

February
2025

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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SHIRE OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9am - 4.30pm

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

Water & Sewer: 0418 322 902

Roads: 0427 273 741

Euston: 0419 693 956

SERVICE NSW

(within Balranald Shire Offices)

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am - 4pm

CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 1PM - 1.45PM

BALRANALD LIBRARY

Monday to Friday: 9.30am - 5.30pm

CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12PM - 1PM

BALRANALD SWIMMING POOL

Monday: Closed

Tuesday to Friday: 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Saturday & Sunday: 11am - 6pm

IF FORECAST IS UNDER 26 DEGREES,
THE POOL WILL BE CLOSED

BALRANALD CARAVAN PARK

Daily: 8.30am - 6pm

BALRANALD LANDFILL

Tuesday & Thursday: 4pm - 6pm

Saturday: 10am - 1pm

Sunday: 10am - 3pm

CLOSED DURING WET WEATHER CONDITIONS

EUSTON LANDFILL

Tuesday & Thursday: 1pm - 6pm

Sunday: 9am - 3pm

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From the Mayor's Office

Exciting times ahead, the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is currently out on exhibition, and we are looking forward to any comments and feedback you might have. This is a great opportunity for the community to actively engage with your vision for our Shire.

Our new Interim General Manager, Mr. Peter Bascom, and I have been attending quite a few meetings recently, one of which was in Hillston attending RAMJO. This is a joint operation between the Shire Councils which is important to advocate to government as a region rather than a singular Shire.

We've had numerous meetings with the Sturt Highway task force with other Shires and Government department representatives advocating for improved conditions on the Sturt Highway and most importantly overtaking lanes. You would have noticed that a few projects have been completed and the councillor's, myself and all those involved are so excited about the other projects nearing completion:

- The Lions Park is amazing.
- The Discovery Centre is coming along great.
- The works at the Caravan Park are coming along.
- The Euston Recreation Reserve is also coming along well.

There are parts of the roads in the Shire that have been upgraded and sealed and many roads that we are seeking further funding to seal or improve. We know it can be frustrating, but I can assure you that we have a newly elected Council and great staff who will strive to continue to improve services and push for projects and great outcomes in our communities.

We had a great time at the Bidgee Haven 30th Anniversary Lunch celebrating this great milestone of the construction of the Bidgee Haven Complex. A great achievement by all those involved 30 years ago. We now have a great opportunity and the possibility to extend and refurbish the Complex.

We are looking for funding for the possibility of a facility for a doctor to practice one day a week in Euston in the foreseeable future.

We had a great Australia Day Celebration both in Euston and Balranald. We would like to thank all the organizers involved and the Ambassador, Benjamin Veness. Congratulations to all those who received awards.

DRAFT – Community Strategic Plan and Community Engagement & Communications Strategy

As part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting process the Balranald Shire Community Strategic Plan 2032 and the Balranald Community Engagement and Communications Strategy have been reviewed and updated.

The Community Engagement and Communications Strategy is a formal plan that outlines how an organisation, government body, or institution will interact with and involve its community or stakeholders in decision-making processes.

These were submitted to Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2025 and was resolved to place these on public exhibition for a period of 28 days



**Hardcopies can be viewed at
Council's Office, Library, Homebush Hotel, Kyalite
Hotel, Euston Post Office and Claire Public School**

Australia Day - Balranald Shire 2025

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 2024.

Australia Day celebrations were well attended in both Euston and Balranald this year. The day started with Breakfast in Euston at the Recreation Reserve, followed with BBQ Lunch at the Greenham Park Hall.

Our thanks go to everyone involved in organising the events at both venues.

Dr Benjamin Veness was Balranald Shire's Australia Day Ambassador for 2025. Benjamin - Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Churchill fellow is a medical doctor with sub-speciality training in child and adolescent psychiatry. He had an unusual path into medicine, having initially received a scholarship to study accounting at university. Returning to university to study medicine at the age of 25, Benjamin put his skills from the corporate world to good use.



