

AUSTRALIA

DAY

CELEBRATIONS

2023

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Mr Antonio Liparota

Mr Antonio Liparota was nominated for a Special Achievement because of his dedication by volunteering his time and services including his own employees to assist the local SES and fire brigade during the worst flood levels experienced since 1956.

When Antonio was called upon by the local SES and fire brigade, Antonio made himself and his employees available wherever they were directed and required to be.

Antonio is a credit to his local community through his actions and mindset of being prepared to do the jobs others may be reluctant to perform.

This is evident through Antonio focusing on helping the elderly and youth in Euston community.

As an example, Antonio has assisted with officiating junior sports such as football and basketball for many seasons. Antonio's focus has been to make a conscious effort to help people that might be in a position where they cannot physically perform a certain job themselves.

In conclusion Antonio is a role model for others to aspire to, particularly the younger generation. We feel very lucky to have person of Antonio's nature representing our community.



Congratulations Antonio

Balranald Football Netball Club

BFNC was awarded the Central Murray Football League Club Excellence Ward for 2022. To win this award your club is judged on criteria, ground and facilities, crowd behaviour, player behaviour, paperwork and office works, communication with league, attitude and manners by all members of the club, from committee, players, netballers and junior member/players. This award is judged against 10 other clubs in the Central Murray Football league (CMFL). Balranald was awarded this award at the CMFL presentation evening in September 2022.

Congratulations to the Balranald Football/Netball Club



Ellie-Jane Brougham, Marshall Bodinnar and Bronwyn Brougham (committee members of Balranald Football/Netball Club), Helen Dalton MP (Member for Murray) and Andrew Lock (Ambassador)

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF THE YEAR

Great Murray River Salami Festival

Salami Festival was again held in Euston on Saturday 13 November 2022. Although the weather wasn't the best the rain held off for most of the day with only a couple of light showers.

The weekend festivities commenced on Friday evening with a mee4t and greet of our 10 Salami judges, which was hosted on the Station 46 Deck of Euston Club Resort from 6-8pm.

Saturday morning commenced with the Salami competition judging, commencing at 8am and with 57 entries received gave the judges some tough decision. Judging was over by 10.30am and winners were announced. The festival was moved to Euston Recreation Reserve due to the Riverfront being flooded, commenced at 10am and went through the day until 4pm. The moving of this function did not stop the hive of activities, there was lots of music, food vans, market stalls and children's activities and enjoyed by all.

The day brought approximately 3000 people to Euston throughout the day. Visitation numbers captured travelling from long distances to attend the day. Bendigo, Shepparton, Echuca, Moama, Goulburn, Robe, Renmark just to name a few as well as locally, Mildura, Balranald, and Robinvale.

Overall, the Great Murray Salami Festival, being the 3rd event since the launch in 2018, will be a must attend event on the 4 annual calendar for many more years to come.



Andrew Lock (Ambassador), Mike Colreavy (Administrator) and Guy Fielding (Salami Festival Committee Member)

Balranald 5 Rivers Outback Festival

The Balranald community, through the auspice of Balranald Inc. staged the first 5 Rivers Outback Festival in October 2010 and since then it has been an annual event in Balranald. The festival celebrates all that is wonderful about living in a rural and outback NSW community that is surrounded by five of the most iconic river systems in NSW. The 5 Rivers Festival has stuck to a very successful program over the years partnering with local businesses and community groups to bring great entertainment and activities to locals and visitors alike. Activities like the Bal Archies art exhibition, the 4X4r muster, community markets, and of course the popular Saturday Riverbank Bash. Saturday's day of musical entertainment has always had a focus on showcasing local talent through open mic sessions, solo artists and popular local bands culminating in a great headline act. Many hundreds of visitors have been attracted to the festival, often returning year after year, injecting thousands of dollars into the broader local economy. Local groups have benefited also through providing food and market stalls at the festival.

Congratulations to the Committees of both events



Karen Norfolk (Balranald Inc. Committee Member) Helen Dalton MP (Member for Murray), Andrew Lock (Ambassador) and Mike Colreavy (Administrator)

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Jydon Neagle-

Jydon was awarded in Season 2022 Central Murray Football Netball League Best & Fairest Award.

