



NOVEMBER  
2023

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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🌐 www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

## 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

THE POOL WILL ONLY OPEN IF THE WEATHER  
FORECAST IS FOR 26 DEGREES AND ABOVE

Monday - CLOSED

### MORNING SWIM

Tuesday to Friday 6am to 7.30am  
SUBJECT TO STAFF AVAILABILITY  
CHECK POOL FACEBOOK PAGE

### SCHOOL TERM TIME

3.30pm to 6.30pm Monday to Friday

### WEEKENDS & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

11am to 6pm

ON DAYS OF EXTREME HEAT, THE POOL MAY REMAIN  
OPEN LONGER - SUBJECT TO STAFF AVAILABILITY

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

## BALRANALD SWIMMING POOL OPEN FOR SUMMER

The Janelle Masters Memorial Swimming Pool in Balranald re-opened for the summer season on 28 October 2023.

### POOL OPENING HOURS

- **SCHOOL TERM TIME:** Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 6.30pm
- **WEEKENDS & PUBLIC & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:** 11am to 6pm
- **MORNING SWIM:** Tuesday to Friday 6am to 7.30am  
(SUBJECT TO STAFF AVAILABILITY, CHECK POOL FACEBOOK PAGE)
- **CLOSED ON MONDAYS**

The pool will open at the advertised times when the weather forecast predicts temperatures of 26 degrees and above. On very hot days, the pool may remain open longer, subject to staff discretion and availability.



### ENTRANCE TO THE POOL IS FREE



The old perimeter fence around the swimming pool complex did not meet current standards and has been replaced. The new fence is compliant with the latest NSW Swimming Pool Regulations. The cost of the new fence was met by Government grant funding.

### SWIMMING FOR EUSTON RESIDENTS

For our Euston readers, Robinvale Leisure Centre outdoor pool is open from 5 November to March each year.

#### Early swimming

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 6:00am – 9:00am

#### Regular swimming

Monday – Friday: 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday – Sunday: 11:00am – 2:00pm

New Years Eve: 6.00am – 5.00pm

New Years Day: 11.00am – 7.00pm



## SWIMVAC 2024

### Enrol your kids for summer!

Program Dates  
8 January to 19 January




drowningprevention.org.au  
(02) 9634 3700  
swimandsurvive@royalnsw.com.au

**Swim and SURVIVE**



The SwimVac Program is a nationally accredited swimming and water safety program suitable for children aged 6-months to 14 years of all ability levels.

Registrations are now open for the 2024 program at Balranald pool, which will run from 8 – 19 January.

To register, visit:

<https://aus.iclasspro.com/portal/rlsswimvac/classes>

**Places are filling fast, so get in quickly.**

## ARE YOU SUMMER READY?

339 people lost their lives to drowning in Australia in 2022, with twice as many drownings in NSW than any other state.

The key to drowning prevention is preparation - before people head to their favourite pool, waterway or to the coast.

This summer, Royal Life Saving Australia is encouraging people to be summer ready.

It's not just parents and children who need to be prepared - 57% of drowning deaths last year involved people aged 45 and over, and 77% of those who drowned in Australia were men.

So, whether you're at the pool or the beach, on the river or at sea - whether you are swimming or surfing, boating or skiing - understand the risks, make smart choices and be prepared.

**HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER**



### Are you summer ready?

**Now's the time to check in with yourself and your family so you can safely enjoy a water way of life this summer.**

- ✓ **Learn the risks** Understanding the risks and knowing how to assess dangers will help your family make smarter choices around water.
- ✓ **Enrol in swimming lessons** You're never too young (or old!) to learn to swim. Develop safe and confident swimmers at your local swim school this spring.
- ✓ **Update your lifesaving skills** Enrolling in a CPR and First Aid Course is a great way to help keep your family and community safe this summer. Enrol in a course today!
- ✓ **Prepare your home for summer** Prepare your home by downloading the Water Safety Guide For The Home on the Royal Life Saving website

drowningprevention.org.au  
#AreYouSummerReady



Scan the code for more details on how you can get ready for summer.



**ROYAL LIFE SAVING**  
NSW | ACT | TAS



# BALRANALD HEALTH, WELLBEING AND SUPPORT SERVICES EXPO 2023

# A DAY FOR SERVICES AND COMMUNITY

On Thursday 19th October 2023, local and visiting services and community members came together at Balranald's Theatre Royal for a day of learning and networking.

The Health, Wellbeing & Support Services Networking Expo was planned and delivered by Maari Ma Health with support from Balranald Shire Council's Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee (SCAIWAC).

