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# NEWSLETTER

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 Balranald Shire Council

## Council Services Opening Hours

### Shire Office:

Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm

### Visitor Information Centre:

Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm

Saturday to Sunday 9am-1pm

### Service NSW:

Closed - Mondays

Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-4pm

(Closed 1-2pm for lunch)

### Balranald Caravan Park

Everyday 8.30am-6pm

### Balranald Pool:

Closed

### 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

Please email  
[council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au) if you wish  
to receive an e-copy of our Newsletter  
each month

## Council to Operate Waste Depot Balranald

The contract with Cleanaway Pty Ltd for the management of the Balranald Waste depot will be ending on 30th September and Council will assume direct responsibility for providing this service to the community.

Council had invited tenders for the operation of the Waste Depot and was disappointed to learn that the tenders received were well in excess of the manageable cost for the Council. Accordingly, a decision has been made to cancel the tender process and for the Council to employ people and equipment to manage the tip as part of Council's normal operations.

General Manager Jeff Sowiak stated that there did not appear to be a competitive market for contractors to undertake this work at a reasonable cost and therefore the opportunity for Council to assume direct responsibility would seem to be the best possible outcome for this community.

The Council is most appreciative of the service provided by the current operator Cleanaway Pty Ltd who will hand over management of the waste depot to Council on 1st October.

## Fire Services Save Theatre Royal

The Council wishes to express sincere appreciation for the fire brigade staff and volunteers who worked to extinguish the fire in the Theatre Royal Building.

The Theatre Royal is a significant historic landmark in Balranald and there were significant challenges for our local firefighters who quickly brought the blaze under control, saving not only the Theatre Royal but the adjoining properties.

There is some water damage to the Can Assist shop and so this service has been relocated to another area of the complex.

A potential tragedy averted, and a job well done. Thank you to all involved.



# Council News

## Developments

### 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/](http://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/](http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/environment-and-planning/developments-on-exhibition/)

## Street Sweeper

Balranald:

8 September - North of Market Street (Racecourse side). Includes Market Street

29 September - South of Market Street (River side). Includes Market Street & Caravan Park

20 October - North of Market Street (Racecourse side). Includes Market Street

Euston:

14 September- Whole town of Euston

12 October - Whole town of Euston

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

## Job Vacancies at Council

- 2x Swimming Pool Casual Attendants
- Permanent Personal Care Assistants (PCA) at Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel
- Catering Officer at Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel
- Waste Facility Operator

For more information about our Job Vacancies, please visit our Website

[www.balranald.nsw.gov.au](http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au)

## Draft - Balranald and Euston Settlement Strategies

Balranald Shire Council engaged iPlan Projects to prepare Village Plans for Balranald and Euston with the aim of encouraging discussions around the required upgrades & growth opportunities that can create long-term sustainable growth for each settlement and the Shire as a whole.

A range of ideas have been collated & presented that do NOT necessarily reflect the position of Council and may NOT have the funding support for all to be achieved. The aim is to prioritise the community and council's ideas so that the available funding is best directed.

Village Plans for Balranald and Euston are now on public display on our website and at the Council office.

Please submit any comment by Tuesday 20 September 2022.



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
05/08/2022	DA 45/2022	Kara Curran	44 Cowper Street, Euston	Dwelling
10/08/2022	DA 44/2022	Stacey Johnstone	26 Cally Street, Balranald	Dwelling Additions

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

Jeffery Sowiak, General Manager



Bidgee Haven Balranald Retirement Hostel

## ROOM VACANCY!

Expressions of interest are invited for permanent residents who require accommodation in a modern fully serviced Aged Care Hostel located in Balranald. Bidgee Haven is a community run aged care facility operated by Balranald Shire Council that provides 15 Aging in Place rooms that cater specifically for aged and frail people.

The resident rooms have modern and comfortable private amenities and the staff and facilities at Bidgee Haven will ensure that your personal needs are well catered for, with ample opportunity to meet with other residents, enjoy meals and activities.

If you or a member of your family is interested in residential care accommodation in Bidgee Haven, please download an application form and information kit from Council's website [www.balranald.nsw.gov.au](http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au) and/or email the Balranald Shire Council [council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au)

Contact the Council Office to find out more!

