



JUNE  
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  
CLOSED DURING WET WEATHER CONDITIONS

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## From the Mayor's Office

### Wind farm transport route could bring infrastructure benefits

A potential new transport route for wind turbine components through Balranald could possibly result in significant infrastructure improvements for the region.

Wind farm companies are considering three possible routes for transporting turbines to the approved wind farm sites.

- one option is through the port of Newcastle, where they bring them in from overseas, but then truck them down the Hume Highway and across to the approved wind farms.
- another option was through Melbourne and truck them up north of Melbourne
- Adelaide route is the preferred option, transported across through Pinaroo, Lameroo over the Robinvale/Euston Bridge and then along the Sturt Highway between Euston and Balranald through Balranald.

This route was discussed at a recent Sturt Highway Task Force meeting with representatives from Transport for NSW in attendance. Significantly, if the route proceeds, overtaking lanes on the Sturt Highway will be considered with the Windfarms funding these. Extending these improvements between Euston and Mildura will also be considered, although funding wont be sourced from the Windfarms.

The possibility of a temporary bypass around Balranald was briefly discussed, although extensive community consultation would be required prior to any decisions are made.

### Water Supply takeover proposal raises concerns

The NSW Government's proposal to take over water supply and sewerage services for rural towns has generated concern among local councils.

Council staff are meeting the relevant agencies to discuss the proposal and more details are expected to emerge shortly.

### Push for increased FAGs Funding

The Shire is actively lobbying for an increase in Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) funding from the current 0.5% to 2% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

### Major Developments for Euston

Several significant projects are underway or planned for Euston, demonstrating the shire's commitment to improving the shire's commitment to improvement facilities and attracting visitors to our area.

### Proposed Medical Facility

The Council is seeking grant funding to build doctor's rooms in Euston on Council land. This building will be located on the Euston Recreation Reserve.

### Heritage and Tourism Projects

The council has secured funding to renovate the old courthouse in Euston, with plans to develop it as a tourist attraction. The vision includes a museum or attraction where we create foot traffic for tourism.

# From the Mayor's Office Continued

## Infrastructure Improvements

Several infrastructure projects are planned or underway: there has been \$250,000 secured from flood grants to revitalise the Euston to Robinvale walkway, including additional seating to accommodate the increasing number of caravans using the free camping area.

A proposed footpath from the township to the recreational ground along the highway.

Plans for a toilet block at Anderson Park, where the children's playground currently lacks these facilities.

## Water and Emergency Services

Council is awaiting results from an Integrated Water Management Strategy for the Euston water treatment plant to assess whether augmentation is needed as the town grows. Additionally, relocating the fire station is being considered to allow more room for both the Water Treatment Plant and the Fire Station.

## Staff Restructuring and Recruitment

Council has undergone a staff restructure with the Director of Governance Business & Community Services being made redundant, I wish to thank Mr Glenn Carroll for his time at the Council and wish him all the best with his future endeavours.

## Addressing Vandalism Concerns

The issue of vandalism in public areas has been of great concern for Council, particularly given efforts to attract tourism to our region.

We do have a great community, its disappointing this small element has no respect for public property.

## Property Valuations Increase

The NSW Valuer General has increased property valuations in Balranald by approximately 29 percent, though this does not necessarily mean that your rates will increase by 29%.

## Integrated Planning & Resourcing Documents

Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting adopted the relevant IP&R documents, the 2025-2029 Delivery Program, 2025/2026 Budget, 2025-/2026 Revenue Policy & Fees and Charges and the 2025-2035 Resourcing Strategy. All these documents are important documents, the Delivery program is our commitment to you, the community, it gives us focus for the first four years of our ten year Community Strategic Plan. The Resourcing Strategy consists of the Overarching Asset Management Plan, 2025/2029 Workforce Management Plan and the 2025/2035 Long Term Financial Management Plan.



