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UPCOMING EVENTS:

2ND APRIL

BFNC GOLF DAY

<u>3RD APRIL</u>

BFNC GOAT RACES

8TH APRIL

KYALITE PROGRESS ASS OCIATION DINNER MEETING

22ND APRIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

24TH APRIL

homebush rodeo

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Fresh concept plans have been prepared for the redevelopment of the Visitor Centre that meets the available budget. The project will incorporate the three existing buildings into a more integrated facility and improve visitor access and experience. Tenders are now invited for a design team to complete tender documentation for the project. The project will commence in late 2021 with a June 2022 completion date.

UPDATE ON WALKING TRAIL

The construction of the walking trail on the southern side of the Murrumbidgee is now completed.

Workers have started the section on the Swimming bend reserve. It will progress along the river bank and head to Court Street through April.



FROM THE YOUTH MAYOR

Hello everyone!

I am excited to announce that Youth Week is almost upon us! This year it will occur between the 16th and the 24th of April. Plans for the very first 'The Colour of Sound Youth Music Festival' are officially underway! We have been busy developing this event, and can't wait to announce the acts that will be playing! There will be a BBQ (\$2 for a Sausage, \$2 for a Drink/ Slushy, Popcorn \$2), open mic, painting and artworks, a bouncing castle and some fun activities! Kids under 10 will require parental supervision. All this and more will happen at the Balranald River Loop – Friday the 16th of April 2021, with the event starting at 11am, and finishing at around 5pm. Information given is subject to change, there will be two sign-in points located at either entrance of the River Loop. We can't wait to see you there!

We have some other plans for Youth Week developing each day, including a fun 'Movie

CADELL ALMOND FARM VISIT

Night Spectacular!'. We hope to reveal plans for these events soon! So, stay tuned!

Recently we have celebrated 'Harmony Week'. During 'Harmony Week' we celebrate the cultures of our friends, family, communities and everyone else around us. It is important to acknowledge the cultures around us and our history, as we reflect on it to guide our future. Let's think about: Why did we do this? What can we do better? And how can we do better? Let's continue to be kind to each other, respect each other, care for each other and move to create a better country – where we are free and equal and live - in a fairer society.

That's all from me - stay safe, be kind!

Jackson Bialobrzeski



Council were recently invited to tour the Australian Farming Services (AFS) facilities at Canally and Cadell.

It was a fascinating day in which we got to see the extent and breath of the investment by AFS into the locality. The facilities are immaculately kept with no expense spared and managed in a highly professional manner. David also outlined their expansion plans for the next few years and highlighted the need for a stable workforce. They will need to double their permanent workforce in the next few years. AFS have asked Council for their support and assistance in developing the workforce across the region



Pictured: Oliver McNulty, David Armstrong & Michael Colreavy



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
16/02/2021	DA 25/2021	Mr Graeme Barnes	Sydney Street, Balranald	Mechanics Workshop
17/02/2021	DA 16/2021	Duxton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Paiko Vineyard, 1029 Tillara Road, Balranald	Two (2) Lot Subdivision
17/02/2021	DA 23/2021	Mr Philip Robertson	Brett Road, Euston	10ML dam, two (2) filter sheds & boundary realignment
02/03/2021	DA 33/2021	Brent Williams of BW&A National	3 Bates Drive, Euston	Dwelling

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

CURRENTLY ON EXHIBITION

Draft Documents

For the most current list and full details please visit:

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

- Draft Cemetery Management Policy submissions close 30th April
- Draft Cemetery Operating Manual—submissions close 30th April

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 39/2021 Proposed Irrigation Pump Station Upgrade Southern Bank Murray River, off Tol Tol Road, Tol Tol (Applicant: James Golsworthy Consulting)
- DA 40/2021 Proposed Irrigation Pump Station Reinstatement Southern Bank Murray River, off Malaya Road, Robinvale (Applicant: James Golsworthy Consulting)

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

<u>Roadworks</u>

Work continues on reconstruction of **Marma-Box Creek Road** and improvements to the **Weimby-Kyalite Road**. Works will resume shortly on 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.

