



OCTOBER
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

Tuesday to Friday

5.30 am - 7.30am
3.30pm - 6.30pm

Saturday and Sunday 11am - 6pm

CLOSED MONDAY

If weather 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

Clare Public School 40th Anniversary

On the 18th of October I attended the 40th anniversary of the Clare Public School 1985-2025.

It was a great turnout, well put together by Mel Scott Teaching Principal and all those involved.

The Clare Public School is a great success story, started as an idea, the land made available by wonderful people, its planning to construction and then becoming a reality.

It was a great day of celebration with many past and present students, teachers, principals, and parents.

Congratulations to all those wonderful people that made this school such a success story for isolated families, ICPA Balranald Branch, Governments and all those involved.

Isolated children deserve the opportunity for a great education just like their fellow students anywhere else in the country, there are no excuses for Governments, they should be moving heaven and earth to make this possible

Balranald Football Netball club's 2025 Debutante Ball

was held on the evening of the 18th of October.

What a great evening, congratulations to all those involved in making it such a fantastic evening.

Congratulations to the Debutante's and their partners, the dances were amazing, Las Vegas theme was a great idea, something different, really looking forward to next year's theme idea.

Services Expo and Civic Dinner.

On the 22nd October, I attended the Civic Dinner at the Services Club in Balranald, a fantastic evening of great food, great presentations, amazing Aboriginal Dancers (Imparja Dancers) & Didgeridoo Playing and the presence of wonderful people from our services, other council's, Balranald shire council staff, councillors, committee members, and community members.

From the Mayor's Office Continued

Congratulations to Rachael Williams and the SCAIWAC Committee, you all do an amazing job. Hodi Beauliv, Emma Moore and Kathleen Harris and all those involved in putting both the Civic Dinner and the Services Expo together.

The Service's Expo was held on 23 October 2025 - These Health Services are so important to our region, a great opportunity for community members to interact with the great people that provide these services, there is so much more we can do in our LGA, our Councillors and Council staff are dedicated in providing support and opportunity to better our services where we can.

Far West Councils Meeting

On 29 September 2025 I attended a meeting in Cobar of the Far West Councils with Minister Tara Moriarty. This was a great opportunity for a one on one meeting with the Minister to discuss many issues that we are facing in our region, Health Services was one of the topics, I also took this opportunity to thank her for the Sustainable Community Grant that we successfully applied for.

Shared Footpaths

After consultation and feedback with some of the community, I held a workshop with the Councillors on the concerns of the route of the proposed path. The concerns were closely looked at, we have decided to propose another route along the Sturt Highway to Endeavour Drive. Further information will be made available soon.

Interim Chief Executive Officer

Thank you to Peter Bascomb who stepped in as Interim Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) for a period of 10 months to help us while we recruited the permanent CEO.

Peter's last day with Council was Friday 24 October 2025.

Councillors and Staff wish Peter all the best with retirement and thank him very much for all his help and guidance during his time with us.

Salami Festival

The Great Murray River Salami Festival will be held this year on Saturday 8 November 2025. This is an event not to be missed, a celebration of flavour, culture, community and fun on the Murray.

There will be live entertainment, food and drink vendors along with market stalls and loads of **FREE** fun for kids, both young and old.

This is a Free Entry Event and will be held at Euston Club Resort Riverfront Reserve.

Australia Day

Australia Day nominations have opened, if you know someone that is deserving of an award to be presented on Australia Day, please nominate them.

The nomination forms can be found attached to the back of this newsletter, Councils website or email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au and they will email one to you.



On 21 October Council held its annual Staff Recognition Breakfast. This event celebrates the contributions of all staff members. The Norma Male Excellence award is given to a staff member who has demonstrated high commitment to their role with Council and this year the recipient was Connie Mallet. Connie works tirelessly to promote the Balranald Shire's tourist attractions, which brings visitors to our Shire every year. Below is just a snippet of the dedication Connie has displayed in her role.

"Connie worked with the Balranald Businesses in December 2024 to make sure the Market Day before Christmas was well supported by the Balranald community and visitors to our town."

