# Seniors Luncheon 2020 Thursday (please note the new day!) 20th February 2020, 12noon

### You're invited

The Seniors Week Luncheon is for 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.

Council is proud to sponsor this annual event, to thank and celebrate our senior residents who bring so much to our community. Please join us for an afternoon of good food and fun activities.

This year's theme is The Roaring 20s, dress up is not compulsory but strongly encouraged; there will be prizes for best dressed lady and gentleman! So please feel free to adorn *Gatsby* style, think flappers & gangsters; fringed frocks, feathers, pearls, top hats, suits and ties. Extravagance abounds!

The Theatre Royal will be transformed into *The Shire Speakeasy*, as Council brings back all the glitz & glamour of prohibition era America, celebrating the fun & fancy.

If you will be attending the Luncheon, please call Council Office to register your attendance <u>no later than 5pm Friday</u> 7th February 2020.

Phone 03 5020 1300.

We regret that late registrations cannot be accepted due to catering requirements.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements when registering.

We look forward to partying like it's 1920 with you.

### Reminder: be alert not alarmed about algae!

Residents are reminded that as the warmer weather continues the rivers across our region become affected by have Blue-Green Algae. Currently Murray, Murrumbidgee, the Lachlan, Wakool and Edward Rivers all have some levels of alert the various at checkpoints, as reported on the WaterNSW website.

Filtered (treated/household) water in our Shire remains safe to consume, however unfiltered (raw/outside) water should be used with caution and physical contact avoided by both and humans pets/stock. should Caution likewise be when applied engaging in recreational activities at the rivers.



Please check <a href="https://www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/algae">https://www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/algae</a> for up to date water quality information, including an easy to use map (as pictured above - image current at 22 January 2020) or contact the NSW algae hotline on 1800 999 457.

RED ALERT These alert levels represent 'bloom' conditions. Water will appear green or discoloured and clumps or scums could be visible. It can also give off a strong musty or organic odour. Algae may be toxic to humans and animals. Contact with or use of water from red alert areas should be avoided due to the risk of eye and skin irritation. Drinking untreated or boiled water from these supplies can cause stomach upsets. Alternative water supplies should be sought or activated carbon treatment employed to remove toxins. People should not fish when an algal scum is present. Owners should keep dogs away from high alert areas and provide alternative watering points for stock.

AMBER ALERT Blue-green algae may be multiplying and the water may have a green tinge and musty or organic taste and odour. The water should be considered as unsuitable for potable use and alternative supplies or prior treatment of raw water for domestic purposes should be considered. The water may also be unsuitable for stock watering. Generally suitable for water sports, however people are advised to exercise caution in these areas, as blue-green algal concentrations can rise to red alert levels quickly under warm, calm weather conditions.

GREEN ALERT Blue-green algae occur naturally at low numbers. At these concentrations, algae would not normally be visible, however some species may affect taste and odour of water even at low numbers and does not pose any problems for recreational, stock or household use.



### Take your trash - keep our rivers clean

Balranald Shire Council is targeting litter reduction in 2020 and you can be part of the solution. 'Don't be a Tosser!' It's a simple message, but many people make excuses to justify their littering behaviour. This summer, you may be enjoying an icecream, a cold drink or having a picnic with family and friends by the Murray River. Please think about your rubbish and put it in the bin.

We are working to reduce litter in 2020 by stepping up litter enforcement patrols at recreation reserves and other high use areas. We are installing a new compactor bin at the Euston Riverfront Reserve and increasing signage to help you dispose of rubbish properly, so it doesn't end up in our Rivers and waterways.

Compactor bins are an innovative solution to prevent litter blowing out of bins. These bins also improve waste management efficiency by compacting bin waste and sending electronic alerts when they need emptying.

Balranald Shire Council is a member of the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) Murray Waste Group which received funding from the NSW EPA 'Waste Less, Recycle More' initiative funded from the waste levy to reduce litter entering the Murray River.

You are encouraged to report littering by registering with the Report to EPA website and sharing the message 'Don't be a tosser!'. For more information on this project please follow Balranald Shire Council on Facebook and social media https://www.facebook.com/BalranaldShireCouncil/https://twitter.com/balranaldshire

### Take our survey

We want your help to understand why people litter in our communities. Take our 5 minute community survey to help us target high litter areas along the Murray River. Head to the below address to complete the survey and find out more about our litter reduction efforts. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFB9KDT Survey closes 31 January 2020.

### **BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL**

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### **BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL**

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8.30am to 5pm
Monday to Friday
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**RELATED SERVICES** 

### **BALRANALD LIBRARY**

Monday & Friday 9.30am-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





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 osed for lunch 1pm-1.45pn

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)
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

### **Market Street Revitalisation**

How exciting to see the main street upgrade really taking shape; it's all coming together now! Concrete construction works surrounding the Royal Theatre have been completed. Lush green lawns have been planted with a supporting water reticulation system installed. Street furniture installations are still to come as picnic tables will be added to the area. Also still to come is the establishment of garden beds around the perimeter of the lawn, which will feature a combination of several advanced trees, smaller shrubs and planter boxes. It will be a greenspace to envy.