Council have had some feedback in relation to a section of the Marma Box Creek Road that is currently being reconstructed. A decision was made as part of this project to utilise, where possible, existing road material and that through other improvement works would enable works to be completed more efficiently. This approach did not work for this section and required removal. This decision has now been received and amended. This project is fully funded through Fixing local Roads program.

Bidgee Haven Hostel

Tenders for this project were higher than Council's budget, and as a consequence Council resolved on 16 March not to accept any tenders. However, it was also decided to enter into negotiations with a preferred contractor, RTM Constructions of Swan Hill, to seek cost savings that might enable the project to proceed. At the same time, Council has applied for additional funding and is progressing an independent business case in line with the Office of Local Government infrastructure investment requirements. Once the outcome of each of these initiatives is reported to Council, a decision will be made as to how to proceed with the award of a contract.

Riverfront Development

Construction continues on the **riverside walk**, expected to be finished by the end of April 2021. Consideration is now being given to which elements will be adopted as part of the town side riverfront development, based on ideas developed by the project reference group in 2019. This decision is necessary through the detailed design of the second foot bridge taking into account all abilities access. To construct a bridge at this time would considerably exceed the existing available budget and as such has been deferred pending future funding opportunities.

Creative Learning Centre

Tenders will be invited shortly for construction of the Centre, adjacent to the Balranald Art Gallery. This will be completed by the end of 2021.

Greenham Park

Tenders will be invited shortly for the construction of new football change rooms in consultation with Balranald Football Club. Tender documents are also being finalised for the construction of new tennis courts.

Other projects

Upgrading of the **Ben Scott Memorial Bird Walk** is substantially complete, awaiting new signage to improve visitor awareness of this attraction.

In consultation with the Balranald Beautification Advisory Committee, a design has been selected for a toilet at Balranald Cemetery



Proposed toilet at Balranald Cemetery

Work continues on a number of water and sewer upgrading projects in both Balranald and Euston.

Various initiatives in Euston are in hand including master planning of **town entrances and signage**, improvements to the **riverside walking trails** and the **recreation reserve** and preparations for traffic calming measures in **Bertram and Taylor Roads**.

Tenders will be called shortly for drainage improvements and sealing of **Purton Lane**, Balranald.

TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS

Council frequently uses local contractors to provide services across a range of functions. The following is a list of current or upcoming requests for tenders or quotations.

Now open:

(T) Widening and sealing of Main Road 296 (Kyalite-Moulamein Road) – closing 8th April 2021

Panel contract for hire of plant and equipment – closing 22nd April 2021

Panel contract for building trades – closing 29th April 2021

Upcoming within the next 4 weeks:

Supply and installation of stock grids on various roads

(T) Line marking and reflective pavement markers on Main Road 67 (Balranald-Ivanhoe Road)

Design and construction of football change sheds at Greenham Park, Balranald

Master planning of approaches and public spaces at Euston

(T) Design and construction of a Creative Learning Centre at Balranald Art Gallery

Construction of new tennis courts at Greenham Park, Balranald

Design and documentation of modifications to the Discovery Centre complex, Balranald

Drainage improvements and sealing of Purton Lane, Balranald

Installation of heating to Theatre Royal, Balranald

Supply of furniture and a storage facility at Greenham Park Hall, Balranald

Construction of fencing at Anzac Park, Balranald

Supply of 3 light vehicles

Installation of signs and furniture on Euston walking trails

(T) indicates that documents for this item can only be obtained from the TenderLink website <u>www.tenderlink.com.au</u>. Documents for all other items can be obtained from Council as they become available – Council will advertise this via the Council website and Facebook page.

BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL VISIT

Council Administrator Mike Colreavy and General Manager Oliver McNulty attended the Central School end of Term 1 assembly on 17th March.

At this assembly the school celebrated Harmony Week with Students, Teachers, staff and families taking part in the celebrations.

The General Manger spoke briefly about growing up in Ireland and about the history of St Patrick as it was also St Patrick's Day.

