

BSC'S



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:

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

Please email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au if
you wish to receive an e-copy of our Newsletter
each month

Congratulations to the 5 Rivers Festival and Bal-Archies committees on a great festival opening event. It was exciting to see a piece of sculpture receive the Balranald Shire Council Acquisitive Award for the first time in the history of forty two years of the gallery.

An estimated 130 guests attended the evening which was officially opened by the General Manager Jeff Sowiak, who also presented the awards as they were announced by well known Melbourne artist and judge Ben Winspear. Albeit plan "B" for the festival committee because of the weather, the dinner and entertainment at our theatre which followed was fantastic & thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Thanks to everyone who has supported Balranald Community Arts & Crafts Inc over the past years especially our volunteers.

Watch out for upcoming exhibitions & workshops & remember our new learning centre is available for meetings and other community activities.



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/

Development Applications:

DA 08/2023 - Proposed Irrigation Pump Station - Southern Bank of Murray River, Opposite Lot 6858 DP 48114, Off River Track Kenley (Applicant: James Golsworthy)

Asbestos Awareness Month

National Asbestos Awareness Month (1-30 November) is Australia's leading multi award-winning asbestos awareness and community education campaign in the prevention of asbestos-related diseases.

With asbestos-related diseases continuing to increase among Australians as a direct result of exposure to asbestos fibres during home renovations or in the workplace; the importance of increasing awareness and educating Australians on how to manage asbestos safely in accordance with regulations cannot be overstated. For more information visit www.asbestosawareness.com.au

Council Undertaking Vegetation Removal & Maintenance on the Eastern Balranald Town Flood Levee

Council is currently undertaking vegetation clearing and maintenance work on the Eastern Balranald Town Flood Levee. This work is being undertaken to ensure that the levee is able to meet the key requirements for community safety. It is unfortunate that over time small trees and shrubs have grown in the levee bank and the recent wet seasons have promoted this vegetation growth in and around the levee walls. This growth can potentially impact on the effectiveness of the levee and needs to be removed. Council works crews and contractors will undertake clearing that may potentially impact on landowners near the levee and Council apologises for any inconvenience.

Jeff Sowiak

General Manager

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

Street Sweeper

Balranald:

10 November - South of Market Street (River side). Includes Market Street & Caravan Park.

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:

9 November - Whole town of 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

Draft Loan Policy and Loan Policy Business Case Template

Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 18 October 2022 resolved to publicly display the Draft Loans Policy and Loan Policy Business Case Template for public comments and feedback.

Written comments and feedback for Plans and Policy are to be received at Council no later than 5pm, Friday 18 November 2022 and addressed to: The General Manager, P.O. Box 120, BALRANALD NSW 2715 OR Emailed to: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au



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 |
|---------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 20/09/2022 | DA 03/2023 | Jordan Griffiths | 48 Cally Street, Balranald | Garage |
| 21/09/2022 | DA 42/2022 | Wes Pye | Yuranigh Street, Balranald | Five (5) Lot Subdivision |
| 21/09/2022 | DA 02/2023 | Fisher Planning Pty Ltd | 9 Cary Street, Euston | Dwelling |
| 21/09/2022 | DA 05/2023 | Fisher Planning Pty Ltd | 147 Taylor Road, Euston | Dwelling Extension & Outdoor Area |
| 23/09/2022 | DA 04/2023 | Wendy Barker | 181 Church Street, Balranald | New Building for Home Business |

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

Australia Day Nominations

Balranald Shire is searching for the Local Citizens of the Year for Australia Day 2023.

Do you know someone who has done countless volunteer hours for a service organisation, a local sporting or community group, or an educational facility?

Do you know someone who has an outstanding achievement in their work or studies? Or organises initiatives to protect the environment?

Balranald Shire and the Australia Day Council of NSW invite your nominations for the 2023 Local Citizen of the Year Awards. Nominations are now open and must be submitted on the official Nomination form. You can find this form on Council's website or by contacting Council.

The awards allow us to recognise the contributions that many individuals make to their local community each year.

The Environmental Citizen of the Year Award and Young Environmental Citizen of the Year Award (school-aged nominees only) are again being run in partnership with Return and Earn and the Australia Day Council of NSW. After Australia Day, local winners can be nominated for the State Awards – an opportunity to further showcase their extraordinary efforts in our community and a chance for nominees to win a one-off donation to support their initiative and to help them achieve their environmental goals:

- NSW Environmental Citizen of the Year Award - \$3,000 prize money
- NSW Young Environmental Citizen of the Year Award (school-aged nominees only) - \$1,000 prize money

Visit the Australia Day in NSW website to learn about previous inspirational nominees and winners of the NSW Environmental Citizen of the Year Awards.

