



**JUNE / JULY
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

**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

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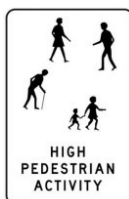
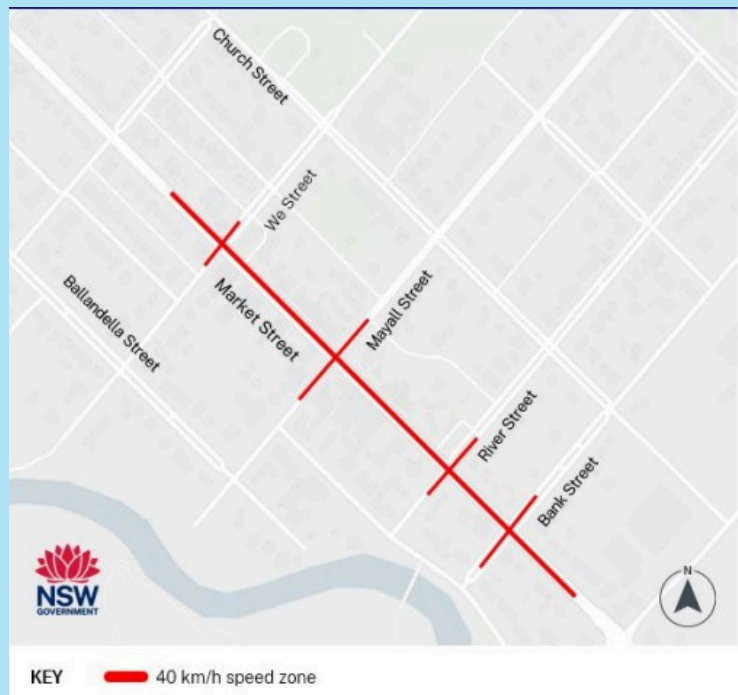
High Pedestrian Activity Area Balranald HPAA

Transport for NSW has implemented a High Pedestrian Activity Area, with a reduced speed limit of 40km/hr in parts of Market Street, We Street, Mayall Street, River Street and Bank Street in Balranald. The new speed limit came into effect on Monday 24 June 2024, and this change will maintain a constant lower speed environment and improve safety for pedestrians.

The maximum speed limit is 40km/hr at all times.

The different road environment helps to alert drivers to the lower speed limit. This creates a safer road environment for all road users, particularly for pedestrians, cyclists and children.

Balranald High Pedestrian Activity Area Speed Limit Changes



Signs like this are used to clearly define the beginning of a 40 km/h zone.



Signs like this are installed on each exit road from the zone.

Why 40km/hr?

Research and scientific analysis show that a pedestrian hit by a car travelling at 40km/hr has twice the chance of surviving the collision than if the car was travelling at 50km/hr.

Travelling speeds higher than 40km/hr greatly increases the risk of injury and death to pedestrians.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Regional Roads

- Heavy patching works on MR67 (Balranald-Ivanhoe Road) within the Balranald Shire are ongoing; and
- Road damage from heavy vehicles continues to occur. Work continuing with contractor and council staff patching.

Unsealed Road Maintenance

Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF)

Work continues on repairs, reshaping & maintenance grading to flood damaged unsealed roads within the Shire using RERRF funding.

- Prungle Mail Road - treated with Polytahr;
- Arumpo Road - treated with Polytahr;
- Balranald Weir Road - maintenance grading & improvement of drainage on road shoulders;
- Redbank Weir Road - maintenance grading & improvement of drainage on road shoulders;
- D Block Road - treated with Polytahr;
- Wintong Road - treated with Polytahr; and
- Glen Emu Road - treated with Polytahr.



Resealing Program

Reseals have been carried out on sections of the following roads:

- Tapalin Mail Road – 2 km;
- Marma Box Creek Road – 19 km; and
- Weimby Kyalite Road – 13.2 km.

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. Council is now organising flood funding applications for future restoration works.

Footpath Replacement

Council has received funding for footpath replacement/construction works under round three of the Local Community and Infrastructure (LRCI) program.

In Balranald, replacement works have been carried out on footpaths that are in poor state. These paths have also been widened to allow improved pedestrian, bicycle, wheelchair, gopher and pram access. Works will continue into June.

In Euston, a new concrete footpath is being constructed between the roundabout and the existing riverside walking track. This path will be a total of 500m in length, with an expected completion date of mid-June 2024.

