



**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
CLOSED DURING WET WEATHER CONDITIONS

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



1st March 2024

JACKSON BIALOBRZESKI NAMED DUAL WINNER OF THE 2024 TOM HARVEY AWARD

Jackson Bialobrzewski, 19-year-old from Balranald has this year been named a dual winner of the 2024 Tom Harvey Award, an initiative of the Australian Youth Trust, recognising outstanding contribution of a young Australian citizen between the age of 15-30 years.

At the age of 14, he became Youth Mayor of Balranald Shire Council, a position he held for almost 4 years before leaving to attend university, making many changes, including free entry to the local swimming pool, upgrade to amenities in parks and improved library services, the provision for more family entertainment and festivals for youth.

It remains Jackson's passion to make regional areas like Balranald, more appealing for young people to live their lives, and provide them necessary resources to be able to live, work and study in communities like Balranald.

On completion of his university degree, he aspires to working in local government projects, appreciating you can make a difference.

Jackson was nominated by Member for Murray, Mrs Helen Dalton MP, will be presented with his Award at the Commonwealth Day luncheon in the presence of his mother and Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC Governor of NSW.



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EASTER 2024 GARBAGE COLLECTIONS BALRANALD & EUSTON



SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY	EASTER COLLECTION DAY
Friday 29 th March (Good Friday)	Thursday 28 th March
Monday 3 rd April (Easter Monday)	Tuesday 2 nd April
BINS MUST BE AT THE KERBSIDE EVENING BEFORE TO ENSURE PICK-UP	

Council News

Balranald Shire Council is on the move with 4 major community projects to be delivered by mid-2024 .

On Tuesday 20th February 2024 at its Ordinary Council Meeting, Balranald Shire Council accepted tenders for the completion of 4 major community projects.

“To have one tender accepted for a large project at an Ordinary Council Meeting is always a magnificent achievement but to have four passed at one meeting is exceptional” said Mr Glenn Carroll who is Council’s newly appointed Director of Governance, Business & Community Services. “This clearly demonstrates the positivity, commitment, determination and focus that Council has in delivering projects across the Shire that align with community needs and objectives.

The four major projects that are about to go into delivery and construction mode include:

Balranald Lions Park Upgrade Project:

This is a \$1million redevelopment of Balranald’s Lions Park which is a key rest point for travellers coming from the west of Balranald and also a meeting place for local families. The project’s focus is on accessibility and inclusivity. All existing play equipment is to be removed and replaced with a new modern play layout including flying foxes, swings and much more. The park has been designed to accommodate not only the young within our community but provide an inclusive space for community members of all ages as well as attracting visitors to our town. Works are anticipated to commence in early March with completion by June 2024.

Euston Recreation Reserve Football Club – Field Refurbishment:

This much anticipated project is also set to commence towards the end of March and will see the existing football oval be recultivated and provided with an all new irrigation system. Full perimeter fencing will encompass the oval, as well as new field lighting, goal posts, timekeepers box and electronic scoreboard. The \$800k development is set to enable the Euston Football Club to host home games and provide a training ground for football enthusiasts of all ages. The anticipated completion date for the project is July 2024.

Euston Recreation Reserve–Netball Precinct:

Council is excited to announce the refurbishment of the Euston Netball Precinct at the Euston Recreation reserve. Works will include the extension and renovation of the existing netball change rooms and toilet facilities, resurfacing of the netball court and extension of the concrete aprons to the perimeter of the existing netball court. New lighting and shade shelter for the existing netball court will also be provided as part of the project.

Balranald Discovery Centre & Interpretive Pavilion Upgrade:

Works will commence shortly on a \$950k investment in the Discovery Centre tourist precinct. The funding will provide for a new building which will adjoin the Visitor Information Centre and Museum as well as a full upgrade of the technical equipment in the award winning Interpretive Pavilion. All drawing documentation has now been completed and construction works are set to commence by the end of March with a July 2024 completion date. The new building will provide a space for further promotion of the wonderful tourism attractions that Balranald Shire has on offer and help attract more visitors to the region and boost the local and regional visitor economy.

