



### BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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Office Hours  
8.30am to 5pm  
Monday to Friday  
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0418 322 902

### RELATED SERVICES

#### BALRANALD LIBRARY

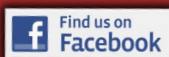
Monday & Friday 2pm-5.30pm  
Wednesday 9am-5.30pm  
(Closed for lunch 12pm-1pm)

#### BALRANALD VISITOR

##### INFORMATION &

##### DISCOVERY CENTRE

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

Councillors and staff wish all our Community a wonderful and safe holiday season and a very Merry Christmas. One of the real joys this holiday season is the opportunity to say thank you and wish everyone the very best for the New Year.

## Youth Council Presentation

At the presentation evenings of their respective schools in December our Youth Councillors received their certificates and name badges. Pictured below are our 2018 Youth Council. Congratulations! Pictured below left, L to R: Lilian Matarazzo, Niamh Gillbee and Amy Gilbee at the St Joseph's ceremony. Pictured below right, L to R: (back row) Ben Johnstone, Jackson Bialobrzski, Jack Helgeland, Max Ugarte, (front row) Shelley Dalton, Prue Harper and Isaac Longford at the Balranald Central School presentation.



## Donation Applications Reminder

Council considers donation applications twice per financial year, in August and February. For the 2018/19 financial year round two applications will close at 5pm 31st January 2019, to be reported to the February 2019 Council meeting. Should you or your club be intending to apply this financial year please be mindful of this timeframe. Any applications for financial assistance, subsidies or sponsorship must be submitted in accordance with Council's *Donations, Subsidies & Financial Assistance Policy*. To view the policy and download the application form please visit Council's website <http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/council-documents/request-for-funding/> or contact the Council Office.

## Christmas Lights Competition Winners

The winners of the Annual Christmas Lights Competition are:

1st Place - Clive Williams

2nd Place - Lucas Griffiths

3rd Place - Amber Williams



### Blue Green Algae - Red Alert

Please be aware that a Red Alert has been issued for the Murrumbidgee River at Redbank Weir. During the Christmas break Water NSW may post updates at this site: <http://www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/algae>

This is likely to impact on the Balranald and Euston areas in the coming weeks.

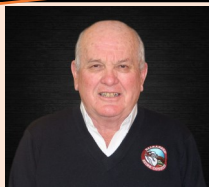
A Red Alert level warning indicates that people should not undertake recreational activities where they may be coming into direct contact with the water such as swimming, as well as domestic uses including showering and washing. Contact with the water may also pose a threat to livestock and pets.

People should not eat mussels or crayfish from Red Alert warning areas. Before consumption, any fish caught should be cleaned and washed thoroughly in uncontaminated water and any internal organs disposed of appropriately.

Residents should use caution in relation to the use of the raw (garden) water supply as this supply is not able to be treated for algae and may pose a risk due to direct contact and is not suitable for pet use.

Please be reassured that systems are in place at Council's drinking water treatment plants to maintain safe and healthy drinking water (filtered supply) for Balranald and Euston townships.





## From the Mayor's Office

Extending best wishes for the holiday season to all our residents and visitors. I wish you all a very Happy New Year, may it bring you joy and prosperity.

My congratulations to all the students in our region on the completion of another school year, especially to those graduating this year. You should all take pride in your academic achievements.

I would like to welcome new Catholic Priest, Father Dominic Popplewell, to our region.

I attended the Balranald Combined Churches Christmas Carols and they were wonderful, my commendations to those who put together this event for our community.

My fellow Councillor, Leigh Byron, attended the Euston Carols and has told me that although wet weather forced the event inside it was also a fantastic evening. Our thanks to the organisers for hosting this event.

My congratulations to the winners of the Annual Christmas Lights competition, and sincere gratitude to all those who participated. It is wonderful to see the Shire decorated in joyful colours.

### Next Ordinary Meeting of Council

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



## From the Youth Mayor

Thank you to all who have shown great interest in our move to recycle cans & plastic bottles. We will update the community with how they can support us as soon as we have the collection points confirmed and in place.

During Youth Week (18th - 19th April 2019) we are planning to host a colour fun run. The details are yet to be finalised but it will be a great activity the whole community can get involved in at a nice time of the year.

