

**AUSTRALIA
DAY
CELEBRATIONS
2021**



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

BALRANALD

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS –

Clive Williams, Peter Johnstone and Richard White

Clive, along with the assistance of Richard White and Peter Johnstone have continued to upkeep the Balranald Golf Club greens.

They have

- Kept the watering up and mowed the lawns when needed.
- Repaired broken and damaged pipes and fittings.
- Cleaned up after storms to allow golf to continue.

Without these 3 men volunteering their efforts and time, it would be hard for the club to continue.

Congratulations Clive, Peter and Richard



Photo –

*Jackson
Bialobrzewski,
Mike Colreavy
Clive Williams
and Bruce
Elder (Peter
Johnstone and
Richard White
not present)*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD –

Chris Camin

Chris has single handily saved the trees in Moa Street at the entrance of the truck wash. These trees were planted without any irrigation system being implemented. Chris could see that these trees were under stress and dying; he took it upon himself to install a dripper system (at his own expense) over his Christmas break in 2019 and has been looking after them since.

He dug a trench around each tree to hold the water, he has replaced trees that have died and he even goes up and mows around them to try and keep the area looking cleaner.

The trees are now looking very health, thanks to Chris.

Chris is also respected by the seniors of the town as he helps them out wherever possible, He is the man to call when they want things done, and if Chris can't go Liam is the man.

Chris is very well respected by the whole community and he gives freely of his time to the Balranald Rescue Squad and Balranald Field and Game and numerous other organisations.

Congratulations Chris

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Tim and Marianne O'Halloran

For over 20 years Tim and Marianne, either together or individually have served on the following services to benefit our community;

NSW Rural Bush fire Service – Homebush Brigade

Mallee Sustainable Farming

Rural Lands Protection Board

Homebush Landcare Group

NSW National Farmers

Homebush Trust

Homebush Recreation Club

The Gallery (Marianne)

Rural Lands Protection Board

Chairs Stock Water

Rangelands Management Action Plan

Pig project

Southwest Rabbit control

Balranald Football

Homebush Cricket

Bidgee Haven

Balranald Inc.

St Joseph's P&F

Just to name a few committees or groups.

Congratulations Tim and Marianne



Photo –

*Marianne O'Halloran Jackson Bialobrzewski,
Tim O'Halloran, Mike Colreavy and Bruce
Elder*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – Jedda and Maxine Kelly

Jedda and Maxine were nominated to receive this award because of their dedication in upholding the Aboriginal Culture by tending to the Aboriginal Cemetery in Balranald. They are both volunteering their time and efforts and working tirelessly tending to all the trees, flower beds and seating at their own expense. They are using their own gardening equipment, (eg. Lawn Mowers, wiper snippers and gardening tools). They are conserving the cemetery and looking after the deceased.

Congratulations Jedda and Maxine



Photo –

*Back Row:
Jackson
Bialobrzewski,
Mike Colreavy
and Bruce
Elder*

*Front: Maxine
and Jedda
Kelly*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Ray Jones

Ray has been manager of Euston Club for 26 years. He has progressed the club from a very small club to what it is now, one of the premier clubs of NSW. In the early days he was on 8/9 committees always promoting the area and expanding the club for the members. Ray is very passionate about Euston and the area. Euston is now becoming a destination for holiday makers because of the efforts Ray has put in over the time.

During the pandemic year of 2020 Ray has shown outstanding leadership and community engagement.

He has in his own time advised and guided local businesses in the best way to survive and grow. He has out of hours, been instrumental in progressing the upgrading of the Euston.

Congratulations Ray



Photo –

Mike Colreavy, Guy Fielding (receiving the award on behalf of Ray) and Bruce Elder

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Lani Wilkinson

Lani, approached the Balranald Club and each business in town for donations to raise funds for bushfire appeal for the bushfire victims early in 2020. She sat down the street on Saturday mornings and sold raffle tickets as well as organising with the club to run the Friday night Raffle. She raised just over \$3500. Lani has also volunteered at ANZAC Day luncheons and Seniors Luncheons where she was a waitress.

She is an active member of the community where she participates in sports and volunteers at the football canteen and any other function that the Balranald Football/Netball Club has where she can help out.

Lani has also volunteered at the Mackillop School helping with the elderly and also with their annual food drive. She is an active community member who is friendly and outgoing, always willing to help out wherever needed.

Congratulations Lani



Photo –

*Jackson Bialobrzewski,
Lani Wilkinson, Mike
Colreavy and Bruce
Elder*

ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Zaidyn McAlister

Zaidyn spends many hours after school keeping our cemeteries looking clean.

