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UPCOMING EVENTS:

7TH SEPTEMBER

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH EVENT

15-17TH OCTOBER

BALRANALD 5
RIVER'S FESTIVAL

FAREWELL AFTER 25 YEARS AS LIBRARIAN



Angela Harben began as the Balranald Shire Librarian in July 1996.

It was certainly a change of pace coming from a school of 1400 students to a town of 1400 residents. Angela played a significant role in the implementation of the Bookmark System at the Library.

The new system was the first of many changes to the old style 'borrow and return' library.

Community computers and internet took the library into the 21st century with eBooks now available.

Angela is looking forward to a long break and will be remaining in town where she will continue working with her community activities. Having worked alongside some amazing people at the Library and Council, Angela thanks everyone for their support

and good wishes.

A REPORT FROM THE AGEING WELL, AGED CARE & FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thank you to the council for the opportunity to submit a report on behalf of the Ageing Well, Aged Care and Facilities Advisory Committee.

Congratulations to the Administrator and Council staff on taking the initiative and forming the advisory committees, essentially allowing community input and representation in many different facets of council.

Our committee members are; Chair Tony Conway, Vice Chair - Doreen Greenham, Secretary - Helen Murphy, Members - Sue Balshaw, Toni Tyrer, Therese Comitti, Mia Zaffina, Karen Norfolk & Rebecca Stevens.

Our committee has met regularly since October 2020, we are pleased to report we have put forward several recommendations to council, many centred around safety for not only the Aged but the entire community. We are pleased to report our issues have been addressed at each corresponding council meeting, we are being heard.

Even though Seniors week was held in April, we would again like to extend our appreciation to Carol Holmes and council staff for their organisation skills during the week. Thank you to our committee for the awesome catering of the morning tea as well.

We are looking forward to the appointment of a contractor for the building of the new High Care Dementia wing at the Hostel, and then the eventual breaking ground. Please be patient these things take time, but we are confident things are moving forward.

Our committee would like to encourage the wider community to share any views, suggestions, or ideas in all things Ageing Well, Aged Care and Facilities.

If you see any of us lets chat.

FROM THE YOUTH MAYOR

Hi All,

I hope everyone is staying safe with the recent lockdowns in Sydney and Victoria, and the restrictions that we face here in rural/regional New South Wales as well. While we are unable to predict how long these will be in place, we are still preparing events at full speed ahead. Including an exclusive Halloween event, our 2021-22 Summer Youth Program and much more. We hope we can present these events to you soon! Make sure to look out for the latest news regarding our events on the Balranald Shire Council Facebook page, newsletters, and mailed advertisement soon!

It is true! The Youth Council is actively recruiting! If you are interested in joining our group, then please do not hesitate to get in contact with the Balranald Shire Council! The council will be able to provide you with an expression of interest form, we hope to

start seeing new faces soon! The Youth Council is an exciting opportunity to represent your friends and peers in a completely new style. Join us – become part of the process to make life better for Balranald Youth. Attend meetings, put forward ideas, run events and so much more! The Youth Council is the centre for ideas that put the innovations of youth forward in our community. Join us today!

Remember in these tough times to stick with family and friends and embrace them. Having family and friends are such an essential part to the human life. Treasure it, look after it and respect it.

Thank you for reading and take care!

Jackson Bialobrzewski

Mayor – Balranald Shire Youth Council



NEW FOOTPATHS & UPDATE TO WALKING TRACK

Balranald: New footpath on Moa Street

The first section of concrete footpath on Moa Street has now been completed. Photo of our very first users on Moa Street's footpath, Milla & Jax Pollard.

Work will be continued to lay more concrete footpath on Moa Street to meet with the eco-trail on Turandurey Reserve, forming a walking loop for our local residents and visitors.

Euston: New footpath on Maher Street & exposed aggregate concrete footpath on Euston's main street

A new, beautiful section of exposed aggregate concrete footpath (aka pebblecrete) was constructed on Murray Terrace, Euston. The new surface provides traction (less slippery) for a safer walking path especially to our senior and junior residents plus the better look.

Work will be continued to extend the pebblecrete surface to the area in front of Euston pub (Royal Hotel) replacing the old concrete.

A new section of concrete footpath was also completed on Maher Street for better access and amenity. Photo of Alex & Blake on the new footpath on Maher Street.

A section of the **Euston-Robinvale** Walking/Cycling track was also fixed and re-surfaced. The track is only suitable for walking and cycling. Cars on the track are dangerous for users and they had damaged the track's surface.

Council would like to ask for the community's assistance in stopping people from driving on the track. Please don't hesitate to stop cars or to report the drivers to Council.





