



MARCH
2025

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

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Balranald NSW 2715
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@ council@balranald.nsw.gov.au
🌐 www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

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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of this monthly newsletter
please email:
council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

From the Mayor's Office



On Wednesday 12 March the Interim General Manager and myself travelled to Wentworth to attend the official opening of their new Information Centre. Whilst we were there we met with the Minister for Local Government,

The Hon Ron Hoenig. Our Meeting was a very positive discussion, and the Minister was very pleased with the progress of our Council after returning to a democracy.

The Far West Joint Organisation Signage Trail is coming along very nicely. The objectives of this project, combined with Broken Hill City Council, Central Darling, Wentworth Shire and Balranald Shire Councils, is to preserve, protect and promote the tangible and intangible heritage and cultural sites, colonial history and Iconic landmarks and this will include new entrance signs for Euston.

Council is actively looking at improving our water treatment plants to ensure water quality is met for our communities.

Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel - Council has previously received a significant grant to extend the Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel by fifteen rooms. With the ongoing government emphasis on ageing in home the demand for residential aged care rooms has declined with many facilities across the south-west not achieving full occupancy. Couple this with ongoing staffing difficulties across the sector Council has decided to alter the scope of the project to an additional five rooms and the refurbishment of the existing facility. Council has commissioned an architect with aged-care experience to develop a concept design and costings. This will enable Council to request the funding agency to vary the scope of the funding agreement to allow the revised project to proceed.

Once the scope change has been approved Council will complete the detailed design and tender documentation, and then follow the normal planning approval process before work can commence. It is expected that Council will be in a position to go to tender in the second half of 2025

Council is always proactive in applying for grant funding for projects and/or events with some very exciting times ahead.

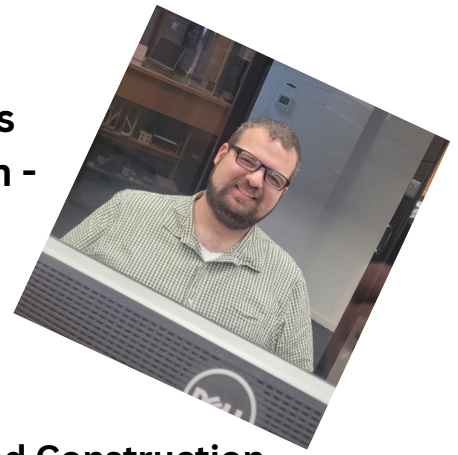
The Community Strategic Plan submissions are due this Friday (28 March), we are waiting for your feedback to finalise the document and commence works.

Lastly, Daylight Savings finishes on Sunday 6 April 2025 - don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday (5 April 2025) night.



Balranald Shire News

Customer Service Officer - Council welcomes the newest team members to our organisation - Connor Sharp



Marma Box Creek Road Construction
Construction has commenced on Marma box Ck Rd 3.9km. Material is being delivered from Bidura Pit after crushing. This has been creating a much better material for road construction. Work is approximately 50% complete.

Regional Roads – MR67 Balranald Ivanhoe Road

- Slashing of high growth vegetation is taking place. Lowering the salt bush to give much better visibility for drivers. Once the work is completed a spraying program will be introduced by Biosecurity Officer.
- Road Widening work to take place at Hatfield for the distance of 3.68km both lanes has gone out to tender for construction work and supply of material both have been awarded and are awaiting start date.
- Patching and General maintenance is ongoing also some grids to be replaced in coming weeks.

The Minister of Local Government, The Hon Ron Hoenig MP was delighted to catch up with Mayor Cr. Louie Zaffina and Interim General Manager, Peter Bascomb together with local MP Helen Dalton MP.



He was so pleased hear the Mayor and Interim General Manager report how Council is addressing the many challenges the democratically elected council is facing since coming out of Administration in September 2024. They clearly are on the right track and he was impressed to hear from the Mayor the positive strides being made for the people.



Balranald Shire Council Seniors Luncheon 2025

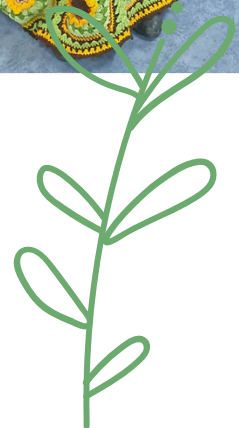
“Time to Shine” was the theme for 2025 and shine our seniors did! On Thursday March 6 our seniors enjoyed a delicious lunch and entertainment from Gold Logie Winner John Wood and Dave Allen. BCS Year 5 assisted with the service of the meal and then both young and old danced the afternoon away.

