



**FEBRUARY
2024**

COMMUNITY 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

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

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monthly Newsletter

Welcoming Glenn Carroll and David McKinley

Mr Glenn Carroll and Mr David McKinley joined Balranald Shire Council on Monday, 5 February 2024 on 5-year performance based contracts.
Please join Council in welcoming Glenn and David to the Balranald Team.

Glenn Carroll

Glenn has been appointed as Council's new Director of Governance, Business and Community Services

Glenn comes with extensive experience working in local government. He has worked in local government for over 30 years and has worked at both the Director and General Manager level in NSW local government. Glenn and his wife Liz have re-located to Balranald from Wagga Wagga in New South Wales.

Glenn and Liz follow the Sydney Swans in the AFL so will fit in very well at Balranald.



David McKinley

David has been appointed as Council's new Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services. David also has good experience working in local government. He has worked in local government for the past 20 years. For the past 15 years David has worked at the senior management level. David and his wife Christine have relocated to Balranald from Jamestown in South Australia.

David and Christine are avid followers of the Canberra Raiders in the NRL. I'm sure that the both of them will follow the Balranald Roos as well.





Australia Day Awards 2024

Congratulations to the recipients of the Australia Day awards which is recognition of their contributions to the communities in the Balranald Local Government area throughout 2023.

Australia Day celebrations were well attended in both Balranald and Euston this year. The day started with Breakfast in Euston at the Recreation Reserve, followed with entertainment and dinner at the Balranald Pool in the afternoon. Our thanks go to everyone involved in organising the live entertainment and the food and drink stalls.

Little Wings volunteer pilot, Eren Incekara was Balranald Shire's Australia Day Ambassador for 2024.

Little Wings is a non-profit organisation that provides free, professional, safe flight and ground transport services for seriously ill children in rural and regional NSW and the ACT.

Eren began his journey with Little Wings in March 2021 during the COVID-19 lock-downs to ensure families were able to receive the treatments they required.

Australia Day awards were presented as follows:

Special Achievement Award: Helen Dalton and the Balranald Can Assist Branch.

Community Event of the year Award: Balranald Football Netball Club - Can Assist Footy Weekend.

Sportsperson Award: Hannah Morton.

Young Sportsperson Award: Brandon Bulzomi (Euston).
Ryan Johnstone (Balranald).

Sporting Team Award: Balranald Senior Football Team.
Balranald Netball Club A Res Team.

Young Citizen Award: Kaitley Amy.

Citizen of the year Award: Heather Mitchell.



Young Citizen of the Year Award:
Kaitley Amy



Young Sportsperson Award:
Ryan Johnstone



Community Event of the year Award:
BFNC Can Assist Footy Weekend



Sporting team of the year Award:
Eren Incekara, Crowbar Stead, Macy Lloyd and Brogan Carter



Special Achievement Award: Can Assist
Mike Coleavy, Eren Incekara, Wyn Scott
and Alison Linnett



Citizen of the Year Award:
Heather Mitchell

Australia Day Photos



IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM ELLIS

From: Cheryl and Colin Reid

To the Community of Balranald and surrounding areas

"We wish to thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts, for your kindness, compassion and support given to our daughter Kylie, Shaun, Natalya, Emmy, Porschea, Charley and Lola on the tragic loss of their adored 7 year old son & brother William Stanley Ellis on Wednesday, 13 December 2023."

We wish to thank you all for your phone calls, visits, flowers, food, donations, gifts, cards and many acts of kindness and support shown to the family during such a devastating and heartbreaking time in their lives.

Our heartfelt thanks must also go out to:

- Will's little mates and parents;
- St Joseph's School principal and staff;
- St Joseph's Church and Bishop for a beautiful funeral service;
- Organisers of Will's funeral and wake afterwards;
- Organisers of the "Go Fund Me" page and to all who so very generously donated;
- Kylie and Shaun's employers and work mates;
- Caravan Park and accommodation for family and friends;
- Ambulance officers;
- Medical Team; and
- Canassist.



Our apologies if we have forgotten anyone, but please know we are truly grateful to you all for your support during this sad and painful time.

There will be many tough times ahead for Kylie, Shaun and family, but we take comfort in knowing that they will be supported by such a kind, caring community in Balranald.

Thanking you,

Cheryl & Colin Reid

(Grandparents of little "Will" tragically taken from our world but who will remain in our hearts forever).





BALRANALD SWIMMING LESSONS



Swimming Lessons – January 2024

In January 2024 Stacey Armstrong held the Royal Life Saving Swimming Lessons at the Balranald Swimming Pool. There were 47 kids involved over the 10 days, ranging from 10 months to 11 years of age. This program is available for children aged from aged 6 months until 12 years old. Stacey held 8 different lessons each day commencing at 9am and the last lesson being held at 2.30pm and the number in each group varied depending on the levels of swimming.