In total 24 organisations - both local to Balranald and visiting - showcased a comprehensive range of services and supports to our community. More than 100 community members and agencies, including students from St Joseph's Primary School, attended the Expo which ran from 11am to 3pm. Attendees enjoyed free advice, resources and lunch as they browsed through the range of exhibitors.

Aimed to coincide with GambleAware week - a focus of the event was on raising awareness of the damage caused by gambling. Both MaariMa and the SCAIWAC have received funding from the Office of Responsible Gambling to undertake programs over the next three years to reduce the harm to individuals, families and communities caused by gambling.

The event was made possible with the generous support of Balranald Shire Council and the Office of Responsible Gambling.



SIX OF THE 24 ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED AT THE 2023 SERVICES EXPO







## LOCAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*A voice for health in your community*

# CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The quest is on for enthusiastic volunteers to join the Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC). LHACs are a voice between community and health providers throughout the Murrumbidgee region, bringing ideas forward and advocating for local community needs.

You don't need any previous health knowledge or experience to join the LHAC.

**"LHAC members come from all walks of life and are united in their desire to improve health outcomes for local people."**

To become a member of your local LHAC you will need to complete an application form and have the required screening processes necessary for the particular activity or group you would like to participate in.

**VISIT:** [www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/getinvolved](http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/getinvolved) or

**CALL:** 0477 359 764 **FOR AN APPLICATION PACK**

**MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:**

[https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/local-health-advisory-committee-\(lhac\)](https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/local-health-advisory-committee-(lhac))



## PDCN ILC SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2023

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NOV

10:00AM - 12:30PM - MABLE F2F

### NDIS Self-Management Workshop

We cover the benefits of self-management, clarifying budgets, making payment requests, keeping records and making plan changes.

7  
NOV

6:00PM - 7:30PM - ZOOM

### Post-Traumatic Growth Workshop

Learn about the common areas of growth, identifying your own growth and what it might look like. Learn how you can cultivate growth and enjoy more.

21  
NOV

10:00AM - 12:30PM - ZOOM

### NDIS Self-Management Workshop

We cover the benefits of self-management, clarifying budgets, making payment requests, keeping records and preparing for plan reviews.

29  
NOV

10:00AM - 12:15PM - ZOOM

### Speaking Up for Yourself Workshop

Learn the benefits of speaking up, effective communication, developing a strategy plan, reviewing the outcomes and considering alternate approaches.

### REGISTER NOW

Workshops and events are free for people with disability and their parents and/or unpaid informal supports. For more information or to register, contact us:

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)

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Visit [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

## METaverse YOUTH SAFETY GUIDE



Supported by Meta



**The  
Metaverse  
Youth Safety  
Guide  
is free and  
now live.**

**Your vital resource for students  
engaged in gaming and virtual reality  
technologies.**

First, there was the Internet. Then came social media. The metaverse is the next chapter in the evolution of social technology – an immersive, three-dimensional social space with the ability to both parallel and completely reimagine our physical world.

**THIS NEW WORLD ISN'T JUST  
SOMETHING IN THE DISTANT FUTURE.  
IT'S HAPPENING NOW!**

**The Metaverse Youth Safety Guide is a  
trusted resource for young people and their  
educators, parents, and guardians to  
navigate emerging digital technologies with  
confidence, safety, and inclusivity in mind.**

**FIND OUT MORE AND DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE  
AT: [www.projectrockit.com.au/metaverse](http://www.projectrockit.com.au/metaverse)**



# EXTERNAL AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs)

Council has purchased two further LifePak CR2 AEDs (defibrillators) for community use in case of emergency. The two new units will be located at Balranald Swimming Pool and Euston Recreation Reserve.

The LifePak CR2 AED is:

- one of the most easy-to-use defibrillators on the market
- suitable for use on adults or children
- gives simple, audible, step-by-step instructions
- fully automatic - analysing the heart rhythm and delivering a shock if needed
- compliant with the Australian Resuscitation Council guidelines



## Simple to use in just 2 steps

1. Open lid and bare patient's chest.

2. Pull red handle, peel off electrode pads and apply to patient.



If you would like to learn more about using the LifePak CR2 Essential AED, training videos can be found online.