WATER, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

2.1 Sewer Relining

Interflow have completed the sewer relining works for the 2023-2024 Financial Year.

Interflow have a two-year contract with Council, and further works will be carried out in the next financial year.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT Continued

Glen Emu Rd
2024



Magenta Wampo Rd
2024



Footpath
installation
Euston
2024



Footpath installation
Euston 2024



Morris Rd
repair
2024



Tapalin Mail Rd
2024

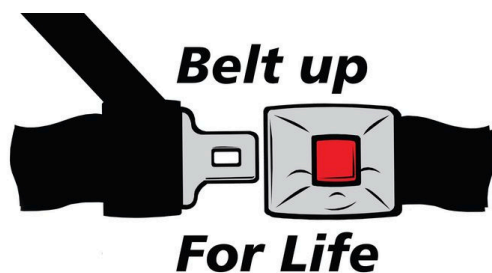




Phone and seatbelt detection cameras will start to detect drivers and passengers who are not properly wearing a seatbelt from 1 July 2024. Penalties will apply from 1 July for drivers detected not wearing a seatbelt properly or with a passenger not wearing a seatbelt properly. There won't be a warning letter period.

It has been a requirement in NSW for more than 50 years. Sadly, we continue to see lives being lost and people being seriously injured from not wearing a seatbelt or not wearing it properly.

NSW Police will continue to enforce correct seatbelt use.



The 5 main functions of seatbelts are to:

- allow you to decelerate at the same rate as the vehicle in a crash
- spread the force of the impact over the stronger parts of your body (pelvis and chest area)
- prevent you from colliding with the interior parts of the vehicle
- reduce your risk of being thrown out of the vehicle
- work together with the airbags. In a crash, the seatbelt slows the speed of your body moving forwards, so you impact safely with the airbag.



Balranald Local Government Area Ready for 4G

Telstra will be closing their 3G mobile network on 31st August 2024.

Telstra has informed Council that works to deliver 4G to the Balranald Local Government Area are complete, meaning that the area is now 4G ready.

Residents who could only get 3G on the Telstra network should now be able to enjoy the extra speed and capacity of 4G and will continue to have Telstra mobile coverage after 31st August.

Most mobile devices in Balranald are able to access the 4G network. However, there are still a small number of 3G-only mobile devices accessing the Telstra network that will need to be replaced or upgraded before 31st August if they wish to remain connected.

The easiest way to check if mobile phones will be impacted is to use Telstra free 3G SMS Checker. This tool will show customers who use the Telstra mobile network if their mobile is impacted by the 3G network closure, and if so, any action they need to take.

The SMS checker tests the service number you are texting from. If customers simply text the number '3' to 3498, we'll text you back telling you if you need to take any action.

Please note: This checker only works for people using mobile devices who are Telstra customers or are on another supplier who use the Telstra network. For people using Optus or Vodafone based networks, they will need to check with their carrier if any action is needed.

Some older 4G mobiles require a 3G network to make calls to Triple Zero, however they use the 4G network for all other calls. This 3G only emergency connectivity is a hardware feature built into the design of the phone by the manufacturer and it is a global, industry-wide issue that many countries have already worked through as they closed their 3G networks.

It is important to note that 3G only devices may not be limited to phones. 3G only Telstra Cel-Fi GO repeaters, 3G only Telstra Mobile Smart Antennas (TMSA) and Internet-of-Things (IoT) or Machine-to-Machine (M2M) devices such as eptpos, telemetry & medical devices may be affected by the closing of the 3G network. Over recent months Telstra has been contacting customers who they have been able to identify as using one of these devices to let them know they will likely need to upgrade.

Customers can also visit the Telstra website at <https://www.telstra.com.au/support/mobile-devices/3g-closure> for more information and support on device compatibility.

Please contact your Telstra store with any questions about the closure of the 3G network.



Bidgee Haven Balranald Retirement Hostel

ROOM VACANCY!

Expressions of interest are invited for permanent residents who require accommodation in a modern fully serviced Aged Care Hostel located in Balranald.

Bidgee Haven is a community run aged care facility operated by Balranald Shire Council that provides 15 Aging in Place rooms that cater specifically for aged and frail people.

The resident rooms have modern and comfortable private amenities and the staff and facilities at Bidgee Haven will ensure that your personal needs are well catered for, with ample opportunity to meet with other residents, enjoy meals and activities.

