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Newsletter

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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BALRANALD NSW 2715

www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

OFFICE HOURS

8.30AM TO 5.00PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

PH: 03 5020 1300

FAX: 03 5020 1620

Email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

BALRANALD: 0418 322 902

EUSTON: 0419 693 956

Service NSW Hours

9.30am to 4pm

Tuesday to Friday

Closed for lunch 1pm - 1.45pm

Balranald Caravan Park

Everyday 8.30am—6pm

Balranald Library

Monday & Friday 9.30am—5.30pm

Wednesday 9am—5.30pm

*Closed for Lunch 12noon—1pm

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 don't
over fill
your bin!



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council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

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

Transport for NSW Regional Community Forum



Transport
for NSW

The Far West Community Partnering Team from Transport for NSW held a community forum on Tuesday, 9th May at Balranald Theatre Royal.

The forum was attended by a wide cross-section of the community, with residents, farmers and business owners from Balranald and Euston, and representatives from several stake-holder groups within the Shire, including Maari Ma, LiveBetter, Balranald Central School, Moores and Bulzoni buses, Aboriginal Land Council, Advisory Committees and Balranald Shire Council.

A presentation was given by the Transport Team, with updates on current projects, programs and services. This was followed by group discussions. The community members present provided great input on the challenges and opportunities related to Transport NSW, including road safety, tourism and economic development.

It was a very constructive forum, with much positive feedback received from those who attended.

All intelligence will be collated and a report will be provided to all attendees and Council.

Thank you to the TfNSW team for visiting our Shire and listening to the thoughts and ideas of our community.



The Far West Community Partnering Team from Transport for NSW



King's Birthday
Public Holiday

KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Balranald Shire Council Office will be

CLOSED on

Monday 12th June 2023

BALRANALD AND EUSTON SETTLEMENT STRATEGIES for Enhancement and Growth

- The Balranald & Euston Settlement Strategies have been developed following close consultation with various community groups.
- The features and facilities in each township are described and assessed.
- Plans are then outlined for improvements and further development in each area, including roads, town entrances, parks, sporting areas, signage and public art, to name a few.
- These strategies will be used as the basis of Council's infrastructure planning for the next ten years, guiding priorities and grant applications.



The DRAFT Settlement Strategies are open for further public exhibition, until close of business on Wednesday 14 June 2023.

Copies of these strategies can be found on Council's website at: balranald.nsw.gov.au/community/community-announcements/exhibition-of-draft-documents/ or hard copies can be obtained at Council's office.

Written comments and feedback are to be submitted to Council no later than
5pm on Wednesday 14 June 2023

email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

mail: The General Manager
PO Box 120 BALRANALD NSW 2715

FLOOD GRANT SUPPORT SESSION BALRANALD

A specialised team of flood recovery grant assessors held a Grant Support session in Balranald on 20th April 2023 to assist residents, businesses and primary producers with grant applications.

The grant session was a great opportunity for local flood-affected residents to talk to specialised people about what funding is available.

The grants team have been successful in connecting individuals, families, farmers and business owners with financial assistance through face-to-face appointments. The specialised grant assessors work step-by-step with people and take them through the process of applying for grants and what documentation is required for an application to be approved.

Flood-affected individuals, business owners and primary producers can book an appointment by visiting: www.nsw.gov.au/floods/financial-support/grants-support-sessions

Applications that the team will help residents with include:

- Disaster Relief Grants
- Primary Producers Recovery Grants
- Rural Landholder Support Package
- Small Business & Not-for-Profit Organisations Support Grants
- Back Home Grants
- Rental Support Scheme



MEDIA RELEASE

Balranald Emergency Accommodation Model

Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee

In another highly successful collaboration Balranald Shire Council, alongside their **Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee** (SCAIWAC) and key local agencies have been successful in gaining funding for the **Balranald Emergency Accommodation Model** (BEAM).

This purpose-developed facility will support locals and people passing through our communities in times of need; ensuring safe, accessible and family friendly housing. The BEAM will provide accommodation for people experiencing short-term homelessness, the breakdown of their existing housing arrangements and individuals and families escaping domestic violence.