The Senior Citizen parklet area has been a hive of activity, existing pavement has been demolished and construction will soon begin. Meanwhile at the *Steady Chameleon* "Swampy" has begun to take shape, Council looks forward to the grand unveiling.

The next milestone in the Market Street Revitalisation project is the demolition and construction of the medians between Mayall and We Streets. These works are scheduled to commence on Thursday 30 January 2020. For the duration of these works traffic management procedures will be in place to control the flow of traffic through the work zone. Between 7am and 5pm the southbound lane (towards Euston) of Market Street will be closed in this block. Traffic lights and stop/slow bat ('lollipop') operators will be in place. Please respect the directions of workers and adhere to speed limits as posted.

Throughout the works there will be restricted street parking in the CBD, however the Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club has kindly volunteered use of the Club's parking area during the construction hours. Council extends our gratitude for this opportunity and asks that people have patience and courtesy when utilising the area, again, please adhere to directives of workers.

Additionally, all heavy vehicles shall be diverted to the bypass for the duration of works.

Council thanks all residents and visitors for their patience and co-operation throughout this busy construction period. We are in the home stretch of the project now. Exciting times ahead!

## You could save yourself a few minutes. Or save somebody's life.

Slow down to the posted speed zone whenever you see roadworks and help keep Australia's roadworkers safe.



See the cones.
Obey the zones.



### Seniors Luncheon 2020

Please see the attached flyer for all the details about the Seniors Luncheon.

Please be sure to register by the due date, Friday 7th February 2020.

To register, or for further information, please call Council's office on 5020 1300.

### **Expression of Interest - Catering**

Throughout the year Council requires catering services for a variety of functions, including: breakfasts, morning/afternoon teas, finger food, lunches, formal and informal dinners.

Council is now compiling a register of businesses/ organisations across the Shire to invite to quote for functions in 2020.

If your business/organisation would like to be considered for catering work in the upcoming year, please contact Council via email with the following details:



Business/Organisation name: ABN\*:

Types of catering provided: Contact details:

Please email <u>council@balranald.nsw.gov.au</u> by Friday 14 February 2020.

\*only businesses/organisations with an ABN are eligible due to accounting practices of Council



### From the

### Mayor's Office

My thoughts at this time are with those affected by the bushfires, sending prayers for their health and best wishes as those communities begin to rebuild from this tragedy. My thoughts are also with all our firefighters, I am aware that some of our local residents have been deployed in many roles; volunteer firefighters, nurses, emergency services personnel and park & wildlife staff. To those deployed, please, keep safe, and know we are here to help however we can.

On a lighter note, on behalf of Council and the community I extend commendations to Kylie Jolliffe and the New Year's Eve Committee. It is a joy to sponsor this event each year, and a big loss to our community as Kylie steps down after 13 years of service. We thank you for tenure at the helm, and I hope to see a new committee step up to take on this event.

Commendations also to Turps, Wyn and everyone involved in bringing to fruition the Men's & Women's Health event; "Take a break, help a mate". Such a valuable event, huge congratulations on putting this together, job well done!

Did you see the media release for the RAMJO led, EPA funded compactor bin for Euston? To be installed at the riverfront as part of a combined Murray campaign!

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council
The next meeting will be on:
18 February 2020, 5pm
in Council Chambers

# From the **Youth Mayor**



Hi all,

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Christmas, and are ready to have a great new year!

On the 18th of December, the youth council held a pool party. We are thankful to everyone who attended. We would specifically like to thank Zoe Griffiths for helping us in planning and organising the event. I would also like to thank Nigel & Wyneta Dalton for making pizzas for everyone to enjoy. A further congratulations to the 'Daltons' team for winning the prize for the highest score from the activities on the night.

A reminder that we have our ongoing recycling programme where you can donate your bottles and cans worth 10c to our collection point at the O'Connor Street Depot. Any donations are appreciated.

-Jackson Bialobrzeski, Mayor, Balranald Youth Council

### **Sports Multi-Purpose Centre Upgrade Project**

Construction works are nearing finalisation on the Balranald Sports Multi-purpose Centre (footy shed), the air conditioning system has been upgraded and by the time you are reading this publication the interior painting of the kitchen and main hall will also be finished!

In early February installation of new carpet and vinyl in the main hall and kitchen area will commence.

### 2019 Christmas Lights Competition Winners

Congratulations to Daniel Woolhouse (1st place), Amber Williams (2nd place) and Natalie Hussey (3rd place) the winners of Council's 2019 Christmas Lights Competition. Your light displays were spectacular and a joyous show of holiday spirit. Thank you to everyone who entered, the Shire was brilliantly illuminated for the Christmas season.

