



**SEPTEMBER
2023**

NEWSLETTER

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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SHIRE OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

Balranald: 0418 322 902
Euston: 0419 693 956

SERVICE NSW HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 4pm
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 1PM TO 1.45PM

BALRANALD LIBRARY

Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12 NOON TO 1PM

BALRANALD SWIMMING POOL

CLOSED

BALRANALD CARAVAN PARK

Every day 8.30am to 6pm

BALRANALD LANDFILL

Tuesday & Thursday 4pm to 6pm
Saturday 10am to 1pm
Sunday 10am to 3pm
CLOSED DURING WET WEATHER CONDITIONS

EUSTON LANDFILL

Tuesday & Thursday 1pm to 6pm
Sunday 9am to 3pm
CLOSED DURING WET WEATHER CONDITIONS

PLEASE DON'T OVERFILL YOUR BIN!



***TO ENSURE THAT YOUR BIN IS COLLECTED, PLEASE
PUT IT OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE COLLECTION DAY***

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



NSW SES Balranald Unit member, Karen Norfolk, was selected to represent NSW SES Southern Zone volunteers at the annual Services Reception at Government House in Sydney on Friday 18 August 2023. The reception was hosted by the Governor of NSW.

Karen was joined by NSW SES Commissioner Carlene York and Deputy Commissioner Debbie Platz at the event to celebrate the courage and dedication of NSW SES members who played a crucial role in recent flood relief efforts.

Volunteers from a number of agencies who supported the flood efforts were represented at the event.

Congratulations Karen and thank you for your commitment of dedication to your community.



Karen Norfolk with NSW SES Commissioner Carlene York, Deputy Commissioner Debbie Platz and other attendees at Government House. (Photo Courtesy of NSW SES)

**Would you like to receive this monthly
Council newsletter by email?**

**Just send an email to: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au and we will add
you to our electronic mailing list.**



INTRODUCING ADRIAN EDGCOME-LUCAS

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING

**It is with great pleasure that Council introduces
Adrian Edgcome-Lucas.**

**Adrian commenced work with Council on 23 August 2023
as Interim Acting Director of Infrastructure and Planning,
including Project Management Services.**

Adrian will be acting in this role for the next four months, working in Balranald for three days per week.

Adrian has recently completed a four-year contract with Leeton Shire Council as their Manager Special Projects. During this time, he has been instrumental in delivering infrastructure projects, including stadium grandstands, bridges, CBD enhancements, sewer schemes, water slides, cemetery expansions and subdivisions.

He has lived in the Riverina for the past 12-years and is excited to join the Balranald town community and work with Council to deliver various grant funded projects within the local government area, as well as managing the infrastructure and planning teams.

Over the next few months, Council will be seeking to recruit a full-time Director of Infrastructure and Planning, and also a full-time Director of Governance, Business and Community Services.



Draft Public Gates & Stock Grid Policy

Update from the General Manager

Consultation regarding the Draft Public Gates and Stock Grids Policy has been put on hold until further notice. A further update will be provided by the General Manager at the end of this calendar year.

Extensive community consultation will be undertaken at a later date prior to any decision being made by Council on the Draft Policy.

I appreciate your patience with this matter.



NEW REQUIREMENTS

for food businesses

from 8 December 2023

- ✓ cafes
- ✓ restaurants
- ✓ takeaways
- ✓ caterers
- ✓ supermarkets and delis
- ✓ coffee vans
- ✓ childcare services
- ✓ school canteens



NEW LAWS FOR LOCAL FOOD BUSINESSES

Recent changes to the Food Standards Code have introduced new requirements for all businesses that prepare and serve food in NSW.

From 8 December 2023, businesses that handle unpackaged food requiring temperature control, and serve it ready-to-eat, must have a qualified Food Safety Supervisor and ensure all food handlers are trained in food safety and hygiene. Higher-risk enterprises must also be able to demonstrate their safe food handling practices.

While some businesses already require a Food Safety Supervisor in NSW, the requirement is new for school canteens, childcare services, charities and not-for-profits, correctional centres, delis and supermarkets, and some coffee vendors.

The NSW Food Authority has developed a range of resources to help businesses prepare for the new Standard, including free online food handler training. Businesses can also do a quick quiz to check if the requirements apply.

For more information visit foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/safetytools

- an online quiz for businesses to find out which requirements apply
- frequently asked questions
- free online training course for food handlers
- templates for record keeping

WINLAB WIND FARM DROP-IN SESSIONS

Winlab will be hosting drop-in information sessions in Kyalite, Tooleybuc and Balranald on the dates and times listed below.

This is a great opportunity to meet the team and learn more about the Junction Rivers project (formerly known as the Burrawong Wind Farm project).

It is a chance for you to ask questions and an opportunity to provide your feedback.