Australia Day Awards were presented as follows:

Special Achievement Award - Lea Lawrie

Community Event of the Year: The Great Murray River Salami Festival

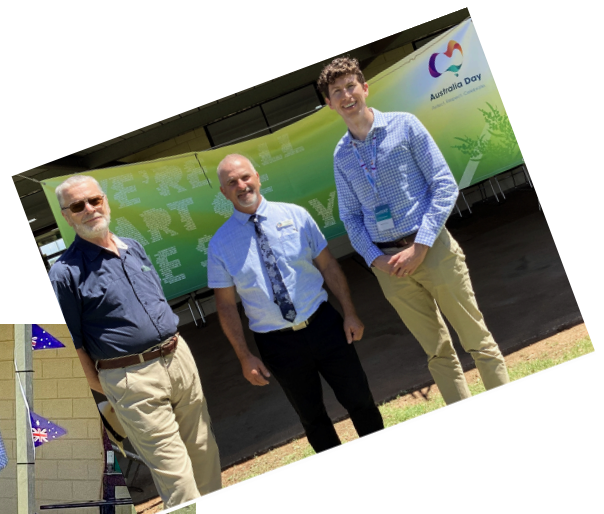
Sportsperson of the Year: Bec Harven

Young Sportsperson of the Year: Lucas Griffiths

Sporting Team of the Year: Balranald Cricket Club

Citizen of the Year: Anthony Conway

Young Citizen of the Year: Hayden Valinoti and Luseane Havealeta



BALRANALD'S SHIRE NEWS

Council welcomes the newest team members to our organisation.

Caleb Hines and Issac Swanton - Apprentice Mechanics

Emmy Gebert -Health, Building & Planning Trainee

Nahun Nartisrahoo- Engineering Trainee

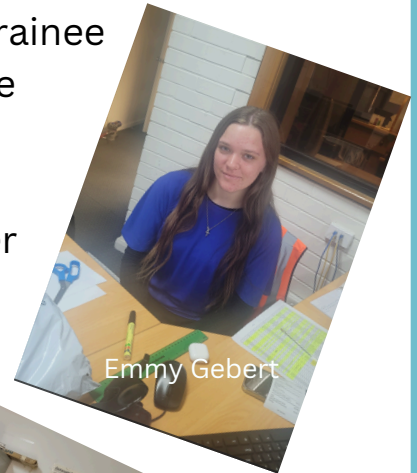
Jennifer Connell - Ranger

Mathew Coates - Biosecurity Officer

Thisen Arachchilage - IT/Records Officer



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Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel - Quality Care Advisory Body Establishment

The Aged Care Act 1997 has been amended and now requires approved providers such as the Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel to establish a body to improve leadership and culture, increase transparency and accountability and to ensure quality care is being provided at the facility.

Council is therefore seeking an interested community member to join the Quality Care Advisory Body for the Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel. to represent the residents and their families

The membership will consist of the General Manager, Facility Nurse Manager and a Community Member.

If you are interested in joining the Quality Care Advisory Body, please email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au - attention Glenn Carroll by Friday 28 March 2025.

Infrastructure Update

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

Road Construction and Maintenance

Maintenance grading taking place on Gulthul rd and Benanee Rd.

Asphalt being laid on Kilpatrick drive 500m on northern end and 200m on southern end. 40mmHP to give added strength to pavement as heavy vehicles are tearing the new seal this will eliminate the problem. The high temperatures haven't help the situation.

3.9 km of construction works taking place on Marma Box Ck Rd aiming for completion around April.

Maintenance grading will recommence on the unsealed network as soon as it cools down this will allow grading crews to get a better result as it isn't as hard to get the moisture into the road for compaction.

Slashing will be taking place on MR 67 Ivanhoe Rd using a positrak this will eliminate punctures from the salt bush being slashed. Council attempted to slash with tractor but was unsuccessful due to punctures. Once the bush is knocked down it will be maintained and poisoned etc. Giving drivers better visibility with animals and stock.

Signage is being replaced around council and will be ongoing.



Maintenance Grading on Gulthul Road and Benanee Road Euston



Hotmix being spread on Kilpatrick Road, Euston



Concreting Shailer Terrace Euston

Council Building and Facilities

103 Church Street, Balranald - Renovations have now been completed.

Art Gallery Remediation Works - builders have been contracted to carry out remediation works at the Gallery.

Caravan Park Levy Bank & Drainage Works - Stage 1

This works is now completed, outside the programmed completed works left for Council to carry out are Fencing, Grass Seeding and Green Space Irrigation.

