



COMMUNITY NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

6TH MARCH:

BALRANALD
WHOLE TOWN
GARAGE SALE

7TH MARCH:

CLEAN UP
AUSTRALIA DAY

16TH MARCH:

PARROTS, PLANTS,
PESTS & PASTURE
EXPO AT EUSTON

16TH MARCH:

ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING

SWIMMING POOL & LIFEGUARDS



Everyone would agree that the Swimming Pool is a great way for a family to spend an afternoon especially on those hot summer days. Council recognise the importance of swimming to the community and decided to provide free access to the pool for the 2020/21 Summer season. Anyone who has spent time in the pool this year will notice how great the facility has been maintained and the quality of the water.

A critical part of the ability to enable the pool to open on a daily basis is Lifeguards. Council are very fortunate to have two lifeguards who have worked consistently all year and a third relief lifeguard. At times it has been tricky to juggle and manage shifts.

For council to continue to keep the pool operational in the future it is essential we find or train more lifeguards. If we cannot find or train new lifeguards, it may not be possible in the future to

keep the pool open as often as we would like.

We would like to ask any lifeguards in the community or anyone who may be interested in training, to contact Council as we start to plan for next year's summer period.

ECOTRAIL WORKS UNDERWAY

Construction of Balranald's riverfront ecotrail is officially underway! The construction is being funded by the Commonwealth's Regional Growth fund under the "Our River's, Our Region" Project with six other partner councils. The ecotrail's are an objective under Balranald Shire Council's "CBD and Riverfront Revitalisation Project". The construction site is currently located within the Bottleneck Reserve on the south side of the township stretch of the Murrumbidgee River. Locals and visitors alike are asked to avoid entering the constructions site as a matter of public safety.

We will endeavour to keep you updated as construction proceeds.



FROM THE YOUTH MAYOR

Hi everyone,

I'm excited to announce that preparations for the NSW Youth Week 2021, in Balranald have begun! The Youth Council is hard at work preparing many activities for our Youth to enjoy. We cannot wait to share our ideas with you all very soon!

NSW Youth Week will be held from the 16th-24th of April, with a theme this year of 'Together, more than Ever!'. We will be running a series of events around the Shire, in cooperation with many of our other community groups, to deliver the best Youth Week yet! Stay tuned to find out more very soon!

I would like to thank Ben Johnstone for his service to our group. Ben has informed me in recent weeks that he will be resigning his duties from the Youth Council. I would like to thank him graciously for his service. We wish him all the best for his future, and what that involves. Good luck, Ben – From the Youth Council team!

Well, a lot has happened since my last column, such as the Victorian lockdown. But what is ever so important is that we stick together, do the right thing, stay COVID safe and keep in contact with family and friends far away - by measures such as FaceTime or Skype. It is also important that we continue to support local and small businesses during these times, to keep our local economies growing and stable. Keep going, Balranald! Together our country will beat this Pandemic, together our country will start to fully function again, and together – our country will begin to grow and prosper again. We live in the Best Country in the world, let's keep it going!

That would be all from me! Keep well, stay safe!

Jackson Bialobrzewski
YOUTH COUNCIL MAYOR



CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS!



At the Australia Day celebrations in January, Chris Camin was recognised with a Special Achievement Award for his contribution and support of the community.

Due to a mix up in communications, Chris was not at the Ceremony on Australia Day as he was off busy helping community members.

When this came to light Chris was invited in to meet the Administrator and General Manager and was presented his Special Achievement Award.

Congratulations again Chris!

Pictured: Chris Camin, Mike Colreavy—The Administrator & Oliver McNulty—General Manager

CURRENTLY ON EXHIBITION

Draft Documents

For most current list and full details please visit:

www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/council-documents/exhibition-of-draft-documents/

Development Applications

For most current list and full details please visit:

www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/environment-and-planning/developments-on-exhibition/

Notice of proposed developments, as follows:

- DA 34/2021 – Proposed Two (2) Lot Subdivision – 1099 Weimby Kyalite Road Balranald (Applicant: Mr Lance Howley)
- DA 35/2021 – Proposed Irrigation Pump Station, Pipeline & 650ML Dam – 1395 Meilman Road Euston (Applicant: Price Merrett Consulting)

SOUTHERN CROSS SIGN

General Manager Oliver McNulty met with the crew at Balranald Southern Cross last Friday to show off their new emblem, fabricated by Dave Gaston Welding, erected on the west-facing side of their building.

