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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:

Tuesday to Friday 3.00pm to 6.00pm  
Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays  
11.00am to 8.00pm

\*Closed if forecast temp is less than 26 degrees

### 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

\*Closed during Wet Weather Conditions

### Euston Landfill:

Tuesday & Thursday 1pm-6pm  
Sunday 9am-3pm

\*Closed during Wet Weather Conditions

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you wish to receive an e-copy of our Newsletter  
each month

Wednesday 16 November 2022

## Media Statement

It is with great sadness that Mike Colreavy, Administrator, advises of the sudden passing this week of Balranald Shire Council's General Manager, Jeffrey Sowiak. Jeff only commenced his role with Council in April this year, having come from Brewarrina Shire Council, but he had already made his mark on the organisation. He had a long career in local government holding senior positions in councils in every Australian State, except South Australia.

Right up until his passing, Jeff was playing an instrumental role in leading Council's flood preparations and supporting the SES and the Shire communities in combating the current emergency across Balranald Shire.

Jeff will be greatly missed, especially for his personal warmth and his passion for local government and our community. Jeff was a friend to all in every community where he has served.

On behalf of Council and the wider community, I extend our deepest sympathy to Jeff's wife Jeanette and to the Sowiak family for their untimely loss.

Mike Colreavy  
Administrator - Balranald Shire Council



# Council News

## Public Exhibitions

### 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/)

## Xmas Council Hours

### COUNCIL OFFICE

Closed from 12.30pm Friday 23rd December to 9.00am 3rd January.

### BALRANALD TIP

Saturday December 24 10:00am to 1:00pm  
Sunday December 25 CLOSED  
Tuesday December 27 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
Thursday December 29 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
Saturday 31 December 10:00am to 1:00pm  
Sunday 1 January CLOSED

### GARBAGE COLLECTION

Tuesday 27th December (instead of Monday 26th).  
Tuesday 3rd January (instead of Monday 2nd)  
Friday collections will be as usual.

**PLEASE LEAVE BIN OUT ON THE EVENING  
PRIOR TO COLLECTION TO ENSURE IT IS EMPTIED.**



## Job Vacancies at Council

- Permanent Personal Care Assistants (PCA) at Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel

For more information about our Job Vacancies, please visit our Website [www.balranald.nsw.gov.au](http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au)

## Street Sweeper

Balranald:

1 December - North of Market Street (Racecourse side). Includes Market Street.

22 December - South of Market Street (River side). Includes Market Street & Caravan Park.

Euston:

14 December - Whole town of Euston

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

## Library News

Hello!! My name is Max Ugarte, and I am currently doing my School Work Experience at the Balranald Library, just trying to learn the ins and outs of real work and responsibilities. Janaya Gaston, Chris Casserly and Dale Pope have been educating me and (rather painfully) instilling an appropriate work ethic and attitude into my brain. So far, I have been enjoying this new experience and look forward to each new day.

Also, there's going to be a *sick as* party at Balranald Library on the 9th of December at 10 am so please feel welcome to drop on by!

### Community Notice

- Leading up to Christmas and when reopening again for 2023 we will be holding children and youth activities so please keep an eye out for posters and on our library Facebook page for updates and activities.
- January at the library will see the introduction of tech savvy lessons for Seniors held on a Monday @ 10 am for two hours. Please keep an eye out for updates on dates and session content.



## 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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# Community Ads

## ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS

ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO LOCAL EMERGENCY INCIDENTS 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK FROM THEIR HOME OR OTHER WORKPLACES. THEY ARE NOTIFIED BY PAGER OR MOBILE PHONE AND CAN BALANCE OTHER WORK, STUDY AND FAMILY COMMITMENTS WHILE ALSO PROTECTING AND SUPPORTING THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

"FIRE AND RESCUE NSW BALRANALD FIRE STATION IS LOOKING FOR NEW RECRUITS. HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY. JOIN NOW AS AN ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER WHICH IS A PAID JOB. YOU CAN WORK AROUND YOUR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AND TRY SOMETHING NEW. CONTACT CAPTAIN KAITLEY AMY ON 0418472067 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE"

## WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME AN ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER

"JOINING OUR ON-CALL ROSTER MEANS FIRST-CLASS TRAINING AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN KEEPING YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE, WITHOUT COMPROMISING YOUR CURRENT LIFESTYLE.

