



COMMUNITY NEWS

BSC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

BIDGEE HAVEN RETIREMENT HOSTEL

Council at its meeting in October considered the future of the Bidgee Haven Aged Hostel and the long-term operation of this facility by Council. Your Council previously considered this issue several times since 2014 and it formed part of the Public Enquiry in 2019 as to the operation and ongoing costs that Council needed to provide.

As part of the Administration process, Council is required to look at the operational costs and to determine the long-term management of the hostel for the community and the residents. Council, like the public, understand that the Hostel is a key function of our community and it needs to continue operation to keep the elderly residents of our Shire close to relatives and long-term friends.

Over the last decade, Councils have looked at the expansion of the facility and have obtained grant funding. The present Council have also been offered grant funding and is finalizing plans and specifications. Council had previously gone to tender over 12 months ago and was advised that they had insufficient funds to build the 15-bed extension. Council has attracted further funding through the Local Federal Member Sussan Ley.

Prior to Council advertising this tender with the completed plans and specifications, the Administrator sought advice from successive General Managers as to the profit and loss of the present Hostel and a future cost projection if the extension was undertaken. The report that was provided to Council and to the Aging Well Aged Care and Facilities Advisory Committee identified that the current Hostel is running at a loss and Council is subsidizing the running costs from within its general budget, that the proposed extension would need to be operated every day at an occupancy level above 83% to break even without depreciation costs which allow for maintenance, painting, room upgrades, etc.

The Hostels long term future was considered and both the Aging Well Aged Care and Facilities Advisory Committee and Council, believe that a private operator could run the Hostel more efficiently than the Council due to the industry support a private operator has and their overall resourcing. It was noted that Councils are not aged care providers in NSW and many Councils over the years have moved out of this area.

At the October 2021 Ordinary Council meeting the Administrator advised that he supported the sale of the Hostel and that Council would look for a suitable operator. Further, that the proposed extension plans and specifications and grant funding will form part of the negotiation with a future hostel operator. Council will continue to finalise the extension plans and will consult with the grant funding body to ensure that the grant can be transferred to the operator.

The Administrator would like to reinforce that the proposed sale of the Hostel and its past operation is not a reflection on the hostel staff as the Balranald Community is very fortunate to have a group of highly dedicated staff running this facility. The operation of the hostel and the costs involved relate to Councils overall management process and requirements to meet governance and legislation requirements.

The Administrator advised, "There is no threat to the continuing operation of the Hostel. Divestment will only be to an experienced, committed aged-care service organisation on conditions that will guarantee ongoing service delivery to the people of Balranald Shire."

The full resolution of the Council is available in the Council Minutes for 19th October 2021 on Council's website.

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 Balranald Shire Council



Council Services Opening Hours

Shire Office: Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm

Balranald Pool: Tuesday to Friday 3pm—6pm, Saturday, Sunday & Monday Public Holidays 11am—6pm

Closing times will extend to 8pm during School Holidays . Closed Mondays except on Public Holidays

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



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YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

by Jackson Bialobrzkeski - Youth Council Mayor

Hi Everyone,



I hope all the school students are settling in having just started term 4. As this school year begins to wind down, we congratulate the class of 2021 on completing your HSC course and wish you well in completing your exams. "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." – Malcolm X. Preparing for the future is extremely dependant on the knowledge we learn today. From discovering new sciences, to breaking new grounds in engineering and mathematics. Education is the most powerful tool. The jobs of the future require us to take on our opportunities in education today. Take on the education of the world today, watch the world grow and change, and apply that knowledge to continue that positive development.

The Youth Council in the last newsletter announced our 'Happy Halloween Party'. This event will take place on Sunday the 31st of October from 5pm-7pm at the 'Theatre Royal'. People aged 16 and over attending the event must either be fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption to attend. Any person under the age of 16 who are not fully vaccinated must be accompanied by a member of their household who is fully vaccinated. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to enter the event. Everyone aged over 12 must wear a mask, parents must sign children in/out at welcome area and pay \$5 entry fee for each child. Proof of vaccination will be required for entry. Food and drinks will be provided by the entry costs. A dress up competition will be held and prizes for the winner! So come dressed up spooky and ready to dance and play at this amazing event.

The Youth Council is excited to announce that 'The Colour of Sound' youth music festival is back, on December 11th at Greenham Park. This amazing family day event will begin at 11am and conclude at 4pm. We are excited to bring some talented youth bands along as well as the open mic. Many more details of this exciting event will be released in the coming days and weeks, so stay tuned.