The children involved each year have made a huge progress on their water skills, and would like to thank Stacey for her persistence and patience.



Sunday the 3rd of March 2024

Clean Up Australia Day would not happen without the support of local government, for which we are very grateful. Each year, hundreds of Councils participate in many ways, providing enormous support to their communities by:

- Removing litter from registered Clean Up site.
- Hosting and running Council led Clean Up events.
- Reviewing local registrations to ensure they are safe.
- Promoting events through various channels, producing signage, galvanizing local media and leveraging community networks.

UPCOMING KEY DATES:

- Business Clean Up Day : Tuesday 27th February 2024
- Schools Clean Up Day : Friday 1st March 2024
- Clean Up Australia Day : Sunday 3rd March 2024



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UPCOMING FISHING COMPETITIONS

Balranald Murrumbidgee Classic Fishing Competition

15th, 16th & 17th MARCH

WHATS ON OFFER?

Meals included:
Saturday and Sunday Breakfast
Saturday night dinner
Sunday lunch

Thanks to the
Balranald Football and Netball Club

Thousands of dollars worth of prizes, raffles and give aways!! Including 2 x boats!

Book ONLINE NOW -
<https://www.trybooking.com/CLHYV>

K Y A L I T E FISHING CLASSIC

Friday 23rd Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th February 2024

To register use the QR Code or
Kyalite Fishing & Sporting Club

ENTRY PRIZES

1st Prize:
430 Mako Craft Estuary Tracker (Painted) Side Console. 50 HP Mercury Motor and Trailer Package. Valued at \$35,000

2nd Prize:
3.7m Hunter Marine Tinny with 9.9 Yamaha Motor. Value: \$6,500

3rd Prize:
CRF 50 Honda Motorbike Value: \$2,850

4th Prize:
Engel Portable Fridge/Freezer. Value: \$1,439

5th Prize:
GT Custom Rods Voucher: Value \$200

Entry Fees:
Open (17 & over) - \$150
Junior (16 & under) - \$100

For inquiries contact: - Brenten Hogan: 0493 568 018 or Josh Standen: 0400 467 738

DIAMOND SPONSORS

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AUSTRALIAN FARMING SERVICES O'CONNORS CASE II

Drought Resilience Plan Workshops

REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

We want to hear from you

We want to hear from you! Wentworth and Balranald Shire Councils are partnering to undertake a Regional Drought Resilience Plan. This second round of engagement follows initial consultation held in October last year, and will focus on testing the ideas and opportunities highlighted to date, to enhance drought resilience across our region. There is no better time to plan ahead for future drought. The project team will be having discussions across our two shires in the week starting 12 February. Interested in speaking with the team to add your insights? You can contact them directly at the email address below to organise a one-on-one session.

Workshops near you:

BURONGA - COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
Tuesday 13 February, 8:30am - 11am
Midway Centre - 6 Midway Drive, Buronga

BALRANALD - COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
Wednesday 14 February, 8:30am - 11am
Theatre Royal - 90 Market Street, Balranald

CLARE - COMMUNITY SESSION
Wednesday 14 February, 2pm - 3:30pm
Clare Public School - E Clare Road, Booligal

The team will also be visiting landholders and attending community group meetings throughout the week across the region. Our team are travelling to:

- Anabran South
- Euston
- Kyalite
- Pooncarie
- Pomona

To contact the team directly, email laura.gannon@meridianurban.com

Wentworth SHIRE COUNCIL

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL



Balranald Community Transport

LiveBetter now offers a weekly bus service to Swan Hill!

To help you to get to doctors appointments and do your shopping, LiveBetter is now offering a bus service to Swan Hill each Wednesday.

- **Bus departs Balranald each Wednesday at 7 am**
- **Bus departs Swan Hill each Wednesday at 1 pm**
- **Contribution is \$10 per person**

To make your booking call 03 4022 4903 or 0428 335 711 by 12 pm the Tuesday before you travel.



livebetter.org.au



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Swim to save lives 1-31 March

Every day, another young person in Australia loses their life to suicide.

Dive in this March to raise funds for ReachOut, and you'll make sure young people in Australia have the mental health support they urgently need.

It's free to sign up and with every lap you swim, you'll help save lives.

Laps for Life is back this March!

Sign up to swim 2 or 20km (or a goal that suits you) throughout the month of March, for the 1 young person in Australia who takes their own life each day.

You can swim anywhere, and any time you like, and you can join individually, or sign up as a team to smash your swimming goals together. Once you sign up, you will be set up with your very own fundraising page to raise funds for youth mental health and research-backed programs through ReachOut.

