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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

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to receive an e-copy of our Newsletter
each month

Congratulations to Anna Coates on winning the annual 'Norma Male Award' for 2022.

In 1944, Norma Male was appointed as Town Clerk for Balranald Municipal Council; she was the first woman to hold the office of Town Clerk in a NSW council. Miss Male has had a long and distinguished career in Local Government with many achievements accredited to her. Norma celebrated her 100th Birthday on 13 January 2016. The Council established the Norma Male award in 2019, to recognise the employee considered to have made an outstanding contribution during the year. Anna commenced with Balranald Shire on 17/03/2011 as a Care Service Employee at Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel.

Anna studied Aged Care and on 20 June 2013 received her Certificate in Aged Care.

Anna resigned from the Hostel on 2 June 2015. She was re-employed on 4 February 2017 as a PCA, although she ended up being the regular cook for our residents.

Anna was successful in her application as Receptionist/Reservations Assistant at the Caravan Park. She commenced this position on 5 August 2020 2 days per week whilst still continuing to cook at the Hostel on a casual basis.

Anna in recent times has become the Caretaker of the Balranald Shire Caravan Park (at first to fill in when the Caretakers resigned in 2011) However as she is doing such a fantastic job this has now become a more permanent arrangement.

Congratulations Anna!



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/

Development Applications:

For most current list and full details please visit:

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

Street Sweeper

Balranald:

20th October - North of Market Street (Racecourse side). Includes Market Street
10th November - South of Market Street (River side). Includes Market Street & Caravan Park
1st December - North of Market Street (Racecourse side). Includes Market Street

Euston:

12th October - Whole town of Euston
9th November - Whole town of Euston
14th December - Whole town of Euston

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



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
31/08/2022	DA 33/2022	David Fuller	75 Kyalite Road, Kyalite	Transportable Dwelling & Onsite Sewage Management System
31/08/2022	DA 39/2022	S & A Papa Pty Ltd	45 We Street & 121 Market Street, Balranald	Office Extensions
31/08/2022	DA 01/2023	Lachlan Button	148 Harben Street, Balranald	Shed
06/09/2022	DA 46/2022	James Golsworthy	Paiko Vineyard, 1029 Tillara Road, Balranald	Irrigation Pump Station Augmentation

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

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

For more information about our Job Vacancies, please visit our Website
www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

Council Calling - Please answer the Survey and have your say

Balranald Shire Council will shortly be conducting a resident satisfaction survey, and your feedback would be welcomed. The survey, which takes around 12-15 minutes to complete, is being conducted by phone (both fixed line and mobile) and will take place from October 13th to 27th inclusive.

This survey is being conducted by Taverner Research, which conducts similar research for over 40 NSW Councils. Your participation and feedback would be greatly appreciated, as it forms an important part of our planning processes. So when your phone rings, please pick up!



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 and/or email the Balranald Shire Council council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Contact the Council Office to find out more!

(03) 5020 1300

council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

The Expressions of interest should be submitted via email to 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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Draft Council Policy – Public Gates and Stock Grids

Balranald Shire Council is inviting public submissions concerning the Draft Public Gates and Stock Grids policy which will impact on all landowners who have installed Public Gates or Stock Grids on roads within the shire.

The new policy complies with the requirements of the Roads Act, which states that a road authority may permit landowners through which an unfenced road passes, to install a stock grid on the boundary of any land. Under the legislation the ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the stock grid remains with the landowner. The new draft policy provides for a process to manage, replace, approve and remove public gates and stock grids on roads in compliance with the legislation. As there are currently over 272 stock grids on roads within the Shire there are significant implications for landowners who have unfenced roads through their property and this policy seeks to bring the current policies and practices into line with the legislative requirements. A copy of the draft policy is available from the Council office, 70 Market Street Balranald or from the Balranald Shire Council website www.balranald.nsw.gov.au. Invitation for public submissions close on 28th October, 2022.
Jeff Sowiak
General Manager

Council Meeting

November Council Meeting has been moved to Tuesday 22nd November 2022.



