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Rubbish Tip Hours

BALRANALD

1st October - 31st March
Tuesday 5.00 - 7.00pm
Thursday 5.00 - 7.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday 10.00am - 3.00pm

1st April - 30th September
Tuesday 4.00 - 6.00pm
Thursday 4.00 - 6.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday 10.00am - 3.00pm

EUSTON

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm
Thursday 1.00pm - 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Tip Tokens $10.00 are available from
Councils office,
Visitor Information Centre,
Caltex, Market Street,
Café Cassaro
Euston Post Office & Takeaway

Fees start from $10 per one axle trailer or utility

Council Website
www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

Find us on Facebook

Coming Events

	Hospital Bus Dates
6 May	Swan Hill
20 May	Mildura
3 Jun	Swan Hill
17 Jun	Mildura
	Bus-A-Bout has begun. Contact Beck at the Hospital on 03 5071 9800
24 Apr to 13 Jun	Balranald Community Arts & Crafts Inc. Decade of Independence exhibition. Official opening & talk by photographer, David Eastburn on Sunday 26 April at 2.00pm.
10 May	Robinvale Country Market from 8.30am Caix Square. Phone Rosalie to book or more information 5026 3095.
27 May	**SAVE THE DATE** - Balranald Interagency Group Services Expo @ Greenham Park. See advert.
28 May	Hatfield happening for Ladies. Hatfield Hall - see advert inside.
7 May	Country music is coming to Balranald! Amber-Joy Poulton & the Holy Men will be showing at the Balranald Football Club. **Dinner & show** @ 7pm for $25 **Show only** @ 8pm for $15 Book now - Footy Club 0409 783 075
What's on	**At Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club**
Mondays	Members Seniors Lunch
Fri / Sun	Buffets - Friday night & Sunday lunch
Mon / Sat	$10 lunch specials
Tue / Thu	Bingo Tuesday 7pm, Thursday 2pm
Wednesday	Social Bowls - 10am and 6pm
Thursdays	Club Mega Member Badge Draw
Thursdays	Smorgasbord member meal deals
Fridays	Night Raffle & members draw (Permit # LTPS/14/02429)
Saturdays	Free Poker from 7pm
16 May	Entertainment - Barry Bishop Solo artist
June	Entertainment - Rock around the world
July	Silver City Country Duo

Also available at the Club- *Full TAB facilities, *Keno, *Coffee shop, *Pre-paid phone credit, *City Link passes *Fishing licenses, *Pre-paid Broadband vouchers, *Seniors Kiosk - connect with friends & family. And an area within the main bar for under 18's, who must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian.

What's on at Euston Club Resort
Euston Club is in the process of some exciting changes to their entertainment schedule. Please call into the Club to find out what's happening.

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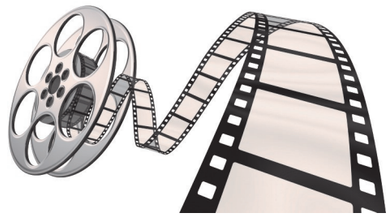
If you are aware of errors, please notify Cherie Murphy as soon as possible at cmurphy@balranald.nsw.gov.au or call 03 5020 1300.

Movies @ the Theatre Royal



Following the success of hosting movies at the Theatre Royal over the Easter break and School holidays, Council will look at hosting more of these events during the next round of school holidays.

Keep on the lookout for posters up the street, on Councils Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/pages/Balranald-Shire-Council/243430401403?fref=ts and the events calendar located on Councils website at http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/events/

COMMUNITY GENERAL INTEREST

Sing Australia Meets every Monday evening at the Presbyterian Church @ 7.30pm - all welcome

Men's Shed Tues & Thurs 8am Heritage Park

Take Off Weight Naturally Club at Multipurpose Centre Mondays 6pm Call Heather 03 5020 1478

Optometrist *(from Deniliquin)* last Wednesday of the month, appointments @ Balranald Chemist

Balranald Wool Centre meet 3rd Friday of month, 11am till 3pm @ The Gallery. New members are most welcome to come and join in

