



COMMUNITY NEWS

BSC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID UNICOMB ON 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to David Unicomb for 40 years of continuous service with Balranald Shire Council. David was presented with a Certificate last week at Council Meeting.

WELCOME NEW SERGEANT TO BALRANALD

Luke Haynes joined the NSW Police in 2010, where he spent 3 years in the inner west of Sydney at Burwood Police Station. In 2013 he transferred to Albury Police Station where he spent the last 8 years. Luke has completed general duties policing his whole career and thoroughly enjoy being on the front line.

Luke sought a promotion to Balranald as Sergeant as he wanted to experience policing in a small community environment. Welcome to Balranald Luke.



Council has recently received advice of the following successful grants:

Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4 – \$527,626

- demolition of existing netball change rooms and construction of new, inclusive, combined change rooms and public toilets at Euston Recreation Reserve
- renewed 200 lux LED outdoor sport lighting to both Balranald and Euston netball courts

Crown Reserve Improvement Fund - \$771,500

- upgrades to Balranald Caravan Park entry, reception and residence; amenities, sites and accommodation and guest facilities



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 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 11am—6pm

Closed Mondays except on Public Holidays (11am-6pm)

Closing times will extend to 8pm during School Holidays

Balranald Library: Monday & Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm, Wednesday 9am-5.30pm (closed for lunch 12pm-1pm each day)

Balranald Landfill: Tuesday & Thursday 4pm - 6pm, Saturday 10am-1pm, Sunday 10am-3pm

Euston Landfill: Tuesday & 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

- **General Equipment Operator & Euston Water & Sewer Support**

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

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YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

by Jackson Bialobrzkeski - Youth Council Mayor



Hello everyone,

This year, Youth Week will run from April 4th to the 14th, and so far, we have planned two amazing events to bring to you. On Tuesday the 12th of April, we are excited to bring back the 'Mildura Bus Trip', and on Thursday April 14th (date subject to change), in conjunction with both the Balranald and Euston Bowls Clubs, we will be hosting a 'Barefoot Bowls Evening' for our youth to enjoy. We are excited to tell you more in the days and weeks to come, so watch this space, and check our Facebook page for details as they are announced.

Youth Council is currently also preparing a photography competition for our youth to partake in. Photos that are taken and submitted may become used for marketing of our beautiful region. We encourage young photographers to get their cameras ready and start taking the best of photos you can, more details will be released on this soon, including how to enter the competition, so stay tuned.

It is a very busy time in the year, and recently we've been busy establishing new relationships with organisations such as South West Arts to help us deliver the best possible programs for our youth moving forwards. We are excited moving forward to announce new projects to the community as they are developed, the Balranald Shire is in a progressive direction, and what the future holds is very exciting.

We are also hard at work trying to recruit new Youth Council members, so if you're interested in joining our group,

please get in touch with the Balranald Shire Council by either visiting their offices, calling 03 5020 1300, or even by emailing council@balranald.nsw.gov.au to get an expression of interest form, which is the easiest way to join.

For now, that's all from me!

Keep well, stay safe.

Jackson Bialobrzkeski
Mayor – Balranald Shire Youth Council

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 |
|---------------|------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| 20/12/2021 | DA 20/2022 | James Golsworthy Consulting | Crown Land on southern bank of the Murray River, off Scotty Lane, Kenley | Irrigation Pump Station Upgrade & Erosion Control Work |
| 05/01/2022 | DA 21/2022 | Shaun Ross | 35 Malcolm Street, Balranald | Dwelling Additions |
| 25/01/2022 | DA 22/2022 | Entegra Signature Structures | Morris Road, Euston | Storage Shed |
| 27/01/2022 | DA 25/2022 | Kara Curran | 54 Cary Street, Euston | Demolition of Dwelling |

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

DA 24/2022 – Proposed Gypsum Mine – 881 Ivanhoe Road, Balranald
(Applicant: Balranald Gypsum Pty Ltd)

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

Marma-Box Creek Road

The current works have been completed for the time being. Funding is being sought for further sealing works in the future.

Weimby Kyalite Road

The final 1km of raising the road level and sealing, is planned for the coming months now that the low level powerlines have been lifted.

