



COMMUNITY NEWS

BSC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

BALRANALD SWING BRIDGE UPDATE

Works for widening of the swing bridge commenced on 14th March. The width of the bridge will be increased to 1.8m and the walking surface will be replaced. These changes are designed to make the bridge more accessible to disabled people and easier for dogs to walk on. The bridge will be closed to the public for up to a month while the works are carried out.



WELCOME RICHARD LUCAS TO BSC

Richard Lucas has joined Balranald shire Council as the Works Overseer. Richard is living locally and he has worked for the Murray River Council as Works Co-Ordinator for 5.5 years (Originally the Wakool Shire Council) during the amalgamation process between the Murray and Wakool Shire Council.

During this time he has been involved in several different projects with Council, from construction of roads/bridges, general maintenance of roads.

Town projects/parks and gardens, recreation reserves etc.

Richard is looking forward to being involved in the local community and getting to know the area well while employed with Council.

COUNCIL INFO

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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

CLOSED - Mondays

OPEN - Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm (Closed 1-2pm for lunch)



Job Vacancies

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YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS

by Jackson Bialobrzewski - Youth Council Mayor



Hello everyone,

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been unveiling our 2022 Youth Week program. For 2022, we will be hosting a Mildura Bus Trip, where we will see a movie and go ten pin bowling. We are proudly bringing this event to you, free of charge! Kids will only need to bring money for their lunch. This will be held on Tuesday, 12th April.

We are also running a Barefoot Bowls Event in both Balranald and Euston. 1 pm to 4 pm on Thursday the 14th of April, at the Balranald Bowls Club and the Euston Bowls Club. Our amazing bowls club members will also give some mentoring to the newcomers of the bowls sport. We hope to see you there.

The Balranald Art Gallery will be running a chocolate making workshop on the 10th of April, with session 1 from 10am to 12pm and session 2 from 1pm to 3pm.

We are happy to see so many groups joining in on the Youth Week fun, and we look forward to bringing these events to you.

For more details on Youth Week 2022, please visit the Balranald Shire Youth Council Facebook page, or please see the poster to the right of this article.

We would like to thank all our community volunteers for their amazing support, without them activities like Youth Week would not be possible. Going forward, Youth Council Needs You! Join a refreshed group that is charismatic and ready to deliver some major projects. To join, please contact Council to register your interest.

Thank you to our Youth who recently participated in the clean up Australia Day. We would like to give a special mention to Zaidyn, who has been an outstanding young citizen of Balranald. Please visit his Facebook page 'Be Eco with Zaidyn' and show him some support!

All the best

Jackson Bialobrzewski
Mayor – Balranald Shire
Youth Council

Youth Week 2022

Chocolate Making Mildura Bus Trip

Workshop

Sunday 10th of April
Chocolate making workshop run by and at the Balranald Art Gallery
10am - 12pm
For more details please call the gallery on (03) 5020 0200 or call in and visit at 51 Mayall Street Balranald

Tuesday 12th of April 2022
Bus leaving from the Balranald Discovery Centre at 9am and from Euston Public School at 10am
Free all-day event
Participants must bring their own money for lunch
Book-in's required due to limited number of places

Barefoot Bowls

Thursday 14th of April 2022
Balranald Bowls Club 1pm - 4pm
Euston Bowls Club 1pm - 4pm
Free entry
BBQ food and drinks available for purchase
Prize for competition winner!

Youth Week 2022 is proudly co-ordinated by the Balranald Shire Youth Council and proudly supported by the Balranald Shire Council



For more information on Youth Week 2022, or to book in please Contact Council offices on (03) 5020 1300
Alternatively you can email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au



**BALRANALD SHIRE
LIBRARY**

**OVERDUE BOOKS
MEMBERSHIPS**

UPDATING CURRENT LIBRARY SERVICES

To the Balranald and Euston community,

Our mission is to be the community's "hub" by giving patrons access to a vast, variety of information & technology & to support a life-long love of reading.

Over the coming weeks our little library will be in the process of updating the current computer system and we need your help to push forward with our mission.

Here's how you can help:

1. Pop in to the library and update your details with your librarian **or**
2. Fill out and send back to the library your current details
3. Return any old books still out on loan from previous years. As of June 2022 we are implementing a non-return/lost fee for books not returned in a 2 month period of being on loan. Patrons will be asked to replace or pay for the items which are not returned.

Thank you for your support.

Yours Truly,

Mrs Janaya Gaston

Balranald Shire Library

Please read and fill out the slip .

