

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 6/2020 - JUNE

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council: 5pm, 21 July 2020

15 DROUGHT COMMUNITY GRANTS WORTH \$128,000 APPROVED

At the May and June Council meetings I had the pleasure of approving 15 more Drought Community Grants which will give local community organisations much needed small project/activity funding. The recipient organisations are vital contributors to our local community. Providing funding to them allows Council to acknowledge their immense importance. "Thank You" to the Commonwealth Government for making the grant funds available for Council to distribute.

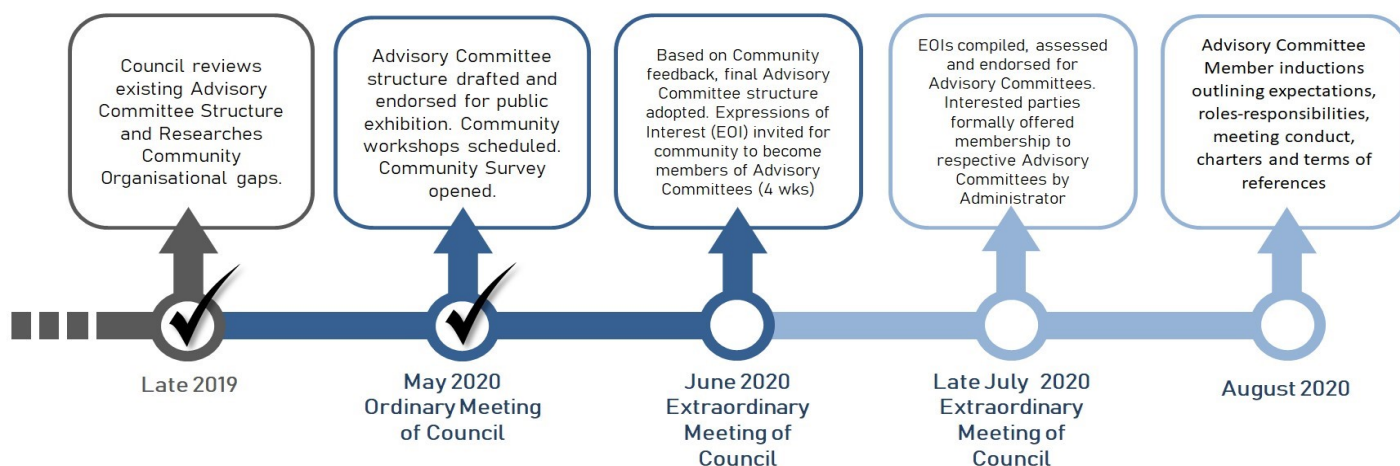
The approved projects/activities are in the table printed at right.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES FRAMEWORK REVIEW

Thanks to those who were able to participate in the recent Advisory Committee (online) Workshops on the 6th and 13th May. There were around 30-35 people in attendance for each of the four sessions simulcast on Facebook Live and Zoom. Thanks also to those that completed the Advisory Committee Community Survey that was available both online and attached to the last newsletter. The survey will serve as valuable feedback as we further refine the structure.

The way forward for Advisory Committees is depicted below:

Organisation	For	Amount
Balranald Men's Shed	veranda	\$8,000
Balranald Field & Game	equipment storage	\$10,000
Balranald motorcycle club	generator	\$10,000
Hatfield Recreation Reserve	equipment upgrade	\$9,739
Balranald Southern Cross	museum signage	\$10,000
Balranald 5 Rivers Committee	Free family fun day at Kyalite pub	\$10,000
Euston/Robinvale Ski Race Committee	event public liability and catering costs	\$2,000
Balranald Presbyterian Church	cemetery fencing and grave stabilisation	\$10,000
St Dymphna's Catholic	parish church	\$10,000
Balranald Community Arts & Crafts	art gallery roof replacement	\$10,000
Balranald Pony Club Inc	shelter construction	\$10,000
Balranald Early Learning Centre	play space improvements	\$10,000
Balranald Golf Inc	watering system upgrade	\$8,438
St Joseph's P & F	contribution to school fete costs	\$1,000
Clare Public School P & C	shade shed	\$9,090



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COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

Council recently undertook a random telephone survey using an independent research firm to establish a baseline for the community's confidence and satisfaction levels with our services. Among the survey's key findings were:

- An overall net satisfaction rating indicated that 14% more residents felt satisfied with the maintenance of community infrastructure and facilities than were dissatisfied;
- There was a relatively low level of satisfaction with Council's leadership - just 17% were satisfied against 47% dissatisfied, with 30% more feeling dissatisfied than satisfied;
- Our library and sewerage services were rated at higher satisfaction, closely followed by street cleanliness, parks, reserves, playgrounds, and sporting facilities. Poorest satisfaction applied to unsealed roads, youth facilities and activities, economic development, and attracting new investment;
- Sealed roads were of highest importance. This was followed by street cleanliness, water supply, waste and recycling, cemeteries, and tourism marketing.
- When asked what the major spending priority should be for the next three to five years, residents focused primarily on "roads" and "rebuilding trust in Council".
- Some 48% of people indicated that their most recent inquiry was handled well and 38% poorly - there was a strong correlation between time taken to resolve an issue and satisfaction with the way it was handled.

The full survey outcomes report is available on Council's website now. It is very clear to me that the community expects better communications from us about Council projects and strategies. We will be revamping the Newsletter, increasing the amount of content covering what Council is doing around the Shire. Over the next year and beyond, the survey information will be used to better align our actions to community priorities and expectations, through improving our communications with residents, and through our works and services programs.

Thank you again to all residents who participated in the survey.

WATER LEAK POLICY

A new Water Leak Policy has been adopted to provide guidelines and procedures for decisions on the circumstances under which a reduced water account may be offered to property owners who have received unusually high water use charges due to a concealed leak. The policy is available on Council's website.

WORKPLACE SURVEILLANCE POLICY TO COVER BALRANALD LIBRARY

Council is proposing to update its Workplace Surveillance Policy to include the Balranald Library premises. This is to ensure that a transparent environment exists within Council regarding surveillance and that we comply with the requirements of the workplace surveillance legislation. Council is committed to providing a safe environment for employees and the community in which unlawful, anti-social and inappropriate behaviour is minimised while respecting individual privacy rights. Workplace surveillance is used for the general security of Council property and assets, operational needs and the protection and safety of Council staff and the public. Special consideration will be given to the library's three public access computers by way of blocking vision of the screens from the surveillance monitor. The draft updated policy is on public exhibition for 28 days until 14 July. Public comments and submissions are invited. The policy will then be finalised at the July Council meeting.

DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN & REVENUE POLICY FY2020-21

A draft of the 2020-21 Operational Plan and Revenue Policy including proposed rates, charges and fees, and the proposed Budget was on exhibition for public comment since late May. A big "Thank You" to those residents who attended the recent public information sessions on these Plans. These documents, together with submissions received from the public, were received for final consideration at an Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30 June. The Plans have now been adopted and came into effect 1 July 2020, the Plans in adopted form are now available on Council's website.

BIDGEE HAVEN HOSTEL

A development application for the redevelopment and extension of the Bidgee Haven Hostel was approved at the June Council meeting. The project will now move into the detailed design, tender and construction stages.

Mike Colreavy
ADMINISTRATOR

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From the Youth Mayor

Hi everyone,

As we return to a normal, more civilised society, I continue to encourage that everyone retains safe and manageable hygiene practices, and social distancing where appropriate. I would like to thank all our healthcare, and essential workers, who continue to risk their own health for our continued benefit, you are all under acknowledged for your efforts.

Recently, a cultural week we commonly know as Reconciliation Week past by. In Reconciliation Week, we celebrate 'Sorry Day', where former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd officially apologised to our Indigenous Australians for the injustices that have been caused over the past 232 years. Today we keep our efforts towards 'Closing the gap', and prioritising that our society can be a place where we can all live together and work together as one. We can move forward with the future prospects and move towards a society where we respect everyone for who they are.

As you all would have seen recently, both the AFL and NRL have returned to playing matches, I hope you're all as eager as I am to watch this season play out and to see who make it to the top of the 2020 pack! From the look of the first few rounds, its going to be a thriller of a season! Go the Swans!

Recently I sent out a survey to our secondary school students at BCS, via a platform known as google forms, surveying what our students would like to see in and around Balranald. We headlined in this survey two major topics, one was updates to the existing walking trails around Balranald, about how we can make them more visually appealing, and another was if students would like to see a Youth dedicated space in Balranald. I was very pleased to receive many results back, with both topics weighing very evenly with each other, though, in the end more students elected to see updates to our existing walking trails. Thank you to those students that participated.