BECOMING AN ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER IS A LIFECHANGING EXPERIENCE AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY."

- COMMISSIONER PAUL BAXTER, FIRE AND RESCUE NSW

OUR ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS ARE TRAINED TO:

- PREVENT AND REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE AND POTENTIAL LOSS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY
- WORK CLOSELY WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO INCREASE FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS AND PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION
- UNDERTAKE ALL MANNER OF RESCUE
- DEAL WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS
- ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES WITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSES AND SEVERE WEATHER-RELATED EVENTS.

## BALRANALD CAN ASSIST

EXCITING BOOK SHOP NEWS

WE ARE STAYING IN OUR NEW LOCATION!!

MANY THANKS TO THE BALRANALD SHIRE FOR THIS LOVELY PREMISES.

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE POP INTO THE SHOP AND PUT YOUR NAME ONTO THE ROSTER. EVERY HOUR COUNTS!! THANKS

OUR NEW COMMITTEE FOR 22-23 FINANCIAL YEAR ARE:

CHAIRMAN - HANK VAN APLEDOORN  
SECRETARY - HELEN MURPHY  
TREASURER - ALISON LINNETT  
PATIENT LIASON - WYN SCOTT

THANKYOU FOR ALL THE KINDLY DONATED BOOKS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE LIMITED STORAGE SO CHECK WITH US BEFORE DROPPING OFF BOOKS. PLEASE ALSO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR BOOKS ARE OF A GOOD QUALITY FOR RESALE .IE. NOT TORN, DIRTY, MOUSE EATEN, AS WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A SKIP BIN.

## THE MAKER SHOP

TEA ROOM IS NOW OPEN.

SERVING MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS IN THE OLD FASHION WAY.

OPENING SPECIAL - TEA OR COFFEE WITH CAKE \$8.00

THE TEA ROOM WILL BE OPEN DURING NORMAL OPENING HOURS.

TUES, THURS, FRIDAY - 10 AM TILL 4/5 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING 9AM - 12/1PM.



"THE GALLERY" PRESENTS A NEW EXHIBITION OF WORK WITH A DIVERSE RANGE OF SUBJECT MATTER OPENING ON FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

'PAINTINGS BY PROWSIE'

IS A DISPLAY OF SIXTY WATERCOLOURS (ALL FOR SALE) BY WELL KNOWN MILDURA ARTIST JOHN PROWSIE & IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THAT SPECIAL GIFT FOR XMAS. WE ALSO CARRY A HUGE RANGE OF DIDGERIDOOONA PRODUCTS AT BELOW RETAIL PRICES. A SELECTION OF ONE OFF HAND MADE POTTERY, SILK SCARVES, HAND CRAFTED CHEESE AND BREAD BOARDS, CARDS, SCULPTURES ETC ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE 7 DAYS PER WEEK.

LIMONDALE SOLAR FARM PRESENTATION FOLLOWING OUR SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE "LIMONDALE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND" AND BALRANALD INC, REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH ORGANISATIONS PRESENTED THE COMMITTEE WITH A COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE RECOGNISING THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO BALRANALD COMMUNITY ARTS & CRAFTS INC "GROW YOUR GIFT" PROJECT.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM HELD OVER FOUR SESSIONS IN 2023 WILL BENEFIT A NUMBER OF TALENTED CHILDREN AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS THROUGH THE EMPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED TUTORS.

BY IDENTIFYING THESE YOUNG ARTISTS AT AN EARLY AGE THE PROGRAM WOULD GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND A VISION FOR A FUTURE. ANOTHER BUSY YEAR IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE AND THE COMMITTEE WISH TO THANK THEIR HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS, MEMBERS AND EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED US IN ANY WAY OVER THE YEARS. HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY XMAS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AGAIN IN 2023.



**THE SALAMI FESTIVAL** WAS AGAIN 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 MEET AND GREET OF OUR 10 SALAMI JUDGES, WHICH WAS HOSTED ON THE STATION 46 DECK OF EUSTON CLUB RESORT FROM 6PM TO 8PM.