Name:

D.OB:

Address:

Mobile:

Email:

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Road Construction and Maintenance

Tapalin Mail Road

Works have commenced on the construction of 2km of Tapalin Mail Road to include realignment of two curves to improve sight distance and safety, grid and culvert works, and road sealing.

Unsealed Road Maintenance

The following unsealed road maintenance works have been carried out:

- Maintenance grading on Tillara Road.
- Gravel patching on washaways after recent storms.
- Slashing work on MR67 Balranald Ivanhoe Road.



Water, Sewerage and Drainage

- Electrical switchboard upgrades have been carried out at Euston raw water pump station.
- The next round of works to replace sections of old water mains is due to commence on 21st March, for Balranald then Euston.
- A replacement program of old raw water meters in Euston township has commenced.

Balranald Raw Water Network

As part of a program to improve our service to customers and to renew and replace old assets in line with good asset management practice, Balranald Shire Council has engaged contractors to replace the raw water mains in the following areas:

Balranald Moa Street East side - Turandurey to Ballandella Street

Balranald Yuranigh Street East side - Harben to Market Street

This work will be carried out commencing Monday 28th March. Initial works will involve testing, locating, excavation and installation of water mains, hydrants and valves. Once this work is complete, a short interruption to your service will be required in order to change the water over to the new mains. The contractor will advise you prior to this interruption and only properties in the area will be affected. Works are expected to be completed within 2 weeks.

The Drinking Water System to your Property will not be affected.

Civic Enhancement Projects

Riverfront precinct

Work has recommenced on Balranald Riverbend Reserve now that the river levels have dropped.

- A toilet building has been installed at the swimming bend, but is not yet plumbed in.
- A drinking fountain has been installed beside the new outdoor gym equipment. The fountain has two water bubbler levels, a drink bottle filling station and a doggy drinking bowl.
- New barbecue facilities will be installed once the ground has dried out further.



Drinking Fountain at the Balranald Riverbend

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Buildings and Facilities

Football Club Change Rooms

Concrete works have been laid around the outside of the building.

Internal fit-out is approaching completion with installation of lino flooring, tiling, showers and toilets. Completion is expected in one to two weeks, ready for the first game of the season on 2nd April.



Balranald Football Club Changerooms

Aerodrome

Council is still waiting for the contractor to install new kangaroo exclusion fencing around the perimeter of the aerodrome.

Euston Recreation Reserve

Grant funding has been received for replacement netball changing rooms and conversion of the netball court to a multi-purpose court with shade structure over. Work is underway on the detailed planning and design of the above works.

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
21/02/2022	DA 28/2022	Adam Boynton	62 River Street, Balranald	Carport & Use of Shipping Container
22/02/2022	DA 29/2022	Chris Murphy	88 Dowling Street, Balranald	Reconstruct Carport & Enclose to Create Garage

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

COUNCIL NEWS

RATES NEWS

Emails- we are now able to send your rates notices and water bills by email. please send your name, property details and email address to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Pensioners – do you receive a Centrelink pension or Department of Veteran Affairs pension? You may be able to receive a rebate off your rates. Inquire at the Council office or phone the Rates officer Janelle Dalton to discuss further.

Instalment 3 and Water Bills were due 28 February 2022. If you are having problems paying 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 advising your name, the property address, the Tenants name, tenants postal address, tenants email address (if known).

STREET SWEEPER

Balranald:

14 April – South of Market Street (River side). Includes Market Street & Caravan Park.

5 May – North of Market Street (Racecourse side). Includes Market Street.

26 May - South of Market Street (River side). Includes Market Street & Caravan Park.

Euston:

13 April – Whole town of Euston.

11 May - Whole town of Euston

The above dates are proposed scheduled dates and are subject to variation depending on weather and contractor availability.



EASTER 2022 GARBAGE COLLECTION BALRANALD & EUSTON

Balranald Businesses & Euston Residents who have their bins collected on Fridays are advised that Easter collection will be

**Thursday 14th April
(instead of Good Friday)**

Balranald Residents who have their bins collected on Mondays are advised that Easter collection will be

**Tuesday 19th April
(instead of Easter Monday)**

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

COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURES OVER EASTER

Balranald Shire Council Office

will be closed from 5pm on Thursday 14th April
and will re-open at 9.00am on Tuesday 19th April 2022

To report emergencies call 0418 322 902

Service NSW (formerly RTA)

will be closed from 4pm Thursday 14th April
and will re-open at 9.30am on Tuesday 19th April 2022



ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR BEST MATE SAFE?