I am very pleased to announce that the Youth Council judged the results of our drawing competition at our meeting on Thursday, June 25th. We cannot wait to announce these results, so stay tuned!

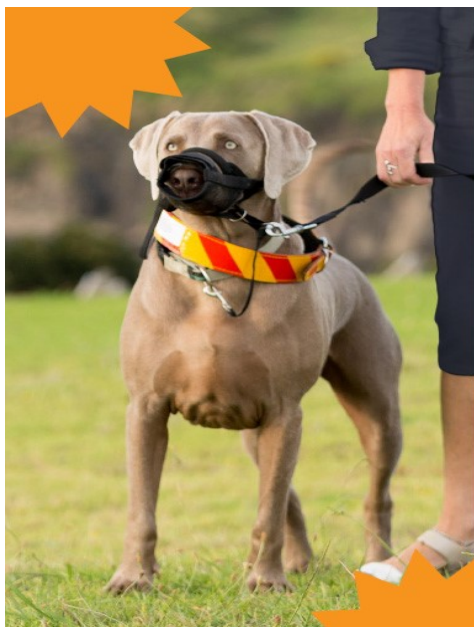
We are still underway of preparing our Facebook page and are finally back on course to releasing it soon, stay tuned for updates as to when our page will go live!

Among these, we are working on so many projects, and that is understating it! We are so excited to reveal more of what's to come with the Balranald Shire Youth Council in the future! So stay tuned in with our reports, and other updates in the future.

On behalf of the Balranald Shire Youth Council,

Stay safe, and keep well!

Jackson Bialobrzewski
Youth Council Mayor
Balranald Shire Youth Council



Annual permits for non-desexed cats, and restricted and dangerous dogs from 1 July 2020

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committed to promoting
responsible pet ownership
and improving animal
welfare standards

olg.nsw.gov.au



petregistry
.nsw.gov.au

Council Notices



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Pursuant to Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*, public notice is hereby given that the following development applications have been approved:

Approval Date	Reference	Applicant	Address	Description
17/06/2020	DA 36/2020	Balranald Shire Council	24 Mayall Street, Balranald NSW 2715	Hostel Redevelopment & Extension
01/06/2020	DA 40/2020	Price Merrett Consulting	'Canally', 872 Weimby-Benongal Road, Balranald NSW 2715 (Weimby)	240ML Irrigation Storage Sign
10/06/2020	DA 41/2020	Luke Walker (BW&A)	3 Bates Drive, Euston NSW 2737	Residential Shed
20/05/2020	DA 42/2020	BW&A National	114 Taylor Road, Euston NSW 2737	Staff Room

The development consent is available for public inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at Balranald Shire Councils Office, 70 Market Street, Balranald.

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Infrastructure Update

Construction

Pavement and sealing works on MR67 (Ivanhoe Road) and MR514 (Oxley Road) have been completed for the time being. Some remediation to the MR67 works may be required in conjunction with formation widening planned to be undertaken in 2020-21, to rectify minor deformation caused by water ingress to the subgrade from the surrounding swamp. Work is continuing on resheeting of approximately 1km in a sandhill section of the Ivanhoe-Mildura Road and across the Lake Leaghur lakebed.

Roads

Contractors have completed all formation recovery and maintenance grading programmes under Round 1 of the Commonwealth Drought Communities Programme (DCP). The drilling of bores under Round 1 of the DCP is proceeding. A programme of grid cleaning and duplication of single lane grids is progressively being rolled out across the network, funded in part under Round 2 of the DCP.

Water

Work is progressing on the Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Plan by Public Works Advisory. An interim report addressing the need for an upgrading or replacement of the water treatment plant (WTP) has been received and is being assessed ahead of potential approaches to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water Division for funding towards a new or upgraded WTP. Scheduled works on the water network for 2019-20 have either been completed or have been deferred pending the outcome of the IWCM Plan and potential WTP replacement.

Hostel

Tenders for the design and construction of the proposed 15-bed high dependency extension were put on hold in March 2020 due to the pandemic situation. A process for inviting expressions of interest from potential building contractors is now being initiated with a view to recommencing the tender process. An application has been lodged with funding authorities to defer the required completion date from 31 December 2020 to 30 April 2021.

