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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

ANZAC DAY IN BALRANALD SHIRE

Three ANZAC Day Services were held in the Balranald Shire Local Government Area on Tuesday, 25 April 2023.

The first service was the Dawn Service which was held at Kyalite at 6am. Approximately 100 people attended the Dawn Service, which was then followed by a breakfast at the Kyalite Hotel.

The Euston service commenced with a march at 8.30am. Approximately 120 people attended this service.

The final ANZAC Day Service was held in Balranald. The march commenced at 10.30am. The march was followed by a service at the cenotaph.



Council News

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

Please see below the dates for the street sweeper in Balranald & Euston

Balranald:

- 18 May 2023 - North of Market Street (Racecourse side). Includes Market Street.
- 08 June 2023 - South of Market Street (River side). Includes Market Street & Caravan Park.
- 29 June 2023 - North of Market Street (Racecourse side). Includes Market Street.

Euston:

- 10 May 2023 – Whole town of Euston
- 14 June 2023 – Whole town of Euston

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

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/

Road Conditions

For current road condition information go to:

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



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

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN, REVENUE POLICY AND DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

Including Proposed 2023/2024 Fees and Charges

Copies of the Draft Operational Plan, Revenue Policy, Fees & Charges and Budget for the 2023/2024 Financial Year are available for inspection on <https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/community/community-announcements/exhibition-of-draft-documents/>

Submissions in relation to the above plans should be addressed to **The General Manager, P.O. Box 120, BALRANALD NSW 2715** and be posted or delivered so as to reach the Councils office **no later than midday Friday 26 May 2023.**

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Easter in Balranald

As always the Easter Egg Hunt is a very popular Easter Event for both local families and for visiting families. There's nothing better than seeing the big smiles on the children's faces with their bags of chocolate eggs! The event also had children's entertainment including jumping castles, laser tag, face painting and music all free!

It was a cool evening but stall holders and visitors braced the cold to attend our colourful Easter Twilight Market. There was a great selection of stall holders from around the region. Local DJ Louie Lanteri provided some fabulous music and food stalls from local businesses provided some yummy treats. A big thank you to Ease Industries for helping with the lights and to the tourism team for all their efforts.



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TOURISM & COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

1st January 2023 - 31st March 2023



TOURISM RELATED ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- With flooding still impacting travellers in January 2023 and with February traditionally being a quiet month, our visitor related statistics indicate that visitor numbers were still low compared to reporting periods prior to the floods. However, by March 2023 it was encouraging to see a marked increase of travellers back on the road and to see our 24RV stop and Caravan Park filling up once again with travellers and visitors.
- Our **social media** marketing and promotional strategy continued to produce wonderful results with an average investment of \$110 per promotional post and page advert. Results included a total people reach and impressions of 379,299 being an increase of 38% from last quarter and a total of over 79,300 people engaging with our posts.
- Council supported the recent Bairnald Cup by partly funding the transport costs of transporting Euston visitors to the Bairnald Cup event. Council wishes to congratulate the Bairnald Racing Club for a fabulous day out.
- Council supported the staging of the Bairnald Murrumbidgee Classic Fishing Competition including developing the Risk Management Plan, support with marketing activities and taking the formal photos for traditional media and social media release. Council wishes to congratulate the Bairnald Murrumbidgee Classic's organising committee for a wonderful event which provided a boost to the visitor economy over the event weekend.
- In early March 2023 Council promoted the Bairnald Art Gallery's Julie Chrislett-Duffus Art Exhibition via social media paid promotion which resulted in a total people reach and impressions of 49,594 with approximately 2,500 people directly engaging (likes, comments, shares) with the post over a 2-day promotion period.
- On the 7th of February 2023 we attended the Regional Housing Delivery Plan workshop in the Council Chambers which was organised by Regional NSW along with Price Waterhouse who are in the process of developing a Regional Housing Delivery Plan for the Western Murray Functional Economic Region (FER).
- Since February 2023 we have been attending fortnightly online meetings, one being the Riverina Tourism Working group and the other being the Flood Recovery Tourism Working Group where relevant tourism staff within each of the invited Local Government Areas (LGAs) discuss issues, challenges and opportunities that we all face. Relevant government agencies provide updates as well as providing advice and support on what services and grants are available.