Balranald and Euston Water, Sewer and Drainage Network

Water & Sewer Teams

Councils water and sewer teams in Balranald and Euston continue to carry out daily monitoring, maintenance and repair works. During December and January the teams were engaged with repair/replace burst water mains on Bank, Church, Court, O'Connor, Moa and River Streets Balranald.

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;

WHS & RISK OFFICER

To maintain and review Council's WHS, Risk Management systems, frameworks, policies and procedures. Maintain Council's Vault program, reporting and implementation of further applications. Manage Contractor and Volunteer registers and the induction process. Liaise with contractors and consultants to conduct workplace inspections, testing and training.

General Equipment Operator (GEO)

To carry out day-to-day maintenance and construction of green spaces and infrastructure. Operation of various vehicles, plant and equipment in a variety of work situations within road maintenance and construction. Undertake traffic control duties.

Housekeeper Caravan Park (Casual)

To be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of various Council buildings and facilities located at the Balranald Caravan Park, which are required to be maintained to a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene.

Registered Nurse

Registered Nurses are integral members of a multi-disciplinary health team responsible for providing a quality nursing service that meets the needs of residents whilst ensuring the care service delivery is undertaken in accordance with the vision and values of Balranald Shire Council.

Personal Care Assistant (PCA)

To ensure all residents of the Hostel receive adequate daily care and that their reasonable physical, emotional and spiritual needs are met.



Grant Writing Workshops -

Keith Whelan - The Grants Guy is coming back

Balranald and Euston 24 March 2025 - Euston Club, Nixon Street Euston 24 March 2025 - Theatre Royal, Market Street Balranald Times will be advised at a later date, with advertisements, flyers and facebook posts

Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel

Plenty of action happening at Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel,

Some of the activities include;

4 legged Friends coming for a visit for some friendly attention and loving, celebrating Chinese New Year, Painting outdoor garden ornaments, playing with the chooks, and the celebrating of 34 years when community commenced fundraising to build this wonderful facility.

Chinese New Year. The Year of The Snake. Kung Hei Fat Choy
Wishing you great happiness and prosperity.

Michelle, Oscar and Leo visited the centre. The residents loved
having the active 8 Year old kids visiting.

They fed the chooks, collected eggs, picked figs and played bingo.
They were delightful.



5 February, 2 very enthusiastic 11 year old girls came for a visit. They were given
some spray paint and garden ornaments to paint, they had fun, the residents
enjoyed watching them and they even cuddled our chooks.

11 February 2025 Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel celebrated with a
morning tea.

34 Years ago, wonderful members of the Balranald community raised \$750,000.
They had a vision and they had persistence and they succeeded. Together with
persistence and lots of fundraising and some grant money we now have this
wonderful facility.