# STREET SWEEPER

## BALRANALD

- 23 November 2023 - Market Street and south of town (river side). Includes Caravan Park
- 14 December 2023 - Market Street and north of town (racecourse side).
- 4 January 2024 - Market Street and south of town (river side). Includes Caravan Park

## EUSTON

- 13 December 2023 - Whole town of Euston
- 10 January 2024 - Whole town of Euston

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



# FIRST HOME BUYERS

## MORE SUPPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR FIRST HOME BUYERS

The NSW Government is making home ownership easier with increased support for those who need it most.

- **First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme**
- **First Home Owner (New Home) Grant**
- **Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper**

For more information, and to find out if you are eligible for one of these programs, search for:  
**NSW Home Buyer Grants and Assistance Schemes**



The Great  
**MURRAY RIVER**  
**SALAMI**  
Euston **FESTIVAL** NSW

**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 11TH 2023**

EUSTON CLUB RESORT RIVERFRONT RESERVE  
10AM TO 4PM | FREE ENTRY

MARKET STALLS

FOOD AND DRINK VENDORS

LOADS OF FUN FOR THE KIDS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

SALAMI MAKING DEMONSTRATION

"BEST SALAMI" COMPETITION JUDGING

Enter your Homemade Salami into our  
"Best Salami Competition"  
with Guest Judge Geoff Jansz  
DOWNLOAD AN ENTRY FORM  
AND FOLLOW THE STEPS FROM  
OUR WEBSITE.

Entries close 5pm on  
Friday 10th November, 2023  
[murrayriversalamifestival.com.au](http://murrayriversalamifestival.com.au)

OVER \$4K IN PRIZES TO BE WON





# ILUKA RESOURCES EUSTON PROJECT

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION



Iluka welcomes the community to learn more about the Euston Mineral Sands Project. Iluka's project team will deliver a brief presentation from 6pm, followed by an opportunity to chat with the Iluka team. Refreshments will be available.



MONDAY 13 NOV 2023  
6PM – 8PM

VENUE: EUSTON CLUB

To register, scan the QR code or  
search for the event name at:  
[www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)



**ILUKA**



1800 305 993



[euston.community@iluka.com](mailto:euston.community@iluka.com)



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



2023  
St Joseph's School  
Annual Christmas Fete...

SATURDAY 18TH  
NOVEMBER

5 TO 9PM



- JUMPING CASTLES • EXCITING RIDES FOR ALL AGES • SHOW BAGS
- FAIRY FLOSS • POPCORN
- PETTING ZOO • FACE PAINTING
- SPINNING WHEEL • LOTS OF RAFFLES

- FRESH HOT DONUTS • HOT FOOD
- HUGE VARIETY OF STALLS

AND....

A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA!

MAKE SURE YOU GET A RAFFLE TICKET IN OUR  
GIANT CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLED WITH TOYS!!





Celebrating  
90 Years  
since Charles  
Kingsford Smith  
landed in  
Balranald



# BALRANALD SOUTHERN CROSS OPEN DAY



**SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023**

**10:00AM - 2:00PM**



**BALRANALD SOUTHERN CROSS  
EXHIBITION BUILDING  
118 MARKET ST BALRANALD**

- Vintage Car Display
- Tours to the landing site
- Live Entertainment
- Market & Food Stalls
- School Art Display
- Guest Speakers & VIPs
- Children's Entertainment



## *Robinvale Euston* CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

FRIDAY

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2023

5 PM - 9PM

PERRIN ST / CAIX SQUARE

# Balranald Hospital Auxiliary CHRISTMAS STREET STALL

When – Friday 8th December 2023

Where – Senior Citizens Centre

Time – 9:00am

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

**NO EARLY BIRDS**

## UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Date	Event	Location
Saturday 2nd December	Sounds and Scribbles Youth Festival	Greenham Park Racecourse
Sunday 10th December	Community Carols	Greenham Park Hall, Balranald

**MORE DETAILS TO COME - WATCH THIS SPACE**

### Balranald Shire Office Christmas Closure

#### COUNCIL OFFICES WILL

Close at: 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2023

Re-open at: 9.00 am on Tuesday 2 January 2024

ALL THE STAFF AT BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL WISH YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS





# Australia Day 2024

## IN BALRANALD SHIRE

# NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



AWARD CATEGORY	CRITERIA
<b>Citizen of the Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Significant contribution to the community</li><li>• An inspirational role model for the Australian community</li><li>• The nomination must include information about the impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.</li></ul>
<b>Young Citizen of the Year (Under 30 years)</b>	<p><i>(Under 30 years of age on 26 January 2024)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Significant contribution to the community</li><li>• An inspirational role model for the Australian community</li><li>• The nomination must include information about the impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.</li></ul>
<b>Environment Citizen of the Year</b>	<p><i>(Individuals or groups)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has made a positive impact on our local environment through innovation or volunteer work to improve our waterways, our flora or fauna and our natural surrounds</li><li>• Innovative use of the Return and Earn scheme to fundraise for a meaningful cause</li><li>• Fostering partnerships that achieve litter reduction and recycling outcomes</li></ul>
<b>Community Event of the Year</b>	To be eligible the person/group must have staged an outstanding community event during the calendar year of 2023.
<b>Special Achievement Award (Any field)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outstanding achievement and leadership in the local community.</li><li>• Special recognition to an individual, committee or group who have demonstrated notable or substantial singular or multiple achievements or contributions</li></ul>
<b>Sportsperson of the Year</b>	<p><i>(30 years or older on 26 January 2024)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outstanding achievement in one or more sporting field(s).</li><li>• Demonstrated commitment, application, dedication and involvement in sporting activities that promote recreation, health and wellbeing of the community.</li></ul>
<b>Young Sportsperson of the Year (Under 30 years)</b>	<p><i>(Under 30 years of age on 26 January 2024)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outstanding achievement in one or more sporting field(s).</li><li>• A person who has actively supported the sporting community in a voluntary capacity, achieved outstanding results in their sporting field or assisted in promoting sport in their local area.</li></ul>
<b>Sporting Team of the Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outstanding team achievement in one or more sporting field(s).</li><li>• Demonstrated commitment, application, dedication and involvement in sporting activities that promote recreation, health and wellbeing of the community.</li></ul>

### Conditions of entry

All Nominees must be Australian Citizens and residents of Balranald Shire

- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Multiple nominations have no bearing on the outcome.
- An individual or group need only one nomination to be considered.
- Nominations must be made on this form.
- The nomination must be signed by the person making the nomination.
- Nomination forms must be received by 5.00pm Thursday 30 November 2023.
- The nominee achievements must be in a volunteer capacity.
- State, Federal or current standing Councillors are ineligible to receive an Australia Day Award.

### How nominations will be judged

- The judging panel will make their decisions based on the criteria for each award and the information provided with the nomination forms.
- The panel reserves the right to consider any nomination for any award category.
- The panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into about their decision.

### How to complete a nomination

- Obtain an official nomination form from Balranald Shire Council office or download from Council's Website.
- Legibly print/type your nomination.
- Keep information concise and relevant to meet the conditions of entry.
- Provide supporting information. This should describe the nominee's outstanding service and include examples that best show their achievement and contribution.

### Activities undertaken by the person / organisation you are nominating for an Award

Please provide details of how the nominee has made a significant contribution to the community during 2023, including positions held/activities undertaken, and a statement in your own words about why you think the person should be recognised.

As a guide you should cover the following:

- In what role or area has the nominee excelled?
- How has the nominee demonstrated service worthy of recognition?
- How has the nominee's contribution impacted on a particular locality, group or the community at large?
- What makes this person stand out from others?

### Award Presentation

- All nominees and nominators will receive an invitation to the Award Ceremony.
- The Administrator and Australia Day Ambassador will present the Awards at the ceremony.
- Award recipients will receive a certificate.

Please forward this form and any other information to:

The General Manager  
Balranald Shire Council  
PO Box 120  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

email: [council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au)  
Phone: 03 5020 1300  
Fax: 03 5020 1620

**CLOSING DATE THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023**



# Australia Day 2024

## IN BALRANALD SHIRE



### **NOMINEE** (Please Print)

Name: .....

Date of Birth (if 25 years or under): .....

Address: .....

Phone Contacts: .....

Email: .....

### **AWARD CATEGORY**

Please indicate nomination category: (please tick one only)

- ☐ Citizen of the Year
- ☐ Young Citizen of the Year
- ☐ Environmental Citizen of the Year
- ☐ Community Event of the Year
- ☐ Special Achievement Award
- ☐ Sportsperson of the Year
- ☐ Young Sportsperson of the Year
- ☐ Sporting Team of the Year

### **NOMINATOR** (Please Print)

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone Contacts: .....

Email: .....

Organisation: (if applicable) .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

## REFEREES:

Please supply the names and contact details of 2 referees who can verify the achievements of the candidate:

**REFEREE 1:** Name: .....

Daytime Contact Number: .....

Mobile(s): .....

**REFEREE 2:** Name: .....

Daytime Contact Number: .....

Mobile(s): .....

## RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

Please print or attach typed biography addressing the nominee's relevant contributions (use additional pages if needed).

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