"Connie, along with the support of her Tourism Team, worked behind the scenes to ensure that the 2025 Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Market was as successful as it has been in the past. Once again, the hunt and market were well supported by locals and visitors, thanks to Connie promoting the events very well."

"Connie works very well with Community Organisations and Shire Council Advisory Committees. both in Balranald and Euston and always promotes community events when they come up."

Congratulations Connie!!!



A familiar face around Council, Vince Scoleri was recognised for 30 years of service. Christine Butler was also recognised for 10 years of service at Bidgee Haven, unfortunately Christine was unable to attend the breakfast. Thank you Vince and Christine, you are very much appreciated!



Thank you!

McCabe Street Widening Update

Local contractor Potter Excavations working on behalf of Iluka Mineral Sands in consultation with Council continued with Road widening along the alignment of McCabe Street, the works are now complete in so much as having now moved into a maintenance phase.



September 2025 asphalt crews at work McCabe Street

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE!



New asphalt to 2 coat spray seal driving surface finish McCabe St

Biosecurity Officers located a **devil's rope cholla (Cylindropuntia Imbricata) cactus**, located just off Mungo Street. It is the hope it is a one off, perhaps the remnants of a discarded pot plant. This is quite nasty in the wild and can grow into a small tree!



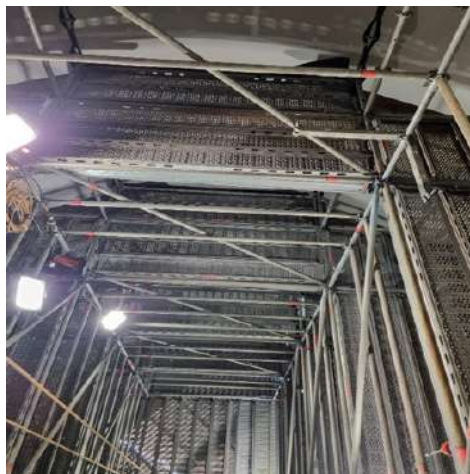
Devils Rope



Acacia

Operations have sent off a sample of what looks to be a type of acacia or relation of the NSW Herbarium yet to be identified. This plant is starting to get a little invasive in a couple of areas on the Oxley and Ivanhoe roads.

Potable Water Reservoir Remediation works have run into supply delays which has culminated in time delays. Council thanks residents for their patience while this important project is undertaken, however restricted water use will continue until the completion of the project by mid November. Potable Water Reservoir photos show the freshly coated inner surface wall.



Activities in our Planning Department

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 August 2025

Application	Applicant	Location	Description
DA 02/2026 (Approved)	Broden Connell	36 Maher Street, Euston	Shed
DA 07/2026 (Approved)	Homer Charalambous	Tol Tol Mooring Zone, Tol Tol	Single Vessel Mooring
CC 05/2026	Andrew Curphey for Ellen Tracey	23 Moa Street, Balranald	Garage Extension
CC 07/2026	Garraway Earthmoving Pty Ltd	2031 Burke Wills Road, Balranald	Shed
CC 08/2026	Murphy Builders for Maari Ma Health	95 Court Street, Balranald	Shed
S68 02/2026	John Standen	57 Weimby Kyalite Road, Kyalite	Onsite Sewage Management System



Are you under 25 & starting your career??

The **Country Education Foundation of Balranald** has opened its annual grants round **for all young people** living within the Balranald Shire area (including the towns of Euston, Balranald and beyond).

If you are transitioning from school (or a gap year or even a few years of working) into your career, are aged 16-25yrs and **need some financial support in meeting your career goals** then go to the Country Education Foundation Australia website: <https://cef.org.au/apply-for-a-grant/>, create a 'Student Registration' selecting **Balranald** as your local Foundation and complete an application form. For questions or concerns call / email Rachael Williams 0416 201 643 / rachael@locallogicplace.com.au

Applications must be completed online and received by COB **Friday 31st October 2025** (late applications will not be accepted) and interviews will be held by mid-November 2025.