The highlight of the celebration for Council was accepting this Gratitude Award from the Balranald Central School Students.

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PUBLIC NOTICE – PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING BERTRAM AND TAYLOR ROADS, EUSTON

Balranald Shire Council gives notice of its intention to install raised thresholds ("speed humps") in Bertram and Taylor Roads, Euston as a traffic calming measure. This action is being taken in response to repeated resident concerns over the safety issues posed by speeding vehicles seeking to bypass the main highway route through Euston.

Details of the proposed location of the thresholds and associated signage can be found on Council's website or on the public notice on display at Euston Post Office. The locations are also clearly marked on the roads in question.

Submissions on this proposal are invited from the public, to be received by close of business on Wednesday 14 April 2021. Public submissions and a final decision on the proposal will be considered by Council at the April monthly meeting to be held on 20 April 2021.

Council are leading a project to increase the communities resilience to Climate Change.

As part of this project it is essential to get feedback from rural community members about how they manage water supply.

To take part in this project and to assist in developing and understanding of issues please complete this survey.



Planning, Industry & Environment





CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTIVE PRIVATE DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES ON RURAL AND REMOTE PROPERTIES

Dear Resident

Council is inviting people in the Shire who use private household water supplies to participate in a FREE WATER QUALITY TESTING PROGRAM.

This is part of the Increasing Resilience to Climate Change Project and includes household water supplies on rural properties and residents of towns with private rainwater tanks. As a health risk reduction measure, Council is encouraging householders to test their water for bacteria.

If you wish to participate in the FREE WATER QUALITY TESTING PROGRAM could you please complete the proforma below and return it the reply paid envelope. <u>Do-it-Yourself (DIY)</u> test kits will be provided FREE for this initiative.

The test kits will include full instructions on how to undertake the test and where the result is to be sent. We will need a simple YES or No answer on whether bacteria is present in your water. Your response will be acknowledged and if required suggestions made for further action. Data will be aggregated and included in the IRCC Final Report as a collective figure, ensuring privacy is secured.

The BSC Private Water Supplies Questionnaire Survey is being extended into 2021.

Many residents on rural properties completed and submitted the *Private Water Supplies Questionnaire Survey* in late 2020. If you haven't already done so, we hope that you to undertake the Survey using the attached Questionnaire. The reply paid envelope is provided for you to return the completed document.

We would like to have your completed FREE WATER QUALITY TESTING PROGRAM proforma and questionnaire by Friday the 23 of April. OR---here is the url for the survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGDQWVB

Yours sincerely

General Manager

FREE WATER QUALITY TESTING PROGRAM PROFORMA

Name:

Address to where the test kit can be sent: _

Phone:

Email:

For further information contact: Peter Waterman, Institute for Land Water and Society, CSU Email: pw.ems@bigpnd.net.au Mobile: 0418 628 431

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Email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au 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

SERVICE NSW IN EUSTON

Every second & fourth Thursday of the month

12.30pm - 3.00pm

At the Old Court House on Murray Terrace, Euston



VACANCIES

Council is recruiting the following positions:

• PCA (Carer) @ Bidgee Haven

More information on our website

WANT TO ADD SOMETHING TO OUR NEWSLETTER?

Would you like to advertise an event in our monthly Newsletter?

Email your ad to <u>council@balranald.nsw.gov.au</u> by the 10th of each month

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Would you like to receive a PDF copy of this publication each month, direct to your inbox?

Subscribe via email to <u>council@balranald.nsw.gov.au</u>

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

DISCLAIMER

Balranald Shire Council reserves the right to edit or rewrite submissions for grammar, style and clarity or to conform to restrictions of space. Council makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information and does not accept responsibility for errors or omissions contained within this publication. If you are aware of errors please notify Council by email: <u>council@balranald.nsw.gov.au</u> or phone 03 5020 1300. This document is compiled some weeks prior to delivery, while all due care is made to ensure information is accurate matters are subject to change due to time passage between print and delivery, please contact Council for most current details on a subject if concerned.

