



**DECEMBER
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

Monday Closed
Tuesday - Friday 3.30 - 6.30pm
Saturday & Sunday 11am - 6pm
If forecast is under 26 degrees the pool will be 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

**If you wish to receive an e-copy
of this monthly newsletter
please email:
council@balranald.nsw.gov.au**



Council Christmas & New Year Closure

Council Administration Office and Depots will be **CLOSED** from
12noon Tuesday 24 December 2024

and will **REOPEN** Thursday 2 January 2025.

Service NSW will close at 12noon on Tuesday 24 December and will
re-open on Monday 6 January 2025.

Balranald Shire Library will be **CLOSED** from 25 December until
Monday 6 January 2025

For all Emergencies:

Water/Sewer - 0418 322902

Roads - 0427 273 741

Euston 0419 693 956



THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO GARBAGE BIN DAYS



We are Hiring

**Join Balranald Shire Council for a career in a
progressive, community focused work environment
that prioritises the interests of the Shire.**

Current positions advertised include;

Bio Security Officer

To monitor and undertake inspections to identify and address
noxious weed infestations or matters related to biosecurity to
ensure that they are effectively controlled within the Shire

Ranger

To maintain and enhance the community's public places
through enforcement of legislation, codes and policies, the
development and promotion of community awareness of
responsible activities and the provision of professional and
technical advice to all councils customers

Balranald's Award Winning Library

January/February School Holiday Program will be posted early January. Please keep an eye out for posters.

2025 will be here before we know it and preparations are already under way with some new and exciting opportunities to come to the library.



New sessions and items are opening up in 2025 with:
Little Nitter Natters (Baby Rhyme time)
Community Garden and Balranald's FREE seed library -
VR headsets -
Seniors Toy Library - AI items
QR code library - New Library newsletter and much more!

Christmas fun with Seniors was held on 28 November at the Library, a Christmas luncheon and finished off the day with some crazy games. The day was enjoyed by all who attended.



**Balranald Shire Library closes on Tuesday 24 December
and
reopens Monday 6 January 2025**



The Balranald Shire hosted Year 10 Work Experience Students from Balranald Central School
These students were very keen and enthusiastic and willing to have a go.
It was a pleasure to have such great students come and experience working with the Council.

Kayla Harding worked in the Library.

Kayla has interests in art and biology. Her experience here at the library has given Kayla an insight into the daily workings and roles held by a modern librarian and Library Hub.

"The library is a very Colorful and comfortable place to be. There is more on offer at our own library than others"

Kayla Harding

Holly Haines worked in the Council office in the Administration/Finance department

Holly has interests in Netball

Holly said it was a great experience, although has decided finance/administration is not something she wants to do long-term.

Naanum Nargisrahoo also in the Council Office in the Engineering Department

"It has been a great experience, and everyone there was really friendly. The engineering department was very interesting, and I got to see how they help maintain and repair roads, playgrounds, and other important areas in the community."

"I first became interested in engineering because I was curious about how things are built, and I found it fascinating to learn how engineers solve problems and create things that make our lives easier.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who supported me during this work experience."

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Here is a small snapshot of the works currently happening in the Infrastructure Department.

Road Construction - Sealing

Sealing contractor, Primal Surfacing has carried out sealing works during November. The following gravel construction and initial seal projects are now completed:

- Marma Box Creek Road – 3km section
- Marma Box Creek Road-Magenta Wampo Road intersection
- Euston Prungle Road – 2km section
- Kilpatrick Drive – 1.6km



Two 2km sections of MR514 Oxley Road have also been resealed.

Regional Roads

MR67 - Balranald Ivanhoe Road

Heavy patching works on MR67 have continued and scheduled to be completed before Christmas.

Unsealed Road Maintenance

Maintenance grading has been carried out on Tarwong/Freshwater Road, Turlee Leaghur Road and Nandum/Corrong Road.

Theatre Royal Update

Structural Engineers deployed by Council's insurance underwriters have undertaken an assessment of the dividing wall and the burnt-out section of the Theatre Royal. The results of this assessment will provide Council with guidance regarding how to best water/wind proof Council's section of the Theatre Royal, ongoing.

Parks and Gardens

Council Parks and Gardens Team, working with the Balranald Beautification Advisory Committee, showed Christmas cheer in equal measure by setting up Christmas decorations to mark the approach of the festive season.



Caravan Park Levy Bank and Drainage Works

With Drainage Infrastructure installed and backfilled, Coburns Earthmoving commenced levy bank installation at Balranald Caravan Park in October



Euston Netball Courts Shade Structure

The new shade shelter in Euston is part of the Local Roads Community Infrastructure Round 3 (LRCI3) funding that will also see Euston oval's multi-court upgraded. The shade shelter has now been fully installed and plumbed and all works to the multi-court upgrade should be completed by the end of December 2024. The LRCI3 grant also funded 9 (nine) other projects which have all been completed.



Marma Box Creek Road

The road leading to the world heritage Mungo National Park and the Willandra Lakes area in remote south-western New South Wales has undergone a significant \$4.15 million upgrade thanks to funding from the NSW Government.

Balranald Shire Council sealed a 23.1-kilometre stretch of Marma Box Creek Road to provide smoother journeys for the residents and tourists who are visiting the discovery site of the most significant human remains ever discovered in Australia.