### Did you get a puppy for Christmas?

If so, lucky you! Now is the time to start getting organised because by six months of age your new pup must be registered. In NSW registration is a once-only payment that covers your dog for its lifetime (in NSW). Your dog will need to be microchipped to be registered, if this hasn't been done yet your vet will be able to perform this simple procedure. Also you may wish to consider the benefits of de-sexing your dog, one of which includes a substantial discount in the registration fees. Please discuss this with your vet, who can provide you with all the information you should know when deciding about de-sexing, as well as immunisations and other health items your puppy will need and that you, as a responsible pet owner, should know about.

Microchipping and registering your pet is the <u>best</u> way to make sure your furry friend is reunited with your family in the event it becomes lost.

For more information about pet registration please visit <a href="https://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au/</a> or contact Council Office.

# Volunteer Bus Drivers Expressions of Interest Medium Rigid Drivers Licence Training

In early 2019, Balranald Shire Council secured funding through Transport for NSW's "Transport Access Regional Partnerships" Grant Program.

The "Building Resources for Balranald" funding stream will wholly fund training for participants to enable them to obtain their Medium Rigid Drivers Licence. These people will then be required to volunteer a minimum of 30 hours driving so that isolated and disadvantaged people in the Balranald Shire can have access to services or social events. We are seeking 12-16 participants on a "first come first serve" basis.

Moore's Bus service will be coordinating the training that will commence in February sometime (dates to be confirmed). At this stage, we are gathering expressions of interest for the training.

If interested please contact Tamika Moore Ph 0478 688 627

### **Extended Library Hours**

Council is pleased to announce that the library hours have now been extended, creating greater opportunity for our residents and visitors to utilise our resources. Our library facilities are now open Monday and Friday from 9.30am to 5.30pm (closed for lunch from 12-1pm) and Wednesday from 9am to 5.30pm (closed for lunch from 12-1pm).

Come down and make use of the public computers, free wifi, huge range of books, ebooks, magazines and more. We even have a toy box for the kids to have a play while you browse. Want a book that's not on the shelf? We might be able to get it in, ask our friendly staff for more information.

Not a member? Join today, it's free! Check it out, corner of Market & We Streets, Balranald.



### 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 call / email Rachael Williams 0416 201643 / rachael@locallogicplace.com.au

Applications must be completed online and received by COB 5pm Friday 14th February 2020 (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 Inc., Balranald ICPA and Balranald Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic.

### **News from the Art Gallery**

### Anne Frank - Let Me Be Myself

The art gallery has the Anne Frank Exhibition titled "Let Me Be Myself" opening mid-February and continuing until 25th April. Let Me Be Myself is an exhibition that enables visitors to identify with the personal story of Anne Frank. The exhibition connects the personal story of the Frank family with the important historical events of the time. The rise of the national socialists, the isolation and discrimination of the Jewish population, eventually escalating in the Holocaust. The second part of the exhibition centres contemporary subjects. Five colourful modules contemporises the story of Anne Frank, showing how it is still relevant in today's society. With discrimination still taking place on a daily basis all over the world, the youngsters who are shown in the exhibition speak about themselves and how they deal with today's prejudices and discrimination. The contemporary part is complemented by a short film.

### **Coming Workshops - Dates TBC**

- Jewellery Making Weekend (Day 1 Mosaics, Day 2 Felted)
- Hat Making
- Macramé
- Fluid Art.

### Whole Town Garage Sale

Saturday 8th March, to coincide with Victorian Labour Day holiday. Register your interest now, please phone 0418 316 347

### BOOK OF THE MONTH - COOKERY

Looking to extend your cooking library? Look no further

The Can Assist Pre-Loved Second Hand Bookshop has a variety of cookery books - cakes, pastries, chocolate, savoury, sweet, cuisine from all countries and more. Donations for single or a job lot of cookery books will be most welcome

Charitable Fundraising No 12748 Call in to the Book Shop in Market Street, Balranald Open even went its closed.



### **Balranald & Euston Police Update**

7 Dec - 35 year old male from Balranald was detected with "drive with illicit drug present oral test"

8 Dec - 42 year old male detected in Euston with 3 outstanding warrants 14 Dec - 31 year old male from South Australia - charged with offence of drive with disqualified licence, before Hay Local Court

15 Dec - 5 Foreign Nationals charged with seat belt offences

15 Dec - 23 year old Malaysian national female - charged with never licenced, before Hay local court

19 Dec - 23 year old male - Belgium National - drive unregistered motor

20 Dec - Balranald Police assisted FRNSW with a LPG gas bottle fire 23 Dec - Balranald Police attended Balranald Central School re a Fire. Not suspicious

26 Dec - 32 year old male from South Australia charged with Low range PCA and drive with cancelled licence, before Hay local court 28 Dec - Italian National charged with not comply with P1 Licence conditions - not display P plates

30 Dec - 31 year old male from Euston charged with Unaccompanied learner and also supply false details.

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.