Looks great!



Pictured: Oliver McNulty with Colin Jacka



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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
07/01/2021	DA 26/2021	Dimity Cimino	169 Market Street, Balranald	Veranda
28/01/2021	DA 24/2021	Trendvil Pty Ltd t/a James Harwood Homes	14 Garreffa Parade, Euston	Dwelling
05/02/2021	DA 30/2021	Mr Justin Turner	51546 Sturt Highway, Euston	Demolition of storm damaged dwelling
08/02/2021	DA 44/2020	Homebush Recreation Reserve	2511 Ivanhoe Road, Balranald	Hall & Kitchen Extension

Development consents are available for public inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at Balranald Shire Councils Office, 70 Market Street, Balranald.

Oliver McNulty, General Manager
PO Box 120, BALRANALD NSW 2715
03 5020 1300
www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

A further 4.5km extension of the seal will commence shortly on **Marma-Box Creek Road**, together with re sheeting and seal widening of 2.7km of narrow seal east of Bidura Station and improvements to the Wampo intersection. Work will also commence shortly on improvements to the **Weimby-Kyalite Road** which will allow for the road to be fully sealed to Junction Park over the next two years.

Preliminary works comprising culvert extensions and site clearance are also in hand to enable widening and sealing of a 2km section of **MR514 (Oxley Road)** and completion of the formation widening on the "missing link" section of **MR67 (Ivanhoe Road)**. Tenders have been invited for the widening of **MR296 (Kyalite-Moulamein Road)** from the caravan park to the Shire boundary.

Work has commenced on cathodic protection of the **Euston filtered water reservoir** and a contract has been awarded for upgrading the switchboards at the main pumping station.



View to the Balranald Water towers, Pool and Greenham Park

Construction has commenced on the **Balranald riverside walk** and is expected to be finished by the end of April 2021. Construction of a second footbridge across the Murrumbidgee River has been deferred to a later stage of the overall project due to a reassessment of its affordability within the current budget. This will enable more funds in the current stage to be invested in upgrading facilities on the town side of the river, while additional funding is sought for the bridge.

Funding has been received for upgrading electrical services to **Greenham Park Hall** to improve utilisation of the Hall and its surrounding open areas.

An independent consultant has been appointed to review the business case for the proposed high dependency extension wing for **Bidgee Haven Hostel**. Tenders for construction of the facility were received in late 2020 but at this stage the projected cost exceeds available funding. Council is pursuing potential opportunities for additional funding and will decide in March whether to proceed with the award of a contract in the light of the independent report.