At our last meeting we were delighted to have Cr Trevor Jolliffe open our meeting for us as well as Cr German Ugarte being present to assist us with some ideas. We thank them and are very appreciative of their attendance.

I wish everyone well for their 2018/19 summer school holidays, be safe, happy and have a Merry Christmas.

Jackson Bialobrzski – Youth Council Mayor

## Committee Travels

Balranald Beautification Committee recently visited our neighbouring Shire of Wentworth to seek inspiration for 2019 projects. Thanks are extended to Wentworth Shire Council Acting General Manager Ken Ross, and to Des who led the tour. Our Committee were extremely impressed with the high level of design, implementation and maintenance of the areas included in the tour. Des' passion for his work was infectious and our members came away with a wave of creative inspiration that will be focused into their activities. Des is pictured below with the Committee at the Memorial Gardens in Coomealla.



## Balranald's Brilliant Business

In a wonderful indication of prosperity for the Balranald area, Council hosted a workshop with strong attendance by local business representatives to discuss embracing growth in our community.

The workshop sought to cover the topics of: the coming population spike in the region, as the solar farm workforces brings a forecast of 400 employees to Balranald, and, the potential for the reestablishment of a Chamber of Commerce in the township. A Chamber of Commerce is a local association which serves to further the interests of the business community, the idea for the reestablishment of the Chamber came out of the recent Community Growth forum. In response to this initiative Council sought to facilitate further discussion between relevant parties and hosted a presentation to the businesses from Andrew Cottrill, Regional Manager, Murray-Riverina, NSW Business Chamber. Council thanks all those who attended the workshop. Numerous individuals expressed interest in taking active roles in the formation of a Chamber and Council is eager to see local businesses bring this concept to fruition.

## Balranald Truckwash

Construction of the Balranald Truckwash Project is underway, this project will include: Construction of new ramp and upgrade of existing roads with 150mm of gravel to RMS Standards; Construction of new concrete wash bays in parallel to the existing wash bays (30m x 6m); Supply and install new national truck wash system Supply and install a new water tank to increase capacity; Supply and install lighting tower to provide night service.

A system test period is expected to commence in February next year, with project completion planned for early March.

## Market Streetscape Revitalisation Update

Detailed design documentation will be completed by January with construction anticipated to commence in March, starting at the River Street end. The main street shopping precinct is planned to commence after Easter to minimise any disruption to our businesses.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURES

Balranald Shire locations will be closed from Friday 21st December 2018, reopening as follows:

**Balranald Shire Office** will re-open at 8.30am Wednesday 2nd January 2019. To report emergencies call 0418 322 902.

**Service NSW (RMS)** will re-open at 9.30am Wednesday 2nd January 2019. Please call Service NSW with any enquiries 13 77 88.

**Balranald Library** will re-open at 9am Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

**Balranald Visitor Information Centre** closed New Year's Day (Tuesday 1st January 2019) regular hours resume from 2nd January 2019

**Garbage bin collection will be as normal.**





## Community Notices

### 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](mailto:rachael@locallogicplace.com.au)

Applications must be completed online and received by COB **5pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

# 2019

## CELEBRATE IN BALRANALD

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

7PM - 12.30AM

Greenham Park Hall

BBQ, MUSIC, DRINKS FOR SALE

(BYO ALCOHOL), JUMPING CASTLE,

GLOW PRODUCTS FOR SALE,

ROCK CLIMBING WALL,

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO  
SECURE YOUR ANIMALS!**

## ARE YOU AFFECTED BY DROUGHT...

You do not necessarily have to be a farming family to be feeling the devastating effect of drought. Drought touches many lives, it is like a wave rippling through a community. It affects many... Farmers, Farming Employees, Transport Operators, Contractors & Retailers just to name a few.