There is a real buzz in the air and exciting times ahead with a new Council to be elected in September, the General Manager, Craig Bennett at the helm, two (2) newly appointed directors along with a designated project manager and staff all working together with the Community in a positive and proactive manner for the provision of excellent amenities in our Balranald Shire Communities.

Council appreciates the NSW and Federal Governments for the funding provided towards these projects.

For further information about this media release, please contact:

Glenn Carroll

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Whats on in the Infrastructure Space

Kyalite Riverside Reserve

Solar lighting has been installed at the Kyalite Riverfront steps and an information board is to be placed at the car park well above the Flood level. This work is under the control of the local Kyalite Committee. Damage to the boat ramp and the pontoon is currently being assessed by Council staff who will also progress proposed improvements to the Memorial Park area.

Unsealed Road Maintenance

Maintenance grading and road repair is continuing at the following Shire Roads under the Rural Local Roads Repair Program:

- Clare Mossgiel Road;
- Mildura Ivanhoe Road;
- Prungle Marma Road;
- Nandum Corrong Road;
- Tarwong Freshwater Road;
- Magenta Wampo Road (West);
 - Tammit Road;
 - Tapalin Mail Road;
 - Meilman Road;
 - Tillara Road;

Regional Roads

Heavy patching works are ongoing on MR67 (Balranald-Ivanhoe Road) within the Balranald Shire. Stage two of these works commenced in December 2023 and will continue being delivered into 2024, dependent on funding.

Pothole and edge repairs and patching on sealed roads in the Balranald and Euston town areas is continuing.

This work is being funded from the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair grant. Pothole repairs are continuing at several other Shire sealed and unsealed roads.

Flood Damaged Roads

Oxley Road (MR514) remains closed due to flood water damage approximately 18 km from the intersection of the Balranald-Ivanhoe Road. Road closed notifications are active on NSW Live Traffic, however there are still vehicles driving through closed road signs and destroying the existing pavement due to floodwater.

Morris Road / Antonio Drive at Euston remains closed due to flood water damage. Repair works were commenced, however due to excessive water within the pavement further works have been postponed until the pavement is completely dry. Road Closed warning signs are in place. Road closed notifications are active on NSW Live Traffic. These works are now completed.

Severe damage to the Abbots Tank Road from Storm and Floodwater has now been repaired.



RESIDENTS OF BALRANALD SHIRE OVER 60
YEARS ARE INVITED TO THE
'REACH BEYOND'

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL SENIORS LUNCHEON 2024

TUESDAY **19** **MARCH**
2024

11.30 AM, 12 NOON LUNCH



**THEATRE ROYAL, MARKET STREET
BALRANALD**



RSVP to Carol at the Council office on 03 5020 1300 or
cholmes@balranald.nsw.gov.au by March 11, 2024.

POSITION VACANT

REGISTERED NURSE



Balranald Shire Council is seeking suitably qualified and experienced Registered Nurses to work in its 15 bed Retirement Hostel 'Bidgee Haven'. These positions will be responsible for providing clinical nursing care to residents through assessments, planning and evaluations in conjunction with the residents and/or their representatives and the appropriate team members.



To attract high calibre candidates, Council is offering an attractive salary package of up to \$130,000 per annum (including superannuation). For further information visit www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/community/job-vacancies/ email gcarroll@balranald.nsw.gov.au or call Councils Director of Governance, Business and Community Services on (03) 5020 1300.

POSITION VACANT—

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACCESS INCLUSION & WELLBEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROJECT OFFICER

Applications are invited for a PART TIME Strengthening Community Access Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee Project Officer.

The Project Officer will work part-time with support and guidance from Council's Tourism, Communications and Events Coordinator and Chair of the Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Wellbeing Advisory Committee.

Terms of employment will be in accordance with the Council's salary performance management systems and the NSW Local Government (State) Award.

