

BIDGEE HAVEN RETIREMENT HOSTEL UPDATE

Last month Council reported that it has resolved to look for purchasers to buy and operate the Bidgee Haven Hostel and that any sale would be subject to conditions and restrictions to ensure that the Hostel remains available to the Shire community and the options around the sale would also include the transfer of grant funding from the Federal Government.

Council at its meeting on Tuesday 16th November, considered the advice from the Executive of Chairs Advisory Committee around the future sale of the Hostel and the concerns that they presented as being reflected in the community.

The Administrator, Mr Mike Colreavy considered the advice and determined that to allow additional information and reporting to be undertaken on the Hostel, its operations and financial ability, he has placed the decision to seek expressions of interest for the divestment on hold until February 2022. A further report is required to Council at that time.

As part of placing the sale on hold, Council will look at an interim management committee from its Administrator and staff and will consider a future management committee structure to comply with the Federal Governments Aged Care Facility requirements.

Details and an application process will be presented to the Council in December 2021.

Council thanks the community for its advice in relation to the future of the Hostel.



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YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

by Jackson Bialobrzeski - Youth Council Mayor Hello all,



Unfortunately, we have had to make a decision to cancel all our events we have scheduled until 2022. Unforeseen circumstances have arisen which has put a halt to the planning process until 2022. We cannot wait to bring forward more exciting events for you to participate in during 2022. Unfortunately, this means that our 'Colour of Sound' music festival will also be postponed until 2022. But by doing this we get to extend out our planning process and bring you an even bigger and better event than what we first could have planned. So, stay tuned!

Just recently we have officially launched the all-new Balranald Shire Youth Council Facebook page, so be sure to go check it out. Please also make sure to like and follow it to get the earliest updates on all our events. We also hope to post important information for youth about health, well-being, and opportunities that may arise to them.

We recently held our 'Happy Halloween Party', which was a major success. We are very grateful for all our volunteers, including Project manager Kris McIntyre, Courtney, Janaya and Dave Gaston, Fiona Jackson and a special thank you to the Balranald Sports Shop for donating the prize voucher. Congratulations to Ava Moore who won the best dress up and to Aleah Richards who won the closest guess in the lolly jar. We were able to raise a great amount that will go towards Youth Events in the Balranald Shire.

Recently, we held our first youth council car wash, which was an amazing success. Thank you to everyone who donated, who had their cars washed, to all our volunteers (there are too many to name them all!!), to the people who donated their water, to Charlie and Sue at the Discovery Café for giving free coffees to each car wash customer, and to the Balranald Caltex for donating drinks for our volunteers. We really appreciate all your support.

For now, that's it.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Jackson Bialobrzeski, Mayor -**Balranald Shire Youth Council**

HOSTEL NEWS BALRANALD RETIREMENT HOSTEL

16th of November 2021

What a start to November! We have The following week we been busy here at Bidgee Haven. We kicked off with celebrating the Thank you to all for your input Melbourne Cup - A Grand Day at the Magnolia Marquee! The beautiful yellow roses and decorations really made us feel as Aboriginal, Pacific & Torres if we were at Flemington Racecourse. The foods, nibbles and Women. Two - Up was a big hit, punch were enjoyed by all. Residents placed their bets and watched the horses run. Some of the horses may still be coming...



commemorated Remembrance Day into making the poppies which lit up our front garden. The black poppies represented our Straight Islander Service Men and Lots of money changing hands and Chris was an excellent spinner.





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
18/10/2021	DA 14/2022	Andrew Griffiths	Market Street, Balranald	Shed
20/10/2021	DA 26/2017 Mod 1	Balranald One Stop Wash Pty Ltd	80 Market Street, Balranald	Proposed Three (3) Bay Car Wash & Partial Demolition of Existing Building
20/10/2021	DA 10/2022	L.R. Follett Investments Co Pty Ltd	21 Murray Terrace, Euston	Three Lot Subdivision
28/10/2021	DA 16/2022	Chris Murphy	88 Dowling Street, Balranald	Shed
02/11/2021	DA 15/2022	Michael Griffiths	131 Boynton Street, Balranald	Shed

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

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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

Balranald-Ivanhoe Road (MR67 North): Work is proceeding on shoulder widening of a 6km section of Balranald-Ivanhoe Road, north of Homebush.