EASTER 2021 GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR BALRANALD & EUSTON

Balranald Businesses & Euston Residents Who have their bins collected on Fridays are advised that Easter collection will be

> Thursday 1st April (instead of Good Friday)

Balranald Residents Who have their bins collected on Mondays are advised that Easter collection will be

> Tuesday 6th April (instead of Easter Monday)

All bins are to be left out the evening prior to collection

COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURES OVER EASTER

The Balranald Shire Council Office will be closed from 5pm Thursday 1st April and will re-open at 9.00am on Tuesday 6th April 2021.

To report emergencies call 0418 322 902

Service NSW (formerly RTA) will be closed from 4pm Thursday 1st April and will re-open at 9.30am on Tuesday 6th April 2021.

Please call Service NSW with any enquiries on 13 77 88

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ALL AGES WELCOME D2/04/21 - 20M START \$10 PP - INCLUDES GREEN FEE

RAR AVAILABLE - STRICTLY NO BYO TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT JESS 04399 343 OR THROUGH FACEBOOK

2021 Seniors Festival

Event #1 Morning Tea/Movie @ Theatre Royal 13 April 2021 at 10.30am Bring along your best teacup/saucer prizes will be given for the best teacup

> Event #2 Luncheon @ The Euston Club 21 April 2021 at 12pm Entertainment with the Hoffmans

Event #3 Games Afternoon @ Theatre Royal 23 April 2021 at 3–6 pm Finishing the afternoon off with Soup

> Theme: In Our Nature Cost: Free RSVP: Friday 2nd April 2021 Bus provided for all events

More details, please email council@bairanald.nsw.gov.au or call 03 50201 300

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BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER to support, friends, family members, colleagues and others

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HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Ring/Text Esther on 0427 263701 email enjehia@rdhs.com.au See Reception at Maari Ma Health ,Ph: (03) 5020 0009

Older?

Need support to stay independent and living at home? An Intereach Home Care Package can help.

Book an appointment to discuss your needs with a member of our Aged Care Services team by contacting Josie on 03 5051 7301 or drop into the Bes Murray Community Centre, 95 Court Street, Balranald.

www.intereach.com.au

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THE GALLERY NEWS

HEY KIDS! GET BUSY WITH THOSE ENTRIES FOR THE 'WASTE TO ART' EXHIBITION, CELEBRATE YOUTH WEEK AND WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES.

Entries need to arrive at The Gallery 51 Mayall St Balranald by Tues 20th April

The "SIP 'N PAINT" workshop on 3rd July is almost booked out already, so register your interest asap.

The "David Malin" night sky exhibition opens on May 10th. A night sky photography workshop will be held to coincide with this event. A date is yet to be set, but you can register your interest with one of our volunteers @ The Gallery anytime. We are open 7 days per week.

A painting workshop is planned for next term as well as a combined textile/painting day with Raylene Richardson from Swan Hill.

Don't forget to mark The Gallery AGM on your calendar for Tues 18th May 2pm. Memberships are now due or just support us by becoming "A Friend Of The Gallery" for just \$20. For more information call 0418 316 347 or 0488 728 986



Can Assist Balranald Branch is pleased to announce the

CAN ASSIST PRE-LOVED SECOND-HAND BOOK SHOP IS NOW OPEN -7 DAYS A WEEK - 11AM TO 3P.M

It's an interesting and lovely place to volunteer so if you have some hours to spare Alison would love to hear from you please call 0427 502019 (the hours are flexible)

Charitable Fund raising No 12748

COMPLIMENT OF OUR TOWN

Good morning Balranald Council,

I would like to compliment you on your beautiful little town! As frequent Caravaners having travelled extensively around Australia, and currently with a group of friends, it was a pleasure to spend a couple of days looking around Balranald while we stayed at your local caravan park. We had intended to only stay one night but were so impressed we stayed for two! We travelled to the Homebush Pub for lunch, enjoyed the walks and views of the river, visited the art gallery, ate at the Discovery Cafe (great food and coffee), and shopped within the town. We were all very impressed by the friendliness of the locals and the presentation/tidiness of the town. Well done and thank you for a lovely stay. We hope to be back some time soon.

