



COMMUNITY NEWS

BSC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners of Balranald Shire's 2021 Christmas Lights Competition!

Prizes were awarded as follows:

1st: 172 Lily Street Balranald

2nd: 142 Church Street Balranald

3rd: 184 Market Street Balranald



Thank you to all those who decorated your homes, your efforts in fostering Christmas spirit is greatly appreciated!



Special mention to the new snow machine at Lily Street, all the light locations that made the special effort to dress up and hand out lollies (especially 177 Market Street) and River Street for the whole street effort, even though there was only one entry. But most of all, thank you to everyone for spreading the Christmas joy and making Balranald Council so festive, especially for the kids.



COUNCIL INFO

Street Address: 70 Market Street BALRANALD NSW 2715

Postal Address: PO Box 120 BALRANALD NSW 2715

Phone: 03 5020 1300

After Hours (Emergencies): 0418 322 902

Email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.balranald.nsw.gov.au



Balranald Shire Council



Council Services Opening Hours

Shire Office: Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm

Balranald Pool: Free Entry - 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



Job Vacancies

Please visit our website www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies/ to see our Current Vacancies

Subscribe to receive an e-copy of our Newsletter

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

Subscribe via email to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

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: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au 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.

YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

by Jackson Bialobrzewski - Youth Council Mayor



Hi all,

The Youth Council is very busy currently planning events for Youth Week of 2022, which will occur between the 4th and 14th of April 2022. Events such as 'The Colour of Sound' youth music festival will be occurring during youth week. We cannot wait to present to you this and so much more for Youth Week, working in cooperation with the community to deliver the best week of fun for our youth. Youth Council hopes to run some community forums and surveys in the not-so-distant future to gauge your opinion on what you think should happen for youth week 2022, so stayed tuned for that.

Youth Council is honoured to be assisting our wonderful Australia Day committee in preparing the 2022 event on January 26. We can't wait to share with you details about the day, which will be packed full of fun! Australia day is a time to reflect, respect and celebrate, it brings us together to award some amazing people for their contributions to our community, and to celebrate what we can achieve as a small shire. So, listen out for this year's events, we hope to see you on January 26th.

As we approach the end of the year, I'm sure many kids Christmas lists are full, and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa! The Youth Council wishes the communities of the Balranald Shire, a safe and Merry Christmas, and hopefully to a much better and brighter new year in 2022.

On behalf of the Balranald Shire Youth Council, that's all for now!

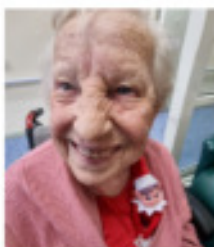
Stay safe, keep well.

Jackson Bialobrzewski

Mayor – Balranald Shire Youth Council



Residents have been busy preparing for Christmas celebrations with their making of Christmas craft! They have made Santa rocks and Christmas star lights with more to come yet. Our Christmas party lunch is coming around quickly, the Santa rocks will make great table decorations. We have recently been introduced to Father Paul the new Catholic Priest. What joy he brings when he visits us for morning tea and brings along his guitar for a song or two. Doreen has been very generous with her time to come and play the piano and have sing-a-long at Happy Hour with the residents. On the 10th of December we celebrated Estelle's 90th birthday! What fun we all had celebrating Estelle with the beautiful decorations and delicious cakes. Staff and Residents here are all looking forward to a lovely Christmas day here at Bidgee Haven, there will be plenty of food and drinks to be had! We hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas with their family and friends and we look forward to seeing you all in 2022!