# What's new from Council

Council at the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 17 June 2025 adopted the following documents;

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/business/council-documents/plans/>

## DRAFT POLICIES

The Draft Policies currently on public exhibition consist of:

Annual Town Clean Up  
Leave for Civil Emergencies  
Secondary Employment  
Smoke Free Workplace  
Councillor Training  
Pool Inspection  
Recreation Areas and Reserves Maintenance  
Private Functions on Public Reserves  
Customer Services  
Complaints Management

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

Written comments and feedback must be addressed to The General Manager and submitted to Council no later than 5pm, Friday 2 August 2025 via email [council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au), or delivered to 70 Market Street or post— PO Box 120 Balranald NSW 2715

## Expression of Interest -Advisory Committee Membership

Council has extended the Expression of Interest period for Advisory Committee Membership.

We need you as a committee member to benefit our communities, please consider joining one or all of our committees.

We are seeking nominations from interested community members to serve on one or all of our 4 committees.

The Terms of Reference for each committee can be found on our website  
<https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/business/committees-and-working-parties/>

Expression of Interest form is attached to the back of this newsletter and can also be downloaded from the website.  
and Expression of Interest Form can be found on our website

Advisory Committees are;  
Australia Day Committee (ADC)  
Euston Progressive Advisory Committee (EPAC)  
Balranald Wellbeing & Health Advisory Committee (BWHAC)  
Tourism & Economic Development Advisory Committee (TED)

If you are interested please complete the registration form and return to Council by Friday 4 July 2025 either by email [council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au) or delivered to Councils Office - PO Box 120 Balranald 2715

# INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE!

Council's Infrastructure Department has been focusing on essential maintenance and infrastructure improvements across the sealed road network. Key activities included pothole patching, guidepost installation, and grid cleaning.

- Pothole Patching: Repairs were conducted at various locations to enhance road safety and drivability.
- Guidepost Installation: New guideposts were installed to improve road visibility and navigation.
- Grid Cleaning: Routine cleaning of grids was carried out in several locations.
- Grids Installed: The installation of grids on MR67 Balranald/Ivanhoe Rd has taken place with 4 installed and 2 more in early June and
- Bus Stops: These are in the progress of completion around Balranald township, this will assist in public safety and stop people parking in bus stop zones.



MR67 widening "Hatfield"

Works on widening MR67 at Hatfield have begun. This project is expected to significantly improve driving conditions and safety in the area. Although there will be delays in the area due to the road works Council appreciates motorists' patience during this time.

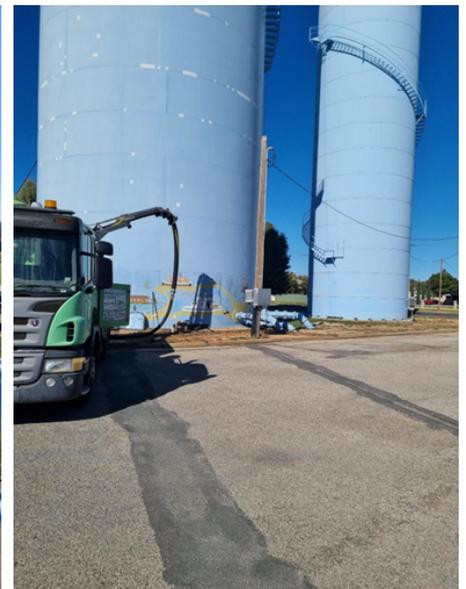
Works have commenced on the water reservoirs in Balranald. The main valve on the raw water reservoir was replaced and preparation works done in readiness for the planned Reservoir Remediation works. Council anticipates practical completion of the filtered water component during September 2025.

Residents are reminded to limit their use of raw water during this period.

**For further information or queries please email Council at [council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au) or call on 03 5020 1300**



VIEW FROM TOP RAW WATER RESERVOIR BALRANALD MAY 2025



DE-SLUDGING TRUCK RAW WATER RESERVOIR BALRANALD

# We are Hiring

## Trainee/Apprenticeships

The NSW Government's Fresh Start program is funding the wages of an additional 1,300 apprentices, trainees and cadets in the local government sector over the next six years.