Megan McQuillan

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Teacher Director—Euston

Permanent Full Time Role based at our LiveBetter Preschool in Euston, as part of our Child & Youth Team. Be challenged - Play a lead role in ensuring the continuing success of Euston Preschool, a key community resource vital to the local community

Lead a team of passionate staff who are committed to providing high quality early childhood education About LiveBetter Community Services.

LiveBetter Community Services are one of the largest regionally based providers of community services in Eastern Australia. We strive to enable the people of regional Australia to live their best lives. We know that our staff are out greatest asset.

About the Role

LiveBetter Preschools have a reputation for empowering their communities and for providing supportive, inclusive, and positive learning environments. The role will oversee the operations of the service and lead, guide and support a team which provides high quality early childhood education and care to children.

How to Apply

To apply for this role you must provide as part of the online application process <u>https://livebetter.org.au/jobs/</u>:

A cover letter that addresses each of the above-mentioned selection criteria; AND An up-to-date copy of your resume.

Closing date: 11:59pm, Wednesday 24th March 2021

Enquiries: Jenny Nalder - Operations Manager Child & Youth: 0428 620 236



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Preschool Educators – Euston

Are you Cert III or Diploma Qualified Educator and looking to be a part of a key community resource based in Euston?

Do you fancy the flexibility of a casual role and an opportunity to join our dedicated and supportive Child & Youth Team?

Some of the perks of working at LiveBetter? Rewards, recognition and wellbeing initiatives. LiveBetter will be launching further exciting initiatives throughout 2021!!!

About the Role

LiveBetter Child & Youth Services have a reputation for empowering their communities and providing supportive, inclusive, and positive learning environments. Euston Preschool provides high quality early childhood education and care to children. Euston Preschool is a well-resourced, not for profit, early childhood centre, based in Euston NSW. As an Educator you will be an integral part of a team of passionate staff who are committed to providing high quality early childhood education and care. The preschool remains a community owned service- however is now managed and supported by LiveBetter - Child and Family Services. An experienced early childhood sector specialist supports and mentors the team of staff at the preschool to achieve the best outcomes for children and families who attend the service.

How to Apply

To apply for this role, you must provide as part of the online application process https://livebetter.org.au/jobs/:

An up-to-date copy of your resume.

Responses to our mandatory questions. (You will be prompted to do this).

Closing date: 11:59pm, Sunday 28th March 2021

Enquiries: Jenny Nalder, Operations Manager Child & Youth: 0428 620 236

Transport Service Officer - Balranald

Join our Community Transport Team fixed term part-time role (40 hours a fortnight through until 01/03/2022) assisting

our customers by providing safe and reliable door to door transport services.

The Transport Service Officers primary responsibility is to assist frail older persons, persons with a disability, their carers and the transport disadvantaged to remain living longer in their own homes by providing a door to door transport service. The transport service being, affordable, caring and reliable and delivered with compassion and integrity.

Essential

Current LR class drivers licence to operate up to a 23-seater bus, or C class drivers licence with willingness and ability obtain LR class drivers licence.

Current NSW Ministry of Transport Driver Authority or willingness to obtain.

Proven safe driving record.

Excellent communication skills along with the ability to be compassionate and patient.

Ability to work effectively in a team environment as well as independently, whilst enjoying a degree of responsibility in your position.

Sound time management and organisational skills allowing you to run on time and follow a designated schedule. Ability and willingness to use technology such as smart phones, electronic tablets and computer programs.

How to Apply

To apply for this role, you must provide as part of the online application process https://livebetter.org.au/jobs/:

A cover letter that addresses the above-mentioned selection criteria AND An up-to-date copy of your resume



Closing date: 11:59pm, Tuesday 30th March 2021 Enquiries: Helen Riley – Transport Liaison Officer: 0429 951 588