SATURDAY MORNING COMMENCED WITH THE SALAMI COMPETITION JUDGING, COMMENCING AT 8AM AND WITH 57 ENTRIES RECEIVED GAVE THE JUDGES SOME TOUGH DECISIONS. JUDGING WAS OVER BY 10.30AM, THANKYOU TO ALL WHO ENTERED IN THE COMPETITION AND A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS BELOW;

1ST PLACE: \$2,000 CASH. BRAD HOCKING OF EUSTON.

2ND PLACE: SASKIA BEER MEMORIAL TROPHY AND A CLEAVER SALUMI CABINET VALUED AT \$1,500. MARIO CHIRCHIGLIA OF EUSTON.

3RD PLACE: A CASALINGO IMPORTS CRIMPER VALUED AT \$500. MICHAEL HANLEY OF BROKEN HILL.  
4TH PLACE: AN ARTISAN'S BOTTEGA PRIZE PACKAGE (VACUUM SEALER + ACCESSORIES) VALUED AT \$500. JOE LONGO (BIG JOE'S SMALLGOODS) OF MILDURA.

THE FESTIVAL, WAS MOVED TO EUSTON FOOTBALL OVAL DUE TO THE RIVERFRONT BEING FLOODED, COMMENCED AT 10AM WENT THROUGH THE DAY UNTIL 4PM, WITH LOTS OF MUSIC, ACTIVITIES, FOOD VANS, MARKET STALLS AND CHILDREN ACTIVITIES.

THE DAY BROUGHT APPROXIMATELY 3000 PEOPLE ATTENDING. VISITATION NUMBERS CAPTURED TRAVELLERS FROM LONG DISTANCES TO ATTEND THE EVENT. BENDIGO, SHEPPARTON, ECHUCA-MOAMA, GOULBURN, ROBE, RENMARK, JUST TO NAME A FEW. ALSO, MANY VISITORS FROM SURROUNDING AREAS SUCH AS BROKEN HILL, MILDURA AND SWAN HILL.

THE FEEDBACK HAS BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE WITH A CONSISTENT THEME OF HOW MUCH ENJOYMENT WAS HAD ON THE DAY. FREE ENTRY, FREE ENTERTAINMENT AND FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EVENT AND BEING ABLE TO ATTRACT AND TARGET SUCH A BROAD MARKET.

FOOD, DRINK, AND MARKET STALLS WERE KEPT EXTREMELY BUSY WITH THE HIGH VOLUME OF FOOT TRAFFIC. MAGGIE BEER WAS A MAJOR DRAWCARD AND PEOPLE WERE SO THRILLED TO MEET HER AND SNEAK A PHOTOGRAPH WITH HER WHERE THEY COULD.

OVERALL, THE GREAT MURRAY SALAMI FESTIVAL, THE 3RD EVENT NOW SINCE THE INAUGURAL 2018 LAUNCH, WILL BE A MUST ATTEND EVENT ON THE ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO COME!

# Community Ads



SwimVac 2023 is taking place at the **Janelle Masters Memorial Pool, Church St, Balranald**  
 Week 1: Mon 9th - Friday 13th January  
 Week 2: Mon 16th - Friday 20th January

Book online, and find program information and locations via our website.

[www.drowningprevention.org.au/swimvac](http://www.drowningprevention.org.au/swimvac)



THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF BALRANALD INVITES EVERYONE TO

## Family Christmas Carols

Beginning with a Family BBQ



+ Nativity Play with LIVE ANIMALS!

6pm Sunday  
 11th December, 2022

— GREENHAM PARK —

# No Interest Loans

For essentials you need now.

No fees. No interest. Ever.

Borrow up to \$2000. Pay back what you borrow.



For more information please contact Intereach on 1300 488 226 or visit [www.intereach.com.au](http://www.intereach.com.au)

For people on low incomes, see eligibility criteria at [nils.com.au](http://nils.com.au)  
 NILS loans are supported by Good Shepherd Microfinance ABN 36 151 124 401



## Are you under 25 & starting your career??

The **Country Education Foundation of Balranald** has opened its annual grants round for all young people living within the Balranald Shire (including the towns of Euston, Balranald and beyond).