He was also awarded CMFNL mark of the year and is Balranald Football Club Senior Coach for 2023.

Congratulations Jydon



Helen Dalton MP (Member for Murray), Jydon Neagle, Andrew Lock (Ambassador) and Mike Colreavy (Administrator)

YOUNG SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

Archie Alderruccio – Archie's love of football commenced at the age of 3 years old, when he wouldn't sleep without his beloved football and could sing the Collingwood theme song from beginning to end.

He commenced playing Auskick as soon as he was eligible.

He played for Balranald Roos, where he won back-to-back Under 12's Best & Fairest in 2021 and 2022. Archie also won the Under 12's coaches award in 2019.

Polding Football Team – Archie was selected to the Polding football team in 2021 and 2022 (2021 he played in Byron Bay and 2022 he played in Coffs Harbor).

Key Dates for Archie –

- Participate in Coffs Harbour NSW State selections 25-27 May 2022
- Selected in NSW State Team 27 May
- Trained with the Blue Pups 11-14 July
- Presented with his NSW Guernsey 5 August, Sydney by Swans Players; and
Photographed in front of the SCG Members Grandstand
- Played Nationals in Adelaide 7 August to Friday 12 August

Archie is a high achiever, totally dedicated to his football and known amongst his peers as a kind and unselfish team player.



Helen Dalton MP (member for Murray), Archie Alderruccio, Andrew Lock (Ambassador) and Mile Colreavy

Bree Hodgson who played in under 18's for the 2022 season, she won the Central Murray Football Netball <https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Australia-Day-2022-Winners.pdf> League Best & Fairest, and Balranald Best & Fairest.

She also played In the A-Grade side which won the premiership for 2022. Great achievement for Bree and she played 2 full games every week.

(Bree was absent on the day)

Congratulations to both Archie and Bree

SPORTING TEAM OF THE YEAR

Balranald A Grade Netball Team – won the Central Murray Grand final by 2 goals over Swan Hill. This is a great achievement for the club and town as it is the first time in history of Balranald netball club. The team was coached by Jess Parry. Jess also won A-Grade CMFNL Best & Fairest for 2022.

Team Members: Jess Parry, Elli-Jane Brougham, Stevie Bibby, Madison Jess Ella Murchison, Bree Hodgson, Bonnie Jolliffe, Macey Lloyd, Choe Militto and Chloe Taylor

Congratulations Balranald A Grade Netball Team



Madison Jess, Macey Lloyd, Bonnie Jolliffe, Ellie-Jane Brougham (Team Players), Helen Dalton MP (Member for Murray), Andrew Lock (Ambassador) and Mile Colreavy (Administrator)

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Bronwyn Brougham – Bronwyn is well known in Balranald Community as being an active volunteer member of a number of local organisations. She is passionate about her local community, however, providing opportunities for kids to participate in local sports is the area that she is most passionate about. As a result, hundreds of local children and adults have benefited from Bronwyn's commitment of over 30 years.

Some of Bronwyn's local organisations include.

- Balranald Football/Netball Club, she is currently the president as has been for the last 10 years. She also fulfils the following roles regularly from week to week during the season – umpire, scorer, timer, court manager and complaints manager. Bronwyn also organises the Netball Club Debutante Ball, fundraising and organising many catering jobs.
- Balranald Pony Club – committee member and has held most offices since being a junior member through to being an active mother and grandmother of Junior riders and Coordinator of major events.
- Balranald Tennis Club – Player and active committee member
- Balranald Ski Club – active member
- Balranald Central School P&C Association, active member for over 20 years.
- Bronwyn regularly volunteers for numerous local events and offers personal assistance in the form of organising and catering for Sporting events; funeral wakes; private and community celebrations
- Bronwyn is a bus driver for home help including transport to medical appointments and shops

Congratulations Bronwyn



Jan Lawler (2022 citizen of Year), Bronwyn Brougham, Helen Dalton MP (Member for Murray), Andrew Lock (Ambassador) and Mike Colreavy (Administrator)