(03) 5020 1300

[council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au)

The Expressions of interest should be submitted via email to [council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au) or posted to P.O Box 120 Balranald or delivered to the Shire Office, 70 Market Street Balranald 2715.



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# Youth Council



Hi everyone,

I thank all those who have in the last couple of weeks reached out to join our group over the past couple of weeks, Youth Council is an exciting opportunity for our young people to express their opinions and concerns about the Balranald Shire region. We look forward to receiving more applicants to bring new and fresh ideas into our group.

Youth Council has successfully run in the past Youth Week activities in 2019 and 2022, as well as a Summer program in 2020-21, and we plan to continue to run successful programs of events in the future. While the Balranald Shire may not have all the bells and whistles of the cities, our community focus minds and nature allow us to come together and put up spectacular programs and community event for our entire Shire to enjoy.

We look forward to bringing you all so much more information for our next series of programs towards the end of the year. We are still inviting the community to write to us with any ideas they have for Youth Engagement in Balranald.

Thank you for reading! Best wishes, stay safe.

On behalf of the Youth Council,  
Jackson Bialobrzkeski - Mayor



# Library News

Reminder: Renewed Library terms of use starting 1st of July 2022.

Over dues will not be charged however items on loan for a 2 month period will be considered lost and patrons will be asked to replace or pay for items.

All printing will remain at 30 cents per page.

After School Programs

## Magic Mondays

3-5pm, school aged children

Afternoon snack provided and readers completed

## Gaming day - Wednesday

3-5pm, school aged children

Afternoon snack provided and readers completed

## Ferrel Fridays - Teens only

3 - Close of Business

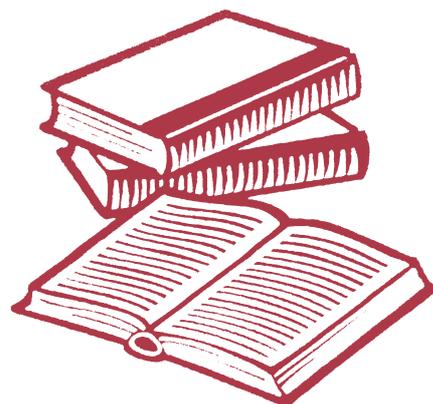
Teen treats can be purchased, Music and Tec resources available

Parents must pick up children by 5pm

Mondays and Wednesdays

Balranald Book Swap outside Balranald Bakery - proudly made by Balranald Mens Shed and painted by our local kids attending school holiday programs @ the library!

Shortly there will be one out the front of our Library, once our teens have finished painting it.



# Infrastructure Report

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

The following road works have been carried out:

### Reconstruction Works

- Wampo Magenta Road
- Hatfield The Vale Road from the Ivanhoe to Balranald Road.

### Maintenance Grading

- Euston Prungle Road
- Prungle Mail Road
- Prungle Marma Road
- Sections of Weimby Benongal Road

### Sealed Roads

Regular repair of pot holes and formation failures on sealed roads is ongoing.

### Cattle Grids

Council workers have inspected and cleaned debris from cattle grids within the Shire.

### Tillara Road

Contractors have been engaged to repair an unsafe section of road with overlying water.

### Mildura Ivanhoe Road

Contractors have been engaged to carry out road reformation and compaction.



Tip Tokens available to purchase from The Shire Office, Euston Post Office, Balranald Caravan Park and the Visitor Information Centre

## WATER, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

### Balranald Raw Water System Switchboard Upgrade

Works were carried out in August to upgrade the electrical switchboard at Balranald Raw Water Pump Station.

### Balranald Fire Hydrants

All fire hydrant valves in Balranald are being serviced or replaced as needed as a current works program.

## CIVIC ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

### Kyalite Riverside Reserve

New concrete steps and handrail between Kyalite ANZAC Park and the Riverside Reserve are now completed.

Planning is underway for solar lighting to be installed at the steps and an information board to be placed at the car park.

### Balranald Lions Park

The planning of works for the upgrade of Balranald Lions Park is in progress. Works are expected to commence in February 2023

### Euston Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Four clusters of exercise equipment have been installed along the Euston walking trails. Their unobtrusive appearance is in keeping with the natural environment.

## BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

### Euston Courthouse

A conservation management plan of Euston Courthouse has been commissioned. The results of this plan will help to determine future conservation and renovation works on the building.

### Balranald Caravan Park

Council has been awarded a Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) grant for upgrades at Balranald Caravan Park.

Tenders have been advertised for renovations of the amenities block and one of the cabins.

Road Conditions

For current road condition information go to:

<https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure/roads-condition-report/>

# Community Ads

Balranald Cox Plate - Saturday 22 Oct 2022



- Fashions on Field
- On course catering
- Live Entertainment
- Bookmakers
- Kids Entertainment



- Marquees and Packages available

Want to advertise an event?

Send us an email at  
[council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au)



Limondale Community Benefit Fund applications now open

Limondale Sun Farm (LSF) has partnered with Balranald Inc. to establish a Community Benefit Fund of \$40,000 per annum over the operational lifetime of Limondale Solar Farm. The aim of this fund is to establish new ideas within the community and strengthen existing events and organisations. Applications opened Monday 25th July 2022. Applications close by 5pm Friday 9th September 2022.

To apply please email - [lsfapplications@outlook.com](mailto:lsfapplications@outlook.com) to receive your application form.

Wyn Scott President of Balranald Inc. would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Balranald community and Balranald Inc. to thank the Limondale Sun Farm for this generous and ongoing commitment in supporting our Community.



Coming Soon to The Gallery "Outback Inspirations" Sept 3rd till Oct 3rd. Artist/Sculptor Jasmine Rose shows her collection of artwork highlighting the remote outback environments in forms of art, sculptor, human and pet portraits, wire art works and ceramics. Official opening Sat 3rd 3pm.

We are having a book launch for Ken Spinks for his book on The History of The Bodinnar Family, this will be on Sept 3rd at The Gallery at 2pm please come along for afternoon tea.



**Balranald Hospital Auxiliary**



**Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Balranald Ex-Services Club**

**2:00pm**

**New, Present and Old Members Welcome**



*"Let us hold high the lamp of service for the welfare of our hospitals"*

## CAN ASSIST AGM & GENERAL MEETING

Can Assist will hold its AGM in the Balranald Ex-servicemen's Club Boardroom at 5:30pm on Tuesday 25 October 2022 followed by the October General Meeting. All positions will be declared vacant. Please contact Helen Murphy on 0438201474 if you wish to nominate for the AGM.

**YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS 2022-2023** are now due. \$10 per person or \$150 life membership. Please give cash to Alison or deposit directly into our account using your name as reference. Can Assist Balranald bsb 032868 account 136478.

## CAN ASSIST CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW

Can Assist will hold its 2022 Christmas Raffle Draw at the Balranald Ex-servicemen's Club after the regular Club Friday night Raffle draw on 25 November 2022. Alison will also accept prize donations for the raffle.

Can Assist Bookshop **FIRE UPDATE** Balranald Can Assist Executive and members wish to thank the local emergency agencies for their quick response and fantastic efforts in controlling, containing and extinguishing the recent fire adjacent to our bookshop. Our beautiful building has sustained a lot of water damage. Thank you to the Balranald Shire on their offer of our temporary bookshop building. With the help of members, family and friends, we have been able to hold a few working bees and quickly move our books, shelving and resources into the Royal Theatre Ticket Box. Sincere thanks to all who have assisted in any small way. It has been appreciated so, so much. The Bookshop is open in our new location and we are looking for volunteers to open each day and continue to put books onto shelves. Please contact Alison Linnett 0427502019 or pop into the shop when you see the door open.



The third set of windows was the upper floor of the Can Assist Bookshop.

- ST-DYMPNA'S CATHOLIC PARISH, BALRANALD -

*Music Trivia Night*  
**& COMMUNITY DINNER** 18+

**6pm Saturday, 3rd September**

**EX-SERVICES CLUB (Auditorium)**

\$20 per person (Tables of 8). Bookings: Text/Call 0418 294 847  
Drinks from the bar. **Theme: A splash of green** (points for most creative)



## DOMESTIC FIREWOOD PERMITS – YANGA NATIONAL PARK

Permits are available from 1<sup>st</sup> May until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for domestic firewood collection on Yanga National Park. The available firewood is from a single collection point and consists of redgum milled timber offcuts (sleeper backs).