For more information on how you can nominate a member of your local community for the NSW Local Citizen of the Year Awards, please contact Balranald Council or visit our website

<https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/community/australia-day-at-balranald-shire/>

For further information regarding the nominations please contact Carol Holmes on 03 5020 1300 or cholmes@balranald.nsw.gov.au

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 25th November, 2022.

Jeff 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 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.



Infrastructure Report

Road Construction and Maintenance

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

- Benanee Road
- Mildura Ivanhoe Road

Once these works are completed, contractors will commence works on:

- Prungle Marma Road
- Marma Box Creek Road
- Turlee Leaghur Road
- Oxley Clare Road
- Tarwong Freshwater Road
- Clare Freshwater Road

All of these works are weather dependant.

Kerb and Gutter works in Church Street, Balranald (designed to improve drainage and reduce standing water after rain) have been delayed by persistent wet weather. The works are now expected to be completed by mid-November, weather permitting.



Buildings & Facilities

Balranald Library and C.W.A. Building

Exciting developments are underway at Balranald Library. New library officer, Janaya Gaston, has been successful in obtaining government grants to renovate and redevelop the library and C.W.A. building and create facilities for a wider range of people within the community.

The library reception desk has been moved further away from the entrance door, creating an area which will be transformed into a small children's play area. New glass double doors open from this area onto the playground. Once the outside paving has been upgraded, this entrance will be wheelchair accessible.

A new window has been installed in the reception area to provide better visibility of the playground.

New internal double doors have been installed to connect the library and C.W.A. buildings. The unused C.W.A. room will be fitted out as a Technology Hub.

New mural paintings have been added to the external library wall.

Further works are ongoing and are planned to be completed by January 2023.

Further grant funding is being sought to transform the library park with new sand and water play areas and good shade.



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/>

TOURISM UPDATE



After the challenges of Covid and the ups and down of visitor numbers, it has been wonderful to have steady stream of visitors and travellers back to the shire with increased activity and buzz at the Visitor Information Centre and with our marketing activities.

- Since January this year to the end of September we have welcomed close to **11,400 visitors** at the Visitor Information Centre and from visitor numbers recorded in January to the figures recorded at the end of September, visitor numbers had **increased by 95%**.
- During the period of January to end of September we also increased our social media promotional posts and stories highlighting all the wonderful things to see and do in our fabulous shire. We created geographical target audiences behind our social media promotions and used high resolution images and appealing content to optimise audience reach and engagement.
- Between January and end of September our promotional Facebook posts **reached a total audience of 710,840** and **76,824 people engaged directly with our posts** (liked, commented, shared our posts)

Activity Highlights between January and end of September 2022 included:

- Hosting a number of regional Destination Planning workshops
- Hosting the Regional Economic Development Strategy workshop with regional stakeholders
- Staging the "Shop in Balranald Shire" Christmas campaign
- Staging and hosting the Small Business Dinner Event & implementing the Easter Marketing Campaign
- Staging the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Twilight Market events
- The Discovery Centre precinct being selected as part of Tourism Australia's National Experience Content Initiative. Filming and photography shoot took place at the Discovery Centre and surrounds which will produce high end footage and photos that will be published on Tourism Australia's image and video galleries and for our own marketing activities
- Succeeding in winning 5 tourism/events related grants
- Commencing the development of a new tourism website (due to be launched in late November 2022)
- Implementing the production of a Small Business Video which promotes all our visitor service business across the shire being accommodation venues, retailers, eateries, vehicle services etc. The video is scheduled to be released with the launch of the new website and a new YouTube video channel in late November 2022.
- Full Page Advertising and Editorial in 2 editions of Caravanning Australia
- Releasing monthly event calendars and supported various community events

DISCLAIMER

Balranald Shire Council reserves the right to edit or rewrite submissions for grammar, style and clarity or to conform to restrictions of space. Council makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information and does not accept responsibility for errors or omissions contained within this publication. If you are aware of errors please notify Council by email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au or phone 03 5020 1300. This document is compiled some weeks prior to delivery, while all due care is made to ensure information is accurate matters are subject to change due to time passage between print and delivery, please contact Council for most current details on a subject if concerned.