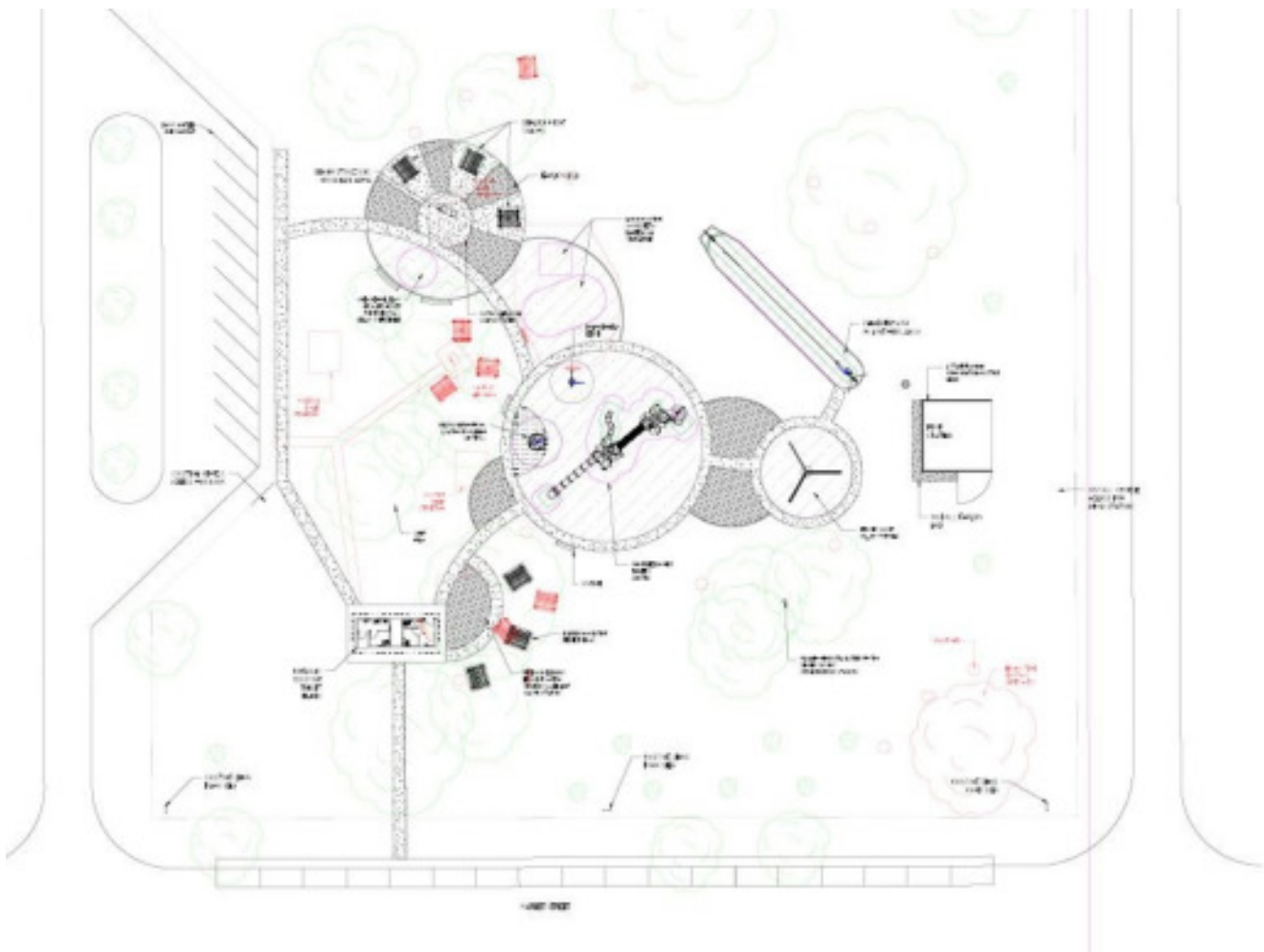
Fresh concept plans are being prepared for the proposed redevelopment of the **Visitor Information Centre (Discovery Centre)**, involving the incorporation of the three existing buildings into a more integrated facility which will improve visitor access to interpretive material and better capitalise on the combined elements of the complex.

| From your Council |

Tenders will be invited shortly for the construction of new **football change rooms** at Greenham Park. Council is engaging with the Balranald Football Club to refine the plans to suit the available funding and to determine how the project can best be delivered to minimise the impact on the forthcoming football season.

Work is well under way on upgrading of the **Ben Scott Memorial Bird Walk** including new signage to improve visitor awareness of this attraction.

Council has received funding of \$534,000 for the construction of Stage 1 of the proposed development of an adventure playground, together with improvements to toilet facilities etc. at **Lions Park**. An announcement is expected shortly on additional funding for a further stage of this exciting project.



Concept for Lions Park Stage 1

Council wishes to remind the community that when unsealed Shire roads are wet, then they are automatically to be regarded as **CLOSED**, even if there are no road closure signs out or there is no roads report on Council's website. The Roads Report is updated as information becomes available at: www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/road-conditions

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Website: www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

 Balranald Shire Council



COUNCIL SERVICES AND OPENING HOURS

Shire Office

9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday

Balranald Pool

Tuesday to Friday 3pm to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday & Public Holidays 11am to 6pm.