Australia Day Nominations

Australia Day Nominations are NOW Open Balranald Shire Council are seeking nominations for the 2023 Australia Day Awards, recognizing our community members for their contributions during 2022.

The following categories will be recognized on 2023 Australia Day

- * Citizen of the Year
- * Young Citizen of the Year
- * Sportsperson of the Year
- * Young Sportsperson of the Year
- * Community Event
- * Special Achievement
- * Environmental Citizen of the Year

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2022

Citizenship Ceremony

1 new resident was conferred as our newest Australian Citizen.

Yew Seng LEONG (Malaysian) was granted his Citizenship at a ceremony held in Euston Club Function Room in front of his family and friends.

To mark this very special occasion, he was gifted with a Native Plant and a commemorative citizenship coin by Balranald Shire.

It is a great honour to welcome Yew Seng Leong as citizens of this great community. We wish him all the best for his future in Australia, Euston community and Balranald Shire.



Balranald Council Delivers a Financially Sound Result

The Balranald Shire Council has reported a positive operating result of \$1.7m for the year ended 30th June 2022 and has set aside over \$1.8m for the replacement and upgrades to plant and equipment to deliver road and works upgrades for the community.

In referring the draft Annual Statements for audit, the Administrator Mike Colreavy praised the efforts of the staff and contractors engaged to complete the Statements, which not only indicated a good result, but were ready for audit well ahead on past years.

"I will be reporting to the Office of Local Government that Council has made significant progress on addressing the perilous financial position that existed in the past and this result signifies a turning point on delivering a sound financial basis for the future." He said.

The council has set aside cash reserves of just over \$1.5m for future Infrastructure development and an additional \$400k for improvements at the caravan park as well as significant funding for future upgrades to water, sewerage and waste facilities.

"It has been a tough few years, sorting out the problems of the past and I thank the staff and the community for their perseverance. Having the end of year result available much earlier than in the past, will enable the Council to focus on backlogs and delivering more on community expectations." Mike said.



Section 7.12 Development Contribution Plan

Council has created a draft Development Contributions Plan, which will be open for public exhibition on Council's website until 28 October 2022. The Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 permits Council to establish this plan

·The Plan aims to require contributions from developers undertaking works valued at over \$100,000 within the local government area.

·The value of contributions will be:

Cost of Development & Contribution Levy Rate %

All development valued at \$100,000 or less 0.0 %

All development valued at \$100,001 to \$200,000 0.5 %

All development valued in excess of \$200,000 1.0%

·The plan also seeks to recover contributions for significant projects that are located outside the local government area but have potential impacts on our communities. (e.g. solar farms and wind farms.)

·Contributions for development outside the local government area will likely be negotiated via the State Significant Development process, with this Contribution Plan being the basis of negotiation.

·In general terms single residential development, including outbuildings such as sheds/carports/pergolas will be exempt from paying contributions under this Plan.

·There is provision in the plan to make in kind contributions or seek exemption from the need to pay a contribution based on the merits of the proposal.

·Contributions will be allocated to public facilities and services identified by community consultation and listed in the Work Schedule of the Plan. Important note: the items listed in the draft schedule are examples only and will be adjusted following the public consultation process.

·It is important that the schedule of public facilities and services to be funded by contributions reflect the community's vision. Council is keen to receive submissions in relation to the plan, along with suggestions on amenities and services that should be included in the work schedule of the plan.

A copy of the draft policy is available from the Council office, 70 Market Street Balranald or from the Balranald Shire Council website www.balranald.nsw.gov.au.

Invitation for public submissions close on 28th October, 2022.

Youth Council

Hi everyone,



I would like to congratulate the Netball A grade for their recent win in the Grand Final, such an exciting time for all involved, and a well-deserved win, the first of many more to come I am sure. It's great to take some moments out of the game, when the Balranald team were down by 11 points, but quickly came back to win eventually by 2 points. Such a great example of determination and perseverance. When you are determined, you can overcome and challenges that you face, that's what these girls have done. Our entire community is so proud, and excited to see what comes to them next season.