If you or a member of your family is interested in residential care accommodation in Bidgee Haven, please download an application form and information kit from Council's website www.balranald.nsw.gov.au and/or email the Balranald Shire Council council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Contact the Hostel for information

(03) 5020 1035

council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

The Expressions of interest should be submitted via email to council@balranald.nsw.gov.au or posted to P.O Box 120 Balranald or delivered to the Shire Office, 70 Market Street Balranald 2715.



Music in the Regions and South West Arts present

William Barton and Véronique Serret **Heartland**



Thursday 27 June, 7pm

Theatre Royal
90 Market St, Balranald

BOOK NOW - fees apply, tickets FREE for under 18s
www.musicintheregions.com



Scan QR
code to book

Heartland

The great didgeridoo virtuoso William Barton and powerhouse violinist Véronique Serret blend songlines and storytelling in this compelling collaborative work. Inspired by the poetry of William's mother, Aunty Delmae Barton, the message of Heartland is of peace and love carried by an eagle spirit.

Barton and Serret welcome listeners into a unique soundscape, drawing on the power of connection to place. Violins, didgeridoo and guitar are joined by soaring vocals, ethereal loops and electronic effects in a distinct evocation of the Australian landscape. From its roots as a seven-minute commission for the 2019 Canberra International Music Festival, this extraordinary work has grown into an hour-long reimagined "chamber oratorio" exploration of Country, landscape, culture, language and identity.



JOIN A TEAM THAT'S
PREPARED FOR ANYTHING

RECRUITING NOW

Balranald Fire Station
123 Market St, Balranald



SAT 29TH JUNE 2024
2PM - 4PM

THE Rustic Pear

FLUTES & FLOWERS

Make your own Bouquet

LEARN TO STYLE YOUR OWN SEASONAL BOUQUET!
MATERIALS, NIBBLES + COMPLIMENTARY GLASS
OF CHAMPAGNE SUPPLIED- \$70 - BYO DRINKS
LIMITED NUMBERS - BOOKING ESSENTIAL
THE RUSTIC PEAR - 0400 278 580

EUSTON BOWLING CLUB

STAR STUDDED TRIPLES

2 Bowls Triples
Tournament

29th & 30th June 2024

\$6000 +

IN PRIZES

Day 1 9.30 am roll up 4 Games of 12 Live Ends

Day 2 9.30 am roll up 3 Games of 12 Live Ends

Seven Game winners will play off then

Winners decided on games won then shots up

Entry Fee \$225 per Team

Includes Bistro Lunch both days plus BBQ breakfast Sunday

Enquiries to

Tony Scott 0439939903

Phil Cattanaach 0427777905

Or email bowls@eustonclub.com.au

EUSTON CLUB
RESORT

PROUD
SUPPORTER

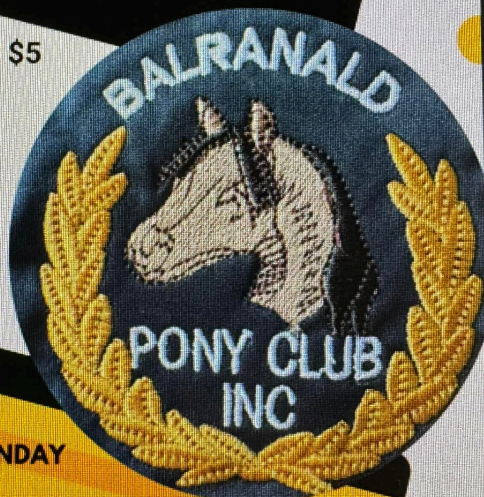
Accommodation
details attached
20% discount if
attending tournament

BALRANALD PONY CLUB

ANNUAL CAMP RAFFLE

- 1st Prize - Webber BBQ
- 2nd Prize - \$60 Tattsлото Pack
- 3rd Prize - \$40 Tattsлото Pack

\$2 / ticket or 3 for \$5



DRAWN @ CAMP SUNDAY
7TH JULY 2024

Thank you for supporting our Club

20th Anniversary Balranald Pony Club
Annual Camp 6th 7th 8th July 2024

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
11 July 2024

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



Balranald ICPA Branch invites you to attend our
annual

Hatfield Happening

1st August 2024 10.30 -3 pm

morning tea and lunch available on the day

Entry:\$10

A donation of food for morning tea and/or lunch in a
slow cooker will be very much appreciated

Hatfield Hall

Penarie Balranald Rd

Join us for a day at the newly renovated Hatfield hall to
hear from our all inclusive panel of inspirational
speakers about their lives on the land in the area.