School holidays as above but closing at 8pm.

Balranald Library

Monday & Friday 9am - 5.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am-5.30pm (closed for lunch 12pm-1pm)

Balranald Landfill

Tuesday and Thursday 4pm - 6pm, Saturday 10am-1pm, Sunday 10am-3pm

Euston Landfill

Tuesday and Thursday 1pm-6pm, Sunday 9am-3pm

VACANCIES

Council is recruiting the following positions:

- PCA (Carer) @ Bidgee Haven
- Engineering Manager
- Works Manager
- Tourism & Economic Development Manager
- Human Resources/Risk/WHS Coordinator
- Part Time Administration Officer

More information on our website



SERVICE NSW IN EUSTON

Every second & fourth

Thursday of the month

12.30pm – 3.00pm

At the Old Court House on
Murray Terrace, Euston

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HARVEST SEASON—PLEASE BE VIGILANT ON THE ROADS

During the months of February, March & April, Pistachio and Almond Harvest are in full swing.

There are now a number of major producers in our area, especially the Balranald /Tooleybuc Road and Robinvale/Swan Hill Road.

Could all travellers in the area, please be aware, that these properties are not open to the public, especially at this time of the year.

Harvesters are operating 24 hrs-so take care-for moving machinery, trucks & staff finishing shifts.

FRAUD WARNING FROM NSW POLICE

The fraudsters are targeting the elderly and Westpac head office has had heaps of them reported every day.

We would like to warn people especially the older community members not to transfer, or make a cash withdrawals and deposits of any money into an unknown account.

If there is an actual legitimate reason to pay anyone from any company or Government dept., the notification will be done in writing and not by phone. Do not accept any request to deposit money into an account over the phone, especially if they person has an accent from another country. This person claimed to be from the National Crime Authority.



EMERGENCY PLUS APP

If you're planning an adventure these holidays, download this app before you go.

The Emergency Plus app is a free life-saving tool to help people call the right number and be found easily in an emergency anywhere in Australia.

With @what3words now a feature within the Emergency Plus app, (as well as street address and GPS coordinates) callers can now describe their exact location in an emergency, quickly and easily with just three words.



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NOW SHOWING @ THE GALLERY

51 Mayall Street, Balranald

"A JOURNEY NOT YET COMPLETED"
An Exhibition of original artworks

By Marian Caccianiga

Don't miss Balranald's Whole Town Garage Sale & Market Day on Sat 7th March.

Register ASAP for mapping purposes on 0418 316 347 or 0488 728 986.

OFFICIAL 2021 DATES

Sat 6th March RPA Day

Sat 10th April RD1

Sat 24th April RD2

Sun 23rd May RD3

Sun 18th July RD4

21-22nd August Gum's Enduro



We are kicking off the 2021 season with a fun filled day
of riding, raffles, and the long-awaited head shave at
the track with

RIVER'S RIDE DAY

WHEN: Saturday 6th March

WHERE: Balranald Motorcycle Track

Sign-on: 8.30am (No licence required)

Cost: \$25 per rider

FULL CANTEEN AVAILABLE

COVID Guidelines must be followed.

Remember if you are feeling unwell please stay home and help keep
everyone safe.



ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR BEST MATE SAFE?

Help get your cat or
dog home safely by
registering them – visit
www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

Why register your pet?

If your pet is registered and your details are up to date, it can be safely returned if it gets lost.

It's also the law – pet cats and dogs must be microchipped and then registered in NSW.

Microchipping

To register your pet, it must first be microchipped by a vet or authorised identifier. Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under your pet's skin. Each microchip has a unique number that can be read with a scanner, like a barcode at the supermarket.

Registration

How: It's easier than ever before to register your cat or dog.

- **Online:** Registrations can be completed online via the NSW Pet Registry or Service NSW using your MyServiceNSW Account.
- **Over the counter:** You can also register your pet in person at your local council or at any Service NSW Centre.

Fee: A once only lifetime registration fee applies.

Discounts are available for de-sexed pets, eligible pensioners and cats and dogs bought from certain rehoming organisations, including council pounds and shelters.