Thank you to all the people who came to the luncheon
Congratulations to Angela Harben for being awarded with the Local Achievement Award for 2025 during Seniors Festival week



NEWS FROM BIDGEE HAVEN RETIREMENT HOSTEL

Thank you to the wonderful members of the Nyah West branch of Mothers Union Australa. These new knee rugs were kindly donated to the residents of Bidgee Haven and they look and feel amazing. We are so grateful for the donation.



CHANGE OF GARBAGE COLLECTION DATES

**BALRANALD BUSINESSES & EUSTON RESIDENTS
WHO HAVE THEIR BINS COLLECTED ON FRIDAYS ARE
ADVISED THAT EASTER COLLECTION WILL BE**

THURSDAY 17 APRIL
(INSTEAD OF GOOD FRIDAY)

AND

THURSDAY 24 APRIL
(INSTEAD OF ANZAC DAY FRIDAY)

**BALRANALD RESIDENTS WHO HAVE THEIR BINS COLLECTED ON MONDAYS ARE
ADVISED THAT EASTER COLLECTION WILL BE**

TUESDAY 22 APRIL
(INSTEAD OF EASTER MONDAY)

ALL BINS ARE TO BE LEFT OUT THE EVENING PRIOR TO COLLECTION

Council Office Closure over Easter

The Balranald Shire Council Office will be closed from 4.30pm Thursday 17th April and will re-open 9am Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

To report emergencies 0418 322 902

Service NSW will be closed from 4pm Thursday 17th April and will reopen 9.30am Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

For Service NSW enquires please call 13 77 88

Both Council Office and Service NSW will be closed for Anzac day Friday 25th April 2025.

2025 LIMONDALE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Applications from all community groups are invited for the 2025 Limondale Community Benefit Fund. Applications close 4th April 2025.

To obtain the application form please email lsfapplications@outlook.com

Applications received by 28th March 2025 will be eligible for feedback and resubmission prior to the closing date.



Currently on Exhibition

Community Strategic Plan 2032 & Community Engagement and Communications Strategy

As part of the IP&R process, the Balranald Community Strategic Plan 2032 and Community Engagement and Communications Strategy have been reviewed and is currently on public exhibition, Written comment and feedback must be addressed to the General and Manager and be submitted by **Friday 28 March 2025** (this Friday)

Draft Conservation Management Plan for Euston Courthouse

Council was gazetted as Trustee of the Euston Court House in May 1998, Council allocated funds to undertake a conservation management plan. The objectives of the plan include guidance for Council around appropriate resource allocation and work programming to ensure the longevity of this historic building.

The Draft Conservation Management Plan for Euston Courthouse is currently on public exhibition. You can view this document on our website.

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

Written Comments and feedback must be addressed to the General Manager and submitted to Council no later than Friday 18 April 2025

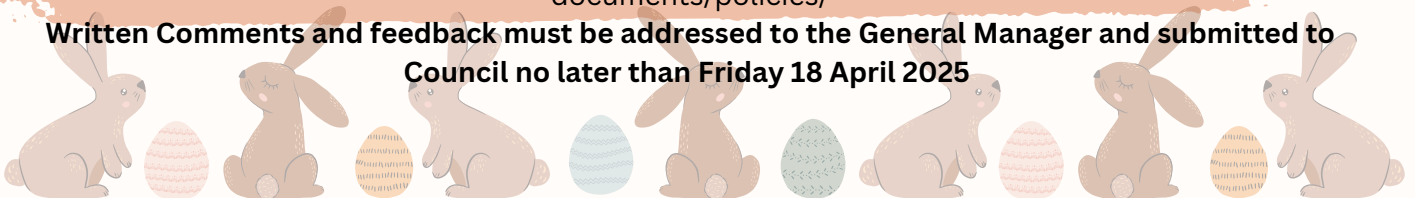
Council Policies

Council is in the process of reviewing all policies. At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 March, we approved to place 9 of our policies on public exhibition, Policies currently on review are;

Grievance Policy
Internal Reporting Policy
Access to Information Policy
Business Ethics Policy
Cemetery Management Policy
Child Protection Policy
Credit/Debit Card Policy
Concealed Water Leak Policy
Staff Education and Training Policy

You can view these policies on our website at <https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/business/council-documents/policies/>

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Balranald Shire Council



Home to the 'Five Rivers', the Balranald Shire offers a unique lifestyle where water sport lovers are spoilt for choice and hikers and campers have the wonders of Mungo National Park at their doorstep. Steeped in history and with easy access to the regional hubs of Swan Hill, Mildura and Griffith, Balranald Shire is a place where the community is front of mind and the Council is committed to the Shire's long-term future.

