



Balranald Shire Council

NEWSLETTER

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
DrumMuster available @ Balranald

ANZAC Day 2019

Lest We Forget

Across the Shire flags were raised with reverence in multiple services of reflection and respect to those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

A dawn service took place at Kyalite, in the early morning chill a gathering formed in a broad half-circle before the Kyalite War Memorial. With light just creeping over the horizon, half the service was read by torchlight. Special mention was made of Ary Vanzanten who in previous years had always read part of the service, but sadly is no longer with us. Vicki Barnes read from the diary of a soldier, in which the classic Australian humour rang through amidst suffering and struggle. A good crowd was in attendance despite the cold and early hour. 36 arrived on the DECMIL bus and approximately 150 total attended. Hot breakfast was served within the Kyalite Pub afterwards, thanks to Ken & Vicki Barnes for the hospitality.

In Euston a mid-morning service proceeded from the Euston Club carpark to Euston Memorial Park. Assembled behind the cenotaph returned servicemen stood bearing flags representing the British Empire, New Zealand, Fiji and Australia, including ensigns from the various arms of defence. A gathering of approximately 70 people attended the park and the school captains raised the flags. A solitary piper played the bagpipes for the Ode, the soulful music a powerful tribute to the ANZAC spirit. (continued inside)

*Pictured
above:
Kyalite
Memorial.
Pictured
right:
Euston
ANZAC
service*



Youth Week 2019

Council had a wonderful time working with the Youth Council to deliver some fantastic youth-led programs during Youth Week.

The events included cupcake decorating with help from Jan and the Balranald Art Gallery and Jamie, who taught us how to decorate cupcakes (pictured left). We then had further fun designing art work to be transferred onto Market Street by way of chalking. There were many great designs with themes of Easter and just being happy (pictured right).



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The following week we ventured out of town for a day trip of fun. On Wednesday 24 April 2019, Council staff along with some parents/helpers and youth of Balranald Shire met at the Discovery Centre at 7.45am and headed for Mildura.

We arrived at the Ten Pin Bowling centre where we were fitted with shoes, enjoyed a game of bowling, had pizzas for lunch and then some of us lined up for another game of ten pin bowling (pictured below right). Some were hurried through so we didn't miss the bus to the movies. At the Theatre we picked up our tickets, popcorn and a drink each and went in to watch *Wonder Park*.

On the way home we stopped at Euston for a toilet break and to grab an ice-cream each from the Café. We arrived back in Balranald at approximately 5.30pm.

Thank you to the youth that participated in Youth Week and a big thank you to the parents that helped throughout the week.





From the Mayor's Office

Council recently met to workshop the 2019/20 Budget. It was a productive meeting and the draft budget will shortly be out on exhibition as part of Council's draft *Operation Plan 2019/20*. I encourage all community members to review the document and submit any comments they may have ahead of its adoption. I commend the finance team on putting together such a comprehensive report.

Submissions for Public Inquiry have now closed, it is anticipated that Commissioner will move to holding hearings in the near future. These hearings will be held locally. Further information will be shared as it becomes available.

You may recall Genevieve McConnell, Hostel Manager, was recognised with a Public Service Medal earlier this year. She was recently presented with this award in a formal ceremony at Government House in Sydney, before a gathering of assorted dignitaries and guests. The ceremony was livestreamed and the replay can be viewed online at www.governor.nsw.gov.au/honours-and-awards/investiture/

My congratulations to Helen Dalton, the new State member for Murray, and to Sussan Ley, returning Member for Farrer. I look forward to meeting with both soon to discuss issues affecting our Shire and the ways in which Council and Government can work collaboratively to achieve outcomes for our region.

Youth Week was a wonderful event, I visited the youth creating marvellous chalk art on Market Street and was greatly impressed by the spirit and creativity on display. My congratulations to the Youth Council on a job well done for all their activities.

In the coming weeks I will be attending the National Conference in Canberra with Councillor O'Halloran and the General Manager. This meeting is an opportunity to network with other Councils and meet with our Government representatives and politicians.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council

**The next meeting will be on:
Tuesday 11th June 2019, 5pm**



From the Youth Mayor

Over the school holidays the Youth Council hosted various activities as part of Youth Week, I was honoured to be present at the opening art gallery exhibition with Deputy Mayor Ben. We were very happy with the turnout. On the 17th of April Deputy Mayor Ben was present at our street art project, Ben informed of 16 kids being present. Thank you to those participants. On Tuesday the 23rd of April, we hosted a bus trip to Mildura, thank you to all whom attended, I had reports that everyone had fun! Thank you Ben for his great leadership while I was away!