CAPITAL WORKS OVERVIEW

The capital works component of the annual budget represents the Council's best estimate – at the time of the budget preparation – of its proposed works to develop new assets or upgrade its existing assets. One of the main reasons why it is only a "best estimate" is that, in common with most other small Councils, its capital works programme is mainly funded by external grants from State and Commonwealth Governments rather than from rates or other internal funding, which means that circumstances and projects will frequently vary as the detail of available funding becomes clearer during the year. This is particularly so this year given the uncertainty of what form the various Government stimulus funding measures might take.

The nature of this capital grant funding means that the majority is prescribed to specific projects – that is, Council does not have the freedom to re-allocate it to other works.

The following summary of the capital works budgets includes details how these funding arrangements impact on various aspects of the programme.

Major Plant Replacement - \$465,000

Council maintains a Plant replacement reserve account in which it holds funds needed for the periodic replacement of its fleet of plant and equipment. Generally, Council seeks to obtain best value for its money by purchasing second-hand equipment in good condition to replace older items on its own fleet that are no longer meeting the needs of the workforce.

Council proposes to spend \$465,000 this year on replacement of various major plant items. Key items listed for replacement this year include:

- Replacement of 4 light vehicles by trade-in
- Replacement of one caravan used for construction staff while working remotely
- Purchase of a road train prime mover and a trailer tipper body for gravel cartage
- Purchase of bulk storage diesel bowser

- Purchase of mini excavator for minor drainage etc works

Council has flexibility to re-allocate its expenditure priorities within this programme as circumstances dictate (for example, to replace other plant which unexpectedly becomes non-operational).

MR67 North Heavy Patching - \$615,460

Main Road 67 is the official name of the Balranald-Ivanhoe Road, sometimes called The Wool Track. All maintenance and construction work on MR67 is fully funded by the State Government through various funding streams. Details of the Council's share of this funding for 2020-21 are not yet available.

Although described as "heavy patching" the proposed works under this budget item cover a variety of activities including:

- Further works to complete formation widening on the section of works recently carried out north of the Clare crossroads, which can only be carried out in dry conditions next summer.
- Placement of a second layer of bitumen seal over the balance of the reconstruction works completed in June 2019 and May 2020.
- Pavement repairs at various locations on this road.

MR514 Construction and Seal - \$509,180

Main Road 514 is the official name of the Balranald-Oxley Road. All maintenance and construction work on MR514 is fully funded by the State Government through various funding streams. As noted for MR67, details of the Council's share of this funding for 2020-21 are not yet available.

These funds will be used for the placement of a second layer of bitumen seal over the balance of the reconstruction works completed in June 2019 and May 2020, and a short further extension of the bitumen seal.

Grid Maintenance and Replacement - \$350,000

There is an estimated 250 stock grids across the Council's road network. The maintenance and repair of these grids is a significant cost as well as

the safety implications of narrow single grids that were installed at a time when fewer and smaller vehicles used these roads. Funding of \$350,000 for the replacement and repair of grids has been allocated under Round 2 of the Commonwealth drought funding programme to Council. Initial priorities identified include single grids on the Ivanhoe-Mildura Road and the Clare-Oxley Road, but individual projects will be selected according to highest safety or maintenance priority.

Gravel resheeting - \$103,550

This item is an allocation for additional works on unsealed sections of Main Road 514 (Oxley Road) and as noted above is funded by the State Government.

Roads to Recovery - \$1,355,610

Roads to Recovery ("R2R") is a rolling 3-year funding programme of the Commonwealth Government for upgrading local roads. Allocation of these funds has some flexibility for Council. While R2R funds have been used in recent years in part to pay for bitumen reseals, it is Council's intention to revert as far as practicable to the original intention of this programme which was to bituminise unsealed roads. These funds are also used as Council's share of "co-funding" for other programmes such as the State Government's Fixing Local Roads programme. Priority projects identified include:

- Sealing of the Weimby-Kyalite Road which is now heavily used by trucks servicing the new almond plantations in the Windomal-Weimby area
- Extension of the bitumen on the Marma-Box Creek Road
- Improvements to the Ivanhoe-Mildura Road at the Lake Leaghur crossing and the sandhills near Gol Gol Station.

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Retirement Hostel Extension - \$4,680,000

Council has received a grant of \$4.68 million from the Commonwealth Government for the construction of a 15-bed high-dependency wing of the Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel. The preliminary design works were completed in early 2020 but progress was suspended due to the pandemic. Tenders for construction will be invited shortly. The project was originally required to be completed by December 2020 but an extension to April 2021 is now proposed.

