



JULY
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

The pool is currently closed for the
Winter Season. Re-opens in
October/November

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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council@balranald.nsw.gov.au



From the Mayor's Office

*I attended an awards night in Hay on
Thursday 17 July 2025 for the NSW SES.*

It was an honour for me to be there, and I
was asked to present some of the awards
to people who volunteer in the SES.

These people dedicate their time to be on call 24 hours per day. Emergencies are unexpected, you could be sitting down about to eat a nice home cooked meal, or about to go out to a family event. These people drop whatever they are doing in their lives and put others first. We need to also acknowledge the families of these volunteers as they too indirectly are affected and put others first in supporting their family volunteers.

Congratulations to all the award winners and a special mention to Karen Norfolk and Andrew Manning from the Balranald SES Unit.

I would like to acknowledge all the SES paid staff who manage the volunteers.



From the Mayor's Office Continued

National General Assembly

The General Manager, Peter Bascomb and myself attended the NGA in Canberra hosted by ALGA.

There were exhibitions with private businesses and Government departments displaying latest technology, one highlight for me was called MY LOT, a software company that can setup council websites, people can go online and type in their lot number and DA proposal, this saves time for the council in the initial stages, if the DA meets the criteria for your specific location.

Peter and I also met up with The Hon. Sussan Ley at parliament with other Mayors and GMs for the Farrer electorate. Many issues were discussed, I think the coalition needs to get its house in order with its policies before we can see the government held accountable.



Bidgee Haven Hostel

The Bidgee Haven variation application for expanding the Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel was successful.

This variation will allow for the construction of memory support rooms, a new kitchen, dining area, and an improved activity area.

Council is still waiting on the outcome of its application for funding the refurbishment of existing rooms and construction of staff accommodation.

Fluoridation in Water

On Tuesday 8 July 2025 Council held a workshop on the effects of fluoridation on people's health. There were presentations from June and Ken Spinks and Dr Victor Carey and Jason Harwood.

It was a very interesting meeting both parties had very valid points, although some studies suggest that there is a benefit to the health of teeth, they don't completely rule out that its not causing side effects or links to health problems.

Euston does not have fluoridation in the water as Balranald does, whenever people smile in Euston they seem to have teeth though.

It's a very interesting subject and I feel that we should be discussing it further with the community, especially if Euston is to be considered in fluoridating their water.



Get started on the

NSW Digital Pet Registry

Sign in with My ServiceNSW



The Road pavement widening work taking place near the Hatfield Hotel on MR67 is midway to completion. The southern section of the 3.7km of works will be sealed in July. Pavement works on northern section has commenced.

This section of road will be much safer to use improving transport logistics for heavy vehicles/light commercials and passenger vehicle operation.



INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE!



Euston Footpath Update

55m of new concrete shared path has been installed in Euston.

The shared path commences from Luke Road to the Corner of Carey Street and Sturt Highway.

The shared path now provides a valuable pedestrian link to Euston CBD.



Balranald Footpath Replacement

115m of concrete footpath was replaced with a new shared concrete path on the northern side of the Market Street alignment. The 115m of concrete footpath needed replacement due to cracking, uneven surface, and a narrow corridor. The replacement shared concrete path is 1.8m wide to allow safer use for pedestrian's go to and from the CBD.

The new shared concrete path commences from Yuranigh Street and follows the Market Street alignment toward Moa Street terminating at 115m, the (existing/old) remaining 95m section of concrete footpath connecting to Moa Street will be replaced in July with 1.8m wide new shared concrete path.



110m of Kerb and gutter has been replaced in Church Street Balranald.

The section replaced was retaining water during rain events. The replacement kerb and gutter will be a noticeable improvement allowing stormwater to escape off the road pavement and away from residential properties into Councils piped network.



BIOSECURITY UPDATE!!

The team have been busy completing tree trimming and weed spraying of Balranald cemetery, and Soady Lane. There has been ongoing African boxthorn control and prickly pear control, with the fortunate finding of some cactoblastis moth larvae found in some prickly pear around the area. This is a great biological control method to help with the control of the cactus by removing the cactus with cactoblastis and placing it with uninfected plants.



(Approaches to Oxley Bridge)



(cactoblastis moth larvae)

Notice: Weed spraying will continue at the Balranald cemetery when weather permits

Animal Control

- Council's Ranger impounded 4 dogs for the month of June.
 - Followed up on 1 aggressive dog.
- 1 dog was reported attacking a kangaroo and was followed up by the Ranger
 - 2 dogs at large
- The ranger captured one feral cat.

Animal Control Officer continues to follow up on dog barking complaints in Balranald and Euston while maintaining a high profile through liaising with the public and Council.



KERBSIDE PICKUP RETURNS!