An exciting opportunity exists for skilled and motivated individuals to work in a team environment as:

BALRANALD CARAVAN PARK CASUAL RESERVATIONS ASSISTANT

The role of Reservations Assistant provides support to the Caravan Park Coordinator in carrying out office administration and a wide range of duties associated with the efficient management of the Balranald Caravan Park, by providing excellent customer service to all colleagues and visitors.

Exceptional time management and verbal communications skills, and the ability to work as part of a close knit and collaborative team is essential.

Terms of employment will be in accordance with the NSW Local Government (State) Award 2023 and Councils salary and performance management systems.

The position description is available at www.balranald.nsw.gov.au or contact the Human Resources Officer on (03) 50201300 or hr@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Applications close: Friday 4th April 2025 at 5pm and should be addressed to the undersigned, via email to hr@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Peter Bascomb
Interim General Manager



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GENERAL EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

The role of GEO is to carry out day-to-day maintenance and construction of green spaces and infrastructure.

Some Key Accountabilities are:

1. Operation of various vehicles, plant, and equipment in a variety of work situations within road maintenance and construction.
2. Undertake traffic control duties.

Excellent communications skills and the ability to work as part of a close-knit team is essential.

Experience operating various plant and equipment or in the road maintenance and construction field is desirable but not essential.

Some of our great benefits include a 9-day fortnight, 11.5% Superannuation, 15 days' sick leave per year, long service leave after 5 years, ongoing learning and development opportunities and an employee assistance program.

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Peter Bascomb
Interim General Manager

Balranald Shire & Surrounds UPCOMING EVENTS



CURRENTLY SHOWING

Balranald Art Gallery
51 Mayall Street, Balranald

During Gallery Opening Hours:
10.00am - 4.00pm

MALLEE ARTISTS OF SWAN HILL INC PRESENTS ... HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

An exhibition of fifty-one works by
16 Swan Hill Artists. All Welcome.

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Cnr Ballandella & Mayall Street,
Balranald

10am - 2pm

ST BARNABAS ANGLICAN OP SHOP

You never know what treasure you will find with
lots of bargains to be had!

From clothing for all ages and sizes, crockery,
kitchenware, dining items, manchester items
haberdashery items and more!

Come on down every Wednesday & Thursday and
grab yourself a bargain!

DURING MARCH

From 7.30pm in the main lounge
Euston Club Resort
2/28 Nixon St, Euston
03 5026 4244

ENTERTAINMENT @ EUSTON CLUB DURING MARCH 2025

Friday 14th: Glen Walker
Saturday 15th: Off the Chai
Friday 21st: Paul Revere
Saturday 22nd: Blair Bildstien
Friday 28th: Nicole Matthews
Saturday 29th: Wazza Hardiman

Balranald Shire & Surrounds UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH

24

10.30am - 1.30pm
Refreshments supplied

Euston Club Resort
2/28 Nixon St, Euston

BOOK HERE:
<https://events.humanitix.com/the-grants-guy-roadshow-robinvale-euston>

THE GRANT GUY - GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP IN EUSTON

This workshop will help groups and organisations
with current grants and help prepare for future
grant funding. This workshop is ideal for Not-for-
profits, sporting groups, schools and community
organisations.

MARCH

24

5.30pm - 8.30pm
Refreshments supplied

The Theatre Royal
Market Street, Balranald

BOOK HERE:
<https://events.humanitix.com/the-grants-guy-roadshow-balranald>

THE GRANT GUY - CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP - BALRANALD

This workshop will help communities with working
towards increasing sustainable, liveable and
prosperous communities. The workshop includes
many suggestions for effective ways to work with
communities, create partnerships, instigate
collaboration, build capacity with an organisation
and plan for the future.

MARCH

28-30

For all the latest
information
see the Balranald
Murrumbidgee Classic
Facebook page or the
website at:

balranaldmurrumbidgeeclassic.com

BALRANALD MURRUMBIDGEE CLASSIC

This popular fishing comp event is now
FULLY BOOKED with 400 competitors booked in.

If you're a competitor.... good luck!