The recently completed improvements which were funded under the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads Program and Balranald Shire Council.

Additionally, Council is working to seal the final 3.9 kilometres of Marma Box Road through the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery program.

These works will enhance the road's reliability in all weather conditions, improve surface quality, and boost safety for *tourists, local farmers, their families, as well as students commuting to and from school.*



Euston Prungle Road Upgrade

This project is part of a multi-stage initiative to extend the seal on Euston Prungle Road.

The project includes constructing and sealing a 2.5 km straight section of the road, featuring a 9-meter formation and a 7-meter seal.

The Euston Prungle Road Upgrade's primary goal is to enhance the road's reliability in all weather conditions and improve safety and surface quality for tourists, local farmers, their families, and students travelling to Euston as part of the school bus route.

This project will facilitate better connections between rural farming families and the local community while reducing travel time for all road users.



Water, Trees & Light



AN EXHIBITION BY WELL
KNOWN NYAH ARTIST
JULIE DUFFUS
FRI 8TH NOV - FRI 10TH JAN

The Gallery

The Gallery

The Gallery - 51 Mayall Street Balranald, presents...

"Birds, Bowls & More"



AN ECLECTIC PRESENTATION
OF HANDCRAFTED SCULPTURES
& OBJECTS BY WELL KNOWN
CRAFTSMAN/ARTIST
STEVE COLE FROM GOODNIGHT



Proudly sponsored by Andrew Peace Wines & Balranald Community & Arts/Crafts Inc.



St Barnabas Op Shop



**Every Wednesday
& Thursday
10am - 2pm**

**Cnr Ballandella &
Mayall St, Balranald**



IMAGINE THE FUN



Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

Balranald CC - Woolworths Blast
Greenham Park Cricket Oval
Friday Afternoons 5-6pm
Sausage sizzle provided, Drink \$2
Scan the QR Code to register!



Sign up Today!

Play Cricket

PROUDLY
PRESENTED BY



Christmas Wreath Making



CHRISTMAS WREATH

MAKING WORKSHOP

MATERIALS SUPPLIED- \$80PP

LIMITED NUMBERS

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

THE RUSTIC PEAR - 0400 278 580

2 DATES AVAILABLE -

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2024 - 6PM

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2024 - 2PM



Where: Theatre Royal, 90 Market Street
Balranald NSW 2715

When: Thursday 19th of December 2024

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$25 for 6 Books

BBQ Provided

BYO Drinks

Pam Handy 0499 225 940
Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council

**CHRISTMAS
HAMPER
TO BE WON**



Euston Club Resort **CAROLS ON THE RIVERFRONT**

THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 2024

5.30PM START

**EUSTON CLUB RESORT RIVERFRONT RESERVE
(NIXON STREET, EUSTON)**

Performances by

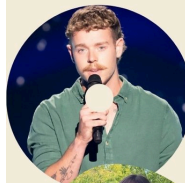
**Euston Public School
Thea McLoughlan
Nicole Matthews
Elias Lanyon (From The Voice)**

Food & Drink Vans

Free Fun for the Kids

**Jumping Castles & Slide
Mechanical Bull
Face Painting**

**& a special visit from
SANTA!**



**EUSTON CLUB
RESORT**

Where you'll love relaxing by the Murray River

K Y A L I T E

FISHING CLASSIC

Friday 21st
Saturday 22nd
& Sunday 23rd
February 2025




To register use the QR Code

ENTRY

1st Prize:
430 Mako Craft Estuary Tracker (Painted) Side Console. 50 HP Mercury Motor and Trailer Package. Value \$37,000

2nd Prize:
3.7m Hunter Marine Tinny with 9.9 Yamaha Motor with Trailer. Value: \$7,200

3rd Prize:
Honda Voucher

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

5th Prize:
Assorted Vouchers

Entry Fees:
Open (17 & over) - \$160
Junior (16 & under) - \$160

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

DIAMOND SPONSOR

PEARSONS GROUP

Balranald Murrumbidgee Classic Fishing Competition 2025

Tickets \$160 adults \$110 Juniors

28TH, 29TH & 30TH 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/CWUAR>



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

Healthy safe summer



Keep cool, healthy and safe this summer

Hot weather can be dangerous for everyone.
Here are some simple tips:



Stay inside during the hottest part of the day.



At home, close your curtains and use fans or air conditioning.



Do your housework or exercise early in the morning when it's cooler.



Drink lots of water, even if you don't feel thirsty.



Check in on family and friends.

Learn more: health.nsw.gov.au/summer



Services
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Beware of scammers

Scammers are dodgy people. They send you messages to trick you and steal your myGov, Centrelink or other personal details.



They might promise you money or gifts. They might threaten you. These are lies.



They'll use your personal details to steal your Centrelink payment.



NEVER give your myGov, Medicare, Centrelink or Child Support information to anyone.



NEVER click links in text messages, emails or social media messages.

You can find out more about scammers by:



Talking to a staff member.



Calling our Indigenous Call Centre on **1800 136 380**.



Scanning the QR code or going to our website, servicesaustralia.gov.au/scams



1800-42410



From all of us at
the Balranald
Shire, we Wish
you a Christmas
and New Year
filled with peace,
love, laughter
and joy!