Help get your cat or dog home safely by registering them – visit www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

Why register your pet?

If your pet is registered and your details are up to date, it can be safely returned if it gets lost.

It's also the law – pet cats and dogs must be microchipped and then registered in NSW.

Microchipping

To register your pet, it must first be microchipped by a vet or authorised identifier. Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under your pet's skin. Each microchip has a unique number that can be read with a scanner, like a barcode at the supermarket.

Registration

Now it's easier than ever before to register your cat or dog.

Online: Registrations can be completed online via the NSW Pet Registry or Service NSW using your MyServiceNSW Account.

Over the counter: You can also register your pet in person at your local council.

Discounts are available for de-sexed pets, eligible pensioners and cats and dogs bought from certain rehoming organisations, including council pounds and shelters.

More information

NSW PET REGISTRY
petregistry.nsw.gov.au
1300 134 460
pets@oig.nsw.gov.au

Your pet's registration fee at work

Money collected goes straight back to the community by funding companion animal services:

- Council pounds/shelters
- Ranger services
- Dog recreation areas
- Education and awareness activities
- Responsible pet ownership initiatives

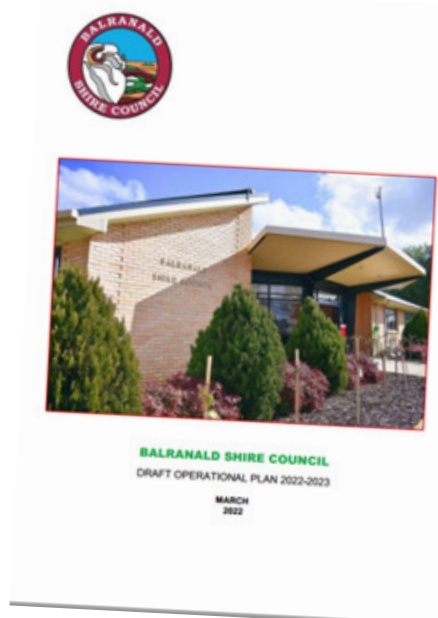
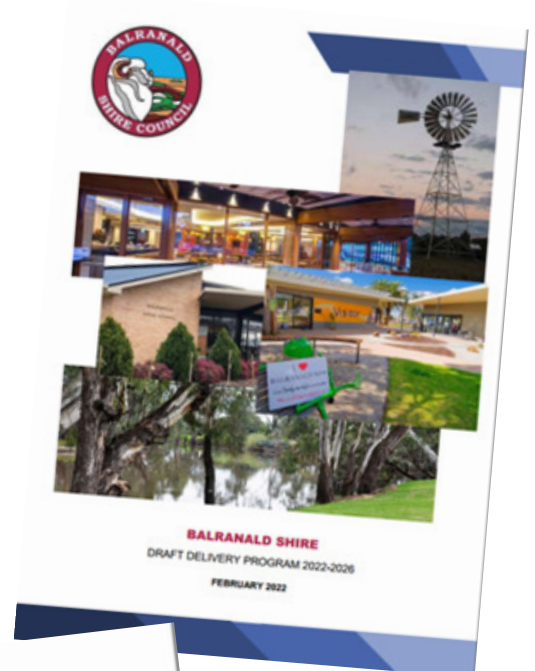
Fee: A once only lifetime registration fee applies.

Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 March 2022 to publicly display the following;

Draft Policies
Revenue Policy
Operational Plan 2022-2023
Community Strategic Plan
Delivery Program
2022-23 Budget
Workforce Plan and Strategy 2022
Stormwater Management Plan
Draft Fees & Charges

A copy of the policies can be located on Councils website -
<http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/council-documents/policies/>
and the Draft Budget and IP&R Documents can be found on the website -<http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/council-documents/exhibition-of-draft-documents/>
and hard copies in councils office.

Written comments and feedback are to be received at Council no later than 5pm, Friday 29th April 2022 and addressed to: The General Manager, P.O. Box 120, BALRANALD NSW 2715 OR Emailed to: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au



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BUS DRIVER TRAINING

Would you like to:

- Help your local community, sports or social club?
- Learn a new skill?
- Increase your job prospects?

How about learning to drive a bus?



Balranald Shire Council has funding to offer FREE training and licensing to help people obtain their bus license.

A clean National Criminal Record Check & Working with Children Check will be required before proceeding with training, and a commitment to provide some voluntary service back to the local community.