Community Ads

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

For people on low incomes, see eligibility criteria at nils.com.au
NLS loans are supported by Good Shepherd Microfinance ABN 36 151 124 401



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



Good Shepherd Microfinance ABN 36 151 124 401



2022

St Josephs Christmas Fete

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Balranald Hospital Auxiliary

Annual Christmas Street Stall

When – Friday 2nd
December 2022

Where – Senior Citizens Centre

Time – 9:00am

CHRISTMAS CAKES,
CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS,
BISCUITS, SLICES, CAKES,
RELISH AND LOTS MORE

NO EARLY BIRDS

ramhp
National Emergency Management Agency

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SKILLS

FREE WORKSHOP

10AM - 3PM
CLARE HALL
SAT 12 NOVEMBER
LUNCH SPONSORED BY TRONOX

CONTENT

- health and mental health
- stress and its impact
- signs someone may be struggling with their mental well-being
- having difficult conversations
- finding and providing help for someone struggling
- perspective on your own well-being
- strategies for self-care

LEARN HOW TO HELP OTHERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE

HELP BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY

This workshop is delivered by Marie Kelly RAMHP Coordinator for Far West NSW

RSVP ESSENTIAL
0429 674 307 or 0427 563 876
marie.kelly@health.nsw.gov.au
claire.butler@nema.gov.au

The Great MURRAY RIVER SALAMI FESTIVAL NSW

ESTON FESTIVAL

SATURDAY
12TH NOVEMBER 2022

ESTON RECREATION RESERVE
(ESTON FOOTBALL OVAL) STURT HWY, ESTON
10AM TO 4PM | FREE ENTRY

FOOD AND DRINK STALLS | MARKET STALLS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
BEST SALAMI COMPETITION
SALAMI MAKING DEMONSTRATION
GUEST APPEARANCE BY MAGGIE BEER

murrayriversalamifestival.com.au

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PLATINUM SPONSOR: EUSTON CLUB RESORT

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EVENT SUPPORTERS: TransGrid, LEADERS

BALRANALD BRANCH CAN ASSIST

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

\$10 per year

\$150 life membership

AGM 5.30pm TUESDAY 25th October 2022

@ Balranald Club Board Room

Mega Christmas Raffle

Tickets \$2.00 each

Lots of great prizes

Drawn Friday 25th November 2022

@ Balranald Club approx. 8pm

THE ROBINVALE COUNTRY MARKET

A reminder that this Market will be held on

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022

EUSTON FOOTBALL OVAL

from 10.00 AM - 4.00 PM

We always welcome any new stall enquiries

so please call 0438 363 095



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

Applications must be completed online and received by COB **5pm Tuesday 31st 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.

EUSTON/ROBINVALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Euston Courthouse, is the home of Euston/Robinvale Historical Society, which contains photographs and memorabilia of the district.

The aim of the Society is to collect and preserve written and photographic material relating to the history of the two towns and surrounding districts, from settlement to present day. The Society maintains some information on individuals and families, which can assist people seeking history about their family's past and their forebears. There is also an Archive Room which holds records of community groups/organisations which no longer exist, from Euston and Robinvale.

Members are happy to host group visits and can open, on request, for family or individual visitors.

Euston Courthouse has 1 room dedicated to Euston memorabilia, 1 room dedicated to Robinvale memorabilia, the original Courtroom and Sister's room, dedicated to the Bush Nursing Service.

Members of the Society meet at the Courthouse on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December) from 10am-12noon.

Euston/Robinvale Historical Society welcomes new Members. If you have an interest in local history, please come along to the next meeting.

Letters of the old Euston Railway Siding, have been cleaned, painted and attached to a new board and is proudly sitting at the Euston Courthouse.

Contact: bharbins@bigpond.net.au



AUSTRALIA DAY
IN BALRANALD SHIRE

Australia Day 2023

Nominee (Please Print)

Name:.....
Date of Birth (if 25 years or under):
Address:
Phone Contacts:
Email:

AWARD CATEGORY

For the following category: (please tick one only)

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| <input type="radio"/> Citizen of the Year | <input type="radio"/> Young Citizen of the Year |
| <input type="radio"/> Community Event of the Year | <input type="radio"/> Environmental Citizen of the Year |
| <input type="radio"/> Special Achievement Award | <input type="radio"/> Sportsperson of the Year |
| <input type="radio"/> Young Sportsperson of the Year | <input type="radio"/> Sporting Team of the Year |

Nominator (Please Print)

Name:.....
Address:
Phone Contacts:
Email:
Organisation: (if applicable).....
Signature:..... Date:

