



APRIL 2024

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

70 Market Street
PO Box 120
Balranald NSW 2715
03 5020 1300
council@balranald.nsw.gov.au
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

Pool is currently Closed will re-open in October 2024

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

ARE YOU THINKING OF RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?



CANDIDATE AWARENESS PROGRAM

FIND OUT ABOUT THE ROLE OF A COUNCILLOR:

- Workload
- Support provided
- Legal responsibilities
- Community expectations
- Government expectations
- The Mayor
- The General Manager
- What Councillors CAN do
- What Councillors CAN'T do
- Questions and answers

Information session to be presented by John Rayner, General Manager of Sutherland Shire Council for 33 years



MONDAY 20 MAY 2024



BALRANALD
THEATRE ROYAL
6.30pm - 9pm
EUSTON
EUSTON CLUB
11AM - 1PM



ELECTIONS TO BE HELD
14 SEPTEMBER 2024
FOLLOW UP INFORMATION
SESSIONS TO BE
SCHEDULED NEXT YEAR

LIVE LOCAL

LEAD LOCAL



Council Offices will be
CLOSED
for ANZAC Day
on 25th April 2024

Do you want to become a Councillor?

SOME INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU

- Council elections will be held on 14th September 2024.
- Candidates will need to make enquiries and obtain information to ensure they meet all the legal requirements.
- The election will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission.
- Candidates need to register at the NSW Electoral Commission website elections.nsw.org.au to receive further information.
- Candidates need to become familiar with the website and visit it regularly.
- Being REGISTERED means the candidate or group can lawfully accept political donations, fundraise and pay for campaign expenses.
- Candidates should also visit the Office of Local Government (OLG) website olg.nsw.gov.au and subscribe to its newsletters.
- The OLG will be progressively releasing more information about the elections, including information for people intending to run for Council.

A series of Candidate Information webinars will be conducted by Eventbrite on behalf of the NSW Electoral Commission.

- 21 May 2024 Candidate information webinar
- 27 June 2024 Nominations webinar
- 25 July 2024 Election operations webinar
- 6 August 2024 Electoral material, compliance, early voting and election day voting

These webinars will cover such topics as electoral funding, political donations, disclosures and compliance, third party campaigners, candidate workers, scrutineers, declared facilities, counting and results, post-election disclosure obligations and other rules.

Register for the first webinar at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/candidate-information-webinar-registration-846886148267>

Candidate helpdesk

If you have any questions: Phone: 1300 022 011
Enquiry: elections.nsw.gov.au/Contact-us
Website: elections.nsw.gov.au

Key Election Dates - On the website under “What are the key 2024 dates?”

- 5 August - Lodgement of nominations commence; start of regulated period for electoral material.
- 6 August - Lodgement of postal vote applications
- 14 August - 12 noon - Close of nominations and close of registration for candidates and groups
 - Registration of electoral material commences.
- 15 August - 2 pm - Ballot paper draws will commence.
- 19 August - Postal pack distribution commences.
- 2 September - Pre-poll voting commences.
- 6 September - 5pm - Registration of electoral material closes.
- 9 September - Telephone voting registration and voting opens.
 - 5pm - Close of postal vote applications.
 - Close of registration for third party campaigners.
- 13 September - Pre-poll voting closes.
- 14 September - Election day
- 1-3 October - Progressive declaration of results.

Candidate Awareness Program is being held on:

- Monday 20 May at Euston Club from 11am - 1pm
- Theatre Royal in Balranald from 6.30pm

Tea and Coffee with nibbles will be provided at both venues.

Balranald Shire Council Anzac Day

Council wishes to advise residents & visitors
Market Street will be CLOSED to traffic
from the corner of We & Market Streets through to Anzac
Park, corner of Court & McCabe Streets
From 10.15am to 11.30am 25 April 2024

Anzac Day Services in Balranald Shire

Please assemble 15 minutes prior to the march

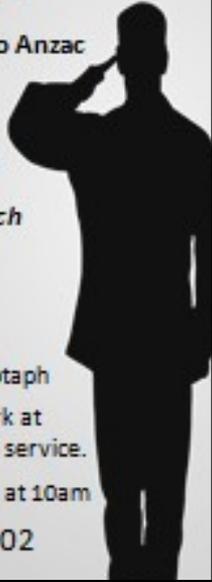
Balranald Ex-Services Club - 10.30am
Kyalite - 6am for the Dawn Service.
(Bus to Kyalite - call 5020 1 447 to book)

Robinvale Dawn Service (6am) at the Robinvale Cenotaph

Euston —March commencing at Euston Club Car Park at
approximately 8.10am to Euston Cenotaph for a 8.30am service.