Balranald Creative Community Learning Centre (BCCLC) - \$284,380

This project is being funded by a grant from the State Government under Round Three of NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF). It involves:

1. Construction of the BCCLC building situated alongside the Balranald Art Gallery including:
 - A creative space with two large floating workbenches, furniture, cabinetry, sinks.
 - A smart provision for art storage – vertical ceiling-to-floor sliding panels/frames for mounted works.
2. Construct bitumen off-street parking and associated landscaping/drainage central to both the BCCLC and the main Art Gallery building.

Balranald Tennis Court Upgrade (Stage One) - \$287,510

This project is being funded by a grant from the State Government under Road 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF). It involves:

- four synthetic lawn hard courts,
- install net posts, and,
- reinstate/renew the court fencing.

Greenham Park Football Changerooms - \$500,000

This project is being funded by a grant from the Commonwealth Government under a programme to upgrade sporting facilities with an emphasis of encouraging women's sport. Although there is as yet no women's football league

locally, the existing changerooms were identified as needing a complete replacement in order to meet the minimum standards for this.

Ben Scott Birdwalk - \$100,000

Funding of \$50,000 for repairs to the Ben Scott Memorial Bird Walk has been allocated under Round 2 of the Commonwealth drought funding programme to Council. A higher figure has been proposed as a contingency measure which if required will also be drawn from these funds.

Discovery Centre Upgrade - \$1,000,000

Funding of \$1,000,000 has been allocated to Council by the State Government through the Far West Joint Organisation for upgrading the Discovery Centre/Visitor Information Centre under a regional programme of funding tourism infrastructure. Preliminary concept plans have been prepared and will be exhibited for community feedback in the near future.

IT Architecture Refresh - \$300,000

Council's IT system is no longer fully "fit for purpose" and a major system upgrade is required in order to better service the community and to improve the efficiency of Council operations.

Sewer Services - \$440,000

Upgrading works to the sewer system proposed for this year include:

- Balranald sewer relining (ongoing programme)
- Pump station upgrades and replacement of sewer pumps (Balranald and Euston)
- Manhole repairs

Capital works to the sewer system are fully funded from the Council's Sewer Reserve which receives any surplus over operating costs from sewer fees and charges.

Water Services - \$2,432,300

Major elements of the proposed works for this year are:

- \$1 million for Council's contribution to the cost of upgrading or replacing the Balranald water treatment plant – this is subject to State

Government approval and grant funding of at least 60% of the total cost.

- \$475,000 for refurbishment of the Balranald filtered water reservoir – this is subject to the outcome of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan report currently being prepared.
- \$210,000 for the preparation of an Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan which is a mandatory requirement for receiving any State funding for capital works – 90% of this cost is being met by a State Government grant
- \$80,000 for cleaning the Balranald raw water tower
- \$145,000 for upgrading raw water infrastructure in Euston including a supply to the cemetery
- \$84,000 for replacement of asbestos cement water mains in Balranald and Euston.

Increased Resilience to Climate Change - \$102,500

A lead contractor has been assigned for this project which involves:

- establishing a baseline assessment of risk to human health from rural water supplies
- identifying a range of solutions to improve water sanitation and water use efficiency
- addressing barriers to adoption and monitoring success

BSC will partner with the contractor enabling communities and families to work towards mitigating climate risk by:

- developing and documenting a Secure and Safe Domestic Water (SSDW) Program
- undertaking a SSDW demonstration project at household and facility scales
- implementing a communications strategy to ensure that the products of the program and demonstration project are disseminated in the Shire, the Far West and for NSW non-scheme water users

CAPITAL WORKS OVERVIEW – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

A number of potential additional capital works projects may be undertaken in 2020-21, depending on grant funding. A number of Commonwealth and State Government grant programmes are contemplated, although details of any allocation to Balranald Shire Council are only speculative at this stage. These include

REPAIR Roads Programme

This is an annual State Government funding programme for works on designated regional roads. Eligible roads in Balranald Shire are:

- Main Road 67 (Balranald-Ivanhoe Road)
- Main Road 514 (Balranald-Oxley Road)
- Main Road 296 (Kyalite-Moulamein Road)
- Main Road 431 (Buronga-Arumpo Road)

