

## 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: IPM - 1.45PM

#### **BALRANALD LIBRARY**

Monday to Friday: 9.30am - 5.30pm CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12PM - IPM

#### **BALRANALD SWIMMING POOL**

**Monday: Closed** 

Tuesday to Friday: 3.30pm - 6.30pm Saturday & Sunday: Ilam - 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: IOam - Ipm
Sunday: IOam - 3pm
CLOSED DURING WET WEATHER CONDITIONS

#### **EUSTON LANDFILL**

Tuesday & Thursday: Ipm - 6pm
Sunday: 9am - 3pm
CLOSED DURING WET WEATHER CONDITIONS

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#### From the Mayor's Office

At the Council Meeting on 15 April, Council resolved to endorse the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The CSP is part of Councils Integrated Planning and

Reporting Framework and is the communities vision for the next 10 years in regards to where you want to see the Shire in the future.

The Delivery Program is the four year plan and has been placed on public exhibition for 28days,

Iluka Community Building Partnerships and Education
Scholarships Committee Terms of Reference was resolved by
Council, this committee will consist of 2 Councillors, 2
Community Members and 2 Iluka Representatives.
Council has resolved to continue with the Advisory

Committees and their structure, at the May meeting Council will nominate Councillor membership on each committee.

Council resolved to initiate negotiations with the owner of the adjacent property to the Balranald airport regarding a possible land purchase to facilitate the future redevelopment of the airport.

The projects completed to date include, Business
Improvement Fund 2022 (updating IT Software and IT
Hardware at Hostel), Kyalite Memorial Part Rest Area, Netball
Courts Resurfacing, Hatfield Community Hall, Safe Fencing at
Balranald Pool, Kilpatrick Road Reconstruction, Electronic
Medications Management,

ANZAC Day, coming up with services in Kyalite, Euston and Balranald.

Kyalite Service will be held at Dawn Euston Service will be held at 8.30am Balranald Service will be held at 11am.

This is an important time to remember those who have served and sacrificed their lives in conflicts that Australia has participated in.

Homebush Rodeo will be held again this year. 26 April at the Homebush Recreation Ground.

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter, and if you are travelling over the ANZAC Weekend please travel safe on the roads.

## Here is a small snapshot of the works currently happening in Council areas.

Regional Roads - MR67 Balranald Ivanhoe Road

Verge slashing of saltbush on the MR67 Balranald Ivanhoe Road.

#### **General Road Maintenance**

A grid has been replaced on Marma Box Creek Road. Also, multiple grids are to be replaced on MR67 Balranald Ivanhoe Road in the coming weeks plus the removal of redundant grids.

Signage and guideposts are still being renewed around Council, as part of ongoing Road signage maintenance

Marma Box Creek Road Construction

Construction of 3.9km of the Marma Box Creek Road is in the final stages of construction ready to be sealed on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.





#### **Balranald Team Water Operations**

Repairs have been completed to the raw water main on O'Connor Street. Main and service repairs were also performed on Endeavour Drive. Road leaks were repaired on Piper Street, Harben Street, Cally Street, and Mayall Street.

A water meter was reinstalled at Motor X Track. A new raw water service was installed on Market Street, and a raw water service was replaced on Cally Street. A filtered water service at the O'Connor Street location was discontinued, and the raw water meter was replaced and repositioned to a higher elevation.

Irrigation system repairs were completed at the caravan park following the levy bank upgrade. Multiple quick action valves were located and replaced. Sewer repairs were also conducted at the caravan park.

Channels were excavated and vegetation cleared at the sewer treatment ponds.

Conducted bi-weekly inspections at the aerodrome.

Performed weekly contract tasks on Endeavour Drive.

Managed the Balranald Water Treatment Plant (WTP) operations.

#### **Euston Team Water Operations**

Repairs conducted on raw water mains on Perry Street, two on **Nixon Street**, **and** one on Cary Street. Repairs were also completed to raw water services on Nixon Street and two on Cary Street.

Four hydrants were replaced with the assistance of the Balranald team.

The parks and Euston recreation reserve main oval have been regularly receiving lawn maintenance. The sewer ponds were slashed as well as village vegetation maintained

Tree maintenance was conducted in collaboration with Origin. Lake Benanee bins were emptied twice weekly. The Euston Water Treatment Plant was operated continuously.