Completed Projects

Hatfield Community Hall Upgrade



Euston Oval Multicourt Upgrade & Shade Shelter



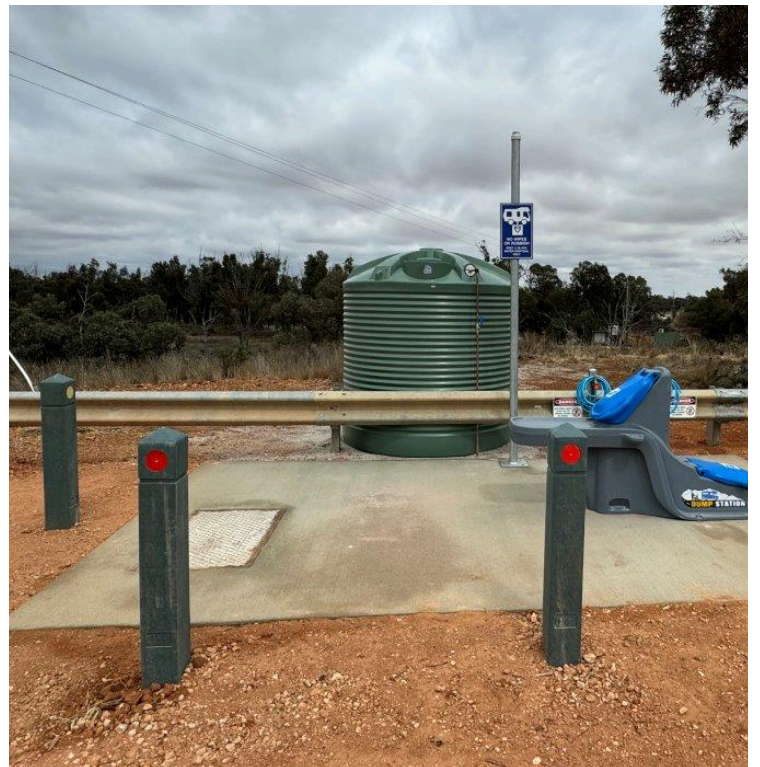
1.9km Riverwalk Loop Trail



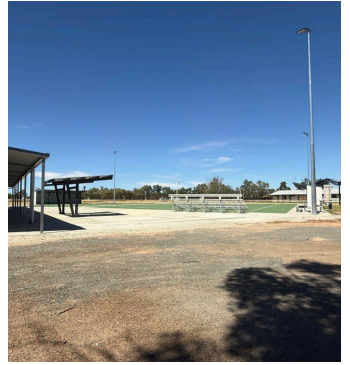
Balranald Riverfront/Riverbend Project



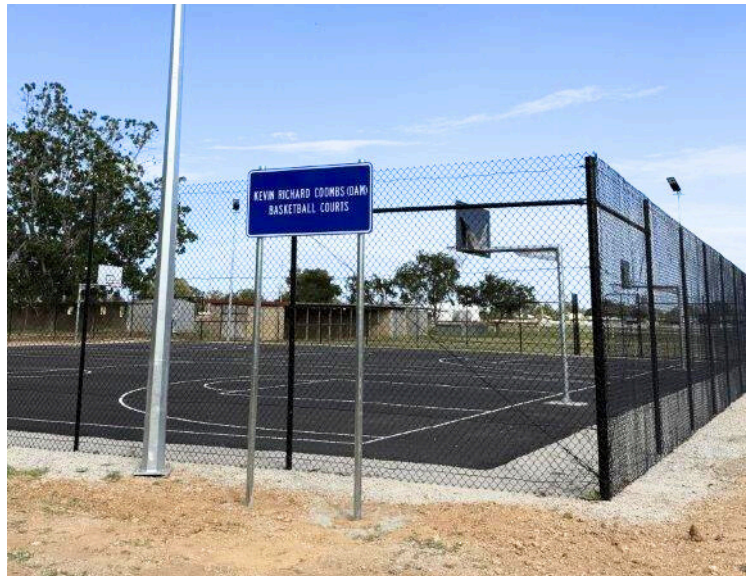
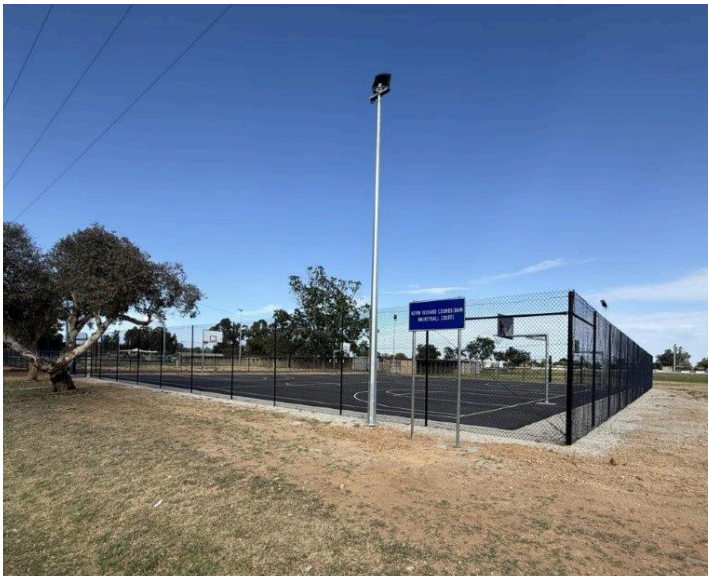
Kyalite Rest Area & Dump Point



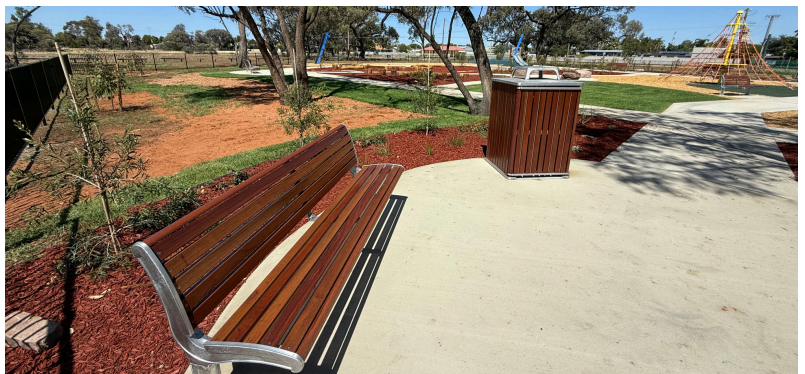
Balranald Netball Courts Resurfacing & Lighting Project