Grants to our local young people are made possible with financial support from key local sponsors including Balranald Shire Council, Balranald Inc., Balranald ICPA, Balranald Ex-Services Memorial Club, WindLab and TransGrid's Community Partnerships Program.

Australia Day Nominations are OPEN

Balranald Shire Council is seeking nominations for the 2026 Australia Day Awards, recognising our community for their contributions during the year

The following categories will be recognised on 2026 Australia Day

- Citizen of the Year
- Sports Person of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Sporting Team of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Young Sports Person of the Year
- Environmental Citizen of the Year
- Special Achievement

Nomination forms are available from Councils website www.balranald.nsw.gov.au, or Council Offices, or by emailing council@balranald.nsw.gov.au to request a form to be emailed to you.

Nominations MUST be submitted by Friday 28 November 2025.

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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.

PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT

Council is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced PCA to work in its 15 bed Retirement Hostel 'Bidgee Haven'.

This position will be responsible for providing all residents with adequate daily care and ensuring that their reasonable physical, emotional and spiritual needs are met.

Some Key Accountabilities are:

1. Provide quality care to residents including showering, dressing, grooming and toileting.
2. Maintain the dietary and hydration requirements of residents.
3. Participate in housekeeping, cooking, ordering, laundry, cleaning within Bidgee Haven Hostel.
4. Administration of medication (according to scope of practice and adherence to the medication policy and procedures of Bidgee Haven Hostel).

This permanent part-time position is critical to ensure residents of the Hostel receive the highest level of care and attention.

Applicants must reside in Australia and be eligible to work

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

Applications close: Friday 7th November 2025 at 5pm and should be addressed to the Interim Chief Executive Officer, via email to recruitment@balranald.nsw.gov.au

Peter Bascomb
Interim Chief Executive Officer

News from Bidgee Haven Hostel



The team at Bidgee Haven Hostel recently welcomed a wonderful new addition - our brand new residence bus, just in time for the warmer weather!

And to celebrate Mayor Zaffina came to visit for the inaugural drive around town with the residents and staff.

This modern vehicle is equipped with an electric wheelchair ramp and step-assist features, making it easier than ever for all residents to participate in a wide range of community activities.

A heartfelt thank you to Swan Hill Toyota for your prompt delivery and outstanding service - we truly appreciate your support!



Diwali Festival of Lights.
Amazing food, company
and
dancing.

Thank you to the
community for celebrating
with our residents.



Balranald's Library Hub

The time has come for a face lift!

Please feel free to drop a line and let us know which is your favorite design !



All suggestions welcome and will be considered.



HIRING SOON! BECOME AN ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER BALRANALD FIRE STATION

Balranald Fire Station is recruiting soon! If you are over the age of 18 and live and work within a reasonable distance to the Fire Station **join the team prepared for anything!**

What is an On-Call Firefighter?

On-Call Firefighters (OCFF) provide a high standard of emergency response to fires, accidents, rescues, and other incidents - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. While an OCFF is not rostered on full-time, they must declare their availability a week in advance, making it possible to balance primary jobs and family commitments.

An OCFF responds to variety of emergencies i.e. building fires, grass and bushfires, flood emergencies, assist ambulance, car accidents and animal rescue.

When an incident occurs, they receive an alert via a pager and mobile to go straight to the station to respond. The 2024/2025 response rates at Balranald Fire Station were:

- Calls: 47
- Calls during business hours Mon-Fri: 22%, approx. 10 calls per year in these hours
- Average call duration: 1 hour and 37 minutes

Benefits to becoming an OCFF

- Part time job – receive a fortnightly retainer and paid an hourly rate when responding to incidents, training, drills and community events.
- Leave entitlements - accrue annual leave, sick leave and long service leave
- Extensive training in:
 - emergency life support
 - develop teamwork, leadership and critical thinking skills
 - opportunity to upgrade licence to MR
 - contribute to the local community through fire safety awareness and promoting fire prevention

Benefits to Business

- Staff are trained in emergency, risk and safety management, emergency life support first aid, dealing with hazardous materials
- Confident staff who have excellent teamwork and communication skills
- Daytime availability is a must to respond all hours of the day. We do understand this might be an inconvenience to the employer, however it is not an everyday occurrence

How to become an On-Call Firefighter?