#### Biosecurity

The Biosecurity team have been targeting various Cacti and Box Thorn weeds in both Balranald and Euston. Using cutting and spraying techniques to eradicate the weeds as well as introducing a cochineal insect to the areas infected with Prickly Pear cacti. The beetle has been introduced to areas in Euston and has been shown to be making an impact on the Prickly Pear cacti.

Newly spotted growths of prickly pear cacti have been removed using cutting and spraying techniques.

The biosecurity officer will be attending training in May, an Introduction into Biosecurity, and once completed he will be trained to do property inspections.



Damage to Prickly Pear cacti after the introduction of cochineal insect



Young Prickly Pear cacti identified and removed

Illegal Dumping investigated and reported

#### **Animal Control**

Council's Ranger has rehomed 2 dogs and 1 cat for the month of March. 3 impounded dogs were returned to their owners with a warning as it was their first offence. The Ranger is following up on dog barking complaints in Balranald and Euston.

The Ranger has also been noting and reporting the illegal dumping of rubbish within the Shire.



#### **Dog Poop Bags**

At various locations around Balranald and Euston, we have installed Dog Poop Bags, owners when you are walking your furry friends, please use these bags to eliminate doggy dos in our streets.

#### **ANZAC Day**

#### **Garbage Collection**

**Balranald Businesses and Euston Residents** who have their bins collected on Friday, please be advised that your collection will be Thursday 24 April 2025



Kyalite - 6am for the Dawn Service
Euston - March commencing at Euston Club Carpark at 8am
Balranald - March commences at 10.30am at Balranald Ex-Services
Club

Market Street will be **CLOSED** to all traffic from 10.15am - approximately 11.15am on 25 April 2025

## 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;

#### **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.

#### **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 costruction. Undertake traffic control duties.

#### **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.

#### **Balranald Caravan Park Casual Reservation Assistant**

Support 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 services to all colleagues and visitors.

#### **Draft Plans and Policies on Public Exhibition**

Council currently have the following documents on public Exhibition;

Delivery Program 2025-2029 Operational Plan 2025 Resourcing Strategy 2025-2029 Draft Revenue Policy - 2025-2026 Draft Fees & Charges - 2025-2026 Draft Budget 2025-2026

You can view these documents on our website at https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/community/community-announcements/exhibition-of-draft-documents/

Written comments and feedback must be addressed to The General Manger and submitted to Council no later than 5pm, Friday 23 May 2025 via email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au, or delivered to 70 Market Street or post— PO Box 120 Balranald NSW 2715

#### The Draft Policies currently on public exhibition consist of:

Council Staff Loss of Drivers Licence
Financial Hardship
Gifts & Benefits
Theatre Royal Fees
Drugs & Alcohol,
Street Raffles
Sport Safety Guidelines,
Loan Policy & Procedure,
Annual Leave; and
Debt Recovery Policy

You can view these policies on our website at https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/business/councildocuments/policies/

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#### Plenty of action continuing at Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel,

Some of the activities include;

Year 10 Students from Balranald Central School visited the residents and had a delicious morning Tea.

Ella is a wonderful volunteer and is doing an amazing job helping with anything that needs doing,

with helping with the gardening or simply communicating with residents

Tamera came and done an amazing job with the residents hairs

Father Paul and Ruby visited our resident.













Thank you to the community that purchased raffle tickets for the Bidgee Haven Hostel Easter Raffle, and thank you to the businesses for selling the tickets - \$350.00 was raised

On Tuesday 15 April 2025, Ashleigh Goonde, one of the agency Registered Nurses left Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel, This was her departing message which she has asked if we could put it in our Newsletter

#### To My Beautiful BGH Family,

As I sit down to write this, I find myself holding back tears — not of sadness, but of immense gratitude. As I sit here, it still hasn't fully hit me that this chapter is coming to a close. Tomorrow, I'll walk out of this place for the last time (maybe) — not just as a nurse ending a contract but as a woman forever changed. Arrived 16 April 2024 & Finished 16 April 2025 this kind of Fate.

I arrived in Balranald during one of the most fragile times of my life. I had just left my marriage, uncertain of everything — my future, my strength, my path. And then I found myself here, wrapped in the warmth of this small town and the kindness of each and every one of you. You didn't just welcome me — you held me. You reminded me that I was never alone. It was here that I began healing. It was here that I rediscovered who I am. And it was here, in the quiet moments between shifts, that Vinci Valour was born — a business built on the very essence of what I found in Balranald: strength, beauty, and rising from the darkest place.