Water, Sewerage and Drainage

Electrical switchboard work has been carried out at Balranald sewer pump station.

The next round of works to replace sections of old water mains is due to commence in March.

Buildings and Facilities

Football Club Changerooms

Building work on the new changerooms is progressing well. Colorbond sheets are being fitted to the external walls and internal fit-out is ongoing. The builders are working hard to ensure that the new facility will be ready for the first game of the season on 2nd April.



Football Club Changerooms



New playground at Euston Rec Reserve

Euston Recreation Reserve

New playground equipment has been installed.

Funding has been received under Stage 4 of Stronger Country Communities Fund for replacement netball changing rooms, public toilets and new lights for the netball courts.

Tennis Courts

The four all-weather tennis courts are complete except for new gates, which are delayed by supplier issues. The courts were officially opened on 19 February 2022.

Balranald Swing Bridge

Works are due to begin in March on widening of the swing bridge and replacement of the walking surface. These changes are designed to make the bridge more accessible to disabled people and easier for dogs to walk on.

Balranald Aerodrome

New kangaroo exclusion fencing is due to be installed around the perimeter of the aerodrome in the coming weeks.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please return any old library books ASAP as the library will be doing a book audit of our stock.

To the right is the up coming author to speak at the library



**Balranald Shire Library**

Membership at Balranald Shire Library is FREE!!!

Your membership will give you access to Library facilities, Borrow box online and Audio book app.

**Step 1:**

Fill out membership form.

**Step 2:**

Return your slip to the Library, to your teacher or Mrs Gaston if you are lucky enough to see her down the street, please hand them in!

**Step 3:**

Your information will be added to our library data base and your very own card will be created.

**Step 4:**

Enter the library and use all the wonderful facilities!

Membership form:

Name:**DOB:**

Address:

Mobile:

Email:

COUNCIL NEWS

EUSTON RESIDENTS RAW WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Council is in the process of replacing old 25mm raw water meters, in the older residential area of Euston, which have well exceeded their life expectancy. Letters have been sent to the owners of the affected properties. The replacement of these meters will commence from 1 March 2022.

When the new meters are installed they will be the current NSW standard 20mm size, as is installed for all new homes. From 1 July 2020 these residences with 25mm meters had their annual access charge temporarily reduced to the lower 20mm rate in anticipation that a 20mm meter would be installed. This has provided these effected Ratepayers with a benefit of a reduction of \$194 in their annual access charge for 2021/22, and savings in each future year incrementally more in ongoing years.

The new 20mm raw water meter may provide a slightly lower water flow rate compared to the current 25mm meter. If you are one of the affected properties and would prefer the new raw water meter to remain at 25mm, then please contact Council prior to the works commencing.

The annual access charge (as shown on annual Rates Notice) across the Balranald Shire in 2021/22 for a 20mm connection is \$345 and for a 25mm connection is \$539. This is because larger meters have the potential to deliver a greater volume of water and this cost difference reflects the additional demand placed on Council's water pump station and supply network. For ratepayers who choose to have a new 25mm meter installed, the access charge will be reinstated at the 25mm price from 1 July 2021.

Please contact Council if you would like to discuss this matter prior to works commencing at your property and we would be more than happy to explain this matter further.

RATES NEWS

Instalment 3 and Water Bills for period ending December 2021 have been posted and are due 28th February 2022. If you have not received your notice, please phone Council on 5020 1300 or email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Do you have a rental property? We are now able to send the water notices to the tenant (we can also send you a copy). Please email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au advising your name, the property address, the Tenants name, tenants postal address, tenants email address (if known).

S355 COMMITTEE – BIDGEE HAVEN HOSTEL

Council is seeking expressions of interest from qualified people to become a member of the new S355 Committee to assist Council in the management of the aged care hostel.