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
10/11/2021	DA 12/2022	Simone Carmichael	Bank of Wakool River, Road Reserves (Kyalite & Keogh Road) and Kyalite Road, Kyalite	Domestic Pump Station
18/11/2021	DA 05/2022	Alisha Devereux	114A Ballandella Street, Balranald	Transportable Dwelling
18/11/2021	DA 17/2022	Richard Myers	62 Market Street, Balranald	Shed
18/11/2021	DA 18/2022	Darren Lambert	9 Bates Drive, Euston	Shed
23/11/2021	DA 19/2022	Decentralised Demountables	20 Murray Terrace, Euston	Partial demolition of shed & installation of transportable for post office
26/11/2021	DA 11/2022	Nathan Condely	1885 Windomal Road, Balranald	Rural Workers Accommodation & Associated Facilities

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/

Development Applications

For most current list and full details please visit:

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

INFRASTRUCTURE

by Ray Davy - Director of Infrastructure & Development

Road Construction and Maintenance

Balranald-Ivanhoe Road (MR67 North)

Work continues on formation widening on MR67 north of Homebush.



Formation widening works on MR67

Weimby-Kyalite Road

Sealing of the remaining 1km section of Weimby-Kyalite Road will be completed as soon as practicable, following completion of power line adjustments.

Marma-Box Creek Road

Works continue on the reconstruction of Marma-Box Creek Road from the existing bitumen seal to the Wampo intersection. Work will then continue on a 5km section westwards. When completed, these projects will have added 32km of bitumen to the route to Mungo National Park with significant safety and accessibility benefits for tourists as well as workers on the Atlas-Campaspe mine site. Funding will be sought in future to extend the bitumen as far as the Turlee turnoff to the National Park.



Formation works and pavement construction on Marma Box Creek Road

Kilpatrick Road / Leslie Drive Euston and Tapalin Mail Road Tenders have been received for works on Kilpatrick Road Euston, Leslie Drive Euston and Tapalin Mail Road. These tenders were presented to Council meeting on 17th December and contracts will be awarded to the successful parties.

Unsealed road maintenance

Maintenance grading on unsealed roads is being carried out in response to priority needs within budget constraints. Some emergency works have been undertaken on Wooranbarra-Corrong Road to mitigate damage from expected flooding on the Lachlan River. A badly deformed section of the Tarwong-Freshwater Road has also been graded

Water, Sewerage and Drainage

Water Security

Further meetings have been held with Public Works Advisory and DPIE (Water) regarding the future growth in demand for water and sewerage for both Balranald and Euston.

Continued..

Balranald Sewerage Program

A replacement backup pump for Balranald Sewerage Pump Station has been ordered and should be available by Christmas

Civic Enhancement Projects

Balranald Riverfront Precinct

Work continues to be delayed by high river levels. Materials and equipment are being held ready for installation when conditions permit. Outdoor gym equipment and some furniture has been installed. A 1.9km loop extension of the walking trail will proceed when the contractor can access the site.

Euston Riverfront Reserve and Walking Trails

New information signage has been designed and ordered. New seats and picnic tables to be installed at key locations have been received and are awaiting installation. Outdoor gym equipment and drinking fountains have been installed.

Kyalite Riverside Reserve

The parking area adjacent to Anzac Park is complete. Quotations have been received for the construction of steps linking Anzac Park to the Riverfront Reserve.

Buildings and Facilities

Football Club Changerooms

Work is well under way on construction of the new facility. Footings have been constructed and framing erected.



Tennis Courts

Football changerooms under construction at Greenham Park

The artificial playing surface has been laid and fence posts installed. Due to contractor availability, the fence will not be completed until the new year. Resurfacing of the carpark is planned for late December or early January.

Balranald Creative Learning Centre

Building works and internal fit-out are complete. Sealing of the carpark is planned for late December or early January.

Balranald Cemetery

A new modular toilet building is currently being installed.

Euston Recreation Reserve

It is hoped that the new playground equipment will be installed in the new year.

COUNCIL NEWS

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FROM HELEN DALTON MP.

Helen Dalton visited Balranald on Thursday 9th December 2021 to present Community Recognition awards to some Balranald community members for the recognition of their services within Balranald community.

Leanne Giansiracusa - for her dedication and caring with the Adult Day Care especially during the Covid pandemic.

Emma Moore – for her volunteering and dedication with the Health Services, Emma also goes above and beyond her duties to care for our community, and different groups within the community.

Chris Camin – for his volunteer works throughout the community and with nurturing the trees along the road to the truck wash.