To Spread a little Christmas Cheer, The Cooma Rotary Club and the town of Adaminaby have made a generous Drought Relief Donation to the Balranald Community. This assistance will be available in the form of vouchers to be spent at the **following retailers**:

- Turps Tendercut Butchery
- Balranald Foodworks
- Balranald IGA
- S & A Papa Fuel (Murrumbidgee Petroleum)

*Vouchers are Available from the following distribution point:*

- St. Vincent De Paul (Balranald Branch) - Sue 0458 630 877
- Westpac Bank (Balranald)
- Balranald Central School
- St. Joseph's Catholic School (Balranald)
- Can Assist (Balranald) - Wyn Scott 0407 461 802
- Homebush Hotel (Penarie)

**This Drought relief funding distribution facilitated by Balranald Inc & Bigger Balranald Hearts**

### Balranald Bikes Done For Another Year

A highly successful year culminated in the Balranald Motorcycle Club's AGM and trophy presentations at the Balranald Caravan Park on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Five rounds of motocross, "The Gums" enduro as well as practice days, fundraising and coaching clinics kept the club's committee and dedicated volunteers busy throughout 2018 but club president Barry Anderson couldn't be happier. In his report tabled at the AGM Barry thanked everyone for their hard work and outlined his vision for taking the club forward.

"I want to thank each and every one of you", Barry said on the day. "Without you we wouldn't be in the strong position we are at the moment, the track is growing in popularity and that comes down to everyone's hard work".

Although competitive riding is done for the year the club are hosting the first three days of a 5-day intensive coaching boot-camp with OatesMX in January. (11 - 13 Jan at Balranald, 14 - 15 Jan at Robinvale). Coach and National MX rider, Jades Oates aims to coach motocross riders of all ages not only in the safety and skills of the sport, but to train them to become physically and mentally fit, and just as importantly, to enjoy the sport. To find out more and to sign up go to [www.oatesmx.com.au](http://www.oatesmx.com.au).

### Balranald Police Update



On 11th November 2018 a 35yo Mellool male was charged with LRPCA in Balranald. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 18th December 2018

On 24th November 2018 a 26yo Robinvale male was charged with LRPCA and possession of a prohibited drug. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 5th February 2019.

NSW residents will have to follow a new road rule that will see them slow down to 40km/h around emergency vehicles.

A 12-month trial period for the new law started on September 1, with the NSW Government to work with police to monitor the impact it has on traffic and road safety.

Under the rule, motorists will be required to **slow down to 40km/h** when passing a stationary emergency vehicle — which includes police cars, fire engines and ambulances — displaying blue and red flashing lights. Penalties are: \$448 fine and 3 demerit points.

**DRUGS! DRUGS! DRUGS!**

**POLICE ARE NOW TARGETING DRUG OFFENDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE CONTACT CRIME STOPPERS ON 1800 333 000 WITH INFORMATION ON DRUG SUPPLIERS, YOU CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS. THE INFORMATION WILL THEN BE SUPPLIED TO BALRANALD POLICE. POLICE WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE RESIDENTS THAT RANDOM DRUG TESTING MAY BE CONDUCTED IN THE BALRANALD AND EUSTON TOWNSHIPS AT ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT.**

Balranald Police believe this is a great community and we would like to work together with the public to detect and prosecute drug suppliers. Balranald Police would like to wish all members of the community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. If you are driving over the holiday period please remember to Rest, Revive, Survive and stay safe on the roads.

## 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

31 Dec New Year's Eve—Greenham Park

### 2019

1 Jan Happy New Year

12 Jan Robinvale Country Market  
Caix Square from 8.30am-12.30pm

26 Jan



**Australia Day  
Celebrations in  
Balranald and  
Euston, come  
along and join us**

### What's on at Balranald Club

*We would like to thank all our members for their patronage during the year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From all of us at the Balranald Club*

*Membership is now open & only \$8 until 30/6/19 to take advantage of member only benefit. Being a member you can get a discount at the bar & bistro along with swipe & win in-house vouchers.*

Mondays Members Seniors \$5 lunch

Mon - Fri \$10 lunch 12-2pm

Tue & Thu Bingo: Tuesdays 7pm, Thursdays 2pm **Last Game of Bingo before the Christmas Break 20th Dec resumes 8th January 2019**

Fridays Smorgasbord from 6pm, Raffle and Members Draw LTPS/14/02429  
**Come along and support your local Rescue Squad on the 28th Dec for the Raffle. Ring our friendly staff and book the courtesy bus for Friday nights.**

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: FOXTTEL, 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  
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** - 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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