Weimby-Kyalite Road: Work is nearing completion on the reconstruction and sealing of the Weimby-Kyalite Road as far as Junction Park Station, with only a short section of the road to be completed once power line adjustments are carried out by Essential Energy.

Marma-Box Creek Road: Works have recommenced on the reconstruction of Marma-Box Creek Road from the existing bitumen seal to the Wampo intersection. Funding has been approved to reconstruct a further 5km westwards from the intersection, to follow on from the current works.

Kilpatrick Road & Leslie Drive: Invitations for tenders have been advertised for pavement rehabilitation on Kilpatrick Road and the widening of Leslie Drive in Euston.



Bitumen Sealing, Weimby-Kyalite Road

Tapalin Mail Road: Invitations for tenders have been advertised to reconstruct and seal a 2km section of Tapalin Mail Road on an improved alignment, eastwards from the Shire boundary with Wentworth Shire.

Euston-Prungle Road: Funding has been approved to extend the bitumen on a further 2km north from the intersection with Benanee Road. This work will be carried out in the 2022-23 financial year.

Water, Sewerage and Drainage

Water Security Project: A report on water supply issues for Balranald has been prepared and submitted to DPIE to support the application for potential funding for upgrading the Balranald water supply system. Representations are being made for a similar assessment of the future needs of Euston.

Civic Enhancement Projects

Kyalite Riverside Reserve: Work is proceeding to develop a parking area adjacent to Anzac Park, led by the local Progress Association with Council assistance. Quotations have been received for the construction of steps linking Anzac Park to the Riverfront Reserve. This work will be partially funded by in-kind contributions from the Association and local business.

Balranald Riverfront Project: Work continues to be delayed by high river levels.

Euston Riverfront Reserve and Walking Trails: Enhancements to signage and amenities are in hand. New seats and picnic tables have been received and are awaiting installation. Outdoor gym equipment has been installed, and drinking fountains ordered.

Buildings and Facilities

Football Club Changerooms: Demolition of the existing building has been completed and work has commenced on footings for the new facility.

Balranald Creative Learning Centre: Construction of this facility is nearing completion. Brickwork, plastering, and painting are all completed. Internal fit-out is now proceeding.

Tennis Courts: The contractor has resumed work on site. Placement of the playing surface and all remaining works are scheduled to take place by the end of November.

Visitor Centre/Discovery Centre: Plans for the proposed redevelopment have been advertised for public comment, and referred to the relevant Advisory Committees. Further work is in hand to assess costing before proceeding to tenders.

Balranald Cemetery: A new modular toilet building has been purchased but delivery has been delayed and is not now expected until December.



Euston Outdoor Gym Equipment



Creative Learning Centre Under Construction

Euston Recreation Reserve: Orders have been placed for new playground equipment and funding is being sought for replacement change sheds for netball.

COUNCIL NEWS

Australia Day Awards Nominations Now Open!						
our community for their contributions during 2 Council is seeking nominations in the following - Citizen of the Year - Sports Person of the Year - Community Event of the Year - Sporting Team of the Year - Special Achievement (may be in sport of any Nominations must be in writing on the officia Manager, PO Box 120, Balranald. NSW 2715, emailed council@balranald.nsw.gov.au. NO lat	categories: - Young Citizen of the Year - Young Sports Person of the Year - Environmental Citizen of the Year field of endeavour) I nomination form and submitted to the General Council offices at 70 Market Street, Balranald OR					
Balranald Shire Council, 70 Market Street, (PO Box 120) Balranald 2715 Phone 03 5020 1300 Fax 03 5020 1620 www.balranald.nsw.gov.au						

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2021/2022 GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR BALRANALD & EUSTON

Balranald Business & Residents

who have their bins emptied on Mondays are advised that collection will be **Tuesday 28th December** (instead of Monday 27th December) Collection on **Monday 3rd January** will be as usual.