The position description is available on Councils website <https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/community/job-vacancies/> or contact Carol Holmes on 03 5020 1300 or council@balranald.nsw.gov.au



EASTER 2024 GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR BALRANALD & EUSTON

Balranald Businesses & Euston Residents

Who have their bins collected on Fridays are
advised that Easter collection will be

**Thursday 28th March
(instead of Good Friday)**

Balranald Residents

Who have their bins collected on Mondays are
advised that Easter collection will be

**Tuesday 2nd April
(instead of Easter Monday)**

All bins are to be left out the evening prior to collection

COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURES OVER EASTER

The Balranald Shire Council Office will be closed from **4:30pm Thursday 28th March** and will re-open at **9.00am on Tuesday 2nd April 2024**.

To report emergencies call 0418 322 902

Service NSW (formerly RTA) will be closed from **4pm Thursday 28th March** and will re-open at **9.30am on Tuesday 2nd April 2024**.

Please call Service NSW with any enquiries on 13 77 88



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Whats happening in the community

BALRANALD MURRUMBIDGEE CLASSIC

Itinerary for weekend 15th, 16th, 17th March, 2024

Registration / Sign in: FRIDAY 15th March

From: 4pm - 8pm

Location - Balranald Football Club - Big Shed

TIME	DEATILS	LOCATION
6am-7am (Saturday and Sunday)	Breakfast - bacon and egg / coffee Van	CARAVAN PARK Log Cabin
7am (Saturday and Sunday)	Fishing commences	River
5pm - SATURDAY	Fishing concludes - NO FISH ENTERED AFTER 5pm	River
From 6.00pm - late	Dinner (6.30pm-8.30pm), Raffles 5pm til 6pm.- Casting competition (no entries after 5.30pm)	Balranald Football / Netball Sheds
11am - SUNDAY	Fishing concludes - NO FISH ENTERED AFTER 11am	River
12noon - 2pm	Lunch and Major Prize Draws	Balranald Football / Netball Sheds



Marshall Bodinnar - 0448842766
For courtesy Bus - Beery - 0414868770
Ash Bodinnar - 0488631056

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>



BREASTSCREENING VAN COMING TO BALRANALD



Balranald Theatre Royal

88-92 Market St
Balranald NSW 2715

Phone: 13 20 50

11th April to the 17th April 2024

Call 13 20 50 to make a booking.

Balranald

25th

Anniversary

Easter Shoot

SAT 30th - SUN 31st

Camping available on ground

accommodation available at Homebush hotel

Homebush Rec Reserve approx 25km

North of Balranald on the Ivanhoe Rd

Canteen Available

RSVP

Ben Morris : 0491 334 802

Balranaldfieldandgame@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/balranaldfieldandgame>

SAT

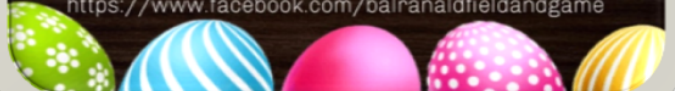
\$75 Open \$60

\$65 Ladies & Vets \$50

\$40 Juniors \$30

9AM Start

SUN



Easter Egg Hunt



**SUNDAY
31st March
at 9am**

At the Balranald
Discovery Centre
83 Market Street
Balranald

Jumping
Castles, Laser
Tags, Face
Painting +
MORE!

**FREE
EVENT!**

Contact the Visitor
Information Centre
03 5020 1599




Balranald's EASTER SUNDAY Market

**SUNDAY 31st MARCH
3.00pm – 6.00pm**

Market stalls, food stalls &
live music

Balranald Discovery Centre precinct
83 Market Street, Balranald





Contact the Visitor
Information Centre

03 5020 1599

PRE RODEO NIGHT



AT HOMEBUSH HOTELS

**FRIDAY
APRIL 26** AT HOMEBUSH HOTEL
BAND STARTS 7PM
GOOD DIRT 11PM

Featuring

FIREBUCKET

BUSES RUNNING FROM BALRANALD
KEBAB KING AND PIZZAS AVAILABLE

Artworks by Prowzie



Opening Friday 9th February
& continuing until mid April
Watercolours, Oils & Drawings
The Gallery, 51 Mayall St Balranald

The Gallery

MobileMuster

The end of 2023 saw MobileMuster engage in a number of activities to round out the year, from encouraging young Australians to get involved in mobile recycling, to helping wild Gorillas in Africa.