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- During February and March 2023, multi-media marketing activity implemented was to promote the upcoming Easter events. This campaign which was accelerated towards mid to late March included the following:
 - A series of ninety (90) 30 second radio commercials;
 - A number of full-page adverts in the Guardian;
 - A series of social media promotional and organic posts;
 - Direct mail to all shire households; and via
 - Council's communication mediums

COMMUNITY PROJECTS/GRANTS HIGHLIGHTS

During the reporting period we either received notification of **successful grant applications and/or finalised funding deeds** for the following funds and projects:

- **Community Building Partnership Grant:** We were successful in being awarded \$40,000 grant funding for the upgrade/enhancements of the multi-media technology in the Interpretive Pavilion.
- **Community Benefit Fund - Office of Responsible Gambling:** We formalised our successful grant funding which provides \$84,764 each year for 3 years to provide Gambling education and awareness, mental health first aid training for community members, the development of a health service and strategic plan for health services in the Bairnald community and surrounds and cross-referral to complementary support services and RGF-funded gambling and financial counselling services. This project will be delivered by the Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee (SCAIW) under the auspice of Bairnald Shire Council.
- **Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5:** We formalised our successful grant funding for \$948,758 which will support the delivery of 5 community projects being **1.** the upgrade of the Kyalite Memorial Park; **2.** New Shire entry signs to acknowledge our first nations lands; **3.** New safe fencing at the Bairnald Pool; **4.** Netball Courts upgrade and addition of a Basketball Court; **5.** Hatfield Community Hall & Precinct Upgrade
- **Public Library Infrastructure Fund:** In March we received notice of our success in receiving \$172,610 for Stage 2 of our Library Upgrade Project
- **Youth Week 2023 Funding:** In February 2023 we were successful in applying and receiving funds of \$3,313 to fund Youth Week activities. Council will also be contributing an additional \$2,513 towards the planned activities.

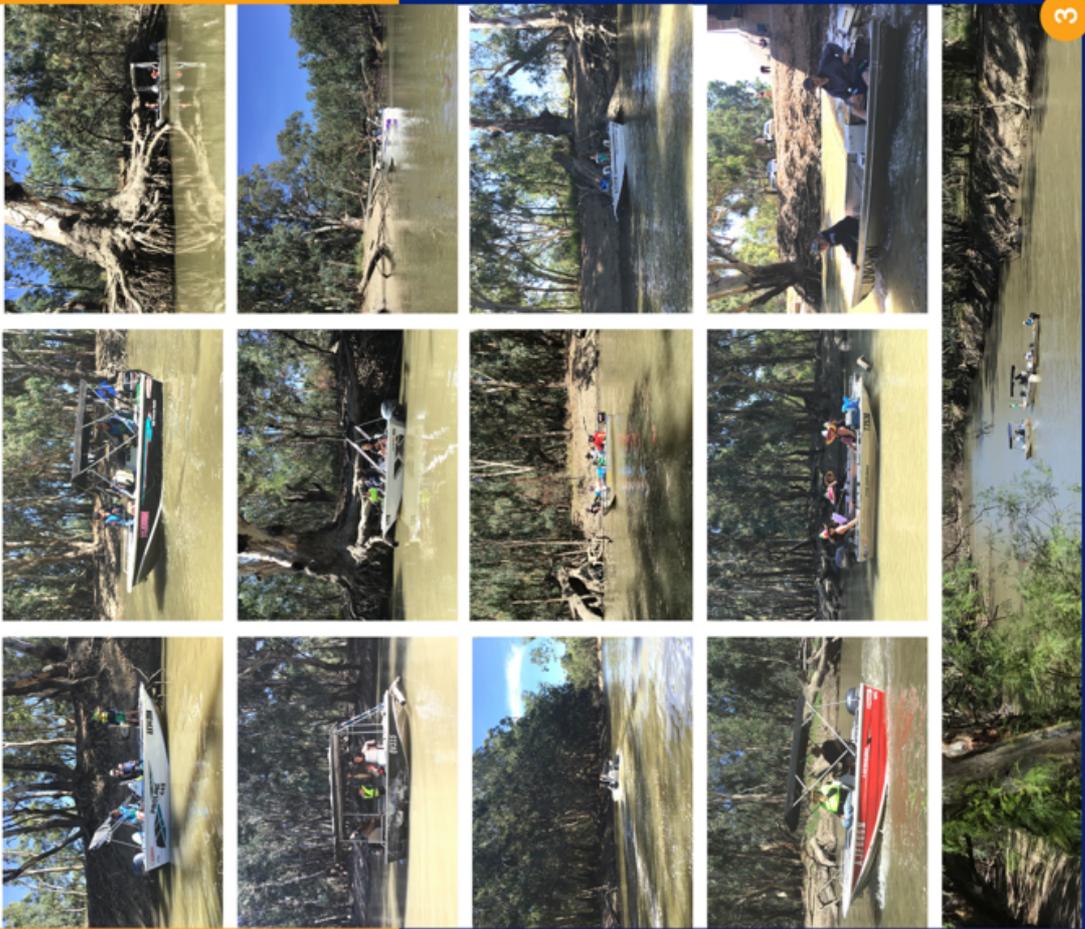
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EVENTS ATTENDED MARCH & APRIL 2023

