



Balranald Shire Council

NEWSLETTER

My Community Project - Vote Now!

Balranald Shire residents have the opportunity to help decide which projects get funding in our state electorate area. My Community Project will fund projects in each NSW electorate to help improve the wellbeing of the people and communities that live there.

Within the Murray Electorate, in no particular order, the following My Community Project candidates from Balranald Shire district are now open for voting:

MCP19-02479, Balranald Early Learning Centre Playground Upgrade

MCP19-03973, Balranald Splash 'N' Slide Play Park

MCP19-03706, Balranald Water Towers Murrumbidgee Mural

MCP19-03605, Lions Park Balranald Upgrade

MCP19-04684, Theatre Royal Grand Piano

You can now vote online at mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au or at your local Service NSW Centre. For more information on how to vote, visit nsw.gov.au/mycommunityproject

Voting will close 15 August 2019 – so, raise awareness for your favourite project and encourage others to vote now! Remember: The project with the most votes gets funded.

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

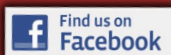
RELATED SERVICES

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



Oxley Road Update

Construction of Oxley Road has reached the final milestone of sealing 3km of road from chainage 36 to 39 km. Construction was completed in conjunction with a local subcontractor and Council crew. It includes importing over 12,000 cubic meters of gravel from Glen Dee Pit. Work on this road involves shaping and raising the existing road pavement to RMS Standards and also includes shaping the drainage.

In addition, 1km of road surface has been formed and raised to be an all weather gravel road.



Local Government Act 1993

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC INQUIRY

On 24 January 2019, the former Minister for Local Government, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP appointed Roslyn McCulloch as Commissioner to hold a Public Inquiry under section 438U of the *Local Government Act 1993* into Balranald Shire Council.

The public hearings to be held as part of the Inquiry will take place at the Balranald Shire Council chambers, 70 Market Street, Balranald, NSW.

The public hearings will commence at 10.00am on Wednesday, 31 July 2019 and are scheduled to conclude by Friday, 9 August 2019. There may be one or more non-sitting days during the hearings period. The non-sitting days will be announced during the public hearings.

On sitting days, the usual hours for the public hearings will be from 10.00am to 4.00pm, subject to variation by the Commissioner.

Further enquiries regarding the Inquiry can be made to the Office of the Commissioner, telephone (02) 4428 4197, fax (02) 4428 4199 or email BalranaldPublicInquiry@olg.nsw.gov.au. The terms of reference for the Inquiry and an Information Paper on the conduct of the Inquiry are available on the Inquiry's website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au/balranald-public-inquiry

Seniors Week 2020

Calling all Seniors! Do you have a great idea for an activity for Seniors Festival 2020? We want to hear from you!

Council is seeking community feedback for what YOU would like to do for next year's Seniors Festival, which will be held in February 2020. Council will be submitting a grant application to NSW Family and Community Services for funding in early August, therefore if you have a request please send it through ASAP.

Submissions close 2 August 2019.

Send your ideas to: The General Manager, PO Box 120, Balranald NSW 2715 or email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

DONATIONS, SUBSIDIES & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS NOW DUE

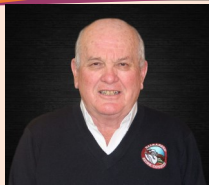
Council wishes to remind schools, groups, organisations or individuals that applications for donations, subsidies or financial assistance for the first round of 2019/20 donations are due to Council by 5.00pm Tuesday 6th August 2019.

Application forms can be obtained from Council's website - <http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/council-documents/request-for-funding/> or the Council office.

Written applications are to be received by 6th August 2019 by email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au OR by post and addressed to: The General Manager PO Box 120 Balranald NSW 2715.

Balranald Shire Council, 70 Market Street, (PO Box 120) Balranald 2715
Phone 03 5020 1300 Fax 03 5020 1620 www.balranald.nsw.gov.au





From the Mayor's Office

I am pleased to advise Council will be receiving funding through the Drought Assistance Grant, in which eligible Councils are provided with up to \$1million for local community infrastructure and other drought relief projects.

