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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



Coming Events

Hospital Bus Dates	
11 Mar	Swan Hill
25 Mar	Mildura
28 Feb	Euston Grand Prix Triathlon. For more info go to www.comeallatriclub.com
7 & 8 Mar	Euston/Robinvale Ski Race.
16 Mar	Balranald Community Arts & Crafts Inc. Annual General Meeting. 2pm at The Gallery, 51 Mayall St Phone 5020 0200
22 Mar	Balranald Boat License Course 10.30am Balranald Ex-Services Club Phone 0409 594 939 for information and bookings

Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club What's on at the 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
15 Mar	St Pats. Bowls day
19 Apr	Diggers day two Bowl Triples. Contact Sue on 0427 203 407 for more info.
May	Entertainment - Barry Bishop Solo artist

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
There is now 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	
22 Feb	Win a Car promotion (ends 5 April 2015)
	International Buffet 6pm - 8.30pm
Euston Club Resort Entertainment	
27 Feb	Blair Bildstein
28 Feb	Rob Syme
6 Mar	Ron Herbert
7 Mar	Chris Street
13 Mar	Rob Syme
14 Mar	David Routledge
20 Mar	Heartbeat Duo
21 Mar	Kiera Smith
27 Mar	Viktor Brank
28 Mar	Blair Bildstein
28 Feb to 1 March	Euston Club Resort Annual Grand Prix Triathlon. More info call 5026 4244
18, 20, 25 & 27 Mar	Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Easter Raffles

14 Mar Robinvale Country Market from 9am Caix Square. Phone Rosalie 5026 3095

Narelles Driving school closed for appointments until April 2015

St Vinnies needs YOU

Balranald branch of St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) is in need of volunteers.

Shifts are only three (3) hours or six (6) hours in duration and are from 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm.

If you can spare a few hours per month, please see Betty Blake or Betty Jones, ring Vinnies on 03 5020 1241 or call in to the Centre at 91B Market Street (next door to Elders) and leave your details.

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 @ 4pm 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

PLEASE NOTE: Narelle's Driving School will be CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 2015 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

Aqua Fitness Tuesday & Thursday from 6.30pm at the Balranald Pool. \$2.00 entry fee

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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.

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Balranald Shire Council NEWSLETTER

Balranald Shire celebrates Australia Day

Residents from the Balranald Shire communities gathered at the local Australia Day celebrations and award presentations held across the Shire.

With ideal weather conditions Greenham Park was a hive of activity as over 100 people joined in the breakfast celebrations.

As the Australia Day celebrations continued, Councillor Trevor Jolliffe was called upon to raise the flag, whilst the Mayor and Ambassador lead the community in singing the National Anthem.

Australia Day Ambassador Peter Hadfield captivated the audience with his passion for Australia and his good humour. He spoke of his time captaining both the Australian and Oceania Track and Field teams and representing Australia at two Olympic Games and two Commonwealth Games.

Following the Balranald presentations, Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Campbell, Cr Jolliffe and the General Manager attended an Australia Day morning tea hosted by the residents and staff of Bidgee Haven Hostel.

At 12.30pm over 110 residents and visitors gathered at the Euston Multi-purpose Centre for the Euston Australia Day Award Presentation and lunch.



Our newest Australian Citizens, Antonio Zappia and Ahohopo Kei



Mayor Leigh Byron and Ambassador Peter Hadfield presenting Citizen of the Year award to Martha

To commence the official part of the celebrations at Euston, Councillor Trevor Jolliffe raised the Australian flag whilst the crowd sang our National Anthem.

This year Australia Day celebrations in Euston incorporated an Australian Citizenship ceremony with two Euston residents; Mrs Ahohopo Kei and Mr Antonio Zappia becoming Australian Citizens.

A highlight of Australia Day is the award presentations. This year five awards for Special Achievement in sport were presented. Recipients of this award were Zachary Jolliffe from Balranald, and Grace Makalio-Harris, Ricardo Liparotta, Anthony Costa and Raffaele Bulzomi from Euston.

Nicholas Hodgson from Balranald received the award for Young Sportsperson of the Year. Nicholas was unable to attend the ceremony as he was in Sydney competing in swimming events. Mrs Natalie Lay, Principal of St Joseph's School accepted the award on Nicholas' behalf.