Jedda and Maxine Kelly – for their works with the upkeep of the Aboriginal Cemetery and the installation of sprinkler system.

Zaidyn McAlister – for his outstanding works in the Balranald Cemetery.

Zaidyn is the youngest recipient that Helen has ever presented a community service award to. Congratulations to all the recipients



Continued..

The following is a snapshot summary of Balranald Council's 2020/21 Financial Statement

	2021 \$ '000	2020 \$ '000
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing operations	19,113	18,816
Total expenses from continuing operations	14,675	15,248
Operating result from continuing operations	4,438	3,570
Net operating result for the year	4,438	3,570
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	753	(487)
Statement of Financial Position		
Total current assets	20,586	14,357
Total current liabilities	(7,613)	(4,432)
Total non-current assets	148,479	147,107
Total non-current liabilities	(2,143)	(2,336)
Total equity	159,309	154,696

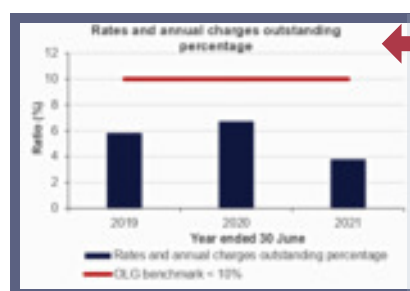
PERFORMANCE

The following graphs provide an overview of Council's performance against the performance measures and benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government (OLG).



The **Operating Performance Ratio** measures how well council contained operating expenditure with operating revenue (excluding capital grants & contributions, fair value adjustments, and reversal of revaluation decrements).

✓ Council met the OLG Benchmark for the current reporting period.



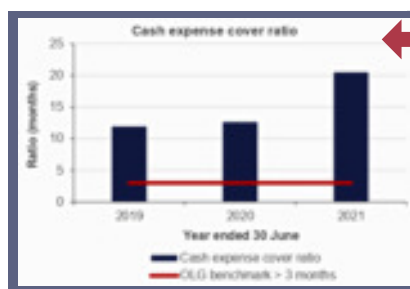
The **Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage** assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on council's liquidity and the adequacy of debt recovery efforts.

✓ Council met the OLG Benchmark for the current reporting period.



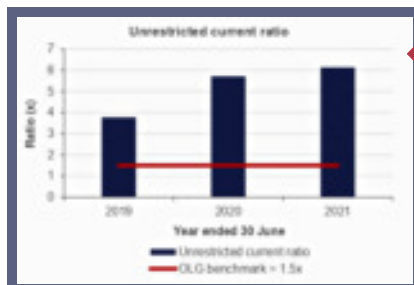
The **Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio** measures council's fiscal flexibility and the degree to which it relies on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions.

✗ Council did not meet the OLG Benchmark for the current reporting period.



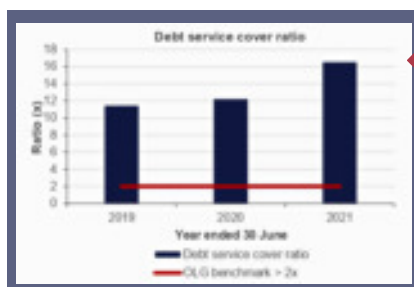
The **Cash Expense Cover Ratio** is a liquidity ratio which indicates the number of months the council can continue paying for immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

✓ Council met the OLG Benchmark for the current reporting period.



The **Unrestricted Current Ratio** is specific to local government and represents council's ability to meet its short-term obligations as they fall due.

✓ Council met the OLG Benchmark for the current reporting period.



The **Debt Service Cover Ratio** measures the operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments.

✓ Council met the OLG Benchmark for the current reporting period.



Please note that you can access the full 2020/21 Financial Statement on Council's website at: balranald.nsw.gov.au/

Continued..

Happy Holiday

On behalf of the Administrator and staff at Balranald Shire Council we would like to wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

If you are travelling over the holiday period, please take regular rest breaks and travel safely.

Council Closure

Members of the community are informed that Councils Office in Balranald and its depots at Balranald and Euston will be closed for all business from 3pm Friday 24th December until Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 9am.

