



**OCTOBER
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 12PM 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

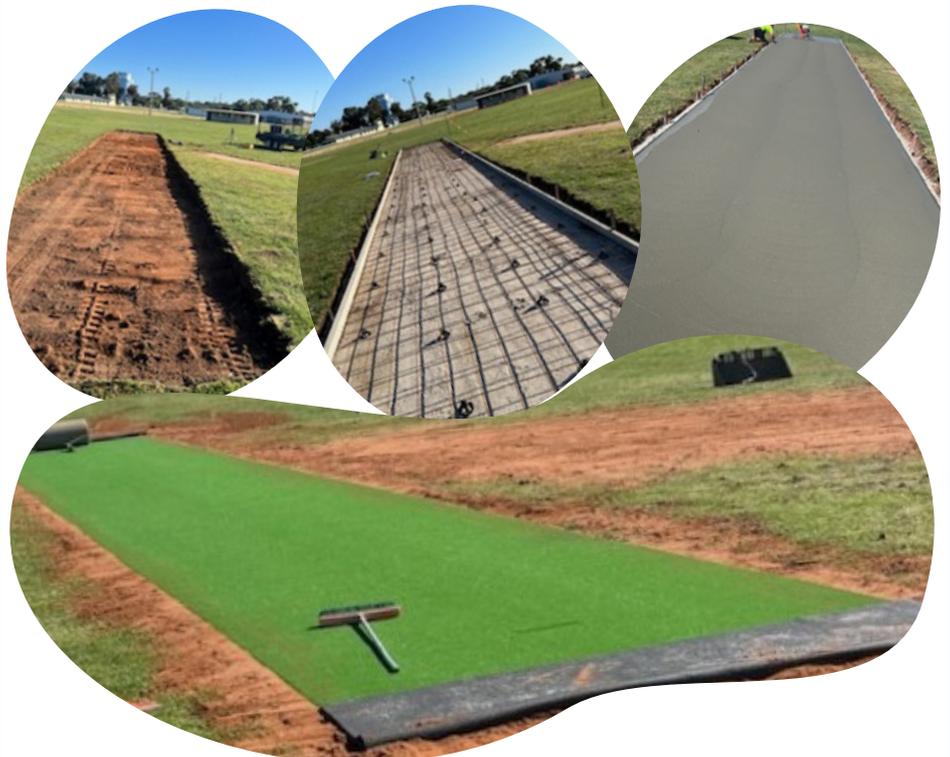
HOWZAT!

NEW CRICKET PITCH FOR GREENHAM PARK

The old cricket pitch at Greenham Park junior oval has been removed. It was narrow, uneven and sunken, and had become dangerous to play on.



The new pitch has been constructed in a slightly different location and angle on the oval, in order to make better use of the available space.



Work is also due to start on the construction of a new practice training net adjacent to the cricket oval.

Both projects have been funded by Local Roads & Community Infrastructure (LRCI) grants.

Janelle Masters Swimming Pool, Balranald

Council has received grant money to replace the perimeter fence around the swimming pool grounds. The existing fence is not compliant with current legislation.

A contractor has been engaged to supply and install the new fencing in the coming weeks. It is hoped that works will be completed before the pool opens for the summer season.

Council staff have drained and cleaned the pools and are carrying out repair and maintenance works to get everything ready for the opening in late October or early November, depending on the weather.



Parliament of New South Wales STATE RECOGNITION FOR BALRANALD & EUSTON COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Community Recognition Statements were recently presented by Helen Dalton MP, to the Legislative Assembly of NSW Parliament, to recognise the contributions of several community members and groups within the Local Government Area.

Community Recognition Statements are used to congratulate or acknowledge the achievements of people or groups in the community, recognise charity work, and express words of thanks.

In a small get together at Balranald Bakery, certificates were presented by Helen Dalton to Archie Alderuccio, Adrian Gorman, Antonio Liparota, Colin Jacka, Peter Barrett, Vic Pope and representatives of the Five Rivers Outback Festival Committee and Balranald Netball Club.