Robinvale March will be held in main Street of Robinvale at 10am

Council emergency contact—0418 322 902



COUNCIL ADVERTS



Balranald Shire Council, 70 Market Street
Phone 03 5020 1300 Fax 03 5020 1620
www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

Positions Vacant Registered Nurse Positions

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 the residents through assessments, planning and evaluations in conjunction with the residents and/or their representatives and the appropriate team members.

The positions are critical to ensure residents of the Hostel receive the highest level of care and attention.

Council is offering both full time and part time positions as well as seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified candidates who would like to be included in a casual pool. To attract high calibre candidates, Council is offering an attractive salary package of up to \$105,950 per annum (including superannuation)

For further information please see the advert on Council's website <https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/jobs/registered-nurse/> or contact Mr Glenn Carroll during business hours 03 5020 1300 or hr@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Applications close—Monday 29 April 2024

Balranald Shire Council, 70 Market Street, (PO Box 120) Balranald 2715
Phone 03 5020 1300 Fax 03 5020 1620 www.balranald.nsw.gov.au



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN, REVENUE POLICY AND DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

Including proposed 2024/2025 Fees and Charges

Copies of the Draft Operational Plan, Revenue Policy, Draft Fees and Charges and Draft Budget for the 2024/25 financial year are available for inspection on Council's website from 1st to 28th May 2024.

<https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/community/community-announcements/exhibition-of-draft-documents/>

Submissions in relation to these documents should be addressed to:
The General Manager, PO Box 120 BALRANALD NSW 2715 and be posted or delivered so as to reach the Council's office no later than 4.00 pm on Tuesday 28th May 2024.

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Phone 03 5020 1300 Fax 03 5020 1620 www.balranald.nsw.gov.au



What's on in the Infrastructure Space?

Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF)

Work continues on repairs, reshaping & maintenance grading to flood damaged unsealed roads within the Shire using RERRF funding. Overall approximately 1,150 km of road has been repaired, with around 150 km to go.

Recently completed RERRF works: Wooranbarra Corrong Road and Prungle Mail Road.

Ongoing RERRF works: Prungle Marma, Mildura Ivanhoe, Nandum Corrong & Tarwong Freshwater Roads.

Polytahr

Over the past few months, Council has commenced a program to treat unsealed road surfaces with a product called Polytahr, which is mixed with the road surface material. When treated with Polytahr, the road surface is stronger, with increased water run-off and surface longevity.

The road surface remains in better condition for longer and undergoes less damage from rain. The cost of the addition of Polytahr to the road surface is offset by the reduced need for maintenance grading and the benefit of roads that are able to remain open after moderate rainfall.

Roads treated with Polytahr so far are: Benanee Road, Guthul Road, Thompson Road, Abbots Tank Road, Euston Prungle Road, Prungle Mail Road, Magenta Wampo Road, Tapalin Mail Road, Tammit Road, Meilman Road and Tillara Road.

Works on Benanee Road were completed in January 2024. This road was treated with Polytahr.



The pictures detail the difference between not using Polytahr (left) to using Polytahr (right) for construction works on Benanee Road.



Other grant funded infrastructure projects in progress include:

- Construction of the concrete base for tennis court at Euston riverfront
- Balranald Riverfront placemaking
- Balranald irrigation automation
- Theatre Royal refurbishments
- Balranald tennis courts lighting
- Balranald netball courts resurfacing and lighting
- Construction of Balranald basketball court
- Kyalite Riverside Reserve public toilets and ancillary facilities
- Development of rest area at Hatfield
- Library refurbishment project – stage 2
- Emergency accommodation housing.