There is this and so much more going on in the Balranald Shire. Stay tuned for more details regarding the 2021-22 'Summer Youth Program' to be released. Including more details about the 'Christmas Movie Night'.

WELCOME CONNIE

Balranald Shire Council would like to announce the appointment of Connie Mallet as Council's Tourism, Communications & Events Coordinator. Connie will be a familiar face to many of you and is eager to connect with the various community sectors and will be visiting our local businesses, community groups and committees over the coming weeks. Connie is located at the Visitor Information Centre and can be reached on 5020 1599 or via email at cmallet@balranald.nsw.gov.au.



Pictured: Back Row: Kit Formosa & Karen Norfolk
Front Row: Kirstyn Simpson & Connie Mallet

DEVELOPMENTS



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
16/09/2021	DA 03/2022	James Golsworthy Consulting	Crown Land on southern bank of the Murray River, off Happy Valley Landing Road, Happy Valley	Irrigation Pump Station
17/09/2021	DA 08/2022	Ashtyn Potter	9619 Balranald Ivanhoe Road, Balranald	Workers Accommodation, Shed & Onsite Sewage Management System
20/09/2021	DA 02/2022	James Golsworthy Consulting	Crown Land on southern bank of the Murray River, off Happy Valley Landing Road, Happy Valley	Irrigation Pump Station
20/09/2021	DA 06/2022	Robert Griffiths	179 Church Street, Balranald	Shed
22/09/2021	DA 04/2022	Andrew Merrett	11 Cary Street, Euston	Four Lot Residential Subdivision
05/10/2021	DA 09/2022	Francesco Chirchiglia	21 Tayla Court, Euston	Dwelling, Garage & Alfresco
07/10/2021	CDC 02/2022	Teina Lusty	81-83 Piper Street, Balranald	Swimming Pool

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

Glenn Wilcox, Acting 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/

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INFRASTRUCTURE

by Ray Davy - Director of Infrastructure & Development

Road Construction and Maintenance

Weimby-Kyalite Road: Work is largely complete on the reconstruction and sealing of approximately 13km of road, with bitumen sealing scheduled for late October. A short section of the road cannot be completed until power line adjustments are carried out by Essential Energy.

Marma-Box Creek Road: Bitumen sealing of a further 1.5km section of road is scheduled for late October. It is hoped that the available funding will allow the bitumen to be extended to the Wampo intersection.

Hatfield-The Vale Road: Work on improvements at Binda is complete.

MR67 Balranald-Ivanhoe Road: Work is progressing on culvert extensions and upgraded signage.

Tapalin Mail Road: Funding has been received to construct and seal a 2km section of road, eastwards from the Shire boundary, including realignment around two curves, replacement of a double grid and installation of two culverts.

Kilpatrick Road & Leslie Drive, Euston: Funding has been received for the reconstruction of Kilpatrick Road between Morris Road and Leslie Drive, and for the widening of Leslie Drive between Kilpatrick Road and Taylor Road, including the section of Taylor Road between Leslie Drive and the Sturt Highway.

Maintenance Grading: Grading of unsealed roads is complete for the time being. Recent works include sections of the Oxley-Clare Road, Euston-Prungle Road and Hatfield-The Vale Road.

Water, Sewerage and Drainage

- Engineering staff are liaising with Public Works Advisory and DPIE (Water) to finalise an Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Plan, with a focus on addressing future population growth and increased demand for water in both Balranald and Euston.
- Council continues to consult with DPIE regarding funding for upgrading the Balranald water supply system, including the water treatment plant.
- The current round of sewer relining has been completed.
- Switchboard upgrades to Balranald sewerage pump station and raw water pump station are delayed as Council await connection arrangements from Essential Energy.
- The switchboard upgrade for Euston raw water pump station will be carried out in coming weeks.
- A replacement for a failed pump at Balranald Sewerage Pump Station is being sourced.
- Stormwater drainage is problematic at various locations in Balranald and options for remedial action are being investigated.

Civic Enhancement Projects

Streetlights

A project to replace existing luminaires throughout Balranald with more efficient LED units is scheduled to take place in November. This work is being co-funded by Council and Essential Energy.



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Football Club Changing Rooms

Demolition work is under way and construction of the new changing room facility will commence in coming weeks.