Working alongside you all has been one of the greatest honours of my nursing journey. For the first time in my career, I felt truly seen, valued, and cared for like family. You brought joy to my every day, laughter into hard moments, and a sense of belonging I will carry with me forever. You gave me more than just a job. You gave me family. You gave me joy. You gave me room to rise again.

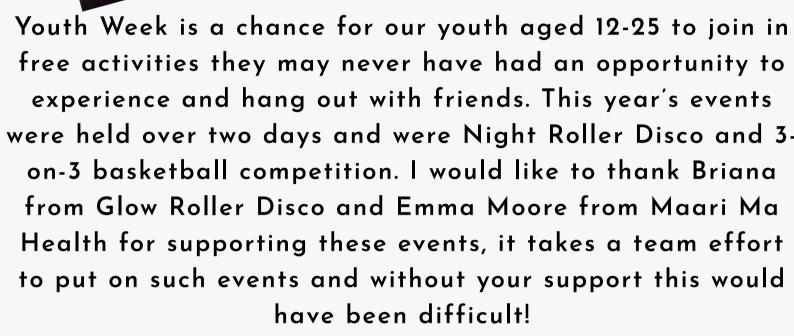


Daina Kirk (Admin Office) and Ash



OUTHWEEK

Youth Week 2025



To all the youth who attended Thank You for supporting these events - I can't wait to see what you come up with for

















## Playgroup @ the library





## Balranald Playgroup

#### Old MacDonald Had a Farm 26th February

Wednesday, Ilam-Ipm

Join us for a delightful storytime adventure featuring Old MacDonald Had a Farm! Enjoy interactive storytelling, sing-along fun, and engaging farm-themed activities.





#### The Wheels on the Bus 19th March

Wednesday, 11am-1pm

Hop on board for a lively storytelling session of The Wheels on the Bus! Enjoy sing-along fun and interactive activities inspired by this classic rhyme.







More information Bonita (MFC) - 0455 111 853 Local agencies invite all families to a monthly kids' Storytime Adventure playgroup in Balranaid.

Sessions are designed to to spark creativity, funand learning for your little one.

Food is provided at each session. Please inform us in advance of any dietary requirements.

When: 11am-1pm each Wednesday

Where: Balranald Library, 120 Market St, Balranald

#### Whose Ears?

2nd April

Wednesday, 11am-1pm

Celebrate Easter with Whose Ears?, a delightful story about the Easter Bunnyl Enjoy festive storytelling, bunny-themed activities, and a little Easter magic.







#### Incy Wincy Spider

30th April

Wednesday, Ilam-lpm

Join us for a playful retelling of Incy Wincy Spiderl Enjoy songs, movement, and hands-on activities inspired by this beloved nursery rhyme. Plus, take part in a special Mother's Day activity to celebrate and create constituer meaningful for Mum.







#### Row, Row, Row Your Boat 25th June

Wednesday, Ilam-lpm

Set sail on an imaginative adventure with Row, Row, Row Your Boat! Sing along and take part









#### **Five Little Ducks**

28th May

Wednesday Ham-Ing

Waddle along with Five Little Ducks! Enjoy songs, movement, and hands-on activities inspired by this classic counting rhyme. Plus, have fun with interactive games and creative activities that bring the story to life.









# Just some of the fun things we do!







# ICPA NSW Access to Education 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual conference

March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> saw
members of ICPA from all over
NSW, including federal
councillors from ICPA Aust Isolated Children's Parents'
Association the stakeholders are
abundant - from trade stands to
education and transportation
Officials. The ICPA is a
wonderful organisation helping
advocate for so many isolated
children in rural areas in
accessina education.





LIFE TIME MEMBERS: June Armstrong, Trish Williams and Margie Butler picturerd with Branch President Kristy Wilson

A fun aspect of the event was the "Get your picture with Dolly!"

A feature of the "Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a book gifting program for children. Ashling Gilbee, Janaya Gaston (Balranald Shire Library) and Kyla Ohalloran are key members in the drive for this important initiative reaching children across the shire from ages 0-5. Funds raised at this event are to be utilized to help this initiative to continue.