KERBSIDE PICKUP IS FREE TO RESIDENTS OF BALRANALD & EUSTON TOWNSHIPS

**Pickup will commence on
Monday 22 September 2025 from 7.00am**

**Please place items out for pickup
NO EARLIER than the weekend of 20 & 21 September.**



WE WILL COLLECT LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS:

- FURNITURE
- WHITE GOODS
- LARGE DEAD TREE LIMBS
- ROOFING & FENCING MATERIALS
- ITEMS TOO BIG FOR YOUR BIN

THAT YOU CAN'T GET TO THE TIP



THINGS WE WON'T COLLECT:

- TYRES
- BATTERIES
- DANGEROUS GOODS
- SMALL PRUNINGS
- GRASS CLIPPINGS
- SMALL ITEMS WHICH WILL FIT
IN YOUR BIN



If you wish Council to remove large items from your yard, please contact Council on 03 5020 1300 to make a time for the item(s) to be inspected and access determined. A collection fee may need to be charged for some large items removed from within your property. Please ask at the time of inspection.

NORMAL TIP HOURS

BALRANALD

- Tuesday 4pm to 6pm
- Thursday 4pm to 6pm
- Saturday 10am to 1pm
- Sunday 10am to 3pm

EUSTON

- Tuesday 1pm to 6pm
- Thursday 1pm to 6pm
- Sunday 9am to 3pm

REMINDER

Don't over fill your bin.
The bin lid must be
FULLY CLOSED
for weekly collections.
Overfilled bins result in
littering and will not be
collected by the
contractor.



News from Bidgee Haven Hostel



*Happy Birthday
Patty!!*



Lisselotte and Noah were visiting family at Bidgee Haven, and while they were there, they stepped out to say a quick "Hello" to the chickens.



Rainy afternoons call for some dancing!!!!

Jenny took some time to teach Maria some of her dance moves during afternoon sing-a-long.



We had a lovely visit from Dawn's grandchildren introducing Macie Anne who is 2 weeks old

Dawn was very proud – we did a walk around of the communal lounge. Macie brought joy to all

The new fence is looking amazing..



Balranald's Library Hub



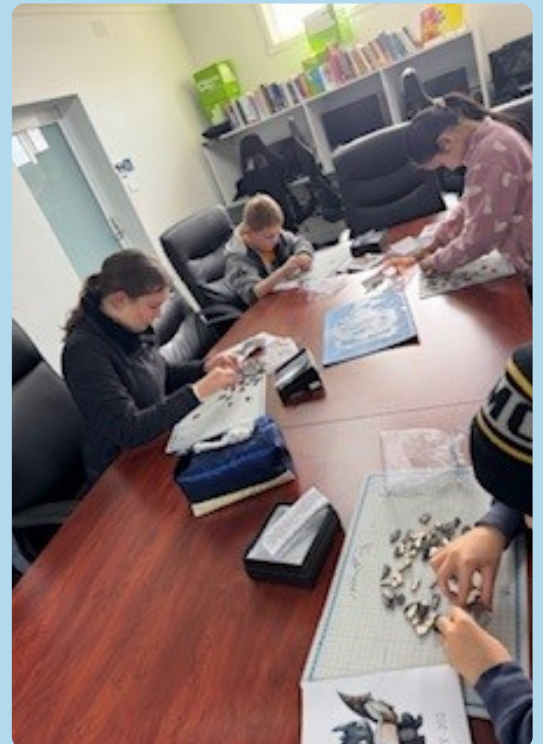
Cooking lessons



Dungeons & Dragons



July School Holiday Programs 2025



Puzzle Competition



Balranald Playgroups

Term 3 Activities

In the Jungle-y Jungle-y

23rd July Wednesday, 11am–1pm

Roar, stomp, and explore the wild with In the Jungle-y Jungle-y! Join us for an exciting jungle adventure full of stories, songs, and animal-themed fun.



Local agencies invite all families to a monthly kids' Storytime Adventure playgroup in Balranald.

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

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

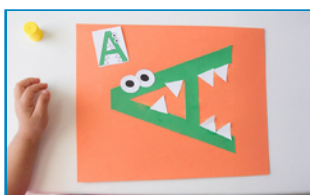
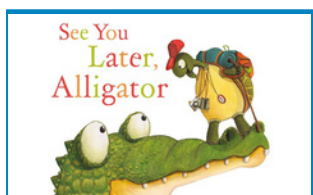
When: 11am–1pm

Where: 120 Market St, Balranald NSW

See You Later, Alligator

13th August Wednesday, 11am–1pm

Say hello (and goodbye!) with See You Later, Alligator! Enjoy a playful storytime packed with rhymes, music, and lots of laughter.



Teddy Needs a Wash

17th September Wednesday, 11am–1pm

Help get teddy squeaky clean in Teddy Needs a Wash! Share a giggly story, then join in with bubbles, songs, and teddy bear-themed activities.