Youth Council is working on the delivery of our summer program, and we are excited to share with you our plans very soon. After a lot of planning, the design and development of these events is well and truly underway. Our plans involve a large-scale event for the entirety of our community. The primary theme being celebrating the diversity within our community. We are very excited to share the details of this event and more as it comes along closer to the Christmas season.

Finally, I would like to end off with saying thank you to the community for their support over the last four years. This will be my final column as Youth Council Mayor, before handing over to the new chair. My self, along with my year 12 peers at Balranald Central School marked our last day on September 21st, and the beginning to the next chapter of our lives. I look forward to a change of scenery as I move to Victoria for university. To whomever may take the role of Youth Mayor after me, I wish you well and good fortune. It is a great role, and a great honour. I look forward to continuing to help with the summer program before going separate ways with the group.

So, thank you Balranald Shire, it's been a pleasure.

Jackson Bialobrzewski
Youth Council 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

Kerb and gutter works have commenced in Church Street, Balranald to improve drainage and reduce standing water after rain. Works are expected to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting.

Maintenance grading has been carried out on:

- Weimby Kyalite Road
- Benongal Road
- Prungle Mail Road
- Thompson Road
- Euston Prungle Road
- Tillara Road
- Tammit Road

Contractors have been engaged to carry out road reformation and compaction on:

- Benanee Road
- Mildura Ivanhoe Road

Works are underway on the repair and patching of sealed roads in Balranald.



Buildings & Facilities

Balranald Swimming Pool

All three pools have been pumped out and cleaned. Minor repairs will be carried out prior to repainting ready for the summer season.

Theatre Royal

The Theatre Royal row of buildings was subject to smoke and water damage after the fire which occurred on 7 August 2022. Insurance assessments have been carried out and repairs commenced on 12 September 2022. The repairs include removal and replacement of damaged ceiling portions, light fittings and carpets, and repainting of damaged areas.

The Can Assist book shop is currently located in the Theatre Royal "ticketing office" until repairs to the usual shop location have been completed.

Balranald Tip

Council will take over operations at the Balranald Tip on 1st October. A staff position has been created at Council for a Waste Facility Operator and this position has been advertised. Meanwhile the operation of the tip will be undertaken by current Council staff.

Council is in the process of sourcing suitable machinery for operations at the Waste Facility. As there is no public weighbridge service available in Balranald, Council is investigating the viability of installing a weighbridge at the Balranald Waste Facility in the future.

Kerbside Pick Up

Council has received inquiries concerning the annual council hard rubbish collection and can advise that Council will not be having a hard rubbish collection in October.

October is the time when annual events begin and tourists are visiting our area. The collection of hard rubbish on the footpath is not an image that Council and the community would be wanting to promote. The wet weather is also likely to impact on this service.

Accordingly, it is proposed to defer the hard rubbish collection till later in the year or early in the new year and that date and time will be advertised. In the meantime, it is proposed to have a number of fee free weekends at the tip for domestic waste, including hard waste and these events will also be promoted as an opportunity for friends & neighbour to get together and help with clean-up.

Please remember there is no charge for green waste at Council's tips.



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

Road Conditions

For current road condition information go to:

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

Community Ads

Ryan Johnstone – Soft Ball Championships
Congratulations to Ryan Johnstone for competing in the NSWPSA Boys Softball Championships in Mudgee.

Ryan was picked for the team out of 21 totalling, Ryan travelled to Wagga every Sunday in August for training prior to travelling to Mudgee for the Championships

Riverina finished in 9th position with 3 wins.
Council donated \$150 towards the costs of Ryan's Uniform and team costs.



Balranald Branch of Can Assist would like to thank Homebush Recreation Club for their kind donation of \$10,000.

We would also like to thank Tooleybuc sporting club for their kind donation of \$499.00.