Balranald Riverfront precinct

Work on an additional 1.9km loop of the eco-trail walkway is currently delayed by water levels. Modifications to the existing swing bridge are scheduled to occur in November. The toilet and barbecues to be installed at the River Bend have been purchased and installation works will proceed when the river level reduces to improve site access.

Tennis Courts

A plinth edging and posts for the central fence have been installed in readiness for the new synthetic surface to be laid in the next few weeks. Once the new surface is finished, surrounding fencing will be erected.

Aerodrome

Upgrading of the perimeter fence has been held up by material supply delays and work on site will commence in November.

Theatre Royal

Commissioning of the new split system air-conditioners is still delayed by metering issues, which are being worked through with Essential Energy. A contract has been awarded for preparation of a conservation plan and upgrading of under-utilised spaces in the building.

Balranald Creative Learning Centre

Construction of this facility is progressing slower than hoped due to lack of availability of contractors. It is hoped that plastering will proceed in November.

Euston Riverfront Reserve and Walking Trails

A number of enhancements to signage and amenities are in hand, including seating, picnic tables, outdoor gym equipment and drinking fountains.

Balranald Cemetery

A new modular toilet building has been purchased and will be erected shortly.



Football Club Change Rooms



Tennis Courts



Balranald Creative Learning Centre

LIBRARY NEWS

by Janaya Gaston - Librarian

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK
"Balranald Shire Library"



Hi Everybody,

Well what a blast it was for our very first kids holiday program! Fully booked and many happy faces...even when getting dressed up and trying to scare people!

I would like to thank all participants for your hard work on our Halloween decorations. I know they are going to look amazing on the night. Remember kids to stalk your poor parents until they let you come.

Big shout out for the support and help over the school holidays from Youth Council leader Jackson, Philipa Gaston, Aleah Richards and the many community members who still braved the tide of students to borrow a book! Your efforts shall not be forgotten!



Did you know you can see our Library Catalogue online!

<http://bookmark.central.sa.edu/bscl.html>

COUNCIL ADS

Australia Day Awards Nominations Now Open!

Bairnald Shire Council is seeking nominations for the 2022 Australia Day Awards, recognising our community for their contributions during 2021.

Council is seeking nominations in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Sports Person of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Sporting Team of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Young Sports Person of the Year
- Environmental Citizen of the Year

- Special Achievement (may be in sport of any field of endeavour)

Nominations must be in writing on the official nomination form and submitted to the General Manager, PO Box 120, Bairnald, NSW 2715. Council offices at 70 Market Street, Bairnald OR emailed council@bairnald.nsw.gov.au. NO later than Tuesday 30 November 2021.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Councils website www.bairnald.nsw.gov.au. Council Offices Or Euston Takeaway/Post Office.



Bairnald Shire Council, 70 Market Street, (PO Box 120) Bairnald 2715
Phone 03 5020 1300 Fax 03 5020 1620 www.bairnald.nsw.gov.au



Second-hand Goods for Sale by Tender

Council has the following available for dispersal for Sale by Tender, inspections will be available by appointment.

1. 10 old stock grids, no bases or side walls
2. Fabricated rear Truck Bumper, BENT
3. 1 Old Tool Trailer Suitable for scrap
4. 2 Old Combination Rollers, Suit Wrecking or Scrap
5. 2 Trailer Axles suit 14 Inch Wheels, One BENT
6. Tank Stand to suit Slide Out Truck Water Tank
7. 4 Hydraulic Arms
8. 4-3 Point Linkage Arms
9. 1 Small Tar Pig Suit Wrecking or Scrap
10. 1 Silver Mazda Hatch Back Suit Parts or Wrecking
11. 1 Black Jeep Wagon V8 Suit Wrecking or Parts

Further items will be added to the list, the website will be updated regularly

Please email council@bairnald.nsw.gov.au with your details, including a phone number by Wednesday 17th November 2021 to register for an inspection.

If you require any further information please email all enquiries to the above email.