Disclaimer

Balranald Shire Council reserves the right to edit or rewrite submissions for grammar, style and clarity or to confirm to restrictions or space. Council makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information and does not accept responsibility for errors or omissions contained within this publication. If you are aware of any errors please notify council by email: council@balranald.nsw.gov.au or phone 03 5020 1300.

Tom Harvey Award

At the Commonwealth Day luncheon in parliament held on Monday 11 March 2024, 19 year old Jackson Bialobrzkeski from Balranald received the 2024 Tom Harvey Award alongside dual winner Jenna Smith.

It's an initiative of the Australian Youth Trust, recognising outstanding contribution of a young Australian citizen between the age of 15-30 years and was presented by Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC Governor of NSW.

Helen Dalton, MP, Member for Murray, nominated Jackson for this award acknowledging his passion as a community volunteer, striving to make Balranald and surrounds a better place, particularly for young people, to live, work and study.

Congratulations Jackson. and Jenna.



To Balranald Shire Businesses, REBA Members,
Balranald Inc & the GBITAC & EPAC members



BUSINESS XCHANGE Catch up!

Meet Glenn!

Director of
Governance,
Business &
Community
Services

Welcome to the first of our **Business XChange Catch-ups!** This is a chance to catch up with each other and to exchange news, ideas and look at ways we can work together to grow the local economy. As this first catch-up we will chat about our ideas for the Business XChange Catch-Ups & introduce you to Glenn.

Tuesday 7th May



6.00pm - 7.30pm



Balranald Discovery
Centre Café,
83 Market Street



Refreshments will be provided

Contact Connie on 03 5020 1599
to register your attendance



HOMEBUSH RODEO



27TH APRIL 2024

**HOMEBUSH REC RESERVE
IVANHOE ROAD, BALRANALD**

for more details, see
facebook.com/homebushrodeo/

ADMISSION

12 and under = free

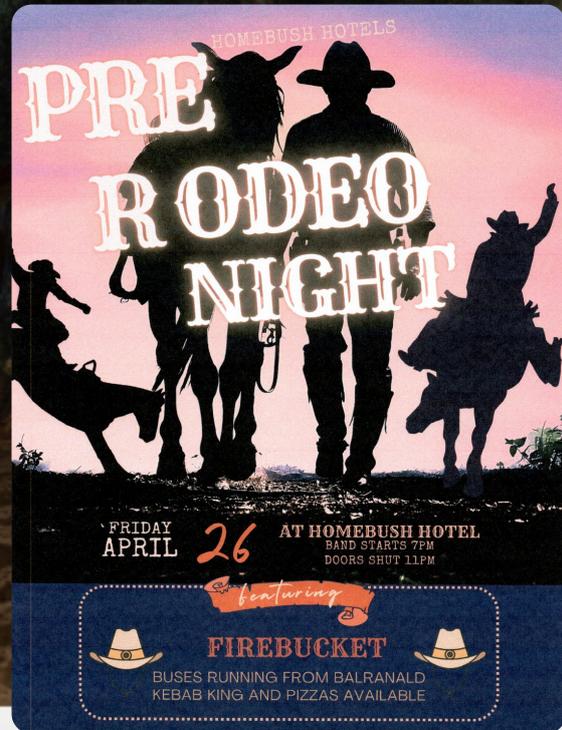
Kids 12-17 = \$10

Seniors= \$15

Adult = \$30 (18+)

Family= (2 adults + 3 kids) \$70

Unlimited kids rides \$10 per child



HOMEBUSH HOTELS
**PRE
RODEO
NIGHT**

FRIDAY APRIL **26** AT HOMEBUSH HOTEL
BAND STARTS 7PM
DOORS SHUT 11PM

featuring
FIREBUCKET

BUSES RUNNING FROM BALRANALD
KEBAB KING AND PIZZAS AVAILABLE

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | BAR-NO BYO | OUTBACK TRADERS
FOOD VANS | KIDS ACTIVITIES | CAMPING AVAILABLE**

What's Happening in the Community?

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service is hiring!

