to ensure it meets Australian Drinking Water Standards.

Council would like to reassure Balranald Residents that our filtered water continues to be safe for drinking and would once again like to acknowledge the Shire Water Officers for their efforts during this challenging period.

During this period of elevated blue-green algae in Balranald Weir Pool, NSW Water has advised Council to request pet owners in Balranald refrain from using unfiltered water for their pets drinking water as a precautionary measure.

Join the Council team!

Council currently has multiple vacancies and is looking for motivated individuals to join our team in the following roles: Finance Officer – General, Administration Officer (Part-time, Balranald Retirement Hostel) and Personal Care Assistant (Balranald Retirement. Hostel). To learn more about these roles please visit our website <http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies/> or contact Council Office. **Applications close 1 February 2019.**

Community Notices

Balranald Racing Club Historic Celebration

As we go into our 135th year of racing at Balranald, our Balranald Cup meet which will be held on Saturday 16th February will see us celebrating 50 years of racing @ 'Little Randwick' Greenham Park track. Furlongs & Stones was the call of the day when the first meet was held at the new racecourse on 29th March 1969, where an official opening was conducted by The Hon T.L Lewis, Minister for Lands.

We hope the day will be a huge success with past committee and members associated with Balranald Racing Club over the years, joining us for the occasion. Traditionally known as the family fun day out meet, we like to keep the kids entertained with face painting, jumping castle, playground & sandpit along with a few other games on the day. Parents can then enjoy the day from their own private marquee or wander the wonderful grass grounds & socialise under the verandah. There will also be on course catering, bar facilities, bookmakers/TAB & live entertainment.

For further information, please contact Donna 0439990911 or email us balranaldrc@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook.

Thanks from the Balranald Rescue Squad

The Balranald Rescue Squad would like to thank the following people and businesses for their donation towards our Friday Night Raffle at the BDESM Club on Friday 29 December 2018: David & Sue Campbell; Salon One One Five; Balranald Pharmacy; Leo Conway Agencies; Balranald Tyre Centre; Balranald Post Office; Le'-Gee's; Shamrock Hotel; Balranald Sports; Turps Tendercut Butchery; S & A Papa Pty Ltd; Balranald FoodWorks; Balranald Pizza & Takeaway; In the Garden; Cafe Cassaro; Image 101; BDESM Club; Balranald IGA and Slava & Nadia Zotov

Also a special Thanks to the BDESM Club for allowing the Rescue Squad to once again host the Friday Night Raffle between Christmas and the New Year.

Euston NBN Transition



Council has been advised that the disconnection process for the old phone and internet network in Euston area is scheduled to begin in February 2019.

If you have not already converted to NBN for your landline phone and internet needs Council strongly encourages you to visit <https://www.nbnco.com.au/> and learn about the NBN and what your options are to continue to have these services connected at your residence or business. Alternatively, please contact your current service provider for assistance.



Hay Workshops

Dolly Bhargava (Speech Pathologist with a Masters in Special Education) is running the following NESA accredited workshops for parents, educators, disability staff, allied health, mental health and supervisory professionals supporting children, adolescents and adults. Developing Emotional Regulation Skills in Children and Adolescents with Anxious, Oppositional and Aggressive Behaviours (19th of March, 9am - 3pm), Supporting Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (19th of March, 4pm - 7pm), Assessing-Preventing-Managing Challenging Behaviour (20th of March, 9am - 3pm).

These workshops are being run at the Hay Community Hub – Intereach, 78 Lachlan Street, Hay. For more information contact PH: 0423 293 254, website: www.behaviourzen.com or, <https://www.facebook.com/behaviourzen>

Are you under 25 & starting your career??

The **Country Education Foundation of Balranald** has opened its annual grants round **for all young people** living within the Balranald Shire (including the towns of Euston, Balranald and beyond). If you are transitioning from school (or a gap year) into your career, are aged 16-25yrs and **need some financial support in meeting your career goals** then go to the Country Education Foundation Australia website: <https://cef.org.au/apply-for-a-grant/> and select the 'Student Registration' button to complete an application form for the **Country Education Foundation of Balranald**. For questions or concerns please call or email Rachael Williams, phone 0416 201 643, email: rachael@locallogicplace.com.au

Applications must be completed online and received by COB **5pm Friday 15th February 2019** (late applications will not be accepted).

Grants to our local young people are made possible with financial support from key local sponsors including Balranald Shire Council, Balranald ICPA and Balranald Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic.

Balranald Police Update



On 8th December 2018 a 25 year old male from Balranald was charged with High Range PCA. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 4th February 2019.

On 8th December 2018 a 49 year old female from Balranald was charged with Contravene AVO. She will appear at Hay Local Court on 4th February 2019.

On 11th December 2018 a 66 year old male from Victoria was charged at Euston with Not Keep Firearm Safely. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 5th February 2019.

On 14th December 2018 a 59 year old male from Balranald was charged with Possess ammunition without a licence or permit, Cultivate prohibited plant, Possess prohibited drug x 4, Possess equipment for administration of prohibited drug, Enter inclosed land without lawful excuse and Resist Police. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 4th February 2019.

On 24th December 2018 a 52 year old Balranald male was charged with 2 counts of Stalk/Intimidate. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 4th February 2019.

On 28th December 2018 a 35 year old female from Newton was charged with Low Range PCA. She will appear at Hay Local Court on 4th February 2019.

Police would like to remind residents if you see or hear anything suspicious to call Police immediately. Reports can also be made to CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000 if you wish to remain anonymous.

Councilor Contact Details

Mayor
Cr Alan Purtil
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

26 Jan	Australia Day celebrations in Balranald and Euston, full details on the front page
31 Jan	Donation applications due
16 Feb	Balranald Races
19 Feb	Seniors Week Luncheon
TBA April	Youth Week Event



21 Apr Easter Sunday

Remember to send in your upcoming events!!



What's on at Balranald Club

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.

February 14th Romantic Dinner for 2 in the Bistro \$66 3 course meal: Soup, Steak and dessert

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.

UNDER 18'S are allowed in most areas of the club except TAB and Pokie Area and 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, 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

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

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