More information

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What's happening in the Tourism space?



A YEAR IN REVIEW 2024 – 2025

Recently Council's Tourism & Economic Development Department submitted a report to Council highlighting key statistics and activities achieved/implemented throughout the 2024 – 2025 year. the following are a number of key highlights:

Visitor Statistics 2024–2025 Year

Area of focus	Result
Shire-wide Visitor Count (stats from Destination NSW June 2024–May 2025)	145,900
Shire-wide Visitor Spend (stats from Destination NSW June 2024–May 2025)	\$16,129,000.00
Visitor Walk-in at the Balranald Visitor Centre	11,868
Visitor Walk-in at the Interpretive Pavilion	13,865
Merchandise Sales at the Balranald Visitor Centre	\$62,399.65
Bookings & Enquiries at the Balranald Visitor Centre	8,855

What's happening in the Tourism space?



A YEAR IN REVIEW 2024 – 2025 (cont.)

Social Media Statistics – Promotional Posts 2024 Year

Area of focus	Results
Total People Reach The number of people who saw our posts at least once	2,030,821
Total Views & Impressions The number of times our posts were seen on screen	3,031,321
Total Number of People Engaging with our Posts Comments, Likes, Shares, Clicks	391,392

Discovery Centre Precinct & Discover Balranald & Surrounds Ratings as at 30th June 2025

WikiCamps (Balranald Discovery Centre Precinct)	Google (Balranald Discovery Centre Precinct)	Facebook (Discover Balranald & Surrounds)
4.9 Star rating	4.6 Star rating	92% Recommendation Rating 4.6 Star Rating
Trip Advisor (Balranald Discovery Centre Precinct)	4.6 Star rating #2 out of 9 things to do in the shire	

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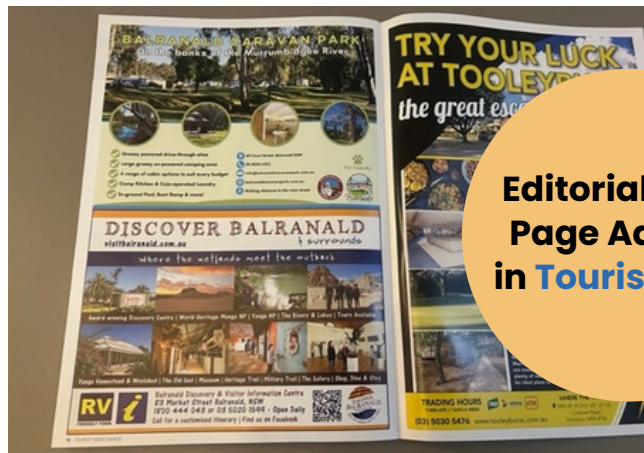


A YEAR IN REVIEW 2024 – 2025 (cont.)

Advertising – Publications



Editorials & Full Page Adverts in Caravanning Australia & Australian Traveller Magazines



Editorial & Full Page Adverts in Tourist News



BALRANALD ICPA BRANCH
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

Hatfield Happening

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY OF
FUN, FRIENDSHIP, AND
CONNECTION ON

AUGUST 15TH, 2025

10 AM- 2.30 PM

Stay tuned for more details
about the big day—it'll be worth
the wait!

A donation of food for morning tea or a slow
cooker for lunch would be greatly
appreciated

Monica Galt

**PUB FORSTER
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2025 POKER RUN

EUSTON • MANANGATANG • TOOLEYBUC • KYALITE • BALRANALD

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER
Registration at the Euston Royal Hotel 10am
Cost \$50 (Includes Entry, Stubby Holder & Sticker)
ALL ROAD REGISTERED BIKES & CARS WELCOME - NO COLOURS
ENTER AT OWN RISK!
RAFFLES AT EACH STOP - SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT TOOLEYBUC
LIVE BAND & MEALS AVAILABLE AT BALRANALD FOOTBALL SHEDS
LIMITED CAMPING AVAILABLE

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CONTACTS
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**BALRANALD
CUP**
"Cox Plate in the Bush"
25TH OCTOBER 2025

TICKETS \$25 ~ GATES OPEN @ 11AM
LIVE MUSIC ~ KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
ALL DAY CATERING
FASHIONS ON THE FIELD
TAB AND ON-SITE BOOKIES

*Get in quick to book
your Marquee
0437200475
or Facebook*

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



Gymkhana

afternoon events

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

**Catering all day Saturday
with full licenced Bar**

Breakfast available on the sunday

DJ ASH FROM PHONIX ENTERTAINEMENT 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

WELCOME BACK

40 Year Celebration

Saturday 18th October @ 11am

1985 -2025

CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Welcome back, Teaching Principal's, classmates and community!

It's time to relive the memories and make new ones as we gather
for this special 40 Year school celebration.

RSVP to clare-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au by 29.8.25

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