Field Officer (Grade ¾) & Field Officer (Grade ¾) Targeted

- Packages includes salary \$68,174 - \$72,606, employer's contribution to superannuation and 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays
- The successful candidates may be eligible for additional financial support on top of their salary package. This may include a remote area allowance and additional subsidies such as relocation support.
- On-Park housing may be available for the successful candidates
 - Two ongoing full time roles
 - Located in Yanga National Park

About the roles

National Parks and Wildlife Service has a unique opportunity for two Field Officers to work as part of this small close knit team and contribute towards the conservation of the natural environment, flora, fauna and Aboriginal heritage. We're seeking team players who love the outdoors and have good skills in undertaking construction, maintenance and improvements to park assets within National Parks estate and Reserves. There are two positions available, and one is a targeted role under GSE Rule 26, Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Inquiries: To find out more about these exciting opportunities and potential future roles with NPWS call Matt McClelland 0428 429 241 (Yanga) or Vincent Wright ph. 0428 713 768

To apply: Applications are to be lodged online at www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
Please search job reference numbers:
Field Officer ¾ position - job reference number 534492
Field Officer ¾ Targeted position - job reference number 534493

Applications Close: Monday 29th April 2024 at 11:55pm



Nominate Today
NSW Volunteer of the Year
AWARDS

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 NSW VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN

Nominate NOW

If you know someone who deserves to be celebrated, make sure you nominate them before Friday 14 June 2024 for further information visit www.volunteering.com.au/awards



Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme

Digital Literacy Foundation's mission is to support older people in their journey towards social connectedness, digital literacy, and independence in daily living. We aim to connect volunteers and older individuals, fostering companionships that prevent social isolation and loneliness.

Volunteer With Us

We welcome people* interested in making a positive impact through the ACVVS. We look forward to hearing from you and exploring the rewarding opportunity to support and connect with older people.

*must be over 18 years of age



BENEFITS

The ACVVS aims to improve quality of life for the recipients participating in the scheme, shown by:

- Increased feelings of general wellbeing and independence.
- Increased self-esteem and sense of purpose.
- A sense of connectedness to the care recipient's individual community, culture, and identity.
- A sense of connectedness to other older people living in residential aged care homes, and increased interactions between the group of older people visited.
- Reduced feelings of loneliness and isolation.
- Reduced feelings of depression and anxiety.

ABOUT THE ACVVS PROGRAM

The ACVVS is funded by the Australian Government and supports community organisations to recruit, train and support volunteers to provide friendship and companionship to older people. Any older person receiving Australian Government funded aged care services in an aged care home or in their own home is eligible to receive an ACVVS visitor. The service is free of charge. Volunteers must be over 18.

We need Volunteer Visitors who are based in the following areas:
Central West: Bathurst, Bowenfels, Gorman's Hill, Kelso, Lithgow, Oberon, Singleton and Singleton Heights
Nepean: Emu Plains, Freeman's Reach, Jamisontown, Kingswood, Penrith, Richmond, St Mary's, Werrington and Windsor
Orana Far West: Dubbo, Mudgee and Wellington

CONTACT US TO MAKE A REFERRAL OR TO VOLUNTEER

(02) 9090 4141 | hello@dlf.org.au | digitalliteracy.org.au

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grow yourself **expand your potential**
may workshops online

7 **NDIS part 1: self management**
tuesday 7 may, 11.00am - 1.30pm
Boost your confidence to self-manage your NDIS plan
Learn the benefits of self-management; clarify budgets,
keep accurate records, and prepare for plan reviews.

8 **NDIS part 2: what can I buy?**
wednesday 8 may, 11.00am - 12.00pm
Do you ever wonder 'Can I use my NDIS funding for...?'
Join us to better understand how to spend your funding.
Discover things you didn't know NDIS plans could buy!

14 **speaking up for yourself**
tuesday 14 may, 11.00am - 1.30pm
Get your message across and be heard!
Enhance your interpersonal skills, effective communication,
self-advocacy strategies, with a focus on success.

1 & 21 **employability edge**
wednesday 1 may, 11.00am - 1.30pm
tuesday 21 may, 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Increase your potential for inclusive employment
Empower yourself to gain and maintain meaningful work
and learn to self-advocate for disability access & inclusion.

29 **post traumatic growth (PTG)**
wednesday 29 may, 11.00am - 12.30pm
We can grow from past trauma
Explore how Post Traumatic GROWTH can help you enjoy
life more! Learn PTG skills to develop your growth pathway.