Balranald Business & Euston Residents Bins will be collected on Fridays as usual. Friday 24th & 31st December

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



VISITORS AT OUR CARAVAN PARK

Paddling down the Murrumbidgee

A group from Maroondah Bush Walking Club passed through Balranald on their way down the Murrumbidgee paddling their kayaks. Although the main focus of the club is bush walking (based in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne), they are sub groups within the Club who do other outdoor activities (examples cycling, kayaking, historic walks etc).

Their paddle started at Childowla 10kms down stream from Burrinjuck Dam. The first stage covered from Wagga Wagga,

Narrandera and to Darlington Point. The second and final stage was to be from Darlington Point to Boundary Bend on the Murray but unfortunetly we had to pull out at Redbank Weir due to Algae blooms.

After waiting for a couple of years due to COVID-19 the group is now finishing off the task by paddling Maude to Boundary Bend. The group have 4.2 standard sit on kayaks whilst the 3rd Member has a hobie foot peddle type.

The river has been much higher than our previous stage where there were plenty of snags in the river said Leader Jim Happ. Now that we have 10,000 ML/day going down the river is really up to the banks. We are more concerned about finding a high and dry campsite each night. The bird life has been sensational. We have seen plenty of spoonbills nesting, several types of cormorant, 4 types of heron, sea eagles, sacred kingfishers and ducks galore as well as Swamp wallabies, grey kanagroos and sadly plenty of feral goats, pigs and foxes etc The group is having a rest day in Balranald and staying at the Balranald Caravan

Park, leaving Monday 22nd November. We were most impressed with the plaques talking about Diggers from this area on the Remembrance Walk, and the beautiful histroic homes and buildings said the Team Member Rob Jung and Jorg Metz.

Jet Skiers

Dean, Thomson & Brendan started their journey on their Jet Skies at Jugiong. They took 4 days to arrive in Balranald, averaging 300/350Ks per day. Originally there were 4 skiers but one hit a log & ended up with a cracked hull having to go home. They had a great stay at the Balranald Caravan Park. Dean has Jet skied the full length of Canada starting at Juno & finishing in Alaska. They had a fantastic Land Crew for support.





REVIEW OF COUNCILS RATING STRUCTURE TO INCLUDE A MINING RATE CATEGORY

The Public Enquiry (2019) by the NSW Government into Balranald Shire Council identified a need to undertake a review of its rating structures including the introduction of a Mining Rate(s).

Mining rates are a normal part of many NSW Councils rating structures, however due to the small level of past activity in the mining areas, this Council did not introduce a mining rate and relied on the business rate structure. Council has undertaken initial discussions with IPART who assess the rate structures and provide advice to the NSW Government on rate categories and rate applications.

As part of this review, the Council is requesting that all future Mining Rates are treated as a Special Rate Variation and are applied above the current rating categories. This will mean that a new mine rate will not impact on the total rate pool but will sit outside of the rate pool. Due to the nature of mining and other State Significant developments such as wind or solar farms, the development and continuation of activity is dependent on markets and production needs. By having the Mine Rate sit outside of the normal rate pool, the fluctuations to other rates such as the business or rural rate is minimised and rates for mining can be assessed at the true value by the NSW Valuer Generals Office rather than be linked to a fixed business rate as presently exists. Further it allows Council to work with the mining companies to plan works and outcomes that support the mines, their workers and transport where possible.

Although Council can request that the rates structure is altered, it is not the organisation that establishes any rate value or how this is applied to a parcel of land. Mining rates are assessed by the Valuer Generals Office and are applied to different metalliferous and non-metalliferous mines based around the Valuer Generals cost mechanism.

For all rate assessment advice and how values are established, you may wish to contact the Valuer Generals Office and seek a determination as to your individual circumstances. General Rate enquiries including hardship relief provisions should be directed to Councils Rates Officer.