For further information

Please contact Fiona Scoleri at Balranald Shire Council on 03 5020 1300 or email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

HEALTH, WELLBEING AND SUPPORT SERVICES LOCAL AND VISITING SERVICES NETWORKING EXPO

Are you a Health, Wellbeing and/or Support organisation or agency that provides services to people of the Balranald Shire Area?
Are you a community member who uses these services?

Do you sometimes wonder who else is 'out there' and what they do?
Then this event is for you!

The Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee in partnership with Balranald Shire Council, the Western NSW PHN and Healthdirect Australia are delivering a networking event where you can:

- Showcase your organisation or agency, or
- Learn more about the services available to you as a community member

WHEN 11am – 3pm, Thursday 7th April 2022 (including a formal launch at 12pm)

WHERE Theatre Royal, 90 Market St, Balranald

RSVP if you are a Health, Wellbeing and/or Support organisation or agency wishing to attend this event please RSVP to Balranald Shire Council – council@balranald.nsw.gov.au or (03) 5020 1300 to secure your site. Community members do not need to RSVP, just come along at the time that suits you between 11am & 3pm. A light lunch is provided 12pm-2pm.

NOTE we will provide 2 chairs and a table for each site 'booking', you bring all your advertising and promotional materials.
(There is no charge for this event).



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COMMUNITY ADS

THE GALLERY NEWS

BALRANALD PONY CLUB KICKS OFF WITH NEW YOUNG RIDERS!

After 43 years of continuous operation the pony club year year has started with a keen bunch of young riders turning up for rallies. Besides welcoming new members, the club is keen to meet persons interested in doing some instructing. Please contact Zoe on 0417 014 460 for more information about Balranald Pony Club.

THE ART OF FOOTBALL

This is an exhibition presented by "The Gallery" Balranald which fuses Aussie rules football and Art in a unique combination of works across multiple mediums all sharing in the celebration of Australia's love of football. The exhibition will also feature a display of memorabilia and images of the earlier years of the Balranald Football Club. The opening coincides with the the 1st Match of the year on Saturday 2nd April & continues until 14th May.

Don't miss this unique presentation!

WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE

"The Gallery" organised another successful "Whole Town Garage Sale" and market day last weekend to coincide with the long weekend in Victoria. The great bargains on offer and the local attractions drew many visitors to our town for several days. This event has become an annual event on the local calendar.

A casual gathering has taken place this week which we hope will become a regular meeting for anyone wanting to enjoy some art with like minded aspiring artists. The next morning will be on Monday 28th March. Phone 0488728986 for more info .The new workshop space has certainly been well used since the opening last month and the committee wish to thank the Balranald District Ex Serviceman's Club for their wonderful donation of stools to the facility.

YOUTH WEEK 4th -14th April

As part of the youth week activities organised by Jackson & his team, the gallery volunteers are holding a chocolate making workshop on Sunday 10th April. There will be 2 sessions 10am-12pm. & 1pm-3pm. This is a free activity with limited places so please register as soon as possible on 0418 316 347 or call at the gallery & add your name to the list.

Watch out for dates & workshop info for April (inc Kids Korner activities) in the next newsletter.

Have a great idea ? Then call into "The Gallery " & speak to one of our great volunteers. Or why not become one yourself!!!

GOOD FRIDAY AT BALRANALD EX-SERVICE'S CLUB

On Good Friday 15th April, The Club will again be hosting the "Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal"

Starting at 3pm we will hold Spinning Wheel Raffles – with a variety of Prizes, Vouchers etc donated from our local Businesses.

Continuing on at 6pm with our normal Friday Night Raffle & Members Draw.



MAKER SHOP ACTIVITIES

Saturday March 26th --Harmony Day

Lets go potty!!!

Come along for a social afternoon of painting and decorating.

Terracotta pot supplied or BYO pot.

1 pm - 4 pm. Afternoon tea supplied.

Saturday 9th April -- Kiddie Kup Kake Fun.

Decorate your own Easter cup cakes. Cakes supplied.

10 am - 12 noon. Morning tea supplied.

Ages over 8 years

Saturday 7th May --- Mothers Day

Make and Paint a personal gift for mum.

All materials and morning tea supplied.

10 am - 12 noon.

Ages over 8 years.

Enquiries for all workshop prices to Robyn 0431 155 456

Coming soon --- watch this space...

Meet a Maker ... award winning crotchet artist.

Saturday Arvo Sip N Sew. Great for footy widows (and others)

Keep track of the Makers on our Facebook page.