He will go up to the cemetery after school to pick up any rubbish that has blown around, rakes up the leaves and weeds around the graves.

Zaidyn has filled in holes around the graves and has put flowers on graves that have no family here to do it.

Congratulations Zaidyn



Photo –

Jackson Bialobrzewski, Zaidyn McAlister, Mike Colreavy and Bruce Elder

2021 Citizen of the Year - Lynette Flanagan.

Lyn arrived in Balranald in 1966 after marrying a local man. On returning from her honeymoon she received a phone call for work to relieve the staff shortage at the local hospital. She worked at the health service for 40 years only having time off to have 2 children. Lyn spent a lot of her time nurturing young newly trained staff who came to work at Balranald Hospital. The final 27 years of her career was as Nurse Manager.

Lyn also held a remote operator's licence for X-rays that saved the community members having to travel to Swan Hill for broken bones. She made herself available day and night to help out community members.

Lyn also, ran fundraising events to raise money for purchasing equipment at the hospital. Lyn was an inaugural member of the hospital auxiliary (for 30+ years). When it was reformed in about 1970, they hosted the Deb balls for our community for several years.

In 1971 Lyn was the first meals on wheels coordinator when the Hospital auxiliary commenced this service to Balranald.

Lyn was the driving force, along with her husband Sprigger, to run 8 rodeos for the hospital over that period, \$40,000 was raised to purchase vital equipment for patients.

Lyn was an inaugural preschool committee member.

Lyn volunteered for the Central School whilst her children were part of the school community. Lyn was instrumental in pulling all students from the school until the NSW education gave assurance they would put qualified teachers in the class rooms for the students to get the same standard of education in small schools as in larger ones.

Lyn assisted with the first Deb ball to be run by the school, She was part of the continental evening fund raisers for the school.

Lyn was secretary/Treasurer of the Balranald Race Club when the club was struggling financially. You could see her out the front of the newsagents selling raffle tickets and she had usually got the prizes donated. The band of ladies started catering for marquees to get some income to keep the race club afloat, she was the force behind bring the club from being in the red to in the black in 12 months.

She then saw a need for Balranald to have a voice on the newly formed Far West Primary Health Network Community Council where she has been the chairperson since its inception. She is also a member of the Commissioning Strategy Committee for the Western Health Alliance.

Lyn joined the Balranald bowls club on retirement and has been a busy member of this organisation. Lyn was part of the pennant team to bring home the shield for 2020.

In 2015 Lyn applied to join the board of Directors of Balranald Ex-Services Club. In 2019 she became the first female president in the history of the club and is excited to see the club expanding with new building projects on the agenda.

2020 Lyn saw a need to help with the Strengthening Wellbeing and Access community advisory group get started and be part of this worthy group to continue to assist the town in its development of social standing.

Lyn has had a very busy life since coming to Balranald as a new bride all those years ago. She has the community at heart and for that reason, she was nominated of this certificate.

Congratulations Lynette Flanagan, 2021 Australia Day Balranald Shire Council Citizen of the Year



Jackson Bialobrzeki, Lynette Flanagan, Mike Colreavy and Bruce Elder

Photo –

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Community Groups of Balranald Shire

Community Groups being;
Balranald 5 Rivers Outback Festival
Balranald Central School
Balranald Community Arts & Crafts
Balranald Early Learning Centre
Balranald Field & Game
Balranald Golf Club
Balranald Inc.
Balranald Men's Shed
Balranald Motorcycle Club
Balranald New Year's Eve Committee
Balranald Pony Club
Balranald Presbyterian Church
Balranald RSL Sub Branch
Balranald Southern Cross
Balranald St Barnabas Church
Balranald St Dymphna's Catholic Church
Balranald St Joseph's P&F
Clare Public School
Clare Sports Club
Euston Community Centre
Euston Preschool
Hatfield Recreation Reserve
Homebush Landcare Group
Homebush Recreation Reserve
Homebush Recreation Club
Robinvale/Euston Ski Race

Congratulations also to our new Citizens of Australia.

Mrs Cathy Whitby and Mrs Kasemsri Srimaleejoy;

The abovementioned made their pledges on Tuesday in both Balranald and Euston to finalise their steps into becoming an Australian Citizen.

Congratulations Cathy and Kasemsri



*Photo – Cathy Whitby
(making her pledge in
Balranald) and Mike
Colreavy*



*Photo – Kasemsri Srimaleejoy
(making her pledge in Euston)
and Mike Colreavy*