Colin Jacka, Peter Barrett and Vic Pope were recognised for their incredible work in establishing, maintaining and running at the Balranald Southern Cross Museum.

The Balranald Southern Cross scores five stars on Tripadvisor, with comments such as 'one of those rare finds' and 'unexpected gem'. These comments are mainly due to the stories and history telling given by these men, which bring the displays to life.



Vic Pope, Peter Barrett and Colin Jacka receive their Community Recognition Certificates from the Parliament of New South Wales.



Why not join them on Sunday 26 November for their open day, with market & food stalls, a vintage car display and live entertainment among the added attractions.



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 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))



NSW PSSA Softball Championships

Ryan Johnstone travelled to Sydney in September with the Riverina Primary Boys Softball team. The team competed in the NSW Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Softball Championships.

Ryan played 12 games in 3 days, and although the Riverina team didn't win any games, they played very well and made a lot of great memories.

Balranald Shire Council is proud to have supported this keen young sportsman with a donation towards travel expenses.



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2024



AgriFutures[®]
Rural Women's
Award

Applications for the 2024 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award and Acceleration Grant are now open.

If someone you know is making a difference in Australia's rural and emerging industries, businesses, and communities, encourage them to apply!

Applications are open until Wednesday, 25 October 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

<https://agrifutures.com.au/opportunities/rural-womens-award/>

NEW REQUIREMENTS

FOR FOOD BUSINESSES FROM 8 DECEMBER 2023

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

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.

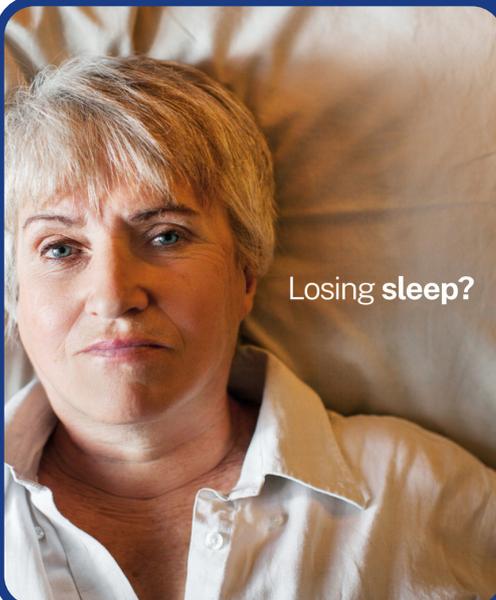
The NSW Food Authority has developed a range of resources to help businesses prepare for the new Standard, including free online food handler training.

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



Losing sleep?

What's gambling costing you?

Ask the question this GambleAware Week
16-22 October 2023

Be Aware. Visit GambleAware.

gambleaware.nsw.gov.au 1800 858 858





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 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**



STREET SWEEPER

BALRANALD

- 2 November - Market Street and North of town. (Racecourse side)
- 23 November - Market Street and South of town. (River side) Includes Caravan Park

EUSTON

- 8 November - 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



Local Land
Services
Western



FERAL PIG MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Western Local Land Services are encouraging landholders to attend one of three upcoming feral pig workshops to learn more about management tools and techniques.

Workshop locations and dates

- Ivanhoe Hotel, Tuesday 7 November
- Homebush Hotel, Wednesday 8 November

Presentation topics

- feral pig control tools
- baiting techniques
- seasonal conditions and what that means for feral pig management
- monitoring
- pig grain voucher program

All workshops will run from 10 am - 2 pm and include lunch.

People planning to attend are asked to RSVP by 27 October to Ron Finlay via ronald.finlay@lls.nsw.gov.au or 0428 318 020

"These workshops will help to give landholders the tools they need"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

BALRANALD HEALTH, WELLBEING AND SUPPORT SERVICES EXPO 2023

Are you a community member who sometimes wonders what services are 'out there' and what they do?