I would like to congratulate the entire team for their efforts in finalising some major milestones in construction work. These projects include: - The Balranald Truck Wash including a Bio-Security set down bay for drivers to check the vehicle in a clean dry area. - The Wool Track road formation and sealing, this represents the achievement of a milestone for our community with the road between Balranald and Ivanhoe being fully sealed (a long awaited outcome) - The formation and sealing of an all weather road length between Homebush and Oxley, this latest section has achieved significant savings with 3kms being achieved where the budget only predicted 1.7kms. A Huge Well Done to the team!

The main street upgrade under the Stronger Country Communities Grant is about to commence construction with the final design and project scope being approved by the State Government. This project has been developed by the community with the feedback from numerous workshops and discussions resulting in what will be a great outcome for the community and businesses. Thank you for the feedback and for those businesses and community members who actively participated in the scoping phase of this project.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council

The next meeting will be on:
Monday 29 July 2019, 5pm



From the Youth Mayor

Notice that the Youth Council is actively looking for new members. At the last Youth Council meeting we discussed opening the Youth Council to new members due to a lack of members (six currently) still participating in the Youth Council. If readers (aged 10-18 years) are interested, please let either a member of Youth Council, Facilitator Fraser White or your respective schools know.

A reminder that we are still running our recycling programme. Please donate bottles and containers that are part of the 10c refund scheme to us at one of our locations: Balranald Shire depot O'Conner Street, both Balranald Schools, Balranald Caravan Park and the Sturt Motel.

Many thanks,

Jackson Bialobrzewski, Mayor Balranald Youth Council

July Council Meeting Date Change

In accordance with S.9(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, notice is hereby given of a **change to the scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council.**

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on
Monday 29th July 2019 commencing at 5.00pm
in the Council Chambers, 70 Market Street Balranald

A copy of the agenda and associated business papers are available to view prior to the meeting at Council's Office, 70 Market Street, Balranald or on Councils website: www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Community News

Little Bunyips Open Day

The Balranald Little Bunyips Playgroup held an open day Thursday 27 June 2019, inviting the community to come and see what Playgroup is all about. It was an opportunity to thank the Balranald Inc Community Partnership Committee for the grant they approved for \$4,000 towards the new play equipment for the children.



14 children were in attendance as well as their mums and dads, representatives from the Balranald Inc and members of the community. It was a sunny winter day, perfect weather for the event with youngsters running about outside, completely thrilled at the variety of new things to play with.



New equipment purchased with the grant included an activity board, which was a hit with all the children. Numerous kids took turns having conversations on the play phone as well as ringing the bell and playing with the latches among other objects attached to the board. The activity board supports the social development of the children, motor skills. The reverse of the structure is a chalk board. The new sand pit, relocated and upgraded from its former

position, was likewise popular as several children were digging and chatting. The children advised they were building a new road for the city, the four working collaboratively to dig with shovels and a mini excavator. It was wonderful to see the imagination and creativity of the children thriving in the new environment. Above the sandpit is a new shade sail also purchased with grant funds. This will provide essential shelter from the sun in the summer seasons to come.

The grant also allowed for the front fence to receive a crafty upgrade. Perspex boards have been mounted for fun outside creative play. The Perspex can be painted and later washed, or have art stuck to it. Nearby in the front yard stands a new swing set, a giant sturdy structure sure to bring years of enjoyment.

The grant has brought many new assets to the Little Bunyips Playgroup, who extend their thanks also to the community members and organisations who helped with the upgrade. Jess said it has truly been a community effort with parents and local business support.



Playgroup is such a valuable asset to the community for parents and kids alike. Playgroup is a great network for parents to get together for



a chat, to connect and relate over the joys and struggles of young kids, a support system and information point. It is a great place for both parents and kids to socialise and make friends. Little Bunyips Playgroup is on Thursday mornings from 10am until around midday. This year's Coordinator is Amy who can be contacted for more information about getting involved on Ph 0417 519 051 or Little Bunyips can be found on Facebook.