Balranald CWA fourth Thursday of each month @ 5pm Contact Carla Steel (Secretary) 0497 114 957

Balranald Community Arts & Crafts 3rd Monday of month, 2pm @ The Gallery and the Painting Group meets each Monday at 10am

Balranald Hospital Auxiliary every 2nd Monday of the Month @ 2:30pm at Adult Day Care Centre

CanAssist Balranald Branch *(& Bookshop)* Every 2nd Mon of Month @ 4pm at 92A Market Street Karen 0404 842 037 or Kirstyn 0448 158 709

Robinvale & District Aeromodellers Club Each Sunday 9am Wewak Rd Robinvale

Narelle's Driving Ph 0402 782 597 email narellet08@y7mail.com

Balranald Harvest Christian Centre each Sunday at the CWA rooms in Market Street from 10.30am

Balranald History Group 2nd Tuesday of the month in Theatre Royal Ticketing office Market Street from 5pm

Can Assist Secondhand Book Shop Open Monday to Saturday from 10am and each Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm (subject to volunteer availability)

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Balranald Shire Council NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S OPEN

Balranald Museum
Open Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10am to 12 noon

Balranald Library
Monday & Friday 2pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 9am - 5.30pm

Adult Day Care
Monday 10am - 2pm
Thursday 10am - 2pm
At the Day Centre at the Hospital
Phone Hospital 5071 9800

Seniors Club
Meets every Friday 2pm
Senior Citizens Hall
Phone Shirley 5020 1890

Hospital Auxiliary
Meets 2nd Monday of the month 2.30pm at the Adult Day Care Centre Phone Dawn 5020 1311

Health Advisory Council (HAC)
4th Monday of each month at 7:00pm Contact 5071 9800

Little Bunyips Playgroup
Every Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 1pm - River Street
Contact Bridgette 0427 240 688

Balranald Child & Family Health Immunisation Clinic
2nd Monday of the month
9.30am - 11.30am
Contact Hospital 5071 9800
Clinic closed if Medical officer is un-available

RMS Opening Hours

Balranald
9.30am to 4pm
Tuesday to Friday
Closed for lunch 1pm - 1.45pm

Euston
2nd & 4th **Thursday of month**
11.30am to 3pm
Closed for lunch 12.15pm - 1pm
Call Centre 132 213

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8.30AM TO 5.00PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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FAX: 03 5020 1620
AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES
0418 322 902

Balranald Celebrates Easter

Great crowd & great FUN!

The Discovery centre came alive on Easter Saturday evening. The complex, lit up with lanterns and music being played by local talent Daniel Barrett turned the **Twilight Market** into an ideal atmosphere.

Twenty local stall holders provided a variety of goods ranging from handmade crafts, locally grown and made produce, through to delicious Indian food. Visitors to Balranald were delighted with the market, as well as Easter vouchers offering great deals by our local business operators and praised Balranald for the event.

Easter Sunday saw the Centre sparkling with tinsel after the Easter Bunny trekked around and hid lots of chocolate eggs for the **Easter egg hunt**!

The precinct came alive with the laughter of children (and adults!) hunting for Easter eggs.

The ChalkArt Easter competition was very popular with children producing fabulous creative work on the Skate park slab.

The success of this years *Easter in Balranald Fair* lends merit to be a permanent fixture on our annual calendar of events.

Pictured top left : Easter Saturday's Twilight Market
Pictured left: Fun and frivolity with the Chalk Art competition

NYW NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

IT STARTS WITH US 10–19 April 2015

in Balranald Shire

National Youth Week (NYW) is the largest celebration of young people in Australia.

Young people aged from 12 to 25 from across Australia are involved in a Youth Week event each year and this year NYW was held from 10th to 19th April.

This years theme *It starts with us* included the new 2015 hands design (pictured above). The hands signify different cultures and backgrounds of young Australians coming together and demonstrating their willingness to work together.

Balranald Shire Council held a Youth Day on Tuesday 14 April at the Balranald Discovery Centre complex. Included in the activities for the day was Laser Tag, a rock climbing wall big slide and a BBQ lunch cooked by members of Balranald Motor Cross.

Council wishes to thank the following businesses for their group effort in making the Balranald Shire Youth Day a success; Balranald Shire Council staff, Balranald Motor Cross, Laser Force Mildura, Rock on Rockclimbing, Bec's Jumping Castle Hire, Stuart Carmichael Jordan Griffiths & Nathan Morton for manning the BBQ.

Pictured above : fun and frivolity from Balranald Shire Councils Youth Week event

AMP's tomorrow fund

AMP's Tomorrow Fund is once again offering $1 million in grants to amazing Australians doing great things.

Now in its second year, this unique grants program is open to individuals of all ages, walks of life and abilities. In 2014, AMP's Tomorrow Fund awarded grants to 47 AMP Tomorrow Makers, including artists, athletes, inventors, social innovators, writers, dancers and disability advocates. There are no pigeonholes, no limits to potential!

What they have in common is a determination to contribute to the community – be it through creating something special or doing something inspiring.

AMP is now seeking more talented Australians who are working hard on a project or passion but just need a financial boost to take it to the next level. Grants of between $10,000 to $100,000 can cover a range of activities, including training, travel and equipment costs, living expenses, rent and research.

Apply by 14 May 2015 online at ampstomorrow-fund.com.au

New Scales for Bidgee Haven

Bidgee Haven have been fortunate to purchase a set of wheelchair scales using funds raised from raffles and the Easter fair.

The scales, costing $4,100 will allow residents confined to or using a wheelchair to be assessed as per health protocols.

Bidgee haven wishes to thank the community for their continued support

From the

Mayor's Office

Mayor
Leigh Byron

I would like to thank Gen McConnell and Pam Martin for their dedication to Council and Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel. Pam has worked for Bidgee Haven for seven years. Gen, who has been working for the past ten years will continue to work at Bidgee Haven as a Carer on a casual basis.

Council wishes Pam and Gen all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Clare School on their 30th Anniversary. Cr's Trevor Jolliffe, Elaine Campbell and Steve O'Halloran, along with staff Aaron Drenovski, Elizabeth White and I attended their celebrations.

The formalities were followed by a delicious luncheon - well done to the organisers and caterers on such a successful event.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic with another successful weekend of competition fishing. This competition is a stand out each year and the committee should be proud of their efforts.

Balranald Councillors along with Swan Hill Rural City Council held a joint meeting on 14 April to discuss cross border-issues. Included in the agenda was a tour of the Discovery Centre Complex and a walk across the swing bridge in Court Street.

The evening concluded with a lovely meal catered by the Discovery Cafe.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council
- Tuesday 19 May 2015 -

Winning Baker to compete at Royal Melbourne Show

In October last year Sterling Matarazzo entered his famous boiled fruit cake in the Swan Hill Show and won first place in the 18's and under section.

In March this year, Sterling progressed to compete at the *Northern District Agricultural society Associations of Victoria* Regional Finals and once again achieved first place.

Sterling has now been invited to compete at the Royal Melbourne Show in September.

Congratulations Sterling and we all wish you the best of luck at the Royal Melbourne Show.

Seasonal influenza vaccination 2015

The National Seasonal Influenza Immunisation Program for 2015 (FLU VAX) will commence on or around 20 April 2015.

Gaye Renfrey, Balranald Primary Health nurse would like to inform residents that Balranald Health are planning on holding up to four clinics in Balranald from mid April to administer the vaccinations. **Notices and information sheets will be distributed around town for your information.**

Free influenza vaccine - are you eligible?

Under the National Influenza Vaccination Program, a free seasonal influenza vaccine is available to all people aged 65 years and over and those with chronic diseases.

Please contact the Hospital during business hours on 03 5071 9800 for further

Hatfield Happening High Tea for Ladies is on again

Hatfield Hall, Thursday 28th May
9.30am *FREE ENTRY*

Proudly Hosted by Balranald Isolated Children's Parents Association

Relax....Listen...Laugh... Local Stalls...Massages...and Much More!