For every lap you swim and every dollar you raise, you'll be helping to save young lives from suicide.



1. Sign up

Sign up solo or in a team.
Then set your swim goal, and
get started.



2. Dive in

It doesn't matter if you swim a
little or a lot. With every lap,
you'll be helping save lives.



3. Save lives

You'll get plenty of support
along the way. And every
dollar you raise will help
prevent youth suicide.



ILUKA RESOURCES COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS

Iluka Resources warmly invites you to come and chat to a member of the team about the Balranald Project at our new monthly drop-in sessions.

Whether you have a specific question about the project or would simply like to get to know the team, we encourage you to come and say hello. **No need to RSVP – just drop in.**

Where: The Iluka Office – 99 Church St, Balranald

When: The second Thursday of every month between
7.30am and 10.30am

8 February, 14 March, 11 April, 9 May, 13 June, 11 July

Please contact us if you have any questions about these sessions or the Balranald Project.

We look forward to seeing you throughout 2024!



1800 305 993 (24/7 Iluka Community hotline)



balranald.community@iluka.com



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

ILUKA



grow yourself expand your potential

February online workshops

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NDIS self management

tuesday 6 february, 11.00am -1.15pm

Boost your confidence to self-manage your NDIS plan

Learn the benefits of self-management, such as how to clarify budgets, make payment requests, keep accurate records and prepare for plan reviews. Recognise your current knowledge and learn something new!

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speaking up for yourself

tuesday 13 february, 11.00am - 1.15pm

Get your message across and be heard

Come along and learn the benefits of speaking up for yourself. Develop your interpersonal and negotiation skills with effective communication, develop a strategy plan, review outcomes, consider alternative options and focus on success!

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post traumatic growth (PTG)

tuesday 20 february, 11.00am -12.30pm

We can grow from past trauma

Learn about the concept of Post Traumatic GROWTH, rather than stress, and how it can help us get more out of life. Explore common areas of growth and identifying your own growth pathways. Learn how you can cultivate your PTG and enjoy life more!

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NDIS - what can I buy?

wednesday 21 february, 11.00am - 12.00pm

Understand how to better spend your NDIS funding

People often ask us 'Can I use my NDIS funding for...?' Do you wonder the same? Join us to develop a clearer understanding of what you can (and can't) use your funding on – and maybe even some idea of things you didn't realise you could purchase with your plan!



for more information and to register now:

www.pdcnsw.org/workshops or call 1800 688 831

Workshops and events are free for people with disability and their parents or unpaid informal supports.

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.





ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR BEST MATE SAFE?

Why register your pet?

If your pet is registered and your details are up to date, it can be safely returned if it gets lost.

It's also the law – pet cats and dogs must be microchipped and then registered in NSW.

Microchipping

To register your pet, it must first be microchipped by a vet or authorised identifier. Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under your pet's skin. Each microchip has a unique number that can be read with a scanner, like a barcode at the supermarket.

Registration

How: It's easier than ever before to register your cat or dog.

➤ **Online:** Registrations can be completed online via the NSW Pet Registry or Service NSW using your MyServiceNSW Account.

➤ **Over the counter:** You can also register your pet in person at your local council.

Fee: A once only lifetime registration fee applies.

Help get your cat or dog home safely by registering them – visit www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

Discounts are available for de-sexed pets, eligible pensioners and cats and dogs bought from certain rehoming organisations, including council pounds and shelters.

More information

NSW PET REGISTRY
petregistry.nsw.gov.au
1300 134 460
pets@olg.nsw.gov.au

Your pet's registration fee at work

Money collected goes straight back to the community by funding companion animal services:

- Council pounds/shelters
- Ranger services
- Dog recreation areas
- Education and awareness activities
- Responsible pet ownership initiatives

Choose food safety this summer

This summer, when the temperature rises, remember to keep it cold, keep it clean, keep it hot and check the label so you don't let food poisoning ruin the fun!

Here are a few simple tips to make sure you stay healthy and happy this holiday season:

- Don't wash uncooked raw meat – it can spread harmful bacteria around your kitchen
- If food has been on the table for more than 2 hours, bin it – hot food needs to stay hot and cold food needs to stay cold
- 'Ham bags' are a great way to keep your ham fresh and maintain quality. A clean cotton pillowcase will do the trick too
- Keep your fridge at or below 5°C
- If you're having seafood, ensure you only buy from a reputable retailer and take an esky or cooler bag to ensure it stays cool
- Hot food needs to be kept and served at 60°C or hotter
- Use a thermometer to ensure your food is cooked all the way through
- If having a BBQ, use separate plates and utensils for raw and cooked meat and ready-to-eat foods
- Refrigerate leftovers and then eat or freeze them within 3 days
- Refrigerate food within 2 hours of preparing and reheat it to at least 75°C to prevent bacteria from growing
- Plan ahead for a slow safe thaw in the fridge – never defrost food on a bench. Turkey can take up to three days to defrost safely in the fridge
- Use a separate cutting board and knife for raw meat and ready-to-eat foods
- Make sure you don't overload your fridge as it reduces airflow and increases the temperature, creating breeding grounds for bacteria



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SPRAY
UP

COVER
UP

SCREEN
UP

Enjoy the great outdoors.
Bite free.