This year, Council is required to submit applications for priority projects which will then be assessed for priority on a regional basis. Council's nominated projects for consideration are:

- Widening MR296 from the Kyalite caravan park entrance to the Shire boundary
- Extension of a major culvert and road realignment on a short narrow section of MR514

Fixing Local Roads

The State Government sought nomination in late 2019 of projects to be funded under this programme, and Council has sought \$5.3 million over 3 years and nominated as its priorities:





- Sealing of the Weimby-Kyalite Road which is now heavily used by trucks servicing the new almond plantations in the Windomal-Weimby area
- Extension of the bitumen on the Marma-Box Creek Road
- Upgrades to selected sections of the Ivanhoe-Mildura Road

Commonwealth Stimulus Funding

Earlier this year the Deputy Prime Minister wrote to all Councils requesting details of "shovel ready" projects that could proceed within 3 to 6 months, for consideration under stimulus funding in the wake of the pandemic. Council nominated a long list of potential road projects that could commence virtually immediately.

New Email Invoice and Payment Options for Rates & Water Notices

You can now go paperless and receive your Council Rates & Water notices electronically. Council has employed Payreq to send digital invoices to:

- online banking BPayView, or
- directly to accounting systems, Xero,     or Reckon.

You don't need to be a business or use an accounting program to set up a BPay View account.



Email delivery of your Notices

With a free Payreq MyBills account, you can get an automatic alert when a notice arrives. You can auto-forward up to 5 email addresses. Register and use BPAY View with your online bank.

You do not need to use an accounting program to set up a MyBills account.

Payment of your Notices

With BPAY View you can make a BPAY payment straight from your bank or credit card account without having to re-type reference or amount data.

If you are a business that uses Xero, MYOB or Reckon, the bill data is uploaded seamlessly to your accounting software reducing time and data-entry errors. Set this up in Payreq MyBills.

You can still pay using other standard payment methods including bank deposit, cheque, credit card or cash payment at Council's administration office.

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- Free to the Ratepayer
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Give way for wildlife

- Slow down and use caution when driving at dusk and dawn, many mammals are most active during these times. These animals can be unpredictable and often feed next to the road where food is plentiful.
- Be alert and aware when in rural areas and driving through places you are unfamiliar with.
- If you have struck an animal or you have seen an animal on the road which appears to have been hit please stop to check the animal. If it is not safe for you to stop please notify WIRES of the animal's location
- Pull over in a safe location and use your hazards lights. Don't stop on a corner and wear high-vis or bright clothing to ensure you are visible to other motorists.

Wildlife Information, Rescue, and Education Service (WIRES)

24/7 Emergency Hotline: 13 000 WIRES

www.wires.org.au

WIRES Emergency Advice

For more detailed information, please see the [WIRES Emergency Advice Page](#) or the [Wildlife Road Awareness Page](#)

If you find a sick, injured, or orphaned native animal, call a wildlife rescue organization straight away. Improper rescue can hurt or distress the animal and the rescuer. It is critical to get sick and injured wildlife vet treatment as quickly as possible.

When Calling in a Rescue, Report the Exact Location

When reporting rescues to WIRES and vets, please try to confirm the *EXACT* location you found the animal. This is because many native animals are very territorial, so it's critical that, when they are ready for release, we return them "home" to ensure their best chance of survival.

In addition, if we know the exact location the animal was found, many young animals have a better chance of possibly being reunited with their parents.

Certain Animals Should NOT Be Approached

If you encounter a sick, injured, or orphaned animal on the list below, call a wildlife rescue organization straight away. These animals require specialist handling and **MUST** be rescued by trained wildlife rescuers.

Snakes

Monitor Lizards (Goannas)

Bats (Flying-Foxes or Microbats)

Large Macropods (Kangaroos or Wallabies)

Raptors (Eagles, Falcons, or Hawks)

What To Do While You Wait

After calling a wildlife rescue organization you can:

1) Remove any threat to the animal.

This includes keeping all people and pets away from the native animal, to minimise stress to the animal for vet transport or until a rescuer arrives.

2) If it is safe to do so, contain the animal in a warm, dark, quiet place.

For example, gently wrap the animal in a towel and place it in a ventilated box with a lid, cover the box or container with a towel, and transport it carefully to the nearest vet or wait for the rescuer to arrive. Handle the animal as little as possible to minimise stress.