The Community Event of the Year award was presented to the Balranald Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic for their efforts each year with the Classic.

The dedication and commitment to the community by Euston resident Mrs Martha Leslie was publicly recognised, when Martha was named the Balranald Shire Council Citizen of the Year.

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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OFFICE HOURS
8.30AM TO 5.00PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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FAX: 03 5020 1620

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES
0418 322 902

www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

Euston Robinvale Ski Race 2015

Council wish to advise the residents of Euston Township that the Robinvale / Euston Ski Race will be held on 7th and 8th of March 2015.

Time trials and some events will be held on Saturday the 7th and a full day of major event racing on Sunday 8th.

Residents along the river please note that boats will emit a higher than normal noise level whilst racing over this two day event.

Euston Club Resort Grand Prix Triathlon 2015

Saturday 28th February
2.5km swim

Sunday 1st March

700m swim, 8km ride, 2km run, 8km ride, 2km run

For more information or to register go to
www.comeallatriclub.com

Balranald Ex-Services Bowling Club DIGGERS DAY Two Bowl Triples

Any combination
Sunday 19 April - 9am start
Cost \$25 per player includes morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea
\$1,000 in prize money

Sponsored by Country Care

For enquiries contact
Sue 0427 203 407



From the Mayor's Office

Mayor
Leigh Byron

On 30 January, I attended a meeting with the Robinvale Football Club to discuss the merging of Robinvale and Euston Football Clubs. After lengthy discussions, the decision was made to merge with a 94% vote agreeing to the merge.

You will all be aware that the school year has begun - please be mindful of the speed zones in school areas; we need to keep our children safe.

On 2nd February I attended a meeting with Glenn Stewart regarding Robinvale / Euston Advancing Country Towns Initiative, a four-year Victorian Government initiative that brings together a number of government and non-government agencies to address the economic development, education and integrated services in the region. It was very informative.

This year celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Euston Club Resort Grand Prix Triathlon. The event will be held on Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March. Good luck to all contestants.

The General Manager and I had a very proactive meeting with Jeff Caldbeck, CEO of the Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW - Central West Inc area on 12 February.

The Balranald Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic is on again from Saturday 28th to Sunday 29th March. This is always a great weekend to be involved in. Here's hoping all keen anglers catch a winner!

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council
- Tuesday 17 March 2015 -

Australia Day Parade Calling for Expressions of Interest

The (Balranald community) Australia Day Parade committee are calling for expressions of interest for new committee members to assistance with an **Australia Day Parade in 2016**.

Members of the community have expressed interest in having another parade after the success of the last one held, and assistance is needed to get this up and running.

If you are interested in joining the committee or assisting the committee with the parade, contact Hutch Lawrie on 0429 200 135.



It would be terrific to have the opportunity to host this event, however your help is needed to accomplish this.

Influences on farmer suicide in Queensland and New South Wales

There is increasing concern about the number of suicide deaths in Australian farmers.

It has been estimated that, over the period 1997-2002, this occupational group had a suicide rate between 24.8 and 52.4 per 100,000. These rates were between 1.5- and 2.2-times higher than suicide rates among the general population of Australia during that same time period.

However, although there is a great deal of speculation about influences on farmer suicide, past research has not investigated the factors explaining the higher burden of suicide in Australian farmers.

The Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention (AISRAP) is currently conducting a research project which aims to explore risk and protective factors related to suicide in farming communities. The study is being conducted in partnership with the University of Newcastle, the Australasian Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, and the Queensland Mental Health Commission.

Participation involves taking part in a one-on-one interview (over the phone). The researchers understand this might be difficult for farmers and their families, and insist that privacy will be protected at all times during the study, and participation is completely voluntary.

For further information or queries regarding the project, please phone 07 3735 1144 or email l.kunde@griffith.edu.au

Expression of Interest - Balranald Landfill Attendant

Balranald Shire Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from persons willing to undertake Attendant duties at the Balranald Landfill Site. Duties include attending the site during official opening times, collection of tokens and supervision of customers.