Councils across NSW have now been given the green light to employ 1,008 new apprentices, trainees and cadets this year under the first two rounds of funding.

More than 60 per cent of the approved new roles are in regional and rural councils, providing a major boost to regional communities and more job opportunities for people in country towns.

The Fresh Start program enables students and school leavers to study and learn on the job while gaining a nationally accredited qualification.

Balranald Shire Council are excited to announce we have been granted provisional approval funding in Rounds 1 & 2 for a total of 4 Apprentices and 6 Trainee positions.

Council is advertising the following positions:

- Apprentice Horticulture
- Apprentice Road Maintenance
- Assistant Librarian Trainee
- WHS & Risk Trainee
- Human Resources Trainee
- Water & Sewer Trainee

If you are interested in any of these positions please send your resume and a letter of application to [hr@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hr@balranald.nsw.gov.au) by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Also if you have any interests that are not currently available please reach out as there are other funding rounds we can apply for in the future!

## Activities in our Planning Department

Application	Applicant	Location	Description
DA 19/2025	Andrew Curphey	152 Boynton Street, Balranald	Shed style roof over existing dwelling
DA 20/2025	MJJR Pty Ltd for Euston Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd	5 Tayla Court, Euston	Shade Sail
DA 27/2025	Rivemook Holdings Pty Ltd for Kyalite Pistachios Pty Ltd	156 Kyalite Road, Kyalite & Kyalite Road, Kyalite	Subdivision
CC 12/2025	Louie Lanteri for Louie & Kelly Lanteri	144 Market Street, Balranald	Awning
CC 13/2025	Andelle Constructions Pty Ltd for Rodney & Tracey Mann	152 Boynton Street, Balranald	Shed style roof over existing dwelling
CDC 01/2025	Caroline Hillerman for Caroline & Howard Hillerman	157 Turandurey Street, Balranald	Dwelling
OC 09/2025	Jason Lindqvist for Aboriginal Housing Office	195 Church Street, Balranald	Dwelling

Notices of Determination (DA), Construction Certificates (CC), Complying Development Certificates (CDC), Section 68 Certificates (S68), Subdivision Certificates (SDC), Subdivision Works Certificates (SWC) and / or Occupation Certificates (OC) that have been issued under delegated authority in the month of May 2025:

<b>Environmental Planning &amp; Assessment Act 1979</b>	7
Planning Information Certificates (10.7)	
<b>Environmental Planning &amp; Assessment Act 1979</b>	1
Building Certificates (6.24)	
<b>Local Government Act 1993</b>	0
Outstanding Orders (735A)	
<b>Local Government Act 1993</b>	7
Drainage Diagram	
<b>Biosecurity Act 2015</b>	0
Outstanding Orders (Noxious Weeds)	

Certificates relating to conveyancing that have been issued in the month of May 2025:

# What's coming up in the Tourism space?



Over the past 6 months the Tourism department has been hard at work in the background working towards upscaling our tourism related products and activities.

**Between July - September 2025** the following tourism related activities will be rolled out:

- ★ The release of Council's **Destination Management Plan** which will be our tourism strategic plan for the next 5 years
- ★ The release of a new a Discover Balranald & Surrounds **tourism website**
- ★ The release of a new and updated **Visitor Guide**
- ★ The **opening of the new Pavilion** at the Discovery Centre
- ★ The launch of **new social media platforms**
- ★ The launch of a **new video channel** on YouTube
- ★ The launch of a series of **promotional products** - e.g. brochures promoting specific attractions and trails
- ★ Commencement of a **media campaign to promote the Shire's visitor services** including our retailers, eateries, accommodation venues and other services
- ★ Commencement of a **media campaign to promote the shire as a destination of choice**

# News from Bidgee Haven Hostel

After a little bit of rearranging and furniture moving, the Hostel resident activity space is now in the front lounge for the winter season. The residents are enjoying fun activities such as puzzles, board games and craft works. ON the first day they enjoyed some rounds of games like Dominoes and Connect four.