More information

NSW PET REGISTRY

petregistry.nsw.gov.au

1300 134 460

pets@olg.nsw.gov.au

Your pet's registration fee at work

Money collected goes straight back to the community by funding companion animal services:

- Council pounds/shelters
- Ranger services
- Dog recreation areas
- Education and awareness activities
- Responsible pet ownership initiatives



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Increasing Resilience to Climate Change (IRCC) Project
BSC IRCC Information Sheet 04

Rainwater tanks and health risks---

Rainwater tanks are widely used as a source of drinking water throughout Balranald Shire. Water used for household purposes for drinking, food preparation or bathing should meet water quality guidelines in order to protect you and your family's health. The water should be free of harmful microorganisms or harmful levels of chemicals.

By far the greatest potential risk to your health comes from contamination of water with harmful microorganisms such as bacteria and parasites from bird or animal droppings. Roof or plumbing materials can also contaminate tank supplies. The microbiological quality of rainwater collected in domestic tanks may be poorer than that of many public water supplies. Occasionally there are cases of illness from contaminated rainwater. However, providing systems are well maintained the risk of harmful organisms being present is low. 'First flush' systems are considered to be essential.

People who choose to use rainwater for drinking and cooking should be aware of potential risks associated with microbiological and chemical contamination. Rainwater tanks in rural and urban areas in the Shire can be contaminated by dust storms, traffic and agricultural sprays. Health risks can be reduced by treatments such as filtering, chlorination, ultra-violet systems or simply boiling your water.

Premises that serve the public or employees and use rainwater for drinking and/or cooking should comply with NSW Health's Private Water Supply Guidelines.

NSW Health's rainwater tank information is at

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Documents/rainwater_tanks.pdf

And the private water supply guidelines link is

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Publications/private-water-supply-guidelines.pdf>

For further information on this important initiative please contact:

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BSC is being assisted with this NSW Government Funded project by a Project Team from the Institute for Land Water and Society (ILWS) at Charles Stuart University (CSU) and the SEGRA Foundation.



We're bringing NSW Government services to communities with our Mobile Service Centres

Access frequently used services including:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Cost of Living service
- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Driver licence and Photo Card applications and renewals
- Working With Children Checks.

Visit service.nsw.gov.au/msc to find out when we're next near you.

Next in town



Friday 19th March 2021 9:30 - 3pm Riverfront Recreation Reserve Station 46 Euston Club Front carpark



Apply online now for your 2021 Regional Seniors Travel Card

For an easy, contactless application without the wait time you can now apply for your 2021 Regional Seniors Travel Card either **online**, or by **phone**.

What is the regional seniors travel card?

A \$250 prepaid card for eligible seniors living in regional areas of NSW.

Use it to pay for pre-booked NSW TrainLink Regional train and coach services, fuel and taxi trips. It's valid for 14 months from the date of issue.

Am I eligible?

You must live in regional or rural NSW outside of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong and be one of the following:

- Receiving the age pension
- A Commonwealth Seniors Health Card or a Department of Veterans Affairs card holder.

Apply for yours now

Online: visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-regional-seniors-travel-card and follow the prompts.

By phone: call **13 77 88**. It only takes a few minutes.

Please have ready:

- Your personal details, address and phone number and
- Services Australia customer reference number or Department of Veterans' Affairs card number

For further information please visit service.nsw.gov.au



DINE & DISCOVER NSW

Get ready for your vouchers

To help support dining, arts and tourism businesses, the NSW Government is giving every NSW resident aged 18 years and over **4 x \$25 vouchers**. You'll receive:



- 2 x \$25 vouchers to dine in at **restaurants, cafes, bars, pubs and clubs** from Monday to Thursday (excluding public holidays).
- 2 x \$25 vouchers to discover **entertainment and recreation activities, including cultural institutions, live music and arts venues**, to use 7 days a week (excluding public holidays).

To participate in Dine & Discover NSW, you must have a MyServiceNSW Account.

You'll be able to apply for your vouchers from March

You can download the Service NSW app now and register for a MyServiceNSW Account ahead of the vouchers becoming available.



For more information, visit service.nsw.gov.au