- An OCFF will attend 8 days of face-to-face training
- Complete 36 hours of online learning modules
- Commit to attending a drill night once a fortnight to keep their skills current
- Provide at least 24hrs per week availability to attend incidents and fire calls

How to become an OCFF

- you can call into the station and speak with the crew
- or go to our FRNSW careers page: careers.fire.nsw.gov.au/on-call to register your interest and we will give you a call when recruitment opens
- Or scan the QR code for more information



Free **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE- EUSTON**

**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: 17TH & 18TH NOVEMBER 2025

RSVP-10TH NOVEMBER

EUSTON REC RESERVE- EUSTON 9AM- 4 PM BOTH DAYS

OPEN TO ALL BALRANALD SHIRE RESIDENTS

DELIVERY- COURSE DELIVERED BY A QUALIFIED MHFA TRAINER



Register your interest to
projectofficer@balranald.nsw.gov.au
or -<https://forms.office.com/r/kJsjq7TS22>
scan the QR code to register

Free Standard Mental Health First
Aid Course



***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***

An advisory committee to the Balranald Shire Council

Funded by the NSW Office of Responsible Gambling



We're coming to your community



**We're bringing NSW Government services to:
Euston on Tuesday 4th November
9:30am – 3pm**

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more.

Call **13 77 88** or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

Find us at:

Euston Club
10 Nixon Street



grow yourself expand your potential
november workshops online



5 **NDIS series: what's changed?***
wednesday 5 november, 6pm - 7pm
NDIS legislation has changed. Let's talk about it.

6 **NDIS series: what's can i buy?***
thursday 6 november, 6pm - 7pm
Do you ever wonder, 'Can I use my NDIS funding for...?'

20 **employability edge**
thursday 20 november, 5.30pm - 8pm
Self-advocate for inclusive employment opportunities.

27 **post traumatic growth (PTG)**
thursday 27 november, 2pm - 3.30pm
Discover the possibility of acceptance & growth after significant trauma!

28 **connect & flourish**
friday 28 november, 10am - 12:30pm
Designed for parents of children with disabilities. Learn self-care tools to integrate easily into your daily life.



*You can attend either workshop on its own or attend both

for more information and to register now:

www.pdcnsw.org.au/workshops or call **1800 688 831**

Workshops and events are free for people with disability and their carers or unpaid informal supports.

We are proudly delivering projects for the Peer Support and Capacity Building (PSCB) grant for the NDIS



The Great MURRAY RIVER SALAMI FESTIVAL NSW
Euston

**A celebration of flavour,
culture, community and
fun on the Murray!**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
8TH 2025**

**EUSTON CLUB RESORT
RIVERFRONT RESERVE**

2-28 Nixon Street, Euston NSW 2737

10AM TO 4PM

www.murrayriversalamifestival.com.au

info@murrayriversalamifestival.com.au

Murray River Salami Festival

Live Entertainment
Food & Drink Vendors
Market Stalls
Loads of FREE fun for the kids
18+ Alcohol Vendors
Salami Making Demonstration
"Best Salami" Competition
Judging & Awards



St Joseph's FETE

Get ready for a magical night of festive fun for the whole family!

Santa Visit & Photo Opportunity
 Market Stalls **Rides For All Ages** **Face Painting**
 BBQ **Wood Fire Pizza** **Hot Cinnamon Donuts**
 Spinning Wheel **Christmas Stocking Raffle**

Saturday, 15 November 2025 5:00pm - 9:00pm **106 Church St., Balranald NSW 2715**

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<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsprimaryschoolpandf>