3) Do not give the animal any food or water, unless instructed to by a vet or WIRES.

Further Reading

For more information on specific species, please visit our [Wildlife Information page](#).

WIRES has also developed a Free Online Community Course called *An Introduction to Australian Wildlife*. This course has been designed for people of all ages as an easy introduction to Australian wildlife for individuals and families who are unfamiliar with Australian native animals.

Finally, you can download the [WIRES Driver Brochure](#)

Electricity Consumption Benchmark Survey

Regional New South Wales residents who pay energy bills are being asked by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to take a short survey on their energy use and behaviour.

The results feed into the table or graph on all energy bills, which compares how much energy households use against similar size households in the area. This data also helps energy users make more informed choices about how they use energy.

The 5-10 minute survey asks for meter details from the consumer's electricity and gas bill and information about the household type and energy usage behaviour.

If you have lived in your property for at least 18 months and can help, please take a copy of your latest electricity and gas bills and complete this survey:

<https://survey.confirmit.com.au/wix/8/p652594340168.aspx?src=3>

The survey closes at 11.59pm on Friday 26 June 2020.

How much energy are you using?

Compare with other homes in your area.



Average usage data supplied by Australian Energy Regulator based on homes with gas and no pool during autumn. Visit energymadeeasy.gov.au for more information.

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Christmas in July Virtual Disco

Live to your lounge room through Zoom!

4th July 2020

5pm - 6:15pm

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virtualdiscoosydney@gmail.com
by 30th June

Free event
Ages 18+

Everybody Dance Now Disco!



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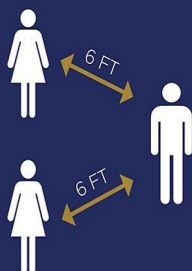
The Housing Hub
thehousinghub.org.au

Prevent Spreading COVID-19

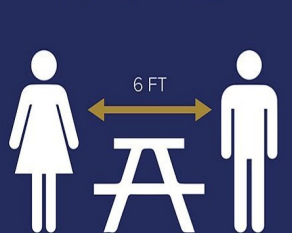
COVID-19 spreads between people in close contact and through droplets from coughing/sneezing.



Standing in Lines



In Group Settings



In the Office



Dear Parishioners, Staff of St Joseph's Parish School and Balranald Shire Council,

Warm greetings to you all! Recently, a general consultation was carried out to see the views of parishioners about the change of Vigil Mass timing from 6pm to 4.30pm during winter. As most of the responses thus far have been more than affirmative and taking into account several pastoral considerations, therefore as your Parish Administrator, from Saturday 21st of June 2020, we will gather for Vigil Mass at 4.30pm only during winter.

The other timings for Communion Service on alternate weekends at 10 AM and alternate Friday mass leading up to Vigil Mass at 9.30am will remain.

Kindly please pass the word around so that those who do not have emails come to know.

Thank you.

OUTBACK PHOTOGRAPHER FIONA LAKE RETURNS TO JUDGE THIS YEAR'S LIFE AND LIGHT PHOTO COMPETITION

Fiona Lake will put more than 30 years of professional photography experience to work when helping to judge the 2020 Life and Light in the Western Region photo competition.

Fiona has judged many national and international competitions and wants to reassure entrants that even images taken with phone cameras can win, because what matters most is meaningful results and how well the camera has been used.

She is also a fully licenced drone pilot and is looking forward to seeing whether there are aerial entries this year.

"Capturing good quality images from the air is quite a bit harder than from the ground. Novelty value isn't enough to win — images need to have a clear purpose or impact. Entrants must also make sure they fly within Australia's drone rules, as listed on CASA's website," Fiona said.

The theme for this year's competition is 'Love Our Outback' and there have already been over 200 images submitted which include both agricultural and environmental perspectives. Potential entrants are reminded that photos must be taken in the Western Local Land Services region <www.lls.nsw.gov.au> with images taken after 1 January 2019 eligible to be entered.

All photos must be submitted through <www.lifeandlight.com.au> which also has all the information, frequently asked questions, entry rules and more about the competition.

Photographers will have a chance to win their part of \$3,400 in prize money which will be split across the colour (open age), black and white (open age), secondary school age (colour and black and white), primary school age (colour and black and white) and people's choice.

Entries for the 2020 Life and Light Photo Competition close on 10 July.