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.



April

ENTERTAINMENT

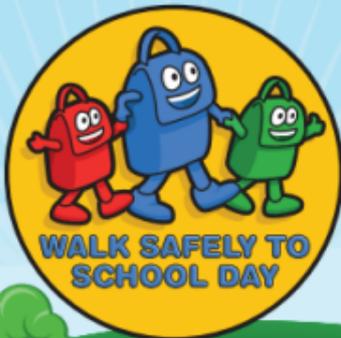
FRIDAY 5TH	BLAIR BILDSTIEN
SATURDAY 6TH	NICOLE MATTHEWS
FRIDAY 12TH	HOFFMANS
SATURDAY 13TH	HOFFMANS
FRIDAY 19TH	TONI & NEV
SATURDAY 20TH	CORNELL DAVITT
FRIDAY 26TH	JARROD SHAW
SATURDAY 27TH	JARROD SHAW

FROM 7.30PM IN THE MAIN LOUNGE

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

 **EUSTON CLUB
RESORT**
Where you'll love relaxing by the Murray River

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



**JOIN US
FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024**



**Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

WALK.COM.AU

 @nationalwalksafelytoschoolday  @natwalktoschool  @natwalktoschool #WSTSD

Walk Safely to School Day encourages positive environmental action and reduced car-dependency. It encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools.

Being active every day, including walking to school, can help make a difference for many Australians.

Whether you're a parent, teacher, or carer - everyone has a role to play in helping children and young people to lead active healthy lives.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for **Friday 10th May 2024!**



EUSTON BOWLING CLUB

Invites you to enter a team in our

Open 2 Bowl Triples Skins Tournament

Star Day

13 games of 3 ends

Saturday 18th May

9am Assembly for 9.30am start

Entry fee \$75 per team

Includes bistro lunch, afternoon tea and BBQ after

Entries must close May 11th to allow for catering

Dress Code..... Bowls Wear

Winners \$300 Runners Up \$150

Everybody else \$6 for each game won

Winners must be in attendance to collect monies

To enter
Tony Scott 0439939903
Phil Cattanaich 0427777905
Email
bowls@eustonclub.com.au

Accommodation
20% discount if attending
tournament
Just advise when booking



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>



2024
FIXTURE

7
MAY 25
VS. TOOLEY MANANG
@ TOOLEYBIC REC RESERVE

13
JUL 20
VS. KERANG
@ RIVERSIDE PARK

8
JUN 1
VS. MALLEE EAGLES
@ GREENHAM PARK

14
JUL 27
VS. KOONDROOK BARHAM
@ GREENHAM PARK

1
APR 13
VS. KERANG
@ GREENHAM PARK

BYE
JUN 8
LEAGUE BYE
KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

15
AUG 3
VS. TYNTYNDER
@ ALAN GARDEN RESERVE

2
APR 20
VS. LAKE BOGA
@ LAKE BOGA REC RESERVE

9
JUN 15
VS. SWAN HILL
@ SWAN HILL SHOWGROUNDS

16
AUG 10
CLUB BYE

3
APR 27
CLUB BYE

10
JUNE 22
VS. NNW UNITED
@ GREENHAM PARK

17
AUG 17
VS. WOORINEN
@ WOORINEN REC RESERVE

4
MAY 4
VS. TYNTYNDER
@ GREENHAM PARK

11
JUN 29
VS. COHUNA KANGAS
@ COHUNA REC RESERVE

18
AUG 24
VS. TOOLEY MANANG
@ GREENHAM PARK

5
MAY 11
VS. KOONDROOK BARHAM
@ BARHAM REC RESERVE

BYE
JUL 6
LEAGUE BYE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FINALS
AUG 31 - QUALIFYING
SEP 1 - ELIMINATION
SEP 7 - 2ND SEMI
SEP 8 - 1ST SEMI

6
MAY 18
VS. WOORINEN
@ GREENHAM PARK

12
JUL 13
VS. LAKE BOGA
@ GREENHAM PARK

SEP 14 - PRELIMINARY
SEP 21 - GRAND FINAL