Balranald Visitor Information Centre 03 5020 1599

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Balranald Shire & Surrounds UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH

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From 5.30pm

BOOK HERE:
<https://bit.ly/JAFRobinvale>

Contact Mallee Family Care on
5032 4479 for more information

FREE FILM SCREENING & COMMUNITY EVENT

The free film screening of JUST A FARMER at the
Robinvale Community Arts Centre.

Light dinner from 5.30pm with screening
commencing at 6.15pm. Please RSVP by scanning
the QR code on the flyer or visit
<https://bit.ly/JAFRobinvale>

MARCH

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Balranald Art Gallery
51 Mayall Street, Balranald

Make the clay bird in the morning
and make the nest in the afternoon.
\$95pp

Call the Gallery on 03 5020 2000 or
call Lynda on 0414 563 005

BACK TO NATURE CERAMIC BIRDS & ORGANIC NESTS

This mixed medium Jasmine Rose workshop is
leading to a collaborative community exhibition
showcasing locally inspired native birds from the
riverina region out of clay, along with organic
nest constructions.

Call the gallery on 03 5020 0200 to book

Balranald Shire & Surrounds UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL

19-20

Saturday: 9.00am
Sunday: 10.00am

Enter Online via the QR Code on
the flyer or contact Vick Broad on
0407 280 276

EASTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2025 @ ROBINVALE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

- CASH PRIZE MONEY: \$3000
- Leveller System
- Junior & Senior Events
- Doubles & Mixed Doubles

Call Vicki Broad on 0407 280 276

APRIL

20

Easter Sunday
9.00am - 12.00pm

Balranald Discovery Centre Precinct
83 Market Street, Balranald

Call the Balranald Visitor
Information Centre on 5020 1599 if
you wish to book a stall

BALRANALD'S EASTER EGG HUNT & EASTER MARKT

- Great Family Fun!
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Market Stalls
- Free Children Entertainment
- Music

Contact the Balranald Visitor Information if you
wish to book a stall or for more information

APRIL

18

MORE DETAILS TO
COME!

Balranald Ex-Services Club
116 Market Street, Balranald

BALRANALD EX-SERVICES CLUB GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

SAVE THE DATE for this wonderful annual event
to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital.
Wonderful prizes to be won!

JULY

10

MORE DETAILS TO
COME!

BALRANALD PONY CLUB

SAVE THE DATE: BALRANALD PONY CLUB CAMP'S 21ST BIRTHDAY

SAVE THE DATE for this wonderful event!
Book a room, phone a friend and put in for
holidays to help celebrate Balranald Pony Club
Camp's 21st Birthday!

Balranald Visitor Information Centre 03 5020 1599

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What's on...

BALRANALD MURRUMBIDGEE CLASSIC



Friday night....



Registration and Sign on from 5pm til 9pm @the Balranald Football Sheds
The bar will be open..

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast - 6am - 7am

@ the Caravan Park - Coffee Van on site!

Fishing Saturday 7am - 5pm

Fishing Sunday 7am - 11am

Main entry prizes and fish winners drawn Sunday at Lunch @ the footy sheds from 12 noon

@the footy sheds

From 6pm til late



PLENTY OF RAFFLES

Casting competition from.... 6pm to 7pm

Saturday Night

Will Hogan



Balranald Outdoor Movie Night

Bring a blanket or chair - Movie starts @ 6.30PM
Free sausage sizzle, popcorn and water available from 5pm - Door Prizes

Balranald Football Club Canteen will be open to purchase drinks and snacks

**Wednesday
April 16, 2025**

5pm to 8.30pm

Please call Mandy on 0477 722 407 or email macarroll@uniting.org for further info

Balranald Football Oval

Uniting welcomes the Balranald Shire Community for the showing of Transformers One



This is an Alcohol and Drug free event. Children to be supervised by parents/carers

Balranald's EASTER EGG HUNT & Market

SUNDAY 20th APRIL

9.00am - 12.00pm

Easter Egg Hunt, Free Children Entertainment
Market stalls & Music

Balranald Discovery Centre precinct
83 Market Street, Balranald

ACCESSORIES

Contact the Visitor Information Centre



03 5020 1599

Balranald Club's Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Childrens Hospital
AMAZING PRIZE!

WIN a 64GB 10th Gen iPad! ✨

Imagine watching your favorite shows, browsing the web, and staying connected—all with this sleek new iPad!

TICKET PRICES: \$1 PER TICKET OR 3 FOR \$5!

THE MORE TICKETS YOU BUY, THE BETTER YOUR CHANCES!

EVERY TICKET HELPS!