Collections for mobile phones were as forecast and on target. While we did see a slight reduction in our expanded program (modems, smart home and wearables), we expect these numbers to pick up in the new year.

2024 is off to a great start, with a partnership with Planet Ark live in February, and a major brand campaign hitting consumers in March. We're also working closely with our government stakeholders to ensure the continuation of the program in the best possible circumstances.

All this and more below, so read on. We look forward to working with you all in 2024.

MobileMuster partners with Victoria Zoo

In December the MobileMuster Program partnered with Zoos Victoria to increase mobile collections at their four park locations. For every phone recycled at a Victoria Zoos park, customers would receive a voucher for a free coffee, and go into the draw to win an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience with the Gorillas at Melbourne Zoo.

This partnership was developed because components in mobile phones are mined from Gorilla habitats. MobileMuster gives a rebate to the Zoos for collecting phones, which goes towards helping wild Gorillas in Africa. Collections had been declining with our Zoo partners, so this incentive scheme was developed to try and boost consumer interest.

Overall the incentive was a success, with an increase of over 150% vs the annual monthly average. The campaign was highlighted on ABC News Victoria radio, and Zoos Victoria encouraged their membership base via their newsletter & social media, all contributing to the boost in numbers. We will be running a similar program with our other Zoo partners in the coming months.



BALRANALD BRANCH

MEMBERS

- Can Assist are asking for new and lapsed members to join.
- If you did not receive a march meeting notification via email, you are a lapsed member and will need to re-join.
- All money raised locally stays local.
- Only \$10 per year or \$150 life membership.

Complete the attached membership form and return to Helen Murphy with your payment receipt at Maari Ma Health or via email at balranald@canassist.org.au.

To make payment – Use the deposit book at Westpac Bank, Market Street, Balranald or contact Helen for bank details.

Volunteering with Can Assist makes a difference locally, helps sustain our meaningful assistance model and builds community. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Our volunteers who choose to become members gain an additional opportunity to contribute to the governance of the branch and organisation. No matter your experience or commitment level in time, joining Can Assist will provide you the satisfaction of giving to a well respected cause assisting Country NSW cancer patients.

Please tick your preferred relationship with Can Assist:

- ☐ New Member (volunteer and support committee structure and voting) ☐ Membership Renewal
☐ Volunteer (to assist at events, programs or projects)

Your Details

Local Branch: _____
Title: _____ First name: _____ Surname: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Date of birth: _____ (this information is required for insurance purposes)
Address: _____ Post code: _____

Availability

Please tick when you are available below and include any additional comments on the right. To keep within Volunteering Australia's National Standards, volunteer roles generally do not exceed 16 hours a week.

	Day	Evening	
Monday – Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Saturday – Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

For all applications please complete:

- ☐ I agree to comply with the Constitution, By Laws and the endorsed policies, procedures and guidelines of Can Assist (Cancer Patients Assistance Society of NSW).
- ☐ I agree that during my volunteering with Can Assist, and after the volunteering ceases, I will hold and keep confidential all personal information that comes into my knowledge or possession. I agree to protect the privacy of those to whom the information relates, and will not discuss or divulge personal information at any time or to any third party, unless as a necessary part of my work with Can Assist. I give an undertaking that I will observe this confidentiality at all times.
- ☐ For members, I will enclose my annual Membership payment with this form, and will give them both to my local Branch President, Treasurer or Secretary

Applicant's Signature:

Date: _____

Branch President's Signature

Date: _____

FOR BRANCH USE ONLY Membership Payment Received: \$ _____ Date: _____

Receipt Number: _____ Have all Contact Details been completed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Branch Treasurer's Signature:

Date: _____

FOR SYDNEY OFFICE USE ONLY Membership Number: _____

Date Entered: _____ Financial Year: _____ Badge needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No