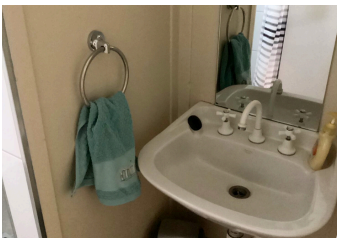
Balranald Basketball Courts Project



Balranald Lions Park Upgrade Project



Balranald Transitional Accommodation – Crisis Housing Project





**@BALRANALD'S
LIBRARY HUB**



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

**3 - 5PM
@THE LIBRARY**

PROGRAMS

**ARTS & CRAFT
TECHNOLOGY
CHESS CLUB
& MORE!**

Registration open for Grades K-6. Please book weekly or termly for regular spots to help with organization of activities.

The after school program will run each school term with seasonal changes to the content made available.

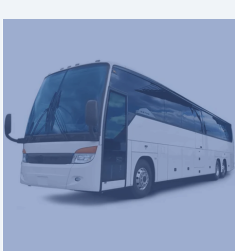
- A light afternoon snack
- School readers/ homework completed for the day.
- Use of the many available activities within the library space.

**JANAYA GASTON
0402231272**

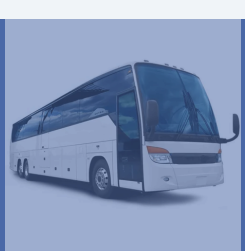
**Jgaston@balranald.nsw
.gov.au**

*To keep updated with
regular items please call
or see our Facebook page!*





Transport will be available from Euston -
pick up at 11am from Euston Post Office



Entertainment by
'John Wood & Dave Allen' 

RESIDENTS OF BALRANALD SHIRE OVER 60
YEARS ARE INVITED TO THE
'TIME TO SHINE'

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL SENIORS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY **6** **MARCH**
2025

12 NOON



**THEATRE ROYAL, MARKET STREET
BALRANALD**



RSVP to Council office on 03 5020 1300 or
council@balranald.nsw.gov.au 28 February 2025.



Koori Express
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About us

Gyndarna Indigenous Corporation has built and designed a mobile resource library that will travel around visiting First Nations Play groups

What we offer

- Regular visits to your playgroups
- Access to an experienced Early Years Educator
- A range of resources and how to use them.
- All resources are linked to child milestones and EYLFV2
- Lending of resources to Playgroups to further use until the next visit

CONTACT - SONYA
(03) 5027 4333

DON'T MISS THE BALRANALD
WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE
COMING UP AGAIN ON SATURDAY MARCH 8TH, 2025
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM.

A BOOKING FEE OF \$10 IS PAYABLE WHEN YOU REGISTER YOUR SITE FOR INCLUSION ON THE MAP & PROMOTIONS @ THE GALLERY
51 MAYALL ST BALRANALD OR PH 0414 563 005
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON FRI 28TH FEB.

ALSO ON SAT MARCH 8TH IS THE
MAD MARCH MARKET DAY
DON'T MISS LOADS OF MAIN STREET
BARGAINS @ CRAZY PRICES!



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!

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CONVERSATION



WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE YOU KNEW WAS STRUGGLING WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH? ARE YOU PREPARED?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY? THE FIRST STEP IS EASY.

SIGN UP FOR A FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE
WHEN: 3RD AND 4TH MARCH 2025
THEATRE ROYAL- BALRANALD 9AM- 4 PM BOTH DAYS
Register your interest to projectofficers@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Mental health first aid is an essential skill that equips individuals to provide initial support to someone experiencing a mental health problem or crisis
An initiative of the Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion and Wellbeing Advisory Committee
Funded by the Balranald Shire Council and NSW Office of Responsible Gambling




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Exhibition...