# BALRANALD'S LIBRARY HUB NEW SENIORS LENDING BOX

For the better part of the last 12 months, staff at the library have been working on the senior's initiative that will give back to our community in areas of need. The introduction of projects such as Balranald's FREE seed library, community vegetable garden, Book boxes and much more have been in progress however we would like to introduce our newest additions.....a Senior's Lending Box. Research in conjunction with our very own Adult Day Care and Bidgee Haven Hostel patrons we have been able to kick this initiative off with the purchase of two AI Cats.

Please welcome Scaramouch and Molly!

Both have been instrumental in bringing comfort and joy with tail wagging, colour changing eyes and most importantly plenty of MEOWS!

Our Library would like to see this initiative grow so please feel free to pop in with any ideas you might like to see in our lending box.

No Idea is ever to small to share!





Scaramouch & Molly





Thanks for delivering these PIP!



## @BALRANALD'S LIBRARY HUB



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

## MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

3 - 5PM @THE LIBRARY

Chess Club Dungeon's & Dragons

ARTS & CRAFT TECHNOLOGY & MORE!

Registration open for TERM 2 Grades K-6. Please book weekly or termly for your child to have a place as spots will be limited.

The after school program will run each

- school term with seasonal changes to the content made available.
  - A light afternoon snack
    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!

#### **Receptionist - Balranald Medical Centre**

Dr Vitalis, Balranald Medical Centre has a Receptionist Position available. If you are interested in this field of work email an application and your CV to

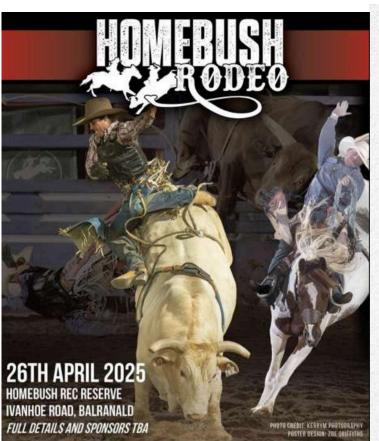
practice@balranaldmedical.com.au OR submit at the front desk of Medical Centre (Doctor Surgery)











BALRANALD EARLY LEARNING CENTRE'S

## Mothers Day Bouquet making workshop

Join us for a dreamy bouquet-making workshop with the talented Zoe from The Rustic Pear!

When: Sunday, 4th May 2025

Time: 2pm start

Price: \$80

Location: The Rustic Pear

Enjoy a glass of complimentary bubbles on arrival and indulge in a delicious share platter as you get creative.

It's the perfect day out—don't miss it!

#### **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Kindly RSVP by Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 by messaging
Tamara Bax on 0407 533 464.

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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



#### **RESIN ART**

## WORKSHOP

**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 PTEMI

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:

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2.30-5PM

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## SAVE THE DATE 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

#### **Balranald Shire & Surrounds** PCOMING EVENTS



#### 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

#### MAY

10am - 4pm

Euston Club Resort 2/28 Nixon St, Euston

Contact: Shari Butcher projects@mrtb.com.au

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#### JULY

BALRANALD PONY CLUB

#### BALRANALD'S EASTER EGG HUNT & EASTER MARKT

- Great Family Fun! | Easter Egg Hunt
   Market Stalls | FREE Children's Entertainment
   Live Music & MORE!

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

#### **PUBLIC REATIONS WORKSHOP &** MENTORING PROGRAM

Murray Region Tourism

& Destination Riverina Murray are delivering the Murray Tourism PR Accelerator, designed to help tourism operators and event organisers enhance their public relations (PR) skills

- · Free Interative PR Workshop
- . One-On-One Mentoring Support

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#### 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!

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### **Balranald Shire & Surrounds** MING EVENTS

#### JULY

Workshop 11.00am

Resin Board, coaster Workshop 2.30pm

**Balranald Art Gallery** 51 Mayall Street, Balranald

#### RESIN ART WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

- · Learn a new fun art form
- · Gives you the knowledge to create jewellery, table tops, resin clear coat on paintings and other resin items
- To book your ticket for the workshopS visit www.pinallecreations.art or call 0424 963 699

#### OCTOBER

MORE DETAILS TO

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SAVE THE DATE - BALRANALD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB DUBUTANT BALL

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME!

If you have an event coming up please email me the details along with a flyer at cmallet@balranald.nsw.gov.au Thank you so much.

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