JUNCTION RIVERS

Drop-in information sessions

Windlab is hosting a series of drop-in information sessions for the Junction Rivers project in your community in September.

Come and meet with the Junction Rivers team to learn more about the value of the project for the region and how your community can get involved, and provide your feedback on the project's design, construction and operations approach.

Wednesday 13 September

4 - 7pm | Kyalite Pub and Store

Thursday 14 September

1.30 - 3.30pm | Tooleybuc Mensforth Park

Friday 15 September

10am - 1pm | Balranald Discovery Cafe

4 - 7pm | Balranald Ex Services Club

Junction Rivers (formerly Burrawong Wind Farm) is a proposed wind energy project located 15km south of Balranald.

Once operational, the project will have the capacity to provide, clean, cost-competitive power to about 434,000 New South Wales homes.

Windlab is the 100% Australian renewable energy company championing our nation's clean energy transition.

For more information about the Junction Rivers project, contact:
p: 0429 276 698
e. windlabnsw@windlab.com
www.windlab.com



23 & 24 September 2023



Neighbourhood Watch Australasia (NHW) is launching the inaugural National Secure Your Home Day, 23-24 September, to improve the safety of homes, families and communities across Australia!

For further information about National Secure Your Home Day, register at:

<https://secureyourhomeday.com.au/>

Participants will receive a National Secure Your Home Day Kit including:

- Home security checklist
- Evidence-based and proactive security measures
- Property target hardening techniques and tips
- The latest information on National Secure Your Home Day community events and activities
- And more!

All registrants will also go into the draw to win a \$3,000 Crimsafe voucher!

Kids can get involved too!

- Drawing and colouring competition, with prizes.
- Children's Activity Book
- Suggested activities, such as:
 - What to do when someone knocks on the door
 - Create an Emergency Plan
 - Make a home security poster



By actively participating in National Secure Your Home Day, you contribute to creating a safer home, as well as building community resilience.



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[www.secureyourhomeday.com.au](https://secureyourhomeday.com.au)



**Free workshop for
parents and supervisors
of learner drivers**

***FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP
HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS
BECOME SAFER DRIVERS***

***WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023
6:00PM - 7:30PM***

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/YoungDriver16Aug23>

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL



DOMESTIC FIREWOOD PERMITS YANGA NATIONAL PARK

Permits are available from 1 April until 30 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"

Printed copies: from Yanga Park office open 8:30am to 4:30pm every day.

For more information:

Phone: Yanga Park office (03) 5020 1764

Email: npws.lowerdarlingfirewood@environment.nsw.gov.au



Local Land
Services
Western

BALRANALD OFFICE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

The Balranald office of Western Local Land Services is currently only open by appointment. Any landholders in the area that require biosecurity assistance or advice should contact:

- Wentworth: Lynda Watson 0427 200 820
lynda.watson@lls.nsw.gov.au
- Hillston: Danielle Barrett 0428 362 073
danielle.barrett@lls.nsw.gov.au



For general enquiries, please call 1300 795 299 during business hours, Monday to Friday, or use our online customer enquiry form to make an enquiry or update your details.

STREET SWEEPER

BALRANALD

- 21 September 2023 - Market Street and North of town. (Racecourse side)
- 12 October 2023 - Market Street and South of town. (River side) Includes Caravan Park.
- 2 November 2023 - Market Street and North of town. (Racecourse side)

EUSTON

- 13 September 2023 – Whole town of Euston
- 11 October 2023 – Whole town of Euston

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





GARBAGE BINS



PLEASE CLOSE THE LID

Overflowing rubbish bins lead to escaping rubbish and more litter on our streets
Exposed rubbish attracts scavengers and vermin

PLEASE DO NOT OVERFILL YOUR BIN - MAKE SURE THAT THE LID IS FULLY CLOSED
COUNCIL CAN SUPPLY AN ADDITIONAL BIN FOR YOUR HOME FOR \$300 PER YEAR - THAT'S ONLY \$5.77 PER WEEK
(Extra bins put out that do not have the Council logo will NOT be emptied on collection day)

The garbage truck begins collections very early in the morning. If your bin is not put out **THE NIGHT BEFORE**, you may miss out on your bin being emptied. The truck is fitted with cameras that record each bin it passes.

The garbage truck will NOT return to empty your bin if it is not put out in time

Putting old oil, or liquid paint into the garbage, even in a sealed container can cause:

- Garbage truck fires
- Toxic land pollution
- Spray onto nearby property if the truck compressors burst the container

PLEASE DO NOT THROW SUMP OIL IN YOUR GARBAGE BIN



Household batteries



**Community
Recycling Centres**



Mobile phones



Fluoro globes

There is a Community Recycling Station in the foyer of Balranald Council offices and at Balranald Library for old, unbroken fluoro light globes, smoke detectors, mobile phones and household batteries to be recycled safely.