BALARNALD SHIRE COUNCIL

Local Government Act 1993, Section 713

Sale of Land for Overdue Rates – Updated Auction List as at 29 October 2021

Notice is hereby given to the owner/s of the properties listed hereunder that Bairnald Shire Council has resolved on 15th June 2021, in accordance with Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993, to sell the land described hereunder and on which the amount of rates stated in each case as at 30 June 2021 is due:

Assessment	Owners or persons having an interest in the land (a)	Description of the Land (b)	Amount of rates (including extra charges) overdue for more than five (5) years (c) \$	Amount of rates (including extra charges) due and in arrears (d) \$	TOTAL AMOUNT OUTSTANDING (e) \$
*2604793	James Richard Blandthorn	Lot B DP 333666 – 145 Ballandella Street, Bairnald NSW 2715	\$5,288.93	\$10,352.58	\$15,641.51
2605526	Alfred John L'Hotelier - Mortgage to Westpac - Caveat to Olive L'Hotelier - Caveat to Legal Aid Commission of Victoria	Lot 3 DP 221453 – Sturt Highway, Euston NSW 2737	\$208.50	\$1,625.70	\$1,834.20
3453384	George Perks	Lot 10 Sec 37 DP 758821 – Oxley Street, Oxley NSW 2711	\$673.63	\$923.84	\$1,597.47
3801895 Withdrawn - New auction date TBA	William Henry Griffiths	Lots 3 & 4 DP 1201771 – Market Street, Bairnald, NSW, 2715	\$143.69	\$1,046.18	\$1,189.87

In default of payment to the Council of the amount stated above, and any other rates (including extra charges) becoming due and payable after the 30 June 2021, before the time fixed for the sale, the said land will be offered for sale by public auction to be held on the 12th of November 2021 at Bairnald Theatre Royal at 10am – 90 Market St, Bairnald NSW 2715 by Leo Conway Agencies of 34 Mayall St, Bairnald NSW 2715 Phone 03-50201330.

- **Occupancy of dwelling unknown. Vacant possession is the responsibility of the purchaser**

COMMUNITY ADS



Dispose of your unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals in one easy collection.

Group 1 chemicals collected free of charge:

- eligible **drumMUSTER** products
- with readable labels
- still in original containers
- not mixed with other products
- within 2 years of expiry or deregistration

Group 2 chemicals are those that have expired and are not part of the **drumMUSTER** program. Group 2 chemicals may incur a fee for service.

* Limits apply to ag and vet chemical resellers.

A NSW CHEMCLEAR COLLECTION IS COMING!

NSW Collection March 2022



Registrations close 28 January 2022



For further information call ChemClear on 1800 008 182

Register your chemicals at ChemClear:
chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical
☎ 1800 008 182



GALLERY NEWS

It was great to have acting GM Glenn Wilcox at the meeting this month. We found him to be informative & encouraging with a positive outlook towards getting the Shire back on track. It was also really great to welcome home Connie Mallet in her new role & we look forward to working with her & supporting the many new projects & ideas she will bring to our community.

The members resolved that due to the continuing uncertainty on the horizon, regular workshops including “Kids Korner” will be postponed until the new year. The acrylic painting workshop with Raylene Richardson, which has already been cancelled twice will also carry over to 2022.

Expressions of interest are invited for a kids “Trash & Treasure” market later in November. Watch for more details & confirmed date on the Balranald link in a couple of weeks. Meanwhile you can reserve your site by contacting Robyn on 0418 316 347.

A new quantity of handcrafted natural timber “Balranald” cheese boards, platters etc. have arrived with plenty of time to lay-by for Xmas along with a great range of original artwork by popular Mildura artist John Prowse.

Thanks to our wonderful community volunteers we are open 7 days per week so call in and check out our great range of products.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 3rd December 2021

Balranald Hospital Auxiliary

Annual Christmas Stall

More details to come



The Maker Shop

Children's Christmas Craft Workshop.

Saturday 6th November.



Morning session 10 am - 12 noon ages 6 - 10 yrs.

Afternoon session 2 pm - 4 pm ages over 11 yrs.

All materials plus snack supplied.

Cost \$15 per child (concessions for more than 1 child)

Thanks very much for your support.

We are planning a Food Fest for 4th December.

More information to come for that.

Robyn 0431 155 456 or Dawn 0429 201 493

MOUSE PLAGUE REBATE

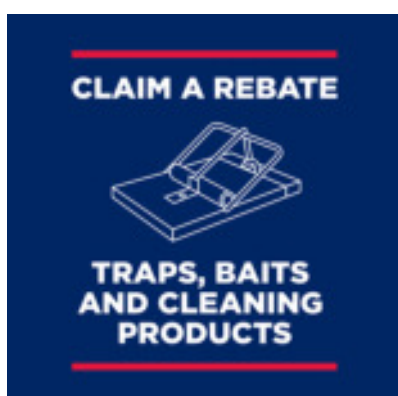
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