The Balranald Shire communities have been without any form of locally based emergency accommodation since 2020, when the existing emergency accommodation facility in Balranald was re-purposed. The SCAIWAC identified this as a critical service gap and commenced discussions with Balranald Shire Council leadership towards an achievable resolution.

Balranald Shire Council, under the leadership of the then General Manager - Jeff Sowiak, and with the support of Carol Holmes and Connie Mallet, identified an excess Council owned residential property. Council applied in November 2022 to the NSW Government's Office of Responsible Gambling Community Development Fund – and was successful. Our new General Manager – Craig Bennett has offered his ongoing support.

Works will commence in the coming months on the BEAM renovation and refurbishment; including security fencing, screens and doors, new bathroom and kitchen, as well as heating and cooling systems. Key local services – including Vinnies, MaariMa and MacKillop Family Services have offered critical support towards ongoing services and maintenance of the facility once operational.

The SCAIWAC considers the BEAM a 'win' on all fronts— a key Council asset will be fully renovated and be operated by the Committee as a full rate paying entity, meeting all operational and utility costs. Most importantly though, people across our Shire area will receive the critical housing support they need in times of crisis.

The SCAIWAC would like to gratefully acknowledge furniture donations made by the family of Jeff Sowiak and Kris and Courtney McIntyre towards the BEAM.



Photographed in front of Shire Offices are Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee members with key Council representatives instrumental in making this important community asset a reality.

ABSENT: Craig Bennett and Connie Mallet (Balranald Shire Council), Mandy Haley, Michelle White, Trish Simpson and Nat Lay (SCAIW Committee)

JOB VACANCIES at Balranald Shire Council

- ♦ **Personal Care Assistant (PCA) at Bidgee Haven Aged Care Hostel**
- ♦ **Workshop Supervisor (Diesel Plant Mechanic)**

For more information about current Job Vacancies please visit Council's website at:

<https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/community/job-vacancies/>

DEVELOPMENT / PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Currently on Exhibition

All current development/planning applications are detailed on Council's website at:

balranald.nsw.gov.au/community/developments-on-exhibition/

CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK

Let's pay respect to elders past and present.
May we honour them by learning from the wisdom they impart.

Come and celebrate with us at:
Balranald Library on Monday 3rd July at 11am



MONDAY 3RD JULY SAND ART (1-3PM)

WEDNESDAY Emu egg painting 5th July

MONDAY 10TH July Tye Dye the dog & build it a house

KIDS Holiday PROGRAM

FRIDAY 7th JULY BEES WAX WRAPS

WEDNESDAY 12TH SCREEN PRINTING

10-12 AM @ THE LIBRARY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL -

ILUKA RESOURCES BALRANALD MINERAL SANDS PROJECT COMMUNITY FORUM



Iluka welcomes the community to learn more about the Balranald Mineral Sands Project. A BBQ and refreshments will be available, with activities for the kids.



WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023

6PM – 8:00PM

**BALRANALD FOOTBALL CLUB ROOMS
GREENHAM PARK RESERVE**

Scan the QR code to register or at:
www.eventbrite.com.au



ILUKA



Balranald Football
Netball Club



1800 305 993



balranald.community@iluka.com



<https://iluka.com/community-engagement/balranald>

STREET SWEEPER June & July 2023

Balranald:

- **8 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
- **20 July 2023:** South of Market Street — River side
Includes Market Street & Caravan Park

Euston:

- **14 June 2023**
Whole town of Euston
- **12 July 2023**
Whole town of Euston



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



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 tonnes per household per year.

Permits are only available to residents of Balranald and Murray River Shires.

PLEASE NOTE:
**APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED TO THE
NPWS BURONGA OFFICE FOR PROCESSING
AT:**

npws.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 information:

Phone: Yanga Park office on 03 5020 1764 or

email:

npws.lowerdarlingfirewood@environment.nsw.gov.au



DO YOU LIKE WORKING AT HEIGHTS?

SecureEnergy is launching the **Legacy 100** initiative. This program aims to attract up to 100 candidates to complete a Certificate II in Transmission Line Construction to work on Australia's largest transmission line project, EnergyConnect.