COMMUNITY ADS

MY HEALTH NOTEBOOK AVAILABLE IN BALRANALD

If you are fairly fit and healthy and don't visit the Doctor or other health care providers regularly, remembering important health related information between visits can be hard.

If you are managing an ongoing health condition or undergoing treatment, Keeping up with people Appointments. medication and information can be over whelming.

If only there was an easy way to keep on top of your health information......

Well now there is My Health Note Book is a free personal health journal to help you keep track of people, information and activities that are essential for managing your health.

How you use My Health Notebook is up to you.

Keeping notes in my health notebook makes managing your health and health care easier because everything is in a convenient place.

You can use these notes for your own information or share them with your health care provider on your next visit.

My Health note book was developed by Western NSW Primary Health network (PHN) and is being trialled in several towns across Western and Far west NSW including Balranald.

The PHN is hoping Balranald residents will use the notebook then provide feed back about what is good and what we may improve on.

Copies will be available from Maari Ma, Dr Zotov and Primary health staff at the health service.

ART GALLERY

We are pleased to report increased visitor numbers & sales over the past couple of weeks and our new build is progressing well and nearing completion. The anticipated opening date has been put back until February.

Our South West Arts team also came over from Deniliquin to receive input for the new strategic plan. It was recognised by S W Arts that a greater emphasis should be put on programs for the youth of our community as well as finding ways to deliver workshops, exhibitions & other cultural activities.

Sadly we have had to postpone the Bal-Archies until October 2022, date to be advised.



#ITSINTHE Bag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR ADULT BAG

Shampoo & Conditioner | Toothbrush & Toothpaste Soap | Roll on Deodorant | Sealed Period Products



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This year, students in Year 9 and Year 10 are collecting for the #ItsInTheBag charity drive.

These bags go to women in need over the Christmas period, ensuring they have the essentials to afford them dignity, as well as some extra goodies to make them feel special! If any members of the wider school community would like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at the Front Office.

Essential items are listed on the left. Personal hygiene products must be full size and unopened. The following CANNOT be included in these bags: • Aerosol deodorants or body

- sprays
 Sharp instruments e.g. razors
 - or scissors
- Food items
- Pharmaceutical products including condoms and medication

Good quality second-hand handbags, backpacks and small duffel bags are very welcome as well!

Let's help brighten this Christmas period for these ladies 😡

Thank you for your support!



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Disability Advocacy and Support Services

Artwork by local artist: Troy Firebrace - FIREBRACE Designs

Do you need support to help you speak out and defend your rights and interests?

Do you need help to make a submission to the Disability Royal Commission?

RIAC CAN HELP YOU

RIAC builds the capacity of individuals with disability, their families, carers and the greater community through disability advocacy and support services.







WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Kyalite Progress & Recreation Reserve Association have engaged local consultant, Rachael Williams, to put together a Community Masterplan for the Kyalite area and we want to hear from YOU! This plan will look at what would make Kyalite a better place to visit, live, & work. A short survey is currently running to collect your ideas for Kyalite.

Please scan this QR code or visit <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KyaliteMasterplan</u> to complete the survey online.

Copies are also available at the Kyalite Pub or by contacting the Association secretary, Mon Carmichael, on 0488 499931.

The deadline for completing the survey is Sunday 12th December with results to be presented at an information session at the Kyalite Pub, 7pm Wednesday 15th December. All welcome!



Need equipment to work or study from home? NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEMI

The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) is still available throughout Intereach's NSW service area, despite the challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic. Applications can now be completed over the phone or via video conference.



Eligible applicants can use NILS to purchase equipment such as laptops or printers, to enable work or study to continue from home.

Loans are available for essential goods and services, up to \$1,500. Repayments are set at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months.

To be eligible for NILS you must have a healthcare or pension card, earn under \$45,000, have lived in your current residence for three months, and have a willingness and capacity to repay the loan.