Murrumbidgee Classic - March 24 -26

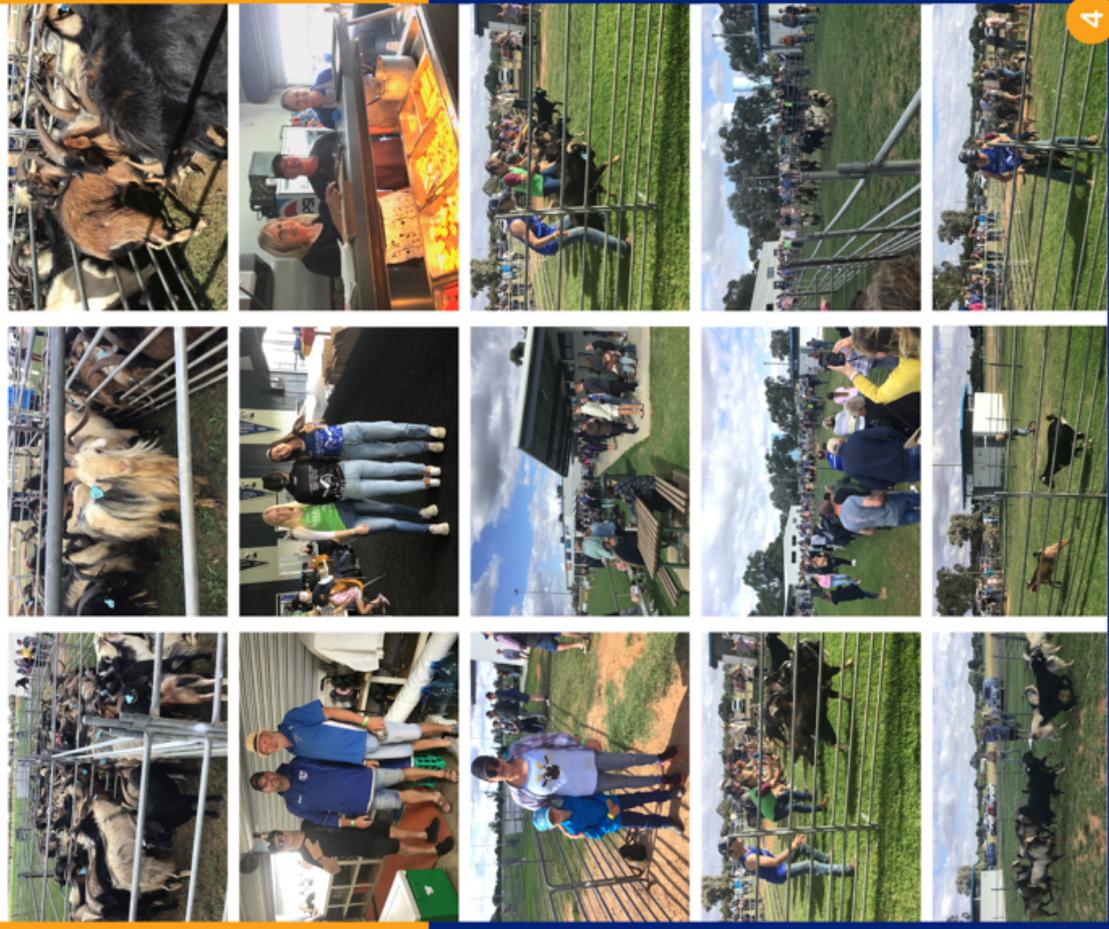
We spent a beautiful day on the river on the Saturday taking photos of the competitors taking part in the Balranald Murrumbidgee Classic Fishing Competition. It was a wonderful event with 324 registered participants and 56 junior competitors. The event produced 5 Murray Cod, 28 Golden Perch, 1 Catfish, 8 Silver Perch/Brim and numerous Carps! Congratulations to the organisers for a fabulous event!



