

AUSTRALIA

DAY

CELEBRATIONS

2019

BALRANALD

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Alex Calleja

Alex is a competitor in Field and Game Shooting

Alex has represented Balranald Central School @ Minyip school shoot coming 4th out of 400 competitors.

Represented Balranald Central School at Bar-Rook School shoot Barham Koondrook in March and became Sub Junior Champion.

Alex is a member of Swan Hill Clay Target Club, Swan Hill Field and Game Club and Balranald Field and Game Club.

Alex was awarded “High Gun” at Swan Hill Field and Game.

Congratulations Alex



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Jeremy Jolliffe

Jeremy organised a Men's Health Weekend for men of Balranald.

Jeremy was guest speaker for Men's Health. He developed a buddy system for men to support each other and check in on one another. He arranged a camping weekend at Gooparle for the men, for fishing and talking. Several men of Balranald and Guest Speakers attended the camping weekend.

At the camping trip he encouraged men to support each other, talk about life and realise they are not alone.

The weekend camping trip also contributed to the health of women whose partners attended. Women had the weekend off, saw their men united and bonding and the men were more relaxed when they arrived home.

Congratulations Jeremy



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Drew Lloyd

Drew Lloyd has been selected to be on the OPEN Central High Schools Riverina Cricket team.

He played for a week at CHS NSW Cricket Carnival in Armidale. Drew was awarded Riverina player of the Carnival.

Drew was the number 1 wicket taker for Riverina – total of 9 wickets.

Congratulations Drew



COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR – Balranald Pony Club

This Award has been awarded to Balranald Pony Club for their Annual Camp that has been held in July for over 10 years.

The camp attracts over 50 to 70 riders to the O'Connor Street grounds every year for 3 days on instruction, learning and social opportunities. The riders bring their extended families, with the club providing catering for up to 150 people.

The Balranald Pony Club bring top level instructors and coaches from across the country including Pakenham, Adelaide, Geelong to cater to the equine enthusiasts. Volunteers from all around the district also give their time to support the next generation.

This event is very deserving of this award as it has a strong reputation from the amount of returning equine enthusiasts and their dedication shown by camping for 3 days in the frost and rain which is normally guaranteed over the event.

Congratulations to the Balranald Pony Club



SPORTING TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD – Balranald Under 15's Netball Team

This year the Balranald Football Netball Club Under 15's Balranald Netball Team will receive the Sporting Team of the Year Award.

Throughout the 2018 Season the Under 15's Netball Team played together and formed a team that was highly spoken of throughout Central Murray Football Netball League for their sportsmanship and skills of the game. With only dropping one game out of 22 rounds, they won the Grand Final playing against Tyntynder.

The Under15's Team winning Grandfinal Team;

Lauren Jess
Hannah Morton
Bonnie Jolliffe
Macey Lloyd
Tegan Bruton
Bree Hodgson; and
Maggie Finch
Molly Helgeland
Charlie Ross

Coach Jordyn Jolliffe and Assistant Coach Jess Parry

Congratulations to the team for a great achievement



YOUNG SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR – Hannah Morton

Hannah is receiving this award because of her Netball achievements;

- 2015 - 3 & Under Best & Fairest Balranald Football Netball Club
- 2016 – 13 & Under Central Murray Runner Up Best & Fairest
- 2016 – Central Murray Netball Academy
- 2016 – 13 & Under Best & Fairest Balranald Football Netball Club
- 2017 – Central Murray Netball Team
- 2017 – Central Murray Netball Academy
- 2017 – 15 & Under Best & Fairest Balranald Football Netball Club
- 2017 NSW State School Champions Under 16's
- 2018 – Under 15's Grand Final Winner – Hannah named best on ground
- 2018 – Central Murray Netball Team
- 2018 – Woorineen Girls Youth Football team
- 2018 – Selected for Murray Netball Region Team
- 2018 – Runner Up League Best & Fairest Balranald Football Netball Club
- 2018 – NSW State School Champions – Under 17's
- 2018 – NSW State School Champions - Under 16's
 - Hannah named most valued player
- 2018 – Selected for Northern Talen Academy for Netball

Congratulations Hannah



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR – Lisa Jolliffe

Lisa has coached and mentored students from Balranald Central School to state Central School Champions in both OPENS and Under 16's for the last four years – 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Volunteers at Balranald Football and Netball Club.

Lisa is a coach, umpire, medic, scorer, and is a life member of the Balranald Netball Club.

Lisa also is Treasurer and volunteers her time for the Balranald Tennis Club.

Congratulations Lisa



YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Chloe Calleja
(Presented by Youth Council Mayor Jackson)

Chloe has a love for music;

She studied music for HSC – Band 5.