NILS



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For full details please contact Intereach on 1300 488 226 or email community@intereach.com.au HANDE The HANDE WOH Shop Shop

THE MAKER SHOP Christmas Food Fest. Saturday 11th Dec. 9am - 12 pm. At the Maker Shop on Market Street. Stock up on special Christmas goodies. Tasting table - try something different. Artisan Belgium Chocolate. Plus lots of lovely stuff!!!



Balranald Golden Slipper Cup Race Meet Saturday 19th March 2022

Are you under 25 & starting your career??

The Country Education Foundation of Bairanaid has opened its annual grants round for all young people living within the Bairanaid Shire (including the towns of Euston, Bairanaid and beyond).

If you are transitioning from school (or a gap year or even a few years of working) into your career, are aged 16-25yrs and **need some financial support in meeting your career goals** then go to the Country Education Foundation Australia website: <u>https://cef.org.au/apply-for-a-grant/</u> create a 'Student Registration' selecting **Balranaid** as your local Foundation and complete an application form. For questions or concerns call / email Rachael Williams 0416 201 643 / <u>rachael@locallogicplace.com.au</u>

Applications must be completed online and received by COB **5pm Monday 31st January 2022** (late applications will not be accepted) and interviews will be held by mid-February 2022. Grants to our local young people are made possible with financial support from key local sponsors including Bairanald Shire Council, Bairanald Inc., Bairanald ICPA,

Balranald Ex-Services Memorial Club and TransGrid's Community Partnerships Program

Keep the date free for the Annual Balranald Community



CHRISTIMAS CAROLS

Sunday 12th Dec 2021 6.00pm Greenham Park Hall Come along for an evening of fellowship and fun to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

* Presented by Balranald combined churches





Balranald Can Assist Branch Nov/Dec Events 2021

19 Nov – Christmas raffle ticket sales @ Balranald Club 6pm-8pm

26 Nov – Balranald Can Assist Cake-for-a-Cause Stall @ Snr Citizens Centre 9.30am-11.30am

27 Nov - Christmas raffle ticket sales @ Balranald Newsagency 7am-11.30am

1 Dec - Balranald Can Assist Bookshop to reopen to the public

6 Dec – December monthly meeting @ Bookshop 5.30pm-6.30pm

10 Dec - Christmas raffle ticket sales & raffle drawn @ Balranald Club 6pm-9pm

10 Dec – Balranald Can Assist Christmas Party @ Duryea Restaurant 7.30pm-9.30pm

If you can help by selling tickets, cooking a cake, selling cakes, opening the bookshop, attend the monthly meeting or wish to attend the Christmas Party please let Alison Linnett know asap so we can follow COVID guidelines. Phone/text0427.502019. (Please be aware that volunteers are required to wear a mask, sanitise, maintain social distancing and be vaccinated.)

BALRANALD BRANCH CAN ASSIST MEGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2021

ORDER	PRIZE	DONATOR		
1	Jan Lawler Bird Painting	Jan Lawler		
2	Shed shelving	Olivia & David McNabb		
3	Television	Betty Blake		
4	LeGeesvouchers	Sue & Peter Murphy, LeGees		
5	Partylite bundle	Kaylene Simpson		
6	Bunnings voucher	Bunnings, Swan Hill		
7	Shop local card	Alan Powis		
8	Shamrock voucher	Shamrock Hotel/Motel		
9	Party Lite bundle	Kaylene Simpson		
10	Partylite bundle	Kaylene Simpson		
11	Partylite bundle	Kaylene Simpson		
12	Meat on Market Voucher	Errol & Val Bradbury		
13	In the Garden voucher & glass bottles	John Brown, Kyla O'Halloran		
14	Balranald Sports voucher & library bags	Sue & Peter Johnson, MaryAnne & Tim O'Halloran		
15	Image 101 voucher & kids toys	Sandy Pippin, MaryAnne & Tim O'Halloran		
16	Balranald Sports voucher	Therese Comitti		
17	Soaps/candles basket	Rachel Moore		
18	Meat on Market voucher	John Brown		
19	Balranald Sports voucher	Balranald Sports		
20	Papas fuel voucher & wine	Steve & Amelia Calleja, Tina Powis		