SAVE THE DATE

MALLEE ALMOND BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Sunday 18th August 2024



Save the date

2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday,
14 September

Voting is compulsory

Visit elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24
or call 1300 135 736

BALRANALD Community EVENT 2024



SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST

GREENHAM PARK SPORTING COMPLEX
12PM TO 6.30PM - FREE ENTRY - ALL WELCOME

- > FREE BBQ LUNCH
- > SWEET SISTERS FOOD VAN
- > PETTING ZOO
- > FACE PAINTING
- > HAUNTED HOUSE LASER TAG
- > ROCK CLIMBING WALL
- > JUMPING CASTLE
- > BAD BOYS RIDE

with
SPECIAL GUESTS

SEAN CHOOBURRA

COMEDY SESSION + KIDS WORKSHOP

GLENN MANTON

FORMER AFL PLAYER/GUEST SPEAKER

MATT RUNNALLS

MINDFULL AUS/GUEST SPEAKER

HEADSPACE

TEEN WORKSHOP



FOR MORE INFO CALL: 03 5020 0009



Communities
& Justice



Carer Gateway Community Forum

- an online space where carers can find connection
and support from other carers, 24/7

What is the Community Forum?

The Community Forum is part of Carer Gateway, delivering services to unpaid carers across Australia. The Forum is a safe, anonymous, online space for carers 18 years and over to connect, ask questions, and support one another.

The Forum is available online 24/7 and it's easy to join in. Carers just like you have already posted about their caring journeys, sharing helpful advice about caring for a loved one, and supports they've found useful. The Forum also provides a safe social space to chat about shared interests - for example, recipes and hobbies, self-care tips, and more!





SUNRAYSIA SOLAR FARM

2024 COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Total Sponsorship Amount:	<p>\$20,000 total funding is available in 2024.</p> <p>This total funding can be shared amongst multiple applicants</p>
Deadline for proposals	<p>5pm on Friday 5th July 2024</p>
Selection criteria	<p>The funding must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• benefit the community;• be environmentally and socially acceptable;• be used within the Balranald Shire Council Local Government Area within 12 months of award.
Submission guidelines	<p>Proposals must be submitted via email to sunraysia.sponsorships@res-group.com</p> <p>Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be considered.</p> <p>Proposals should provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact phone and email address.• Details of the group or organisation requesting sponsorship• Funding amount requested• Details of how the funding would be used and how this meets the selection criteria.
Selection process	<p>A selection committee will assess all proposals and select those that best address the selection criteria. Proposals of most merit will be recommended to the Sunraysia Solar Farm Board.</p> <p>The Sunraysia Solar Farm Board will decide which of the recommended proposals receive funding.</p> <p>Successful applicants will be advised by end of July 2024, with grant funding available from August 2024 for successful applicants.</p>
Requirements for successful applicants	<p>We request successful applicants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement the intended purpose within 12 months of award.• Provide photos or other evidence of how the funds have been used.



DP ENERGY

EUSTON WIND FARM

Euston Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Survey

We value your feedback and invite you to participate in our Community Benefit Fund Survey.

Your input is important in helping us understand the needs and priorities of your community.



Scan the QR code above
to access the survey. Thank you
for your participation!

**It only takes
a few seconds
to check a
smoke alarm**



Learn more on fire safety

be fire safe



Be fire safe this winter – make sure you have a working smoke alarm. The seconds you use to test your smoke alarm could be the seconds that save your life. Need help?

Fire and Rescue NSW offer free safety visits: fire.nsw.gov.au/safetyvisits

When fire takes hold every second counts. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. Be fire safe and discuss and practice your home escape plan with your household.

**Plan for the
unexpected**



Learn more on fire safety

be fire safe



Be Fire Safe: Don't ignore the signs!
A damaged or failing Lithium-ion battery can explode, releasing highly toxic fumes. These fires are hard to put out. Never use or charge a damaged battery.

**Charge
batteries
responsibly**



Learn more on fire safety

be fire safe



**50% of
fires start in
the kitchen**



Learn more on fire safety

be fire safe



Be Fire Safe: Never leave cooking unattended. If a fire in your kitchen becomes unmanageable – get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000).

For more tips on keeping your home safe from fire visit fire.nsw.gov.au/befiresafe