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
10/06/2021	DA 53/2021	Iluka Resources Limited	Mount Dispersion Station, Euston	Site Office & Associated Facilities to support prospecting drill program
11/06/2021	DA 50/2021	V & A Kitson	86 O'Connor Street, Balranald	Carport
11/06/2021	DA 52/2021	Ron Mengler	4 Garreffa Parade, Euston	Shed
15/06/2021	DA 41/2021	Decentralised Demountables Pty Ltd	228 Dry Lake Road, Euston	Transportable Dwelling & Onsite Sewage Management System
15/06/2021	DA 59/2021	Andrew Forster	72 River Street, Balranald	Shed
18/06/2021	DA 49/2021	Expandable Container Homes	164 Lily Street, Balranald	Detached Transportable Secondary Dwelling creating Dual Occupancy
08/07/2021	DA 51/2021	Ron Mengler	4 Garreffa Parade, Euston	Two Storey 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 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/

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Road construction and maintenance

Regional roads

Pavement work is now complete and ready for bitumen sealing on both the 2km section of MR514 (Oxley Road) and the reconstruction of MR296 (Kyalite-Moulamein Road). This was scheduled to occur in the week commencing 19 July 2021.

Safety improvements including edge lines and reflective pavement markers have been installed on MR67 (Balranald-Ivanhoe Road) north from Hatfield in preparation for this to become the haul route from the Atlas-Campaspe mine. Work will also commence shortly on culvert extensions, shoulder improvements and upgraded signage as part of the same programme of safety measures.

Local roads

Work is continuing on the reconstruction and sealing of approximately 13km of the Weimby-Kyalite Road. The section from the Windomal intersection to Junction Park Station was due to be sealed in the week commencing 19 July 2021. Completion of this project is expected in October.

Work will resume shortly on a further extension of the bitumen pavement on Marma-Box Creek Road with the expectation that this can be extended to the Wampo intersection by October. Work on improvements to the Hatfield-The Vale Road at Binda will also commence shortly.

Pavement rehabilitation on Kilpatrick Road and the widening of Leslie Drive in Euston is expected to commence within the next two months. Raised thresholds have been installed on Bertram and Taylor Roads, Euston as a traffic calming measure. Additional work at the entrances to these roads will be carried out shortly to further manage traffic speeds.

Applications have been submitted for funding of four projects under Round 3 of the Fixing Local Roads programme:

- Tapalin Mail Road alignment improvements at the Shire boundary with Wentworth Shire
- 2km extension of bitumen on Euston-Prungle Road
- Reconstruction of 3km of Benanee Road to eliminate recurrent flooding problems
- Further extension of bitumen sealing on Marma-Box Creek Road westwards from Wampo intersection

If the funding applications are successful, these projects will commence in early 2022.

Maintenance grading on unsealed roads is being resumed on a programmed basis. Priority is being given initially to sections of the Mildura-Ivanhoe Road and the Oxley-Clare Road that are in especially poor condition. A comprehensive survey of road conditions across the unsealed network will be undertaken over coming weeks to prioritise expenditure on what is always a major cost centre for Council

Bitumen reseals have been completed on recently constructed sections of MR67 and MR514, as well as on the northern outskirts of Balranald.

Water and Sewer

A new round of sewer relining in Balranald will commence shortly. Contracts have been awarded for various switchboard upgrades and pump replacements for both water and sewer. Planning is in hand for further replacement of old water mains in both Balranald and Euston, and for inspection and cleaning of the Balranald water reservoirs.

Riverfront precinct

Contracts have been awarded for an additional 1.9km loop of the ecotrail walkway and for modifications to the existing swing bridge to improve accessibility. Town-side facilities such as barbecues and toilet will be installed as part of this project in the next couple of months.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT CONT'D

Greenham Park

A contract has been awarded for construction of new change rooms for the football club. On site construction, commencing with demolition of the existing building, will occur immediately following the current football season.

Work will commence shortly on the upgrading of four of the tennis courts to sand-filled artificial turf. Upgraded LED lighting of two courts is currently under consideration, subject to budget.

A new disabled toilet has been installed.

Visitor Centre/Discovery Centre

A design team has been appointed for the design and documentation of the proposed upgrading project.

Theatre Royal

Work is complete on the installation of upgraded heating in the Theatre, but commissioning is delayed by some regulatory issues regarding metering. Funds have been allocated under Round 2 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Programme for a conservation plan and some upgrading of underutilised spaces in the building.

Balranald Creative Learning Centre

A contract has been awarded for the design and construction of this facility. Works on site are expected to commence in the coming weeks.