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Australia Day

IN BALRANALD SHIRE



AWARD CATEGORY	CRITERIA
Citizen of the Year Award	• Significant contribution to the community • An inspirational role model for the Australian community • Information about the impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area
Young Citizen of the Year Award (Under 30 years)	(Under 30 years of age on 26 January 2026) • Significant contribution to the community • An inspirational role model for the Australian community • Information about the impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area
Environment Citizen of the Year	(Individuals or groups) • Has made a positive impact on our local environment through innovation or volunteer work to improve our waterways, our flora or fauna and our natural surrounds • Innovative use of the Return and Earn scheme to fundraise for a meaningful cause • Fostering partnerships that achieve litter reduction and recycling outcomes
Community Event of the Year	To be eligible the person/group must have staged an outstanding community event during the calendar year of 2025.
Special Achievement Award (Any field)	Outstanding achievement and leadership in the local community. Special recognition to an individual, a committee or group who have demonstrated notable or substantial singular to multiple achievements or contribution's
Sportsperson of the Year Award	Outstanding achievement in one or more sporting field/s. Demonstrated commitment, application, dedication and involvement in sporting activities that promote recreation, health and wellbeing of the community. (To be eligible, the person must be 30 years or older on 26th January 2026.)
Young Sportsperson of the Year Award	Outstanding achievement in one or more sporting field/s. A person who is 30 years of age or under (as at 25 January 2026) who has actively supported the sporting community in a voluntary capacity, achieved outstanding results in their sporting field or assisted in promoting sport in their local area
Sporting Team of the Year Award	Outstanding team achievement in one or more sporting field/s. Demonstrated commitment, application, dedication and involvement in sporting activities that promote recreation, health and wellbeing of the community.

Conditions of entry

- All Nominees must be Australian Citizens and **residents** of Balranald Shire
- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Multiple nominations have no bearing on the outcome
- An individual or group need only one nomination to be considered
- Nominations must be made on this form.
- The nomination must be signed by the person making the nomination.
- Nomination forms must be received **by 5.00pm Friday 28 November 2025**
- The nominee achievements must be in a volunteer capacity.
- State, Federal or current standing Councillors are ineligible to receive an Australia Day Award.

How nominations will be judged

The judging panel will make their decisions based on the criteria for each award and the information provided with the nominations forms. The panel reserves the right to consider any nomination for any award category.

The panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into about their decision.

How to complete a nomination

- Obtain an official nomination form from Balranald Shire Council office or download from Councils Website.
- Legibly print/type your nomination.
- Keep information concise and relevant to meet the conditions of entry.
- Provide supporting information. This should describe the nominee's outstanding service and include examples that best show their achievement and contribution.

Activities undertaken by the person / organisation you are nominating for an Award:

Please provide details of how the nominee has made a significant contribution to the community during 2025, including positions held/activities undertaken, and a statement in your own words about why you think the person should be recognised. As a guide you should cover the following:

- In what role or area has the nominee excelled?
- How has the nominee demonstrated service worthy of recognition?
- How has the nominee's contribution impacted on a particular locality, group or the community at large?
- What makes this person stand out from others?

Award Presentation

- All nominees and nominators will receive an invitation to the Award Ceremony.
- The Administrator and Australia Day Ambassador will present the Awards at the ceremony.
- Award recipients will receive a certificate.

Please forward this form and any other information to:

The General Manager
Balranald Shire Council
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715
Ph: 03 5020 1300 Fax 03 5020 1620

CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025



AUSTRALIA DAY
IN BALRANALD SHIRE



Nominee (Please Print)

Name:

Date of Birth (if 25 years or under):

Address:

Phone Contacts:

Email:

AWARD CATEGORY

For the following category: (please tick one only)

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Citizen of the Year | ☐ Young Citizen of the Year |
| ☐ Community Event of the Year | ☐ Environmental Citizen of the Year |
| ☐ Special Achievement Award | ☐ Sportsperson of the Year |
| ☐ Young Sportsperson of the Year | ☐ Sporting Team of the Year |

Nominator (Please Print)

Name:

Address:

Phone Contacts:

Email:

Organisation: (if applicable)

Signature: Date:

Please supply the names and contact details of 2 referees who can verify the achievements of the candidate:

Mobile(s)

Mobile(s)

Please print or attach typed biography addressing the nominee's relevant contributions (use additional pages if needed).

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