KEEP MOZZIES AWAY
Take the steps to protect
SPRAY UP • COVER UP • SCREEN UP

Some mozzies in NSW carry viruses like Japanese encephalitis. If you're planning to head outdoors this weekend, remember to take the steps to prevent mozzie bites. Learn more at www.health.nsw.gov.au



Economic Development Strategies - Balranald & Wentworth Shire Councils

Community Survey

Together Balranald and Wentworth Shire Councils are creating their Economic Development Strategies 2024-2028.

The goal of sustainable economic development is to improve the economic and social well-being of an area. This can include attracting and keeping business / industry, keeping and growing jobs, skilling local workforce and improving community liveability and quality of life for all.

Sustainable Economic Development means opportunities improve for ALL community members. So it is really important that we hear from you about what you do and don't want to see happening to your community.

This survey is for residents. If you are a business owner or industry leader there will be a different survey for you to do (although you can still do this survey as a resident).

This survey is voluntary – you can stop at any time. We do not ask for your name – so your answers are anonymous.

If you would like to do this survey online then please scan the QR code or type this link into your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EcoDevCOMMUNITY>



This survey will take about 8 minutes to complete. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.

1. Which Shire do you live in?

- ☐ Balranald Shire
- ☐ Wentworth Shire
- ☐ Somewhere else (please tell us where)

Which community do you live in or closest to:

2. Balranald Shire Council 3. Wentworth Shire Council ☐ Trentham Cliffs

- ☐ Balranald ☐ Wentworth ☐ Pan Ban
- ☐ Euston ☐ Coomealla ☐ Moorara
- ☐ Kyalite ☐ Dareton ☐ Pooncarie
- ☐ Oxley ☐ Buronga ☐ Pomona
- ☐ Hatfield ☐ Gol Gol ☐ Ellerslie
- ☐ Clare ☐ Monak ☐ Anabranche
- ☐ Other ☐ Mourquong ☐ Rufus
- ☐ Other

4. What is your age

- ☐ 17 years or less ☐ 35-44 years ☐ 65-74 years
- ☐ 18-24 years ☐ 45-54 years ☐ 75 years or more
- ☐ 25-34 years ☐ 55-64 years

5. Do you identify as

- ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other

6. Are you Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander

- ☐ Yes, Aboriginal ☐ Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander ☐ No

7. Were you born

- ☐ In Australia
- ☐ Overseas (please tell us where)

8. What do you value most about where you live (please tick your top 3)

- ☐ Healthy environment ☐ Recreational opportunities
☐ Job opportunities ☐ Retail services (including eateries)
☐ Thriving local businesses / industries ☐ Access to health and education services
☐ Small community atmosphere (quiet, safe, friendly) ☐ Affordability / cost of living
☐ Family ties ☐ Other, please tell us

9. Which of the following businesses / industries would you like to see brought to / grown in your Council area?

- ☐ Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing ☐ Financial/Banking
☐ Mining ☐ Legal
☐ Renewable Energies ☐ Insurance and real estate services
☐ Food Processing ☐ Health / Medical services
☐ Light Industrial ☐ Education / Training
☐ Heavy Industrial ☐ Arts and Culture
☐ Manufacturing ☐ Tourism
☐ Construction ☐ Recreation / Entertainment / Hospitality services
☐ Wholesale/warehouse ☐ Accommodation services
☐ Freight and logistics ☐ Communication / Information / Computer
☐ Automotive ☐ Other, please tell us
☐ Retail

10. What kinds of businesses / industries would you NOT like to see in your area?

11. What could be the BEST THING to happen because of Economic Development in your area?

12. What could be the WORST THING to happen because of Economic Development in your area?

13. To what extent do you agree with your Shire Council (Balranald / Wentworth) supporting Economic Development by?
(please tick the right response for you)

	Completely Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Completely Agree
Providing infrastructure (road, housing estates etc)					
Easing planning & regulations (easier planning applications etc)					
Reducing financial barriers (small grants, reduced rates etc)					
Providing a key contact (like an Economic Development Officer)					
Negotiating with new industries / businesses to bring them to the area					
Recruitment campaigns to fill high need service gaps (GPs, trades etc)					
Other, please tell us					

What is your VISION for your Shire area (what will it have, look and feel like)?