If you are transitioning from school (or a gap year or even a few years of working) into your career, are aged 16-25yrs and need some financial support in meeting your career goals then go to the Country Education Foundation Australia website: <https://cef.org.au/apply-for-a-grant/> create a 'Student Registration' selecting **Balranald** as your local Foundation and complete an application form. For questions or concerns call / email Rachael Williams 0416 201 643 / [rachael@locallogicplace.com.au](mailto:rachael@locallogicplace.com.au)

Applications must be completed online and received by COB **5pm Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023** (late applications will not be accepted) and interviews will be held by mid-February 2023.

Grants to our local young people are made possible with financial support from key local sponsors including Balranald Shire Council, Balranald Inc., Balranald ICPA,

Balranald Ex-Services Memorial Club, WindLab and TransGrid's Community Partnerships Program.

NSW Health

Fight the Bite!

## Mosquito borne infections

### Information for people who live in or are travelling to flood affected areas in NSW.

- 1 Mosquitoes can transmit infections, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus.
- 2 Stagnant water left behind by the floods and heavy rain provides ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes.
- 3 Take simple measures to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes and reduce your risk of infection.

### Summary

- NSW can experience heavy rains and significant flooding, resulting in water lying around. This water provides ideal conditions for mosquito breeding.
- With the increased mosquito breeding there is an increased risk for people to be infected with mosquito borne diseases, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus. More rarely mosquitoes may carry Murray Valley encephalitis virus and Kunjin virus.

### Signs you may have a mosquito related disease

Many people will have no symptoms if infected. However a few days after being bitten some will feel generally unwell, and may have sore joints, muscle aches, rash, fever and tiredness.

### Protecting yourself from a mosquito disease

Simple steps to avoid mosquito bites include:

- Checking fly screens on all windows and doors are in place and do not have any rips or holes.
- When outside cover up as much as possible with light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and covered footwear, especially in the early morning and evening.
- Apply mosquito repellent regularly to exposed areas (as directed on the container). Use repellents containing either Diethyl Toluamide (DEET), Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE).
- Devices that use light to attract and electrocute insects are NOT effective.
- When mosquitoes are present inside the room use over the counter insecticide sprays, especially behind furniture and in dark places.
- When camping, make sure your tent is well protected with flyscreens, or sleep under mosquito nets.

### Further Information

Detailed information on reducing the risk of mosquito bites at home and while travelling can be accessed from the following link: [health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/factsheets/Pages/mosquito.aspx](http://health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/factsheets/Pages/mosquito.aspx)

Detailed information on control of mosquitoes during floods and public events can be accessed from the following link: [health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/mosquito-control-floods-and-public-events.aspx](http://health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/mosquito-control-floods-and-public-events.aspx)



[health.nsw.gov.au](http://health.nsw.gov.au)

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# Reframing Resilience Workshops

Forget the big webinars!  
Come along to a workshop that is small and interactive.

PDCN is running a FREE two-part online workshop for people with disability, their partners or family members providing direct informal (unpaid) support.

## What makes our workshops different?

- Numbers are capped at 10 people
- They are interactive on zoom and in-person, which allows time for individual questions
- Follow up support is available after the workshop
- Facilitators have lived experience
- Interactions with other participants increases learning



No matter who we are, there will be periods in our lives when we will need to rely on and further develop our resilience skills. In this workshop we:

- Increase your knowledge on how emotions, thoughts and language impact on longer-term resilience
- Help you learn to dedicate time to understanding yourself and what matters to you
- Provide you with tools to assist you in creating positive actions and habits



### Zoom Online

Wed 30th November, 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Wed 7 December 5:30pm - 7:30pm



## REGISTER NOW

e. [admin@pdcnsw.org.au](mailto:admin@pdcnsw.org.au)  
p. 1800 688 831

[www.pdcnsw.org.au/workshops](http://www.pdcnsw.org.au/workshops)

# Community Ads

## No Interest Loans for back-to-school costs



Borrow up to \$1500 Pay back \$1500  
**No Fees. No Charges. Ever.**



Talk to the people you know and trust

Intereach  
1300 488 226  
[contact@intereach.com.au](mailto:contact@intereach.com.au)



For people on low incomes, see eligibility criteria at [nils.com.au](http://nils.com.au).  
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