The Royal Flying Doctor Service are proud to present special guest speaker

Dr Rosie King

PLUS

- Donna-Lee Wynen, Massage Therapist, Reiki and Energy-Balancing practitioner
- Jo Beven, Breast Care Nurse (McGrath Foundation)
- Jacqueline Noble, Women's & Child Health Nurse
- A member from RFDS Mental Health Team and local speaker

Alix Mcfarland - "Nourish on the Plains"

MORNING TEA, LUNCH, AFTERNOON TEA
CHILD CARE *Broken Hill Outback Mobile Resources*
BUS FROM BALRANALD

All made possible by Mallee Sustainable Farming

Bus & Child Care Bookings: Claire Butler 0350206871

Fishing Classic Success

The Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic, held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March was booked out to capacity with 200 anglers in 100 boats. A great weekend was had by all and with perfect weather, you couldn't ask for more!

This event, a *"catch and release competition"* went off without a hitch and plenty of fish were biting. 84 Yella Belly were caught measuring a total of 34.49 metres; the longest being 53cm's. Total Carp caught weighed in at 680kgs, and the longest was 73cms.

Winners for the weekend were Maurice Knight from Bendigo who won the boat. The major raffle of the camper trailer was won by Jeremy Jolliffe.

The biggest bag of native went to Lincoln Old and Brad Cross, landing approximately 15 Yellas. No Cod were caught, so this prize money was divided up between the five competitors who pocketed $100 each. Jeremy Jolliffe and Gavin Helgeland won $700 for the heaviest bag of Carp, weighing in at 44.47Kg's.

The Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out over the weekend, including the Anglers and Lions Clubs. Also, a huge thank you to all sponsors – without the assistance from these fabulous people and businesses this event would not occur.

***Pictured above**: competitors moving along the River*
***Pictured above left**: Mayor Leigh Byron with Brian Shirley, President of the Anglers Club with boat winner Maurice Knight.*
***Pictured left:** Mayor Leigh Byron with Jeremy Jolliffe, winner of the camper trailer*

Balranald Police Update

Narelle Tucker, Sergeant

Sergeant Tucker would like to remind residents to keep their houses and cars locked and secure at all times.

If you see or hear anything suspicious at any time of the day or night please contact the Balranald Police.

Dog owners need to ensure their dogs are kept secure in their property and once off your property, should be on a lead and controlled by someone capable of restraining the animal.

Council has advised that if your dog is impounded, fees to recover your pet are:

1st infringement	$35.00
2nd infringement within 12 months	$60.00
Sustenance (per day) up to	$12.00

You are also reminded that dogs must be microchipped and registered at 6 months of age.

Kyalite Park Upgrades

Council staff have been busy at the Kyalite War Memorial site undertaking improvement works in readiness for the upcoming ANZAC Day dawn service.

An irrigation system has been installed with the generous assistance of Andrew Bowring of Kyalite Pistachios and Kyalite Hotel proprietors, Ken and Vicki Barnes.

Turf has been laid around the area of the monument gun and flagpole.

***Pictured above:** Council staff admiring their handiwork after completion of the improvement works at Kyalite Park*

Balranald Visitor Information Centre

Cnr Market and River Streets

Open Daily
10.00am to 4.00pm

Phone 03 5020 1599

CountryLink tickets and fishing licences can be purchased from the Visitor Information Centre

Domestic Firewood Permits at Yanga National Park

In accordance with the NSW Government response to the Riverina Community Firewood & Home Heating Taskforce report & recommendations, permits for domestic firewood collection on Yanga National Park are available from 1st April until 30th September 2015.

The available firewood consists of redgum milled timber offcuts (sleeperbacks). Permits cost $25/tonne or $12.50/tonne for pensioner concession with a limit of 6 tonne per household per year.

Permits are only available to residents of Balranald and Wakool Shires.

For more information or permit applications please visit the Yanga Park Office, Homestead Precinct, Sturt Highway Balranald or call 03 5020 1764.