Chloe was a supporting act for Tamworth Country Music Festival Tour @ Swan Hill where she was selected as Rising Star with applying through written applications and music clip.

Sang and played guitar at Balranald ANZAC day service at the cenotaph.

Support Act at Balranald 5 Rivers Music Festival.

Accompanied Paul Costa @ 5 Rivers Music Festival.

Performed at Community Concerts, Balranald Central School Presentation nights, and Balranald Central School Assemblies.

Lead Singer of Senior School Band in 2016.

Mentored Junior Band Members in 2016.

Performed at Mildura Eistedford and received 1st place.

Sang at Community Carols by Candlelight in 2017.

SRC Member, volunteers at school functions.

Performed at Balranald Multi-purpose centre for patients, clients and staff.

During her time at school she has actively participated in many activities.

Chloe was a recipient of Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship from Melbourne University

Chloe was a recipient of Aspire Program – LaTrobe University



Congratulations Chloe

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Adrian Gorman

The recipient for Citizen of the Year for outstanding achievements in 2018 is Adrian Gorman.

Adrian was the instigator and driving force behind the wonderful Heritage Military Trail, honouring the men and women of Balranald who served in both world wars.

The trail has now become a unique tourist attraction. This Heritage Military Trail is attracting attention from all over Australia.

The ABC Radio show, "Maccas Australia All Over" believe it to be one of the best examples of military memorabilia seen anywhere in our country.

All this would not have happened without Adrian's forethought and great will to see it accomplished.

Just watch the tourists daily who follow the trail and photograph all the sites, shows what a wonderful project this has been for our Shire.

Adrian is a very worthy recipient of the Balranald Shire Australia Day Citizen of the Year.

Congratulations Adrian Gorman, 2019 Australia Day Balranald Shire Council Citizen of the Year



EUSTON

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR –Villers Bretonneu X 100years – Robinvale/Euston 2018.

The Battle of Villers-Bretonneu in France in 1918 and the pushing back of German forces was described as a crucial turning point of WW1.

Australian Troops displayed great bravery but also suffered a terrible loss. Some 2,400 Australians died in the battle to recapture the town. While Australia rightly commemorates the fighting at Gallipoli, the battles at Villers-Bretonneux are now receiving higher prominence in accounts of Australia's involvement in WW1. The ANZACs played a central role in the main theatre of the War.

Because of the strong connections between Robinvale and Villers-Bretonneux, along with Euston's connection to France, particularly Villers in WW1, it was agreed that the two communities would unite to hold suitable commemorations to honour the Centenary of Villers-Bretonneux in 2018. Exactly 100 years on from the Battle of Villers-Bretonneu on April 24, 1918, ANZAC Eve, April 24 2018 was the date chosen to hold the commemorations.

Euston's Cenotaph which contains sixty-seven names of those who enlisted in Euston, or were born here and enlisted elsewhere, was unveiled in 1924. Nineteen of those named did not return to their town.

86 years after it was unveiled, the memorial was relocated from Murray Terrace to the new Euston Memorial Park in 2010. As part of the commemorations for the centenary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, where some of Euston's sons had fought, this Memorial was reconsecrated.

The reconsecration was the beginning of the ANZAC Eve commemorations.

As the ceremony was about to commence, a Tiger Moth Aircraft flew over the Park, adding splendour to the occasion. The dignified ceremony was conducted at Euston Memorial Park in front of around 600 people. A Catafalque Party, from the 8th/7th Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment, stood guard at the Memorial throughout the ceremony. Chaplain David Davis, also from the 8th/7th Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment, conducted the re-consecration service.

This was an amazing day of commemoration and celebration for Euston. The number of visitors was incredible and everyone had a most memorable time.

Euston should be extremely proud of what it achieved on this day, truly a “Community Event”.

Congratulations to the Robinvale-Euston 2018 Working Group



YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Chelsea Roberts

(Presented by Youth Council Mayor Jackson)

This year it is with great pleasure that we have Young Citizen of the Year for both towns nominated.

Chelsea has held a stationery drive for an under privileged school in Vanuatu,

She has volunteered for Euston Community Centre Committee.

She has done several shifts on a drink stall and manning the Football gate at Robinvale.

Chelsea played guitar at Christmas Carols for the Manangatang Hospital Residents

She has taught several students guitar at Manangatang school

She has volunteered countless times at the Euston Football Club, even being awarded a club appreciation award for her efforts.

She has held a fundraiser for Prada Willi Syndrome, raising over \$3000 and bringing awareness to the Manangatang, Robinvale and Euston schools about this syndrome.

Chelsea has held a fundraiser for Make a Wish Foundation.

She received awards at Manangatang High School for Mallee Leadership Award and the Principals Award for striving to be the best person she can be.

Congratulations Chelsea on this deserving award.