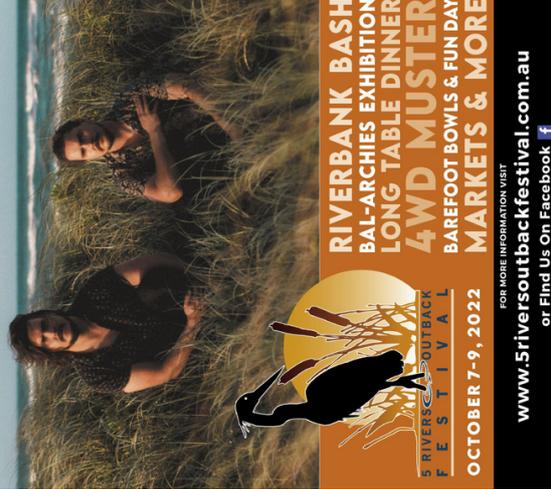
Permits cost \$25/tonne or \$12.50/tonne for pensioner concession with a limit of 6 tonne per household per year.

Permits are only available to residents of Balranald and Murray Rivers Shires.

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS WILL BE PROCESSED BY EMAIL FROM THE NPWS BURONGA OFFICE.**

For more information or permit applications please call the Yanga park office on 0350 201764 or email [npws.lowerdarlingfirewood@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:npws.lowerdarlingfirewood@environment.nsw.gov.au)

BALRANALD'S 5 RIVERS OUTBACK FESTIVAL  
PROUDLY PRESENT  
**PIERCE BROTHERS**  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH, 2022



**RIVERBANK BASH  
BAL-ARCHIES EXHIBITION  
LONG TABLE DINNER  
4WD MUSTER  
BAREFOOT BOWLS & FUN DAY  
MARKETS & MORE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[www.5riversoutbackfestival.com.au](http://www.5riversoutbackfestival.com.au)  
or Find Us On Facebook

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
UPCOMING KEY EVENTS IN THE  
BALRANALD SHIRE - 2022/23

- OCT 7-9** BALRANALD'S 5 RIVERS OUTBACK FESTIVAL  
See the Festival's FB Page for LATEST details
- BALRANALD COX PLATE RACES - 11am-7pm** **OCT 22**  
135 Church St, Balranald ☎0439 990 911
- NOV 12** MURRAY RIVER SALAMI FESTIVAL EUSTON  
10am-4pm Euston Club Resort Riverfront
- BALRANALD NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT**  
See their FB Page for LATEST details' **DEC 31**
- FEB 24-26 2023** KYALITE FISHING CLASSIC  
See their FB Page for LATEST details
- BALRANALD MURRUMBIDGEE CLASSIC** **MAR 24-26 2023**  
See their FB Page for LATEST details
- APR 22 2023** HOMEBUSH RODEO (Date to be confirmed)  
See their FB Page for LATEST details

**Robinvale Euston  
Lantern Festival Competition  
9th Sep 2022**

**Lantern Design Competition Condition of entry:**  
Competition entries are **FREE**  
Limited to **PRIMARY SCHOOL** age only.  
Lantern size must be limited to 1 cubic meter.  
Must be light weight in order to be dangled on a bamboo stick and carried by a young child.  
Lanterns must have a source of light but must **NOT** be flammable (LED lights supplied by *Leading Edge - Appliances* are encouraged for spending locally).  
Lantern carry stick/rod must not exceed 1.5 meters long and not much more than 10mm thick.  
Suggested use of materials are bamboo sticks, sturdy malleable wires for structure, colourful cellophane paper and paint, frills or feathers for extravagances, sticky tape or glue. Battery operated LED lights (the brighter the better). Most of which can be found at *Baryatin Basement*  
Lanterns will be judged in order of originality, creativity, colours and brightness.  
Below are some examples but not limited to... good luck kids...

For any queries please contact Rosalie ☎383 363 095 or Jaka ☎400 608 131.