For more information contact Western Landcare's Local Landcare Coordinator, Kate O'Connor on 0447 912 534 and visit <www.lifeandlight.com.au> to submit your photographs.

This year the competition is being run by Western Local Land Services, Western Landcare NSW and the Royal Flying Doctor Service – South Eastern Section, who have come onboard as a partner to bring a wellbeing focus to this year's competition.

THE EUSTON CLUB RESORT IS OPEN!

The Euston Club Resort has opened its doors back up after COVID closure.

7 DAYS A WEEK | 11AM TO 11PM
STATION46 BISTRO HOURS:
LUNCH: 12PM TO 2PM
DINNER 5.30PM TO 8.30PM

Bookings essential, phone
03 5026 4244

We have a venue capacity of 200 patrons. We have many measures in place to ensure our Club is COVID Safe.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BALRANALD CLUB

We are pleased to announce that Balranald Club has reopened in a staged approach. Entry conditions and capacity limits apply, and strict social distancing and hygiene measures are in place.

At this point in time we will be limited to 200 people on the premises at any given time. As a condition of re-opening, members will be required to swipe their members card upon entry AND exit of the Club. Visitors, as always, will be required to sign in with their driving license or other approved ID and sign out when they leave the Club. Please note that if you do not have a member card & reside within 25km of the town you will be refused entry unless you become a member which does include obtaining a meal from the bistro.

Members can use any Club Rewards points and/or vouchers they currently have before the end of June 2020

Please note that Bingo, Raffles, and our Members Draw have not yet recommenced. These will be considered by the Directors at the end of June.

DOMESTIC FIREWOOD PERMITS – YANGA NATIONAL PARK

Permits are available from 1st May until 30th September 2020 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 Rivers Shires.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS WILL BE PROCESSED BY EMAIL FROM THE NPWS BURONGA OFFICE.

For more information or permit applications please call the Yanga park office on 03 5020 1764 or email npws.lowerdarling@environment.nsw.gov.au



COVID-19 Updates

Stay safe

As our community becomes more active and gets back to business, it's important that we:

- follow the rules about gatherings, [self-isolation and quarantine](#)
- maintain a [physical distance](#) of at least 1.5 metres from others
- practise good [hand hygiene](#)
- [stay active and healthy](#)
- take extra care if you're around [vulnerable people](#)
- [get tested](#) if you have any [symptoms](#), even if they are only mild
- follow NSW Health advice about [staying home](#) while you are waiting for test results.

For up to date information about current restrictions visit

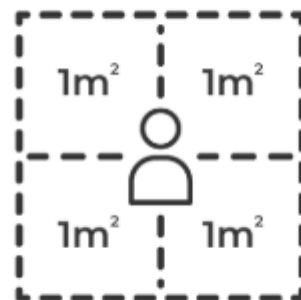
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>

We are at this point because everybody has followed health advice about [physical distancing](#), [hand hygiene](#) and [staying home when sick](#). In order to stay on top of the virus, we can't let down our guard.

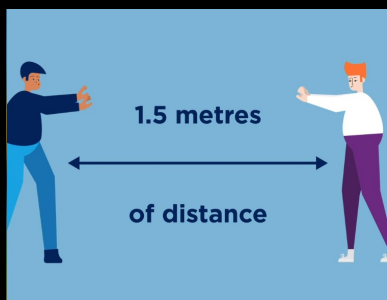
The 4 square metre rule helps to determine the [maximum number of people allowed on the premises or attending an event](#). It does not determine the distance between people.

[Physical distancing](#) means reducing the close physical contact we have with one another and staying 1.5 metres away from people we don't live with.

Allow 1 person per 4 square metres



How do you measure 1.5m? 12.5 meat pies! How do you greet people when you can't shake hands? Dab! The NSW Government has been sharing some fun ways to approach social distancing through Facebook:



Plan how to greet before you meet!



Shakas in the air!



Squat.



Dab.



The Nutbush.



The robot.





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Balranald Landfill - T/T 4pm - 6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, Sun 10am-3pm

Euston Landfill - T/T 1pm-6pm, Sun 9am-3pm

Currently on Exhibition

Draft Documents

For most current list and full details please visit <http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/council-documents/exhibition-of-draft-documents/>

Council currently has two documents on display for public comment:

- Draft Development Contributions Plan
- Workplace Surveillance Policy

Development Applications

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