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Balranald Shire Council NEWSLETTER

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Rubbish Tip Hours

BALRANALD
Tuesday 5.00 - 7.00pm
Thursday 5.00 - 7.00pm
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

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Coming Events

	CareWest Community Transport for non-urgent door to door transport. Call Connie Rasmussen on 03 5071 9819 or 0400 123 940
26 Mar	**Market Day** 9am in Market Street **Twilight Market** - 6pm to 9pm at the Discovery Centre
27 Mar	**Easter Egg Hunt** 10am - 1pm at the Discovery Centre
What's on	**At Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club** **The Club is now open from 10am**
Mondays	Members Seniors Lunch
Sun - Wed	Happy hour 5-6pm
Mon - Sun	$10 lunch 12-2pm
Mon - Sun	Dinner 6 - 9pm
Tue &Thu	Bingo Tuesday 7pm, Thursday 2pm
Wednesday	Social Bowls - 10am and 6pm
Thursdays	Riverina Super draw 7-9pm $200 Members Cash Bonus
Fridays	Night Raffle/members draw from 6.30pm
Saturdays	Free Poker from 7pm
25 Mar	Good Friday Appeal from 12 noon
	facebook.com/clubbalranald

Also available at the Club-
* Member drink prices must show membership card *Full TAB facilities, *Keno, *Coffee shop, *Pre-paid phone credit, *City Link passes *Fishing licenses, *Pre-paid Broadband vouchers, *Seniors Kiosk & internet access, *Free WiFi, *Online game passes, & more via XPOS program, Outdoor seating & smoking area & area within the main bar for under 18's, ** must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian

	What's on at Euston Club Resort
7 Days/week	Bistro on Nixon Lunch 12 - 2pm & Dinner 6 - 8.30pm
Mon/Thurs	Free Bingo Mon 10.15am Thurs 6.45pm
Tues / Sun	Free Poker Tues 6.30pm Sun 6pm
Wednesday	Raffle night & members draw from 6pm
Thursdays	Membership cash draw 6 - 8pm Riverina Super draw 7 - 9pm
Thurs/Sun	Social Bowls - from 12.45am
Fridays	Membership cash draw 6 - 8pm
Fri & Sat	Free Live Entertainment from 7.30pm MEGA Raffle last Wednesday of month **PROMOTION!!** Win a Boat! Drawn 1st April 2016 at 7pm. **facebook.com/eustonclubresort**
9 Apr	Robinvale Country Market from 8.30am Caix Square. Phone Rosalie to book or for more information 5026 3095.
25 Apr	**Anzac Day in Balranald Shire** **Kyalite** dawn Service - assemble at the Kyalite Pub prior to dawn. **Euston -** March commences at 8.30am from Nixon Street (front of Euston Club). **Balranald** - March commences at 10.30am front of BDESM Club.
6 May	**SAVE THE DATE!!** Balranald Cultural Committee VARIETY CONCERT—more details to follow

COMMUNITY GENERAL INTEREST

Sing Australia Meets every Friday from 1.30pm at the Presbyterian Church - 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

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

Narelle's Driving School Ph 0402 782 597

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

Balranald History Group 4th Tuesday of month in Theatre Royal Ticketing office Market St. from 5pm

CanAssist Balranald Branch meet 2nd Monday of month at @ 92A Market St. The secondhand book shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10am & each Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm (if volunteers are available) contact Karen 0404 842 037 or Kirstyn 0448 158 709

Vision Australia - contact Yann, Mildura 5023 9500

Sureway Employment & Training Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am–5pm Call Michael 03 40284900

Balranald Presbyterian Church - Monday Ladies KYB 7.30pm @ Hall, Last Tuesday of month PWA @ Hall, Thursday Mens KYB 7.30pm @ the Manse, Friday Ladies KYB 10am @ the Manse, Sunday Worship service 10am (last Sunday of Month Hospital service at 2.30pm)

Balranald Rescue Squad meet 3rd Thursday of each month - 8pm at Rescue Squad headquarters.

Friends of the Southern Cross Market Day
last Sunday of each month - Woodsys corner 8.30am

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MARKET DAY ON EASTER SUNDAY

F.O.S.C Raffle to raise finds towards restoration of the Southern Cross plane -
drawn 22 May $2.00 per ticket
1st prize - Burl Coffee Table
2nd prize - Gazebo
3rd Prize - Sapphire

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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.