**THIS IS THE
EVENT FOR YOU!**

- THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2023
- 11.00 AM - 3.00 PM
- THEATRE ROYAL, 90 MARKET STREET, BALRANALD

Come along at the time that suits you between 11am and 3pm
A light lunch will be provided 12pm to 2pm

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY





We want to hear from you!

Balranald Shire Council and **Wentworth Shire Council** are working together to develop a **Regional Drought Resilience Plan** and we would value your insights and ideas to help prepare the plan.

BALRANALD WORKSHOP

Wednesday 18th October: 5pm - 8pm | Refreshments provided
 Theatre Royal, 90 Market Street Balranald

BALRANALD DROP-IN SESSION

Thursday 19th October: 10am - 3pm
 Balranald Health & Wellbeing Expo, Theatre Royal
 90 Market Street Balranald

EUSTON DROP-IN SESSION

Thursday 19th October: 4.30pm - 6.30pm
 Euston Club, Nixon Street, Euston

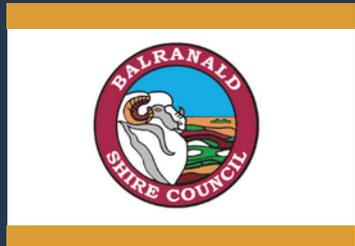
HATFIELD DROP-IN SESSION

Friday 20th October: 12pm
 Hatfield Rural Recovery Support Workshop, Hatfield Community Hall, Balranald/Ivanhoe Road, Hatfield

Can't make it to a session?

You can provide your feedback via an online survey. Simply scan the QR CODE to access the survey.

The survey will remain open until 5.00pm on Friday 20th October 2023



GET YOUR DUCKS IN A ROW
WORKSHOP: CREATE CERTAINTY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES



Why join us?

This free workshop provides insights and tools to help you and your farm business better prepare for natural disasters and hazards. Learn to identify and understand risks, and build strong local networks to support recovery.

Where and when?

HATFIELD
20 OCTOBER 2023 12PM
HATFIELD COMMUNITY HALL
IVANHOE RD
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Hear and learn from industry experts



RED CROSS

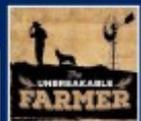
Red Cross will deliver an interactive workshop. The RediPlan provides helpful hints and clever strategies for a take home personal and farm business emergency plan.



THE UNBREAKABLE FARMER

Warren Davies, The Unbreakable Farmer shares his story of resilience, persistence, and determination and strategies to implement in your daily life to pick up and keep moving.

Rural Recovery Support Service



REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR CATERING



Rural Fire Service Instruction Session

Refresh your knowledge of
RFS Fire Equipment

GET PREPARED FOR FIRE
SEASON



**HATFIELD HALL
FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER**

12 NOON - ARRIVE/LIGHT LUNCH

1PM TO 4PM - THE UNBREAKABLE
FARMER, WARREN DAVIES SHARES
HIS STORY AND THE RED CROSS WILL
RUN AN EMERGENCY PLANNING
WORKSHOP - REDI PLAN

4.30PM - RFS EQUIPMENT
INSTRUCTION - DWAIN SCOTT,
CAPTAIN CLARE BRIGADE

EARLY EVENING - BBQ TEA

RSVP: CLAIRE
0409 206 871
OR
FOR RFS
QUESTIONS
DWAIN
0429 959 178

We All Have a Role To Play
This October For
Mental Health Month
Join Us In Walking Together
As One With Nature

Embrace Nature
Create Awareness
Connect with Yourself & Others
Come Together as a Community for Mental Health!