### **Local Land Services**

Landholders are encouraged to attend an upcoming information session where Western Local Land Services District Veterinarian, Trent McCarthy, and Elders Livestock Production Manager, Rob Inglis, will provide an overview of ewe health considerations for pregnancy and lactation.

Topics covered at the sessions include:

- benefits of scanning
- how to best utilise your scanning data
- nutrition of the pregnant ewe

along any questions regarding ewe health, or any other animal health topic, which Trent will happily answer.

In addition to ewe health, an update will also be given on water quality which will include:

- how to complete a water test
- interpret the results
- manage your water quality

### **Dates and locations:**

All sessions will commence at 10 am and finish at 3 pm.

Wednesday, 12 February at 'Tin Tin', Balranald

Thursday, 13 February 'Bellevue' Ivanhoe

Friday, 14 February at 'Furlong' Hillston

provided Lunch will be Landholders are encouraged to Please RSVP by 7 February for share knowledge and bring catering purposes to Tanisha Shields.

> Ph 0447 642 131 or email tanisha.shields@lls.nsw.gov.au

### Councillor Contact **Details**

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 **Cr Doug Allen** 0421 526 671 **Cr Jeff Mannix** 

### **BIN COLLECTION**

must be confined to allow the bin lid to fully close at the kerbside pickup.

Overfilled bins result in littering and will not be collected by the contractor. Waste placed on the ground around the bin will not be collected.

before collection.

**Balranald: Mondays Euston: Fridays** 



Residents are encouraged to make use of the various Youth Council collection points for eligible recyclable



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council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

### UPCOMING EVENTS

7 Feb Registrations for Seniors Lunch close

12 Feb LLS information session - see inside for details

14 Feb Country Education Foundation grant applications close (see inside for details)

Mid-Feb Anne Frank exhibition opens @The Gallery

Balranald Cup Races 15 Feb Family Day Out Lots of free kids activities Marquee packages Delicious catering by CanAssist TAB & Bookies on site Contact Donna for any enquiries

Ph 0439 990 911

Seniors Luncheon Roaring Twenties theme 20 Feb

12noon @Theatre Royal Balranald

RSVP by Friday 7th Feb

Whole town garage sale Ph 0418 316 347 8 Mar

to register

#### What's on at Balranald Club

Members Seniors \$5 lunch Monday Play Cards after lunch Mon-Fri \$10 lunch 12-2pm Bingo: Tuesdays 7pm, Thursdays 2pm Please Note Bingo will be having a holiday Tues&Thur break from 20/12 resuming 7/1/19 Friday Smorgasbord from 6pm,

Raffle and Members Draw LTPS/14/02429

Sundays Sewing Group every 2nd week

### Also Available @ The Club: **BISTRO SPECIALS**;

Tuesday \$15 Homemade Chicken Parmi. 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.

Fishing Licenses, Pre-paid mobile phone credit and city-link passes plus a host of other pre-paid facilities.

Printing & Fax Services, equipment hire, such as PA system. tables, chairs, etc., ask at the office to make arrangements and find out what is available.

FREE Internet facilities available, come on in and connect with your friends & family or simply do some surfing with our FREE

New to the Area, become a member it's only \$10.joining fee. Member only benefits include 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 Areas and must be in the company of a responsible adult and supervised at all times.

What's on at Euston Club Resort

Facebook: ClubBalranald

Web http://www.balranaldclub.com.au/

#### 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 Free Bingo Mon 10.15am Thurs 7pm Mon/Thurs Tues / Sun Poker Tues from 6.30pm Sun from 6pm Raffle night & Members Draw from 6pm Wednesday Thu/ Fri Members Cash & Prize Draw from 6pm-8pm Sun/Wed Social Bowls. 9.30am start call John Bond on 5026 4244 Free Live Entertainment from 7.30pm Fri & Sat MEGA Raffle last Wednesday of month FREE live entertainment Friday & Sat from 7.30pm. Sundays on the deck - Live music from 12.30-4.30pm. Subject to change.

facebook.com/eustonclubresort

### **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

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 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 Gallerv.

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. Executive Committee 2019/20: Connie Rasmussen( President), Tina Powis (Secretary), Chantel Wrenn (Treasurer). 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). Patient Assistance - 0474 928919.

**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

LiveBetter Community Transport for nonurgent transport. Contact Connie on 0428 335 711

Ability Links Balranald Wednesdays - phone 0487 740 000

ROAR - Reach Out and Relax Last Tuesday of month. Contact Chris 0428 096 462