Smoke detectors

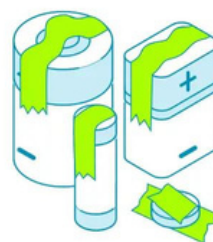
PLEASE DON'T THROW BATTERIES IN THE BIN

Chances are, every battery you've ever used is sitting in landfill, leaking toxic materials into the environment, and wasting Earth's precious resources.

- Batteries in bins can spark or explode - causing fires
- Batteries in landfill can leak toxic waste, which can pollute the ground and water
- Batteries contain rare elements, such as cobalt & manganese, which can be recycled.

BATTERIES START FIRES

Never dispose of batteries or objects containing batteries in your bins



Tape the terminals of your batteries to prevent risk of fire



Put them in a glass container and keep out of reach of children

Take them to a drop off centre and take your container home.

DISPOSE OF OLD BATTERIES RESPONSIBLY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Being Your Best You



Photo credit: NALAG / Jon Cowley

Ladies, join us for a fun and **FREE** day and discover ways to improve your health, peace of mind, effectiveness and ability to cope around challenging situations and people.

MOULAMEIN

The Complex at the Football Oval

Date: Tuesday 12th September 2023

BALRANALD

Balranald Ex Services Club, 116 Market Street

Date: Wednesday 13th September 2023

At the end of the workshop, participants will have a greater understanding of:

- The five elements of wellbeing and how to improve them.
- Our needs and how they shape our motivation, behaviour and communication.
- How we make sense of the world and why we all view things differently.
- How to identify patterns of ineffective/dysfunctional communication and the roles people play that sabotage effective communication.
- How to move towards more effective patterns of communication including the language of rapport vs the language of alienation.
- How to move from pessimistic to more optimistic thinking and the flow on benefits.
- Where best to spend your energy.
- Coming to your senses - yoga, relaxation and mindfulness.
- How to eat chocolate...

Time: 9am - 3.30pm (Morning tea & lunch provided)

RSVP to: Kate Johanson at

kmjohanson@redcross.org.au / 0437 873 537

RSVP by: 8th September 2023 (Bookings essential for catering numbers)

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For those in Year 7-9

FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS

Music, Time to Chill + Chat, Videos, Games...

**6pm-8pm Wednesday
20th September**

YOUTH ROOM

50 Mayall St, Balranald
(next to St Dymphna's Church)



RSVP: Bonnie Sengoz 0468 817 132, bonhaig@gmail.com



Balranald Field & Game

SEPTEMBER SHOOT
16th & 17th

SAT Off The Gun		SUN Handicap
100 Target	75	
\$ 75 Adult	\$ 60	
\$ 65 Vateria	\$ 55	
\$ 60 Junior	\$ 50	

Canteen open both days.
Camping available on ground.
9am start

Homebush Rec. Reserve
approx. 25km North of
Balranald
on the Ivanhoe Rd

Contact Ben 0491 334 802
Balranaldfieldandgame@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/balranaldfieldandgame>




KINDERGARTEN 2024

Come and try our school
Wednesday 20th September
9.30am - 11am

Kindergarten in NSW is a child's first year of their school education. This is known as Prep in Victoria. If you are thinking of enrolling your child/ren in our NSW school, we invite you to 'come and try' a morning in our classroom. Parents you will need to stay with your child unless enrolled for 2024 prior to the day. To book please phone our school.

03 5026 3766



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Saturday 14th October	Pud Forster Memorial 2023 Poker Run	Managatang, Tooleybuc, Kyalite, Balranald & Homebush
Wednesday 25th October	Small Business Dinner Small Business & The Visitor Economy	Balranald Football Netball Club Greenham Park, Balranald
Saturday 28th October	Balranald Races	Balranald Racecourse Greenham Park
Saturday 4th November	Beats at the Bend	Boundary Bend Memorial Park
Saturday 11th November	The Great Murray River Salami Festival	Euston Club Riverfront Reserve
Saturday 2nd December	Sounds & Scribbles Youth Festival	Balranald

MORE DETAILS TO COME - WATCH THIS SPACE

CELEBRATE THE UNSUNG HEROES!

Nominations are open now for the 2023 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll

Hidden Treasures acknowledges the important volunteer roles women play within NSW regional, rural and remote communities.

It is a way to acknowledge and thank female volunteers through a public tribute to recognise the vast number of women who give their time and energy to help others.

Hidden Treasures has recognised 1116 women volunteering in regional, rural and remote NSW since 2010.

Help us recognise the incredible women making a difference in our area.

Nominate a woman today and learn more at: bit.ly/HiddenTreasures2023



Hidden Treasures Honour Roll 2023



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

BEGINS ON

Sunday 1 October 2023

**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR ON
SATURDAY NIGHT**

**It's also a good time to check your
smoke alarm and change the batteries.**