SecureEnergy has been contracted by Transgrid to deliver the NSW component of EnergyConnect with the construction of 700km of new power lines from the SA border to the regional energy hub of Wagga Wagga.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for participants for the Legacy 100 initiative.

Send your Expressions of Interest to recruitsecureenergy@elecnor.es

Who you are:

- Have a passion for working at heights
- Interested in a career in the clean energy sector
- Enjoy working outdoors
- Willing to work away from home
- Earn while you learn

What you will bring to the team:

- White Card
- Current drivers licence preferred
- Proof of right to work in Australia
- Undergo a pre-employment medical including drug and alcohol testing

Our people enjoy:

- Above Award Wages
- Opportunities for growth and career advancement
- A supportive team culture and environment
- Mental health and wellbeing programs
- Employee Assistance Program
- Social Engagement Opportunities

SUNRAYSIA SOLAR FARM 2023 COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP



SUNRAYSIA
SOLAR FARM

Total Sponsorship Amount:	\$20,000 total funding is available in 2023 This funding can be shared amongst multiple applicants
Deadline for Proposals:	5pm on Friday 7th July 2023
Selection Criteria:	The funding must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • benefit the community • be environmentally and socially acceptable • be used within the Balranald Shire Council Local Government Area within 12 months of award
Submission Guidelines:	Proposals must be submitted via email to sunraysia.sponsorships@res-group.com Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be considered Proposals should provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact phone and email address • Details of the group or organisation requesting sponsorship • Funding amount requested • Details of how the funding would be used and how this meets the selection criteria
Selection Process:	A selection committee will assess all proposals and select those that best address the selection criteria. Proposals of most merit will be recommended to the Sunraysia Solar Farm Board. The Sunraysia Solar Farm Board will decide which of the recommended proposals receive funding. Successful applicants will be advised by the end of July 2023, with grant funding available from August 2023 for successful applicants.
Requirements for Successful Applicants:	We request successful applicants to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Implement the intended purpose within 12 months of award 2) Provide photos or other evidence of how the funds have been used

CONGRATULATIONS to the Riverina Primary Boys AFL Team



Ryan Johnstone was selected to play for the Riverina Primary Boys AFL team. The team competed in the NSW Primary Australian Football Championship held in Batemans Bay from 17th to 19th May 2023.

The Riverina team went through the carnival undefeated and won the grand final against CIS (Combined Independent Schools).

Balranald Shire Council is proud to have supported Ryan with a \$150 donation towards the costs of his trip.

WELL DONE RYAN

liveBetter

Balranald Community Transport

- ◆ LiveBetter Community Transport provides **NON-URGENT** door to door transport to eligible residents within the Balranald Shire.
- ◆ Transport services can be provided to medical and non-medical appointments, such as shopping and social inclusion.
- ◆ As much notice as possible is needed so that drivers can be arranged. **We do not do same day appointments.**
- ◆ A small fee is charged to help cover costs.
- ◆ Eligible persons are those people who are frail, aged or disabled and their carers, those who have no other means of transport or are unable to drive for a short time.
- ◆ Clients must live in the Balranald Shire.
- ◆ We will provide community transport whenever possible.

The LiveBetter Community Transport service runs:

- from Monday to Friday only
- within daylight hours only

For more information, or to make a booking:

Phone: 03 4022 4904 or 0428 335 711

Call in: 95 Market Street, Balranald
Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm

BALRANALD SES UNIT

NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

IS RECRUITING NOW

NSW SES ROAD CRASH RESCUE RESPONSE

Did you know that the NSW SES are first responders in your area? NSW SES crews work to stabilize vehicles administer primary first aid and extract casualties for further medical attention

Nationally Accredited Training provided with flexible training and commitment options available.



Scan the QR Code
to register your interest

**SUPPORT
YOUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY**

Choose a cause that counts!

Help us distribute \$250,000 across our network



Through our program,



you decide how we share **\$250,000** between community groups across our regional network.

Simply nominate a group, charity, community hall or not-for-profit that matters to you.

Then, the community will vote to give your favourite local heroes a boost

Nominate now!

Nominations close 26 June 2023.



Terms and conditions apply.
Essential Energy ABN 37 428 185 226