A few evenings residents have met and taken on a game of chess and some puzzles, on Thursday multiple rounds of scrabble were played and Friday, painting was set up and the residents painted and decorated some blank puzzles which will be later reassembled. Over the weekend the residents will be able to continue with any activity they choose as well as pick from several new novels donated by Balranald Library.





**FIRE + RESCUE**

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS IN BALRANALD**

**Join the team who are prepared for anything**

Comprehensive training is provided for all on-call firefighters, covering all aspects of the work involved to keep your community safe. You'll need to:

- Hold a current NSW driver's licence.
- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia.
- Live or work within a reasonable distance from your local fire station.
- Have daytime availability to respond to emergencies.





For more information or to apply, visit [fire.nsw.gov.au/on-call](http://fire.nsw.gov.au/on-call) or call (02) 5853 2300

**Euston Public School**

**160th Year School Fete**

**Sunday, 19th October 2025**  
**10am - 3pm**



**Now seeking expression of interest for stall holders. 3x3 mt unpowered site \$30. Applications close on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Contact:**  
**Email: [euston-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:euston-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**  
**Facebook: Euston Public School P&C**  
**Phone: Euston PS - 03 5026 3766**

**Balranald Community Homes Incorporated**  
(Formerly Balranald Homes for Elderly Citizens Organisation Inc)

The Homes are a community owned asset consisting of 7 units, a laundry and a couple of sheds located at 8 McCabe Street, Balranald

**History of the Homes**

A committee was formed in February 1963 to fundraise for accommodation for our elderly.

The first donation as received on 13 July 1963 (2 pounds from Mr Brock Soady). Funding was applied for and received under a Commonwealth Scheme of Subsidy of 2 Pound for every pound raised locally. The land was acquired from the Western Lands for a rental of 2 pounds per year. Tenders were called for the first 4 bed sit units - 1 to 4 in January 1964. The first 4 units were completed in March 1965 in 1966/67 a common room was added (later converted into Flat 7). In 1972 another 2 bed sit units - 5 and 6 were completed. Half of the cost of these units were paid by the Balranald Lions Club.

The Homes continue to be run by a local committee to this day. Reading back through the minutes there is so many local people and businesses that have contributed funds and labour to these units over many, many years.

In the last 36 years there has been lots of improvements made, including connected hot water to bathrooms and kitchens, full size stoves, refrigerated air conditioners, electric 11 fin heaters, smoke alarms wired in, security doors, new power boards with safety switches, removal of old carpets and installing vinyl flooring, holland blinds on front windows and ramps to rear doors to name a few.

In 2004 the Balranald Homes for Elderly Citizens Organisation Inc became the Balranald Community Homes Inc. The name change was necessary so we could house a wider age group of people, such as our homeless, needy and elderly. The only income the homes receive is the rental income collected from tenants. However, our local plumber, electricians, handyman gardener etc all keep their charges as low as they can. All other works are done voluntarily, which includes the cleaning of vacant units, yard tidy for fire and snake seasons, the bookkeeping, rubbish run and management of tenants etc.

**Message from the Secretary/Treasurer: Margie Vanzanten**

I became the Treasurer in 1988, as time went on and other committee members moved, passed away or aged I seemed to inherit all positions, not that I am complaining, I have thoroughly enjoyed doing my part.

At the moment I am Secretary/Treasurer, Public Officer, Manager of Tenants etc. However, everything is going online and I am having difficulty keeping up. I do not have a computer and don't know how to do things online. My daughter has been helping me until now. I have decided to retire from all positions on the committee. I am happy to stay on the committee as a volunteer and help with cleaning vacant units, year clean ups etc.

Therefore, the homes are looking for new members to join the committee and take over from the long standing committee members that have been doing the job for many, many years now.

Regards Margie.