In an emergency please contact Councils after hours phone number on Balranald 0418 322 902 or Euston 0419 693 956. If busy please leave a message and a contact phone number.

Bidgee Haven Aged Hostel News

Council on Friday 17th December has resolved to establish a Council committee (s355) to assist in the management of the hostel. This committee is to draw on local and other experience in the management of aged care facilities, to establish working budgets and to assist the management to continue to develop the facility to the standards expected by the community.

Council has placed an application form and the Committee Constitution on its website and will be taking applications from suitably qualified persons up to the Friday 4th February 2022.

All applicants shall be required to prove experience and qualifications to the position being applied for.

Arboriculture and Environmental Consultancy

Craig Hallam and his team from ENSPEC visited Balranald on 16th and 17th December. ENSPEC is a specialist Arboriculture and Environmental Consultancy company.

The specialist teams carried out work on a number of trees within Balranald township considered to be high risk.

A number of trees along the river in Balranald were pruned to a limited extent due to the presence of endangered microbat colonies within the wood.

Gum trees in ANZAC park were pollarded as a temporary safety measure. ENSPEC have recommended that these trees be completely removed and replaced within five years.

This future project will be planned by Council with the help and advice of Balranald Beautification Committee and the team from ENSPEC.

ENSPEC inspected and advised on the future maintenance of a number of other trees within Balranald and Euston, where concerns have been raised about safety.

Council were reassured about the safety of some of these trees and the need for maintenance on others.

Position Vacant - Bidgee Haven S355 Committee

Council is calling for 4 positions on the newly established s355 Committee.

Application forms and the Committee Constitution are available on Council's website at <http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/your-council/committees/>

Applications must be accompanied by details of professional experience, qualifications or relationship to a resident or family member in the hostel. Current and ex-employees who resigned in the past 12 months of Council are not eligible to apply.

Applications are to be addressed to the General Manager, Balranald Shire Council and may be emailed to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au or posted ensuring Council receives prior to the closing date to PO Box 120 Balranald 2715.

Applications close 5pm on Friday 4th February 2022.

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



COMMUNITY ADS

THE GALLERY

A Merry Christmas from all at The Gallery and thank you everyone for their support in 2021, looking forward to seeing everyone at the opening of our new building on Feb 12th 2022.

Enquiries 0418316347.

Don't forget Market day specials
10% off all stock one day only.



No Interest Loans for back-to-school costs

Borrow up to \$1500 Pay back \$1500
No Fees. No Charges. Ever.

Talk to the people you know and trust

NILS
No Interest Loans for Students
and Young Adults

Intereach
1300 488 226
contact@intereach.com.au

intereach

For people on low incomes, who regularly borrow from Nils.com.au
NILS Loans are supported by Good Shepherd Microfinance ABN 55 257 124 442

in partnership with
Good Shepherd Microfinance **nab** Supporting you for trading

THE BALRANALD HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Balranald Hospital Auxiliary would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year and look forward to your continued support in 2022

We would like to say thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas Street Stall and Christmas Raffle

We made \$1,600.00 from our Stall and raised \$1,100.00 through our Raffle

The winners of our Christmas Raffle is as follows:

Christmas Cake - Alan Purtill

Hamper of Goodies - Peter Sidaway

Christmas Hamper - Neil Finn

Wooden Rocking Horse - Heather Mitchell

Wooden Crane - Greg Brougham

Wooden Truck and Grader - Angela Harben

3 Wooden Jigsaw Puzzles - Toni Campbell

All wooden toys were made and donated by Brad Simpson. The Christmas Cake was made and decorated by Katherine Ferguson. The Christmas Hamper was donated by Kirstyn Simpson and Denise Conway donated the Hamper of Goodies. Many thanks to everyone that donated prizes toward our Christmas Raffle



Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

SAVE THE DATE!

DON'T MISS the 26th January 2022 for our Australia Day events being held in Balranald & Euston. There will be lots of activities happening in both towns! More will be revealed in early January 2022 so watch out for further announcements!