If you have qualifications in the following positions please visit Councils website and complete the attached form;

- Financial Background and qualification (CPA or similar)
- An Aged Care or related Health Administration background
- A Human Resources or similar background
- A person with a Resident
- Family connection to the Hostel

Applications close 18th March 2022



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. 5 Stock Grids with damaged concrete bases, suitable for scrap
2. Fabricated rear Truck Bumper, BENT
3. One Hydraulic Winch
4. One Flocon Combination Roller, Suit Wrecking or Scrap
5. One pallet old bricks approx. 200
6. Tank Stand to suit Slide Out Truck Water Tank
7. One triaxle trailer 16' x 6' unregistered, suit wrecking or scrap
8. One plant trailer 10' x 6' single Axle, suit wrecking or scrap
9. 1 Small Tar Pig Suit Wrecking or Scrap
10. One 7' x 5' single axle trailer, one wheel missing, suit wrecking or scrap
11. Truck Pull set up for Bartlett Ball coupling
12. Pavers, various sizes

Please email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au with your details, including a phone number by Tuesday 15th March 2022 to register for an inspection.

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

DRAFT POLICIES & PLANS

Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting to publicly display the following documents for comment:

Draft Community Strategic Plan—22nd March 2022

Draft Caravan park Management Plan—22nd March 2022

A copy of these policies and Plans can be located on Councils website - www.balranald.nsw.gov.au and hard copies in councils office.

Written comments and feedback are to be received at Council no later than 5pm, Tuesday 22nd March 2022 and addressed to: General Manager, P.O. Box 120, BALRANALD NSW 2715 OR Emailed to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Balranald Shire Council, 70 Market Street, (PO Box 120) Balranald 2715

Phone 03 5020 1300 Fax 03 5020 1620 www.balranald.nsw.gov.au



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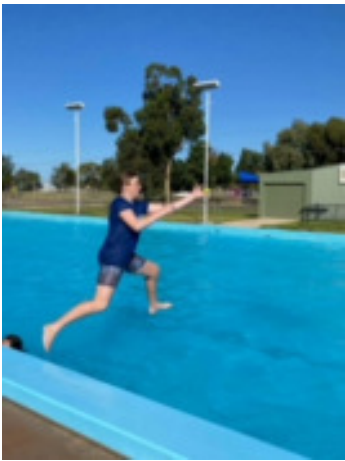
ACTIVE POOLS YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM

Active Pools Youth Pilot Program has been running for 5 weeks on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 5-6pm. Children who have attended have been involved with sports such as soccer, volleyball, cricket and water based activities. Thank you to Mrs Amelia Calija for supporting this program and helping facilitate activities in the pool grounds.

Wednesday the 9th was a big night for this program and the last for the age group of 12-16 year olds. The night started with children in teams running an escape room style competition which lead to the main event of Kickmottball, a game originating from Mary Mackillop School where some of our children attend. This new game has been modified by the students who attended the program and involved the bonus prize of free pizza!!!

A huge THANKYOU to the children who have come along and supported this program over the last 5 weeks. You have shown great strength in continuing to come along, have a go and make the experience fun for all!

Thursday 17th of February saw the kick off for ages 6- 11. This younger Youth program will also run for 4 weeks and is free. This program will run from 3:10 – 5pm at the pool. Children must register before starting the program at the library or on the library face book page. Be on the lookout for our posters!



GAME ON



Active Pools Youth Project

RUN BY MRS GASTON WITH SUPPORT FROM JACKSON B.

Active Pools Youth program would like to offer the chance for children ages 6-11 to participate in a registered four week sport program.

Where: Balranald Shire Pool

When : Thursdays 3:10 -5pm

Starting Thursday 17th of Feb - finishing Thursday 10th of March

Children must be registered to participate!

You can register at the library.

Must Bring swimmer/towels, Joggers, Hat and Water bottle!

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OPENING OF THE TENNIS COURTS

The Grant was through The Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 which is a NSW Government fund. Project Manager was Fraser White from Balranald Shire Council. The grant was for Stage 1 of the Tennis Club Upgrade Masterplan to upgrade four out of the six lawn courts to synthetic turf hard courts.

It was officially opened by Glenn Wilcox. The opening was very well attended by the community and the committee did a fabulous job with catering at all three progressive dinner venues (The Tennis Club, The Footy Sheds (main meal) and dessert at Lisa's & Turps place). Big Congratulations to all involved in putting on a wonderful event.