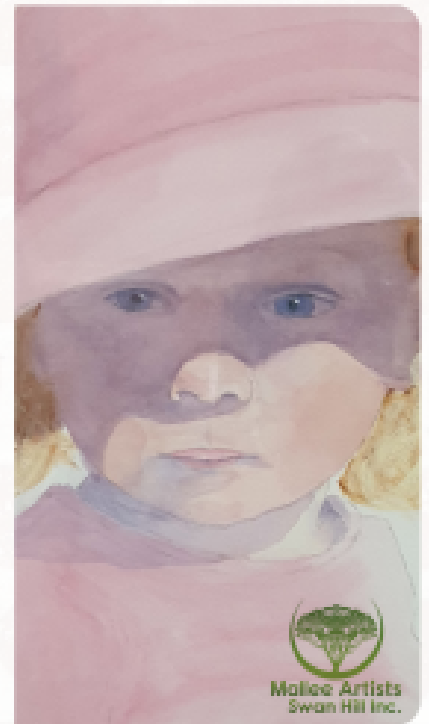
Don't miss our current exhibition now showing at The Gallery. "Home Is Where The Art Is". A diverse range of subject matter & mediums by sixteen artists belonging to the "Mallee Artists Swan Hill Inc" group. The organisation has been around for 24 years providing a safe & supportive space for amateur and professional artists to explore their creative potential. Fun monthly workshops are facilitated by members and also visiting professional artists bring new and interesting skills and techniques to the group. The Woorinen South Community Hall has given these like minded people a permanent place to call home. Hence the very appropriate title for their exhibition.

Some works have been selected from collections by the artists and some are new works created for the exhibition.

Don't miss this collection of local art. Entry is free & The Gallery is open most days.

"Home Is Where The Art Is" continues until March.

For further details call 0488 728 986.



THE GRANTS GUY ROADSHOW

24 - 27 MARCH 2025

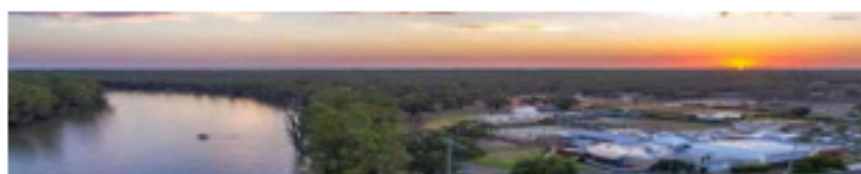
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- Balranald
- Moulamein
- Swan Hill
- Cohuna
- Barham

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ICPA NSW State Conference March 25-26 2025



The 53rd Annual State Conference of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association of New South Wales will be held in the beautiful town of Euston, located in the Balranald Shire on the banks of the Mighty Murray River, nestled in the Euston-Robinvale border region. Balranald Shire is the fifth largest shire in NSW, spanning 21,693 square kilometres with an economy based on agriculture, tourism, horticulture, renewable energy and mining. The main towns are Balranald and Euston, with localities of Kyalite, Oxley, Penarie, Hatfield and Clare. The shire population of 2,361 has a unique cross border geographical diversity that consists of NSW Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote localities.

The Balranald ICPA Branch invites its members to register for conference and to reach out if you are interested in being a delegate at conference.

Keynote Speaker Dr Susie O'Brien, Herald Sun Journalist and commentator on parenting and social issues, alongside a representative from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library - hear about their great work and be inspired! As well as many more great speakers throughout the conference.

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE ICPA-NSW CONFERENCE, 25-26 MARCH, EUSTON.

To Register for Conference, go to: <https://icpa.com.au/nsw/conference/register>

To register your interest or for further information please contact,

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Increase your cat's lifespan

**Get it
desexed**



**Early desexing of your cat benefits
your feline friend, your community
and your wallet.**

Desexing significantly reduces the risk of serious feline health problems such as uterine infections, mammary cancer and testicular cancer.

Desexed cats roam less, which can:

- reduce their likelihood of getting lost or injured
- reduce their risk of contracting diseases and fighting with other cats
- help protect native wildlife.

Desexing saves you money

All cats must be registered by 12 weeks of age, requiring a one-off payment. If a cat isn't desexed by 4 months of age, the owner must pay an annual permit fee until it is desexed.

The Cat Protection Society of NSW, RSPCA NSW and Animal Welfare League NSW can provide expert advice on desexing, adoption and ways you can help cats in your community.

Find out more at:
petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au