All proceeds go to the Royal Children's Hospital Good

Friday Appeal!
DRAW DATE:

To be drawn at our Annual Good Friday Event!
Don't miss your chance to win!





ROBINVALE LAWN TENNIS Club Inc.

EASTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2025

19 – 20 APRIL, 2025

09:00AM – SATURDAY
10:00AM – SUNDAY

LEVELLER SYSTEM
JUNIOR & SENIOR EVENTS
DOUBLES & MIXED DOUBLES

MORE INFORMATION:
VICKI BROAD 0407280276

CASH PRIZE MONEY
\$3000 +

ENTER ONLINE:



Back to nature - Ceramic Birds & Organic Nests

By Jasmine Rose, Jrose Fine Arts



This mixed medium Jrose workshop is leading to a collaborative community exhibition showcasing locally inspired native birds from the riverina region out of clay, along with organic nest constructions.

Exciting workshop with the talented Jasmine Rose | 29th March | \$95 pp

- Make the clay bird in the morning
- Make the nest in the afternoon

Call the Gallery on 03 5020 0200 or
Call Linda on 0414 563 005 to book

The Gallery

Come along and join in the free fun and activities at

EUSTON PLAYGROUP

Your new **PLAY** and **COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE**
starting up at Euston Public School

*Welcome to all families, Parents and carers with children
aged 0-5years*

WHERE: Euston Public School

DAY: Tuesday

TIME: 9.30am - 11am

Parking and access to Playgroup area via Shailer Terrace.

Please phone 5026 3766 if you have any questions.

Lots of great
play activities
for
Children and
families
With
Song
and
Storytime



Pine-Apple Creations

RESIN ART WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

BALRANALD, NSW

CREATE : Resin art workshop:

- A VIBRANT OCEAN DESIGN ON A WOODEN SERVING BOARD (approx 30cm) FROM A SELECTION OF 30 COLOURS
- MATCHING COASTER (mandala, flower, round)
- BONUS ITEM!!!

OR : Resin jewellery & trinkets workshop

- 8-10 pairs loop fitted earrings
- 1 necklace pendant with black cord-1 mini bird
- coaster (mandala, flower, round)

LEARN:

- A NEW FUN ART FORM
- GIVES YOU THE KNOWLEDGE TO CREATE JEWELLERY, TABLE TOPS, RESIN CLEAR COAT ON PAINTINGS AND OTHER RESIN ITEMS

Pine-apple Creations offer public and private workshops for

- Arts groups
- NDIS participants*
- Hens parties
- Birthday parties
- Team building/organisations
- Community programs

OVER 18'S ONLY. NOT SUITABLE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN. Sorry no babies or children to attend.



WHERE: 'THE GALLERY'
BALRANALD COMMUNITY
ARTS AND CRAFTS INC
WHEN/TIME:
RESIN JEWELLERY
WORKSHOP
27-7-25 - 11-1.30PM
OR
RESIN BOARD, COASTER
AND BONUS ITEM
2.30-5PM

\$120 P.P, PER CLASS

To book your ticket for this
limited ticketed workshop
visit -

www.pineapplecreations.art

0424963699

afterpay

Available on request

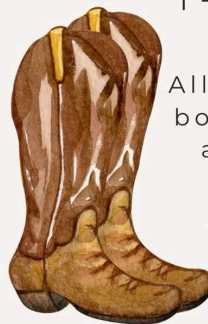


SAVE THE DATE

Balranald Camp turns 21

Please join us

THURSDAY | JULY 10TH 2025
| EVENING (TBC) |



All roads lead to Balranald so
book a room, phone a friend,
and put in for holidays to
help us celebrate

**BALRANALD PONY CLUB
CAMP'S 21ST BIRTHDAY**

HOMEBUSH RODEO 26TH APRIL 2025

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APRIL

2025

LIBRARY EVENTS SCHEDULE

**SAT
12**

YOUTH WEEK - GLOW DISCO

@ The Royal Theater (6:30 pm - 9:30 pm)

BASKETBALL 3 ON 3 EVENT

@ The New Basketball Courts 10- 1pm Lunch provided
12 and over Event, register your team @ the library by Fri 11th

**SUN
13**

**TUE 22ND
& THURS
24TH**

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

10-12 @ the Library Bookings essential

BOOK TASTING EVERY MONTH @

The library 5-7pm

**MON
28TH**



**FOR
BOOKINGS:**

0350201388, FACE BOOK
PAGE OR MESSAGE DIRECT