**Robinvale Euston  
Lantern Festival  
9th September  
5.00pm-Late  
along Perrin Street**

Hold in conjunction with Rotary Twilight Country Market  
**FREE Children's Activities** Asian Food Stalls  
**Live Music** Cultural Performances  
Best Lantern Competition goes to Primary School Children  
(Please see Conditions of Entry)  
**Prizes: 1st \$500 Cash & \$2000 goes to community organisation of winners choice (Courtesy of Rotary 2nd \$200 3rd \$100)**  
Participants (skill holders, competitors, general public) are encouraged to dressup... i.e. Oresias, Superheroes, Traditional Dress.

For any queries please contact Rosalie ☎383 363 095 or Jaka ☎400 608 131 and leave a message.

**FRRR** Regional Rural Resilience  
Australian Government  
**Strengthening Rural Communities  
Rebuilding Regional Communities**

Is your community still recovering from the impacts of COVID?

With the support of the Australian Government, Rebuilding Regional Communities (RRC) grants are available to not-for-profits assisting remote, rural and regional communities to recover from, and adapt to, the impacts of COVID.

Applications that support community-led, place-based initiatives addressing at least one of these **key program objectives** will be considered:

- enhance the process of community recovery from COVID
- reduce social isolation and foster stronger, more resilient communities
- sustain local organisations and their work

**Eligible projects include:**

- Supporting, training or attracting volunteers
- Events & activities to reconnect communities
- Enhancing community spaces to increase use
- Developing services and support for vulnerable people
- Purchase of equipment or resources

Learn more at [www.frrr.org.au/SRC](http://www.frrr.org.au/SRC) PH: 1800 170 020 or Email: [covidsupport@frrr.org.au](mailto:covidsupport@frrr.org.au)

**RRC Fact Facts:**  
Two tiers of funding:  
• up to \$10,000  
• up to \$50,000\*

Groups don't need DOR status.  
\* by Expression of Interest twice a year

The Balranald 5 Rivers Festival Committee are looking for Food Sellers/Vendors or Community Groups to cater on Saturday October 8th at the Festival's Riverbank Bash at the Balranald Caravan Park.

We would also like to invite any stall holders that would like to take part in our Main Street Markets on the Saturday Morning to contact us for a registration form.

If you'd like to take part please contact us:  
[5riversfestival@gmail.com](mailto:5riversfestival@gmail.com)  
Zoe: 0417 014 460  
Murph: 0438 201 474

**5 RIVERS OUTBACK FESTIVAL**  
OCTOBER 7-9, 2022  
[www.5riversoutbackfestival.com.au](http://www.5riversoutbackfestival.com.au)

The Balranald 5 Rivers  
Outback-Festival

**LONG TABLE DINNER** \$120pp  
7TH OCTOBER 2022

Nibbles & Drinks at the Official Opening of the Festival & Bal-Archies Art Exhibition, 5.30pm at The Gallery.

Following the opening, guests will be transported to an exclusive location for a fabulous night of food & live entertainment. \$120 per head includes nibbles, mains & dessert as well as Beer, Wine & Soft Drink until last course - Guests are welcome to BYO.

This is strictly an 18+ Event. For Details or to book your spot, contact Zoe: 0417 014 460 or Murph: 0438 201 474

Limited places available. Bookings and payment required prior to 30th September 2022.

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL BALRANALD  
ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2023!**

Give your child a nurturing start to school in a small, family atmosphere where individual needs are met.  
Children who turn five years of age on or before July 31 are eligible for enrollment into Kindergarten 2023

**Under Orientation Session in Term 4 for all children enrolled for 2023.**

- We love the sense of community and values that are instilled at our school.
- Our classrooms are fully equipped with contemporary spaces with temporary spaces in term 4 for children and technology for all.
- 180 lessons are available for all children 2023 starting February in term 4 in the office to book your child's place.

Called by the love of Jesus Christ, St Joseph's Parish School exists to provide an inclusive, caring environment where every child is encouraged to use their God-given talents to the fullest and contribute positively to the wider community.

For further information  
Phone: (03) 5020 1992  
admin@stjosephsbalrnald.catholic.edu.au