Kyalite Riverside Reserve

The construction of a path and steps linking Anzac Park to the Riverfront Reserve will be carried out later this year. A parking area adjacent to Anzac Park is proposed, with preliminary works for the access carried out by the contractors engaged for the MR 296 project.

Anzac Park, Balranald

The Park has been upgraded with the installation of perimeter fencing and a toilet.

COUNCIL RATES

You can pay your rates in full by 31 August 2021. Alternatively you can pay by the four instalments which are payable by 31st August 2021, 30th November 2021, 28th February 2022 and 31st May 2022.

How can I pay my rates?

The easiest way to pay is by using Bpay and through your online banking. You can pay quarterly or set up fortnightly payments. Please ensure you set up separate rates and water payments. Council's biller code 120113 is the same, but rates and water have a different reference number. If you have multiple properties, there will be a different reference for **each** property. Please ensure you pay to the correct reference or you will accrue interest.

Rates Reference begins with 1 & Water Reference begins with 2

How do I change my mailing address for my assessment?

You can complete the Change of Address section at the bottom of your rates notice, or email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au.

Can I get an email copy of my bill?

Yes, you can! Please email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au and request all rates and water notices to be emailed.

You can also register with Payreq MyBills and receive notices with Bpay View. Register at <https://payreq.com.au/mybills>. You can view and pay with just a couple of clicks as Payreq integrates with Bpay. If you are a business and use Xero or MYOB the bill data is sent seamlessly to your accounts payable reducing effort and data entry errors. Following registration, future rates and water notices will be delivered via email.

As a pensioner, am I entitled to a rebate?

If you have a Pensioner Concession Card or a Department of Veterans Affairs concession card bring it to Council Offices to apply. Please email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au or phone council and request a pension application form.

Council is in the process of setting up Credit Card payment for Rates and Water on our website. We hope this will be fully implemented over the next few weeks. Contact Council if you wish to know more.

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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

Closed until next season—TBA

Balranald Library

Monday & Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm, Wednesday 9am-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
- Casual Cleaner

More information on our website

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

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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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THE GALLERY

"I do"- Weddings through the ages exhibition.

Balranald residents ventured out on a cold, wet, winter afternoon to attend the opening of the Gallery's latest exhibition. "I do" - weddings through the ages.

This exhibition has been in the planning for the past 12 months and offers a trip down memory lane for locals as well as visitors.

At a time in history when our lives are full of uncertainty and struggle, the "I do" exhibition brings pleasant memories of happy times.

The oldest dress, worn in 1890, has been rescued from the depths of draws and dust into the light of a new century.

This beautifully presented exhibition features glimpses of bygone eras, starting with the old world dressing room through to vintage wear, accessories and a princess bride in a garden setting. The scene has been set with accessories such as bridal table, wedding register, guest book and mock wedding cake.

Dresses range from 1890 through to 2021 including pageboys and flower girls. A 1960's Mary Quant mini wedding dress and two hand crocheted dresses are of interest.

All 54 outfits have a local connection, and no two outfits are the same.

The official opening featured the ceremonial cutting of the wedding cake which was then served for afternoon tea.

Entry is by donation to the wishing well, which is part of this nostalgic display.

The Gallery is open most days from 10am to 4 pm (including weekends) however, considering the present Covid uncertainty please phone the Gallery 5020 0200 for information.



CAN ASSIST BOOK SHOP

Closed until further notice

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT

Can Assist Balranald Branch will continue to provide assistance to all our existing clients and any new clients in the normal way during the health crisis.

**Help is always on hand by contacting the following number
0408 375529**

The Executive Committee of Can Assist send their best wishes to everyone in the community to Keep safe and Keep healthy during this difficult time

Charity Fundraising No 12748

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Drop in any time and have a chat to find out what support is available for farmers, farm workers and your community.

Free Rotary BBQ!

Tue 7 Sept	Greenham Park Hall Balranald	4pm - 7pm
Wed 8 Sept	Moulamein Town Hall	10am - 2pm
Thu 9 Sept	Deniliquin Sunday School Hall	10am - 2pm
Fri 10 Sept	Coleambally Community Hall	8am - 12pm

\$500 ROTARY VOUCHERS AVAILABLE



For more information contact your local Recovery Support Officer Claire Butler on email: Claire.Butler@recovery.gov.au or phone: 0427 563 876.



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The President and Members of the
Balranald Hospital Auxiliary

Extends a cordial invitation to
New, Present and Old Members

To be present at the
Annual General Meeting

To be held at the
Balranald Ex-Services Club
When: Monday 13th September

2021
Time: 2.00pm



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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