RISE FOR COMPASSION
COAST TO COAST

Ride for Compassion is a challenging 4000km ride across inland Australia to raise money for vulnerable children living in poverty, including those who are facing unthinkable hardships as a result of COVID-19.

Join the riders for a meal in your town as they share their adventures from the road!

Tuesday 11 October 2022

6:30pm Bring and share a meal

7:30pm Ride for Compassion presentation

Venue

Balranald Presbyterian Church, corner of Sturt Highway and Bank St, Balranald, NSW

Contact

Dennis Rayson | 0428 830 276

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Mrs Doreen Batty celebrated her 99th birthday on 19/09/22 with her family.
Mrs Batty has been a resident at Balranald Health Service for the past 6 years.
Doreen was born in Sydney on 19/9/1923. She worked as a factory worker in a federal match company.

Doreen and her husband Russell (Dec) moved to Balranald 41 years ago.
Doreen has 5 children (2 sons and 3 daughters).

Doreen likes singing, listening to country music and listening/watching the horse racing channel on TV.

Doreen was a recorded singing artist on the radio before TV.

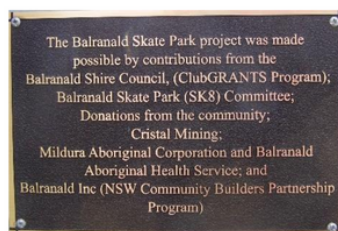
Doreen comes from a family of 8 children who have all lived into their 90's. She only has one surviving brother left.

Mrs Batty is likely to be the eldest member of the Balranald Community



**Balranald Cox Plate
Saturday 22 Oct 2022**

- Fashions on Field
- On course catering
- Live Entertainment
- Bookmakers
- Kids Entertainment
- Marquees and Packages available



The Balranald Skate Park Committee, (formerly known as SK8), now disbanded, sincerely thank the Balranald Shire Council for their kind donation of a plaque in recognition of all those who contributed to the Skate Park project.

Want to advertise an event?

Send us an email at
council@balranald.nsw.gov.au



Are you a member of the Euston, Kyalite, Hatfield or Oxley communities?

Do you have an interest in your community's health and well-being?

Is it important to you that all members of your community are included and can access the services they need?

If you answered YES then becoming a volunteer member of Balranald Shire Council's Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing (SCAIW) Advisory Committee might be for you.

The SCAIW Advisory Committee formed in 2020 as one of the seven Advisory Committees created through the Shire's renewed efforts to hear and respond to community voice after coming under Administration.

The aim of the SCAIW Advisory Committee is to improve well-being, inclusion and access outcomes across the entire Shire area. However, at the moment our membership is largely Balranald based, so we are looking to broaden our team of volunteers to ensure we have involvement from across the Shire.

Since we formed in late 2020 we have worked to create a Shire wide services directory, hold service provider networking events, advocate for increased service provision, create a Shire level Community Health Profile, support awareness raising around family violence and the provision of emergency housing within the Shire and most recently gain funding to deliver Mental Health First Aid training across the LGA.

We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month from 4-5:30pm. Meetings are in person with the option to join via Zoom so there is no expectation that member's travel.

If you are interested in becoming a member you need to complete the Balranald Shire Council's Advisory Committee Registration form. Your registration form then goes to a Council meeting for approval by the Administrator and General Manager.

For further information on the registration process or the SCAIW Advisory Committee more broadly please contact the Chair – Rachael Williams, 0416201643 or rachael@locallogicplace.com.au

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The Balranald Hospital
Auxiliary would like to
thank the Balranald



Community for all their support over the
2021/2022 Financial Year

For the 2021/2022 Financial Year the
Auxiliary was able to purchase the
following and donate to the Balranald
MPS:

Vein Finder
Plants for the MPS Garden
Lightweight Wheelchair
Christmas Decorations
Over Toilet Aids x 2

We also supported Tipple Time for the
MPS Long-Term Residents and
purchased Christmas Gifts for them

The Auxiliary Ladies look forward to your
support of our Functions over the
2022/2023 Financial Year