Regional Youth Taskforce

Have you ever been interested in having a real say in the things that matter to young people in regional NSW? Are you aged 12–24 and living outside of Greater Sydney and the local government areas of Newcastle and Wollongong?

For the first time, the NSW Government is offering regional young people the opportunity to share their voice on issues such as getting a job, mental health and wellbeing, getting around and having things to do. The Regional Youth Taskforce will be solutions-focussed, having a say on ways the NSW Government can try to improve outcomes for regional youth.

The Regional Youth Taskforce advises Bronnie Taylor, Minister for Regional Youth on issues that affect young people living in regional NSW. The taskforce will also have input into the way the NSW Government will act on these issues.

A sitting fee will be paid and flights and accommodation will be covered. The taskforce is expected to meet about four times a year, twice in person and twice through Skype. Meetings are likely to take place on weekends or in school holidays.

The NSW Government is looking for young people who understand and want to tackle the big issues facing young people in regional NSW. These issues include the impact of drought, youth unemployment, mental health and drugs, lack of things to do, and difficulty accessing services. Taskforce members will be young people who want to make a difference, bringing their best and brightest ideas to solve local issues.

For further Information and to apply, visit www.nsw.gov.au/regional-youth-taskforce

Applications close at 11:59pm on 5 August 2019.



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.

BALRANALD'S 5 RIVERS OUTBACK FESTIVAL



11-13th October 2019

FOR REGULAR UPDATES & TICKETS VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR
www.5riversoutbackfestival.com.au

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Balranald Police Update

7th June 2019 a 67 year old male from Robinvale was charged at Euston Police Station with High Range PCA and drive whilst unlicensed. He will appear at Wentworth Court on 6th August 2019.

7th June 2019 a 34 year old male from Balranald was charged with assault and intimidation. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 5th August 2019.

22nd June 2019 a 47 year old male from Euston was with High Range PCA. he will appear at Wentworth Court on 6th August 2019.

22nd June 2019 a 22 year old male from Balranald was charged with assault and malicious damage to property. He will appear at Hay Local Court on 11th October 2019.

23rd June 2019 a 36 year old male from California Gully was charged by Balranald Police for the offences of possess prohibited drug and possess equipment for administering a prohibited drug.

29th June 2019 a 42 year old male from Tooleybuc was charged with contravene AVO, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, assault, stealing, interlock licence holder not have approved device.

Police would like to remind residents they are now conducting random drug testing as well as random breath testing. If you are stopped for a random drug test, please be patient as the test will take approximately 3 to 5 minutes.

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.

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 you inspection.

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

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. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

18 Aug Mallee Almond Blossom Festival

11-13 Oct Balranald 5 Rivers Outback Festival

12 Oct The Great Murray River Salami Festival on the Euston Club Riverfront Lawns Saturday October 12th 2019. 10am to 4pm. \$2K Prize Money for Best Salami. Visit murrayriversalamifestival.com.au to download entry forms or pick up entry forms from the Euston Club Resort, Swan Hill Wholesalers or Mallee Meats & More Mildura.

29 Nov Dirty Dick's Theatre Restaurant @ Euston Club - Brilliant stage show & 3 course dinner contact the Euston Club for more information

30 Nov St Joey's Fete

Don't forget to send in your events!!

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 with the FREE WIFI.

Come and join the sewing Group every 2nd week on Sundays.

Membership is only \$10* until 30/6/20 to take advantage of member only benefit **joining fee Being a member you can get a discount at the bar & bistro along with swipe & win in-house vouchers UNDER 18'S are allowed in most areas of the club except TAB and Pokie Area and they 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 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 12.45pm for 1pm Start - 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

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 midday - corner of Market and River Street. Contact Amy 0417 519 051

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 Tuesday 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