**This is a fantastic community owned asset which needs your help to continue running.**



**If you are willing to assist please call  
Margie 0417 535 753**



**SUNRAYSIA SOLAR FARM  
2025 COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

<b>Total Sponsorship Amount:</b>	\$20,000 total funding is available in 2025.  This total funding can be shared amongst multiple applicants
<b>Deadline for proposals</b>	5pm on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
<b>Selection criteria</b>	The funding must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• benefit the community;</li> <li>• be environmentally and socially acceptable;</li> <li>• be used within the Balranald Shire Council Local Government Area within 12 months of award.</li> </ul>
<b>Submission guidelines</b>	Proposals must be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:sunraysia.sponsorships@res-group.com">sunraysia.sponsorships@res-group.com</a>  Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be considered.  Proposals should provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact phone and email address.</li> <li>• Details of the group or organisation requesting sponsorship</li> <li>• Funding amount requested</li> <li>• Details of how the funding would be used and how this meets the selection criteria.</li> </ul>
<b>Selection process</b>	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.  The Sunraysia Solar Farm Board will decide which of the recommended proposals receive funding.  Successful applicants will be advised by end of July 2025, with grant funding available from August 2025 for successful applicants.
<b>Requirements for successful applicants</b>	We request successful applicants to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement the intended purpose within 12 months of award.</li> <li>• Provide photos or other evidence of how the funds have been used.</li> </ul>



# Prevent a cat-astrophe

## Desex your cat





**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 COMMUNIT ARTS AND CRAFTS INC  
WHEN/TIME:  
RESIN JEWELLERY WORKSHOP  
27-7-25 - 11-1.30'  
OR  
RESIN BOARD, COAST AND BONUS ITE  
2.30-5PM

\$120 P.P, PER CLAS

**To book your ticket for this limited ticketed workshop visit -**  
[www.pineapplecreations.art](http://www.pineapplecreations.art)

0424963699

 Available on request

# MODEL KIT CLASS



**WHEN: SUNDAY 13 July 2025**  
**WHERE: BALRANALD ART GALLERY**  
**TIME: 10AM TO 4PM**  
**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**  
**LEARN THE BASICS OF THIS GREAT HOBBY. AVOID CLASSIC MISTAKES AND COMPLETE YOUR FIRST KIT. COST: \$90**  
**KIT INCLUDED WITH STARTER TOOLS, PAINT AND GLUE.**  
**BOOKINGS: DIRECTLY FROM THE ART GALLERY**  
**(03) 5020 0200**

NOTE: KITS SHOWN ARE FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES. INCLUDED KIT WILL DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY. THEREFORE THE SOONER YOU BOOK BETTER THE CHANCES TO SECURE YOUR PREFERRED KIT.

# The Gallery

10am- 1:30 pm  
or  
6-9:30pm



## Fabric Painting

9th July 2025

\$20

Phone The Gallery to book



SAVE THE DATE

## BALRANALD PONY CLUB

ANNUAL CAMP

- ◆ Cross Country with Emma Scott
- ◆ Show Jumping with Allan Mitchell
- ◆ Dressage with Lynn McIntyre
- ◆ Tent Pegging with Merv
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Topsy and more



REGISTRATIONS WILL BE OPEN SOON

- ☐ Unpowered camping sites & yards, fully catered meal deals available,

**2 Day Camp**

**Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th July 2025**

# The Gallery

## Learn to Quill

Go home with all the equipment and basic skills to quill anything

2 sessions to choose from

1-4

10th September 2025

or

6-9

**\$30**



CLARE SPORTS CLUB INC INVITES YOU TO



## BACK TO CLARE COUNTRY EVENT

Clare Hall

Saturday 4th October 2025

8.30 am Start



**Bikekhana**

morning events

EVENTS FOR EVERYONE IN THE EVENING AT THE COMPLETION OF THE GYMKHANA



**Gymkhana**

afternoon events

**Catering all day Saturday**

with full licenced bar  
Breakfast available on the Sunday

DJ ASH FROM PHONIX ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY NIGHT  
SPONSORED BY ILUKA

BRING THE FAMILY FOR A GREAT DAY OUT

ENTRY : ADULTS \$10

KIDS 15 UNDER FREE

Cash Event  
minimal banking  
services available on site

Camping welcome all weekend

Horse owners must bring own yards  
events & details subject to change at discretion of committee