WHAT'S OPEN

Balranald Museum
Access via Visitor Centre 7 days/week

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

Baby & Child Clinic
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri - Balranald
Tue - Euston

Balranald Immunisation Clinic
Every 2nd Wednesday
9.30am - 11.00am
Call 0427699485 for appointments
Clinic located at Hospital - 5071 9800

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

Service NSW 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 13 77 88

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OFFICE HOURS
8.30AM TO 5.00PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

PH: 03 5020 1300
FAX: 03 5020 1620
AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES
0418 322 902

BES: The Best of Two Worlds

Over 400 people attended the iconic Yanga Homestead on 5th March 2016 to celebrate the life of Mr Besley "Bes" Murray through the official launch of his biography ***Bes: The Best of Two Worlds.***

The biography is about the life of Besley 'Bes' Murray, an Aboriginal man brought up on a reserve at Balranald who became overseer of the largest freehold property in the southern hemisphere - Yanga Station. Bes has been described as the link and common thread between the past, the present and the future of European and Indigenous Australia.

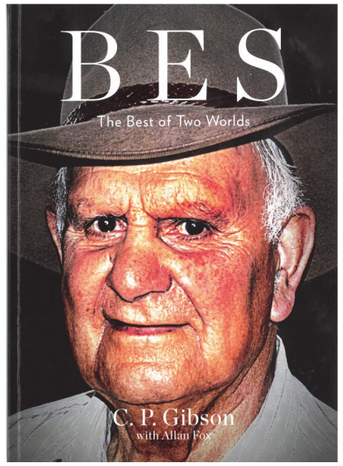
The story, written in his words and illustrated with many photos captures the rich memories from his extraordinary life, and is a record of his years growing up on *The Island* reserve. It also details his time as a boxer, a jockey, a buckjump rider with the famous Thorpe McConville Wild Australia Show, a respected Elder of the Mildura Koori Court, an Australia Day Ambassador, and Australia Day Council Living Legend.

Balranald Inc. Chairperson, Helen Murphy would also like to acknowledge Mr Steve Blore, Mrs Mia Zaffina and Balranald Inc. Indigenous sub committee, Mon Carmichael and the staff at Yanga, who were all instrumental in getting Bes' biography published.

Copies of Bes' biography are available for sale for $29.95 at:

- The Balranald Discovery Centre, 83 Market St.
- The Balranald Newsagent, 103 Market St.
- The Gallery, 51 Mayall St.
- Cafe Cassaro, 109 Market St.
- Joe's Gents Hairdressers, at 239 Campbell St. Swan Hill

The book can also be posted and book plus postage is $43.35 - contact Helen Murphy **after 5.00pm** on 0438 201 474.



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Garbage Collection over Easter

Balranald Businesses and Euston Residents who receive **Friday garbage collection** are advised the contractor will collect bins on **Thursday 24th March (instead of Good Friday)**

Balranald Residents who receive Monday garbage collection are advised the contractor will collect bins on **Tuesday 29th March (instead of Easter Monday)**

PLEASE LEAVE ALL BINS OUT THE DAY PRIOR TO COLLECTION

Please don't over fill your bin!

Residents, please note! As previously advised, waste must be confined to allow the bin lid to fully close at the kerbside pickup. Overfilled bins result in littering and will not be collected by the contractor.

Your help is appreciated. Thank you.

From the Mayor's Office

Mayor
Leigh Byron

I wish to congratulate Mr Bes Murray on the publication of his biography - what a fantastic turn up to the official launch of his book. It's a pleasure to read about his remarkable life.

The General Manager, Cr O'Halloran and I went to Lightning Ridge recently to attend the 2016 Western Division Councils conference. While at the conference, I was elected President of the Western Division, while Cr O'Halloran also joined the Board. It was a very good conference with positive outcomes.

It looks like its going to be a full weekend of events over the Easter break, starting with the Good Friday appeal at the Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club, tours of Mungo National Park with Outback Geo Adventures, the Market Day in the main Street and Twilight Market at the Discovery Centre, and finishing off with an Easter Egg hunt and fun for the kids on Easter Sunday….. Phew!

Good luck to all anglers at the Murrumbidgee Fishing Classic held on Sunday 20th March.

Happy Easter from all of us at Council.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council
- Tuesday 19 April 2016 -

Anzac Day Services & Road Closures in Balranald Shire

Council wishes to advise residents & visitors **Market Street will be CLOSED to traffic** from the corner of We & Market Streets **through to Anzac Park**, corner of Court & McCabe Streets from 10.30am to 11.30am on **Monday, 25 April 2016**

Anzac Day Services across Balranald Shire

Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club - 11am
Euston Club Resort - 8.30am
Kyalite - meet at Pub prior to Dawn for Service

Council emergency contact 0418 322 902

The Returned Services Balranald Sub-Branch invites you to attend the

Anzac Day Luncheon

At Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club
On 25 April 2016 **From** 1.00pm
Cost $25 / head
RSVP & PAYMENT 15 April to the Club - 03 5020 1205

Workplace Support Skills

Providing employees with essential support skills for work and everyday life

Do you come in to contact with distressed persons within your workplace? Would you like to be able to deal more effectively with stressed clients and difficult conversations? Would you like to know more about how and where help is available