GALA OPENING OF THE NEW BALRANALD CREATIVE & LEARNING CENTRE BUILDING

Gala Opening of the new Balranald Creative & Learning Centre building last Saturday 12th February held at the Balranald Art Gallery grounds. The building was officially opened by Balranald Shire Council's Administrator, Mr Michael Colreavy and by Mrs June Spinks who is the original founding member and current committee member of the Balranald Community Arts Centre.

Balranald Shire Council, along with the support of the Balranald Art Gallery, was successful in obtaining funding for the construction of the Balranald Creative & Learning Centre under the Stronger Communities Fund Round 3. The project cost \$287,677 and the building contractors were Murphy Builders and Project Manager was Ray Mitchell from the Balranald Shire Council.

The purpose of the project was to address the lack of creative facilities for the community's young people and to provide sufficient storage space for art.

The event also celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Balranald Community Arts & Crafts and the 140th Birthday of the original Masonic Hall.

It's wonderful to see the Balranald Creative & Learning Centre vision come to fruition. Council would like congratulate all the volunteers, speakers, guests, caterers, musicians and all involved who made the opening such a memorable day.



SIP & PAINT WORKSHOP

The Balranald Art Gallery hosted a Sip & Paint workshop at the new Creative Learning building with a fabulous group of ladies. Great company and a great instructor made it a really fun afternoon.



COMMUNITY ADS



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CASE II

HOME BUSH RODEO

April 23rd 2022

Rodeo Starts 4pm
Licenced Bar
Full program of events
COVID rules apply

Homebush Rec. Reserve
Ivanhoe Road Balranald

www.facebook.com/homebushrodeo

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Contact Pip Pippin 0427 206 844

McPHEE RODEO CO.



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National Recovery and Resilience Agency
Rotary

Join us for our community outreach event!

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 & \$500 Rotary vouchers available

Theatre Royal,
90 Market Street, Balranald
Monday 7 March 2022
4:00pm-8:00pm
For more information contact Claire on:
0427 563 876 or
Claire.Butler@recovery.gov.au



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Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Workshop

ONLINE WORKSHOP

NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE AGENCY PRESENTS

SARA STORER ON TOUR



Singer-songwriter Sara Storer has 21 Golden Guitars and seven albums to her name. She is the recipient of multiple awards, including an ARIA for Country Album of the Year and has been voted Female Artist of the Year at the Country Music Awards of Australia.

It's her authenticity that sets her apart, her deeply personal storytelling enshrining her as one of the most talented songwriters that this country has ever produced. Audiences have been flocking to Sara's shows for over 20 years. She continues to release music of substance and receive praise from her peers including Paul Kelly, John Williamson, Colin Hay and the Wiggles.

WITH SPECIAL GUEST GREG STORER



Greg is Sara's older brother and a working farmer on a share property with his brothers near the Piesken NSW town of Warren. Although he is an unlikely singer, songwriter and musician in many ways, his raw talent and authentic stories and songs have set him apart from many of his peers.


Greg captures the full plethora of roots/country genres with his own unique style. He regales audiences with the hard earned wit and wisdom that comes from a life on the land, and dazzles with his admirable musicianship. He has written or co-written a number of songs through the years that have made their way onto Sara's albums.

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| 15 MAR | 6PM | RANKINGS SPRINGS GOLF CLUB | 23 MAR | 6PM | BOOLIGAL CRICKET GROUND |
| 16 MAR | 6PM | WHITTON, WHITTON PARK | 24 MAR | 6PM | HILLSTON, STAN PETERS OVAL |
| 17 MAR | 6PM | JERALDINE, MONGH PARK | 25 MAR | 7PM | IVANHOE, SAHARA OVAL |
| 18 MAR | 7PM | HAY, SHEAR OUTBACK | 26 MAR | 7PM | EUSTON RECREATION RESERVE |
| 19 MAR | 7PM | WAKOL RECREATION RESERVE | 27 MAR | 6PM | PONCARE RACECOURSE |
| 20 MAR | 6PM | KYALITE PUB | | | BYO CHAIRS, DRINKS - NIBBLES |

The National Recovery and Resilience Agency supports and assists communities impacted by disaster, with a strong on-the-ground presence and a guiding principle of locally-led recovery. The Agency has a 'boots on the ground' approach to better understand what it's like firsthand, to understand individual circumstances and to share its insights to influence others.