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Balranald Goat Races - Easter Saturday April 8

It was a fun afternoon taking some photos at the popular Balranald Goat Races which took place on Easter Saturday. The day attracted visitors and local residents. It was wonderful to see many families attending for a fun afternoon. Congratulations to the Balranald Football Netball Club for putting on a fabulous family event!



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Homebush Rodeo - April 22

What another fabulous Homebush Rodeo with an attendance of 1800 recorded by the Homebush Rodeo organising committee. Rodeo fans came from great distances to witness some awesome action. It was wonderful to see the event being greatly supported by Balranald businesses, sporting clubs & community groups.



Community News

MESH Training in Balranald

At the end of 2022, members of the Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing (SCAIW) Advisory Committee of the Balranald Shire submitted a grant application as part of the Children and Young People Wellbeing and Recovery Initiative (CYPWRI).

There were two parts to the application - the first being to bring the MESH program to our LGA and the second part was the introduction of URSTRONG, a whole school strategy that empowers children with friendship skills to create a culture of kindness. It provides parents and teachers with the language and skills to better support their kids.

Students learn to put a voice to their feelings, what's normal in a friendship, the difference between healthy and unhealthy friendships and how to put out friendship fires. Students also learn the difference between normal conflict (ie. friendship fires) and mean on purpose (ie. bullying).

The application was successful, which resulted in staff from Balranald Central School, St Joseph's Parish School, Euston Public School and members of the Balranald Health Service engaging in three days of professional learning facilitated by Nairn Walker, the Social Solutions Australasian Coordinator. The purpose of the training is to provide the participants with the skills and strategies to facilitate the MESH program. MESH (Mental Emotional and Spiritual Health) is a small group support program which runs for 1.5 hours weekly for 8-10 weeks. MESH helps people to develop healthy communication skills, identify and express feelings and learn to treat themselves and others with respect and dignity. The program offers support, education, tools and strategies. The MESH Program addresses and supports individuals' emotional needs, health and wellbeing at a profound and very personal level. Life, school and work therefore becomes a far more positive and productive experience.

All participants were actively engaged across the three days and are looking forward to implementing the program in various contexts across our LGA. The participants would like to acknowledge and thank Rachael Williams, the Chair of the SCAIW committee and Connie Mallet from Balranald Shire for their ongoing support.



The poster features a blue background with a white circular logo at the top center containing a netball and the text 'Balranald Football Netball Club'. Below the logo, the text 'Goods & Service Auction' is written in a large, white, serif font. Underneath, '27th May 2023' is written in a smaller white font. Further down, it says 'Please join us for Dinner & Awards after the Senior Game followed by the Auction at 7pm' and 'Lots of items up for grabs!' in white. A white silhouette of a gavel is positioned on the right side of the poster.

The poster has a light beige background with a large, stylized floral arrangement on the right side. The text 'LADIES DAY' is prominently displayed in a large, serif font. Below it, smaller text reads: 'The Balranald Football Netball Club invites the women of Balranald & Surrounds to their Annual Ladies Day Event on May 13th 2023 at 2pm.' A list of activities follows: 'The day will consist of: • Front row seats in the big Shed to watch the Senior game against Lake Boga. • Complimentary beer, wine, soft drink, food by Sharlene Williams & entertainment by the one and only 'Dance Beat Disco'.' Pricing is listed as '\$50 per adult or \$30 U18's (must be accompanied by an adult)'. It also states 'All proceeds going towards Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.' Ticket purchase information is provided: 'Tickets can be purchased at: Image 101 | In The Garden | Balranald Sports'. A note says 'All are welcome to join us in the Big Shed for Dinner & Awards after the Senior Game'. At the bottom, there is a handwritten-style phrase 'Spoil your Mum this Mother's Day!' and logos for the Balranald Football Netball Club and Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.



DOMESTIC FIREWOOD PERMITS – YANGA NATIONAL PARK

Permits are available from 1st April until 30th September 2023 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: APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED TO THE NPWS BURONGA OFFICE FOR PROCESSING AT;
npps.lowerdarlingfirewood@environment.nsw.gov.au

Permit applications are available online, search "NSW Domestic Firewood Collection", or printed copies at the Yanga Park office open 8:30am – 4:30pm every day.

For more info call the Yanga Park office on 0350 201764 or email npps.lowerdarlingfirewood@environment.nsw.gov.au