We Are All Connected

EVENT: Nature Walk - Morning Tea + Coffee
DATE: Wednesday 25th October 2023
TIME: 9:30am gather and begin walk approx 9:45am
LOCATION: Swing Bridge Walk to Anzac Park - Balranald

"Coffee and morning tea provided after the walk"

If you would like any further information about the event please contact -
Lauren on 0456 801 707 or lauren.gray@catholiccarevic.org.au

**SMALL BUSINESS
& THE VISITOR
ECONOMY**

**SMALL BUSINESS
DINNER EVENT**

*Come in
we're
SMALL
BUSINESS*

**FREE
EVENT!**

**WEDNESDAY
25TH OCTOBER 2023
at 6.00pm**

**BALRANALD FOOTBALL
NETBALL CLUB HALL**
Greenham Park, Church Street
Balranald

**Bus Pick up from
Euston Pub at 5pm**

The dinner event will focus on:

- The Importance of Small Businesses in the Visitor Economy
- Overview of current visitor & tourism trends in the shire & region and the opportunities & challenges for small businesses
- What strategies our small businesses can apply to attract more visitors and travellers to their respective businesses
- **PANEL:** How can we all work together - small businesses, local Council and government agencies - to attract visitors to the area and motivate them to spend more

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 Latest trends & opportunities
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STRICTLY NO BYO ALCOHOL
Live entertainment - TAB / onsite bookies
ALL DAY CATERING - Kids Entertainment
"Fashion's On The Field"

SATURDAY 28th Oct '23

Gates OPEN 11am - "Greenham Park"

Admission \$25 - Under 15 Free

Marquee & Gazebo
Packages available!!
GET IN QUICK TO SECURE YOURS

facebook@balranaldracingclub @ balranaldr@gmail.com 0437 200 475

RACE NIGHT

SHAMROCK HOTEL PRESENTS

ANNUAL RACE NIGHT DISCO

37 MAYALL STREET BALRANALD

28/10/2023

EVENT STARTS AT 9PM UNTIL 1AM

EVENT OPEN ONLY TO PEOPLE AGED 18 OR OVER
DRINK RESPONSIBLY

BOUNDARY BEND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 2ND ANNUAL

BEATS AT THE BEND

2022

Proudly introducing our ambassador

PAUL COSTA **GREG STORER**

DIRT ROAD TRIBUTE LOCAL TALENT *Thea McLoughlan*

SAT 4TH NOV

BOUNDARY BEND MEMORIAL PARK
Fun for all the family. Food & Drinks available. Strictly no BYO
GATES OPEN 3PM
Tickets available www.trybooking.com/CKKQP or scan QR

For more information call Lisa on 0413 075 082 or email boundarybendprogress@gmail.com

The Great MURRAY RIVER SALAMI FESTIVAL

Euston NSW

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 2023

EUSTON CLUB
RIVERFRONT RESERVE
10AM TO 4PM



UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Date	Event	Location
Sunday 26th November	Balranald Southern Cross Open Day	Balranald Southern Cross Exhibition Building
Friday 1st December	Robinvale Euston Christmas Carnival	Caix Square, Robinvale
Saturday 2nd December	Sounds & Scribbles Youth Festival	Greenham Park Racecourse, Balranald
Sunday 10th December	Community Carols	Greenham Park Hall, Balranald

MORE DETAILS TO COME - WATCH THIS SPACE



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Balranald Shire Council is seeking nominations for Australia Day awards, recognising members of our community for their contributions during 2023.

Nominations may be made for the following categories:

- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Young Citizen of the Year**
- **Sports Person of the Year**
- **Young Sportsperson of the Year**
- **Special Achievement (may be in sport or any field of endeavour)**
- **Sporting Team of the Year**
- **Community Event of the Year**
- **Environmental Citizen of the Year**

Nominations must be in writing on the official nomination form and submitted by:

mail: The General Manager, PO Box 120 Balranald NSW 2715
in person: Council Offices, 70 Market Street, Balranald
email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Nomination forms may be obtained from Council's website at www.balranald.nsw.gov.au, at Council offices, or by mail - please call 03 5020 1300 for a form to be posted to you.

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