The Agency has staff in every Australian state and territory. The national network of Recovery Support Officers work closely with their local communities to ensure that people impacted by natural disaster and drought get the help they need to recover, to better prepare and to strengthen resilience. Contact Claire Butler, RSO for Far West NSW, covering Balranald, Berrigan, Broken Hill, Cobar, Cumbungi, Central Darling, Edward River, Hay, Murrumbidgee, Wentworth Shires and Unincorporated NSW. M: 0427 563 876 E: Claire.Butler@recovery.gov.au

Find out more about what assistance and support is available: www.recovery.gov.au

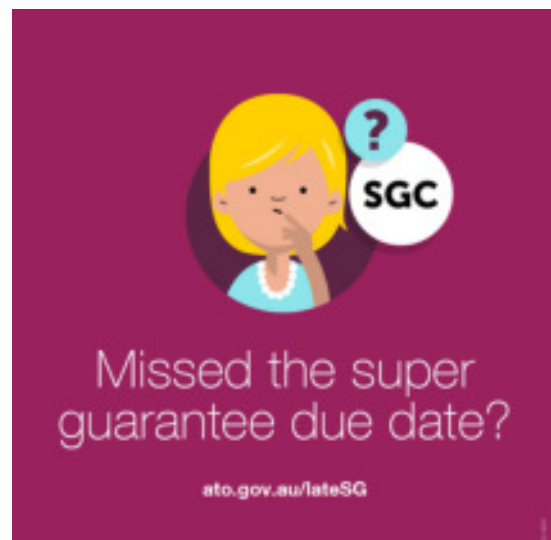


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Australia Day
Council of
Western Australia

Date: Wednesday 16 March 2022
Time: 6.30pm-9pm AEDT
Location: Online via Zoom

More info and tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/online-aboriginal-cultural-awareness-and-understanding-workshop-tickets-245410638827?aff=email>



Missed the super guarantee due date?

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PROPOSED BURRAWONG WIND FARM

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

Burrawong Wind Farm is a proposed wind farm located 15 km south of Balranald. The project could host up to 107 wind turbines and produce enough clean energy to power up to 470,000 homes. The project is being developed by Windlab, an Australian renewable energy company.

Would you like to contribute to your community?

Many State Significant projects in NSW have Community Consultative Committees.

These committees provide a forum for open dialogue between the proponent and representatives of the local community, stakeholder groups and local councils on issues directly relating to the project.

We are looking for a mix of people who live locally or are members of a stakeholder group to join our new Burrawong Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee.

Your role as a committee member is voluntary.

Selection criteria: Community representatives will be selected from the local community or stakeholder groups. Employees or contractors of the proponent are not eligible to be appointed as community representatives. Local community representatives must:

- Be current residents or landowners within the affected local government area/s
- Demonstrate involvement in local community groups and/or activities
- Have knowledge and awareness of the project and related issues of the affected local community
- Be willing to adhere to the committee's code of conduct.

Representatives of stakeholder groups must:

- Be a member of a stakeholder group with an interest in the project, including an industry, community, environment or Aboriginal group
- Have knowledge and awareness of the project and related issues of concern
- Be able to represent and communicate the interest of the groups or community
- Be willing to adhere to the committee's code of conduct

You will be expected to contribute constructively to committee discussions, attend around (four) meetings a year, and communicate information about the project between the committee and the broader community.

Windlab is committed to diversity and inclusion which is representative of the community. Further information regarding Community Consultative Committees including the guidelines is found: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Community-Consultative-Committees>

Persons seeking to apply to be a member of the Burrawong Wind Farm CCC are invited to submit a nomination in writing.

A nomination form may be downloaded from:

<https://burrawongwindfarm.com/project/consultative-committee/>

Alternatively, hard copy nomination forms can also be collected from the Balranald Shire Council office.

For more information contact:

- Darryl Watkins, Independent Chairperson of the Burrawong Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee at info@bwfccc.com
- Lisa Mangelsdorf, Windlab Community Relations and Partnerships Manager, NSW, Phone: 0429 276 698

Applications must be lodged by Sunday 3 April 2022 and sent to

Attn: Darryl Watkins

Independent Chairperson

Burrawong Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

info@bwfccc.com