Proposals submitted must be in accordance with the Expression of Interest document which can be obtained by emailing council@balranald.nsw.gov.au or at Councils office.

Submissions must be received no later than 5pm Wednesday 1st April 2015, and are to be labelled **"Expression of Interest - Landfill Attendant"**, placed in a sealed envelope and lodged in Councils Tender Box at 70 Market Street, Balranald or posted to PO Box 120, Balranald NSW 2715.

Inquiries to Ray Mitchell on 5020 1300 or email rmitchell@balranald.nsw.gov.au



Balranald Police Update

Narelle Tucker, Sergeant

It is an offence to consume alcohol while driving. Even if you just have a sip of a passenger's alcoholic drink you have committed an offence. The penalty for this offence is a \$311 fine and the loss of 3 demerit points.

If you are caught exceeding the speed limit by more than 45 km/h police can now remove and seize your number plates for a period of 3 months. This is in conjunction with a fine exceeding \$2250 and a mandatory suspension of your licence for 6 months. You will also incur a loss of 6 demerit points.

If anyone has any information in relation to drug supply in the Balranald / Euston townships please contact Balranald or Euston Police Stations. There are so many stories on the news and in social media relating to the use of "ice" and we would like to keep it out of our towns. Every piece of information can help and assist the Police, and all contact made by members of the community will be treated strictly confidential.

SCHOOL ZONES - The Traffic Laws and associated legislation in respect to school zones are in place for the safety of our community's children. You must pay extra attention when driving within school zones on school days, especially during designated school times being 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm.

The speed limit in school zones is 40km/h. If you are caught speeding more than 10km/h over the limit in the school zone you will receive a \$327 fine and 4 demerit points. If you are less than 10km/h over the limit you will receive a \$182 and 2 demerit points.

Calling on new Committee members

Balranald Shire Council is now calling for expressions of interest for new members of the following Committees of Council:

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| * Balranald Retirement Hostel Committee | * Balranald Beautification Committee |
| * Balranald Shire Community Safety Precinct Committee | * Balranald Shire Cultural Committee |
| * Euston Beautification & Tourism Development Committee | * Balranald Tourism Committee |

You do not need any particular qualifications to be on the Committee – the most important qualification is your interest and engagement.

For further information of the committee functions or to register your interest, please Contact Carol Holmes cholmes@balranald.nsw.gov.au or phone the Council office on 03 5020 1300 during business hours.

Please register your interest by 20th March 2015.

Celebrate Seniors Week 2015

Balranald Shire Councils Senior's Week event will be held in March 2015.

If you are a senior (60 years and over), and have not previously been part of these celebrations and would like to be involved, please contact Cherie Murphy at Council's office 70 Market Street Balranald, telephone 03 5020 1300 or email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au to have your details registered.

Invitations for this year's Senior's Week luncheon will be mailed out in early March.

FACES OF THE SOUTH WEST COMES TO TOWN

Large scale portraits of local people were recently pasted on walls around towns throughout South West NSW. From August to December 2014, Residents and visitors in Balranald would have seen photos of Roy Mann on his motorbike and toddler Kade Coates.

Following the success of the Faces of the South West NSW 'paste up' project, the 'Faces of the South West Photography Exhibition' is currently in Balranald.

The exhibition will run until 28th February at The Gallery. If you haven't had a chance, pop in and see it - time is running out.

This unique South West Arts public art project profiles local identities visually as well as telling the stories of locals - old and new alike. Everyone has a story to tell; a number of them are quite remarkable and are often unknown even to their local community.

Please contact the Gallery for more information on 03 5020 0200.



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

Do you host a Community Event

Council is continually updating the events calendar on Councils website.

If you hold an event, either weekly, monthly, annually or at other times of the year and wish to advertise in the events calendar on Councils website, please contact Cherie at Council on 5020 1300 with your event details.

Swimming Pool Hours

Pool Opening Hours are:
3:30 – 6:30 Mon-Fri
11:30 – 6:30 Sat-Sun

Please note: the pool will not open if the temperature is less than 26° although will stay open later on hot days

Entrance Fees:

All Users \$2.00

Season Tickets

Single \$80.00

Family \$130.00