A further thank you to all our adult helpers during Youth Week. We could not have done this without all your help. We really appreciate the help that has been given.

A reminder that we are still collecting bottles and cans, please *do not* place rubbish in these bins.

Best wishes

Jackson Bialobrzewski, Mayor Balranald Youth Council

In Balranald the procession began in front of the RSL and marched to ANZAC Park. A crowd of approximately 250 gathered around the perimeter of the park. Particularly moving was Robyn Davis' heartfelt story of a young soldier, drawn for war from the birthdate lottery, he experienced the battle of Long Tan and his best friend died in his arms. The flags in Balranald were raised by school children and it was wonderful to see strong representation from both Balranald schools in attendance.



Bidgee Haven paid homage, lining the pathway to the front door with paper poppies and holding a small ceremony, followed by games of two-up in the lounge. Melinda flipped the coins while the residents placed play money on the outcome.



Easter Bunny

We were lucky enough to have the Easter Bunny adjust his timetable and hop into Balranald on the Thursday before Easter. He visited the Discovery Centre where he shared Easter Eggs with our community as well as served coffee, visited the Visitor Information Centre and the Balranald Men's Shed before hopping over to Little Bunyips Playgroup to draw their Easter Raffle. The final stop for him was visiting the residents at Bidgee Haven Hostel, where he sat and had a cuppa and chocolate egg before bouncing out of Balranald en route to his next burrow.



Companion Animals

The NSW Government continues to make changes to improve welfare outcomes for companion animals and in response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Companion Animal Breeding Practices. For more information on the new rules, visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals

SELLING OR GIVING AWAY A CAT OR DOG?



THE RULES HAVE CHANGED

From **1 July 2019**, any advertisements will need to include either:

a microchip number

OR

a breeder identification number

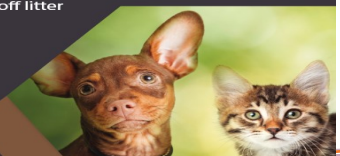
OR

a rehoming organisation number

It doesn't matter:

- how old the animal is
- where you want to advertise
- whether you are a hobby or professional breeder; or your cat or dog has had an accidental or one-off litter
- whether or not you bred the animal
- whether or not the animal you are selling or rehoming has been born yet.

To find out more about the changes, visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals



Community Notices



**Office of
Environment & Heritage**
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



Domestic Firewood Permits – Yanga National Park

Permits are available from 1st May until 30th September 2019 for domestic firewood collection on Yanga National Park. The available firewood is from a single collection point and consists of redgum milled timber offcuts (sleeper backs). Permits cost \$25/tonne or \$12.50/tonne for pensioner concession with a limit of 6 tonne per household per year. Permits are only available to residents of Balranald and Murray River Shires.

For more information or permit applications please visit the Yanga Park Office, Homestead Precinct, Sturt Hwy Balranald or call 03 5020 1764.



Rd 4 Sun 21st July

Rd 5 Sun 11th August

Rd 6 Sun 22nd September

Full Kiosk and Camping Available Each Round
Entries on the day or online at www.balranaldmcc.com.au



Balranald Police Update

On 7th April 2019 a 30 year old male was charged at Balranald with mid range drink driving, he will appear at Hay Local Court on 6th May 2019.

On 16th April 2019 a 34 year old male was charged at Euston with driving with an expired licence. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 4th June 2019.

On 20th April 2019 a 48 year old male was charged at Euston with Low range drink driving. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 4th June 2019.

On 21st April 2019 a 33 year old male was charged with an outstanding warrant, he was bail refused and conveyed to Broken Hill Corrections.

On 22nd April 2019 a 26 year old male from Balranald was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 3rd June 2019.

On 22nd April 2019 a 42 year old male was charged at Balranald with low range drink driving, he will appear at Hay Local Court on 3rd June 2019.

SAFE STORAGE INSPECTIONS FOR FIREARMS

Firearms owners across the district, who have not had their firearms inspected recently please contact Balranald Police Station on 03 5020 1404 or Euston Police Station on 03 5026 3101 to arrange an appointment for your inspection.

2019 Albert Heslop Memorial Travel Grant

Under the auspice of SuniTAFE, young farmers in the Murray Valley are encouraged to apply for a grant of \$4,000, aimed at applicants who want to advance themselves, their enterprise and their industry. For more information please visit the SuniTAFE website www.sunitafe.edu.au or phone SuniTAFE on 03 5022 3666. Applications close Saturday 15 June.



The Threatened Species Children's Art competition is back, and this year it's being run by Humane Society International in conjunction with Forestmedia Network Inc. The competition will be open for entries between 3 June and 2 August 2019. Children from 5-12 years old in NSW are invited to unleash their creativity while learning about Australian threatened species. More information is available on our website at www.hsi.org.au/artcomp



The Balranald Hospital Auxiliary Ladies

Invites

Past Members and the General Public
To help us Celebrate our 50th
Anniversary of Services to our Hospital

When: Thursday 11th July 2019 at our
Annual Ploughman's Luncheon

Where: BDESM Club Function Room

Time: 12:00pm to 1:30pm

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Children Under 10 - Free



Host – Balranald Hospital
Auxiliary

When – Thursday 30th May 2019

Where – Senior Citizens Centre

Time – 10:00am to 11:30am



ALL PROCEEDS TO THE
CANCER COUNCIL



WANTED - VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CAN ASSIST PRE-LOVED SECOND HAND BOOKSHOP

Do you have a couple of hours you could spare as a volunteer for the Can Assist Book Shop. If so, we would love to have you.

To volunteer please contact Connie Rasmussen on 0400 123940 or Tina Powis on 0350 206832

Charitable Fund-Raising No 12748



BECOME A MEMBER

Join a fun group of people and support cancer patients and their families.

For details contact the Secretary (Tina Powis) on 0350 206832 or Connie Rasmussen on 0400 123940

Living Local, giving local- All funds raised go directly to the Balranald Branch of Can Assist to provide financial assistance and care in our local community for people affected by cancer
Charitable Fund Raising No 12748



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Balranald Vinnies are in need of any size Clothing or Blankets!!!

All donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to the Centre during opening hours or can be dropped into our donation bin out the back

Do you have an hour or two spare each month??

If so, Balranald Vinnies are looking for more Volunteers to volunteer at our Centre

Please call into our Centre and see Linda Nelson, if you wish to put your name down to Volunteer

Please Note: Vinnies New Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9:00am to 3:00pm

Wednesday – 10:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday – 9:00am to 12:00pm

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 advise of changed traffic conditions on **Swan Hill Bridge** for essential maintenance work.

The bridge will be temporarily closed **Monday to Thursday nights, between 11pm and 6am from Monday 29 April to the end of August 2019**. The work involves strengthening the bridge structure to remove the current width restriction.

Motorists will be detoured via Nyah Bridge on the Speewa Road.

Heavy vehicle restrictions will apply throughout the work to protect Swan Hill Bridge from heavy loads. The bridge will be restricted to semi-trailers at 42.5 tonnes, with B-doubles prohibited. The 24-hour detour for B-doubles is via Tooleybuc Bridge. Please refer to NSW heavy vehicle maps.

Sensors & cameras will monitor the bridge's load capacity and heavy vehicle inspectors will have an increased presence in the area to monitor compliance.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

30 May	Balranald Hospital Auxiliary - Biggest Morning Tea @ Senior Citizens Centre Balranald
1 Jun	BFNC Round 6 – Balranald v Tyntynder – Annual Roo Ball with music by The Drowning Sorrows.
15 Jun	BFNC Round 8 – Balranald v Kerang - RE-UNION of the 1969, 1970, 1989, 1990 and 2009 Premiers teams
6-9 July	Balranald Pony Club Camp
11 July	Balranald Hospital Auxiliary - Annual Ploughman's Luncheon - BDESM Club Function Room
21 July	Balranald Motocross Round 4
23 July	Save the Date: Hatfield Happening

Submit your upcoming events to
council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

30 Nov **Save the Date:**
St Joey's Fete



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 – 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



What's on at Euston Club Resort

7 Days/week	Station46 Bistro open daily - Breakfast Mon-Thurs 7am-9.30am & Fri 7am-10am Sat & Sun 7.30am to 10.30am, Lunch 12pm - 2pm, Dinner 6pm-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
Thu/ Fri	Members Cash & Prize Draw from 6pm-8pm
Sun/Wed	Social Bowls. Registration 9.45am for 10am Start - call John Bond on 5026 4244
Fri & Sat	Free Live Entertainment from 7.30pm
	MEGA Raffle last Wednesday of month

facebook.com/eustonclubresort



FREE live entertainment Friday & Sat from 7.30pm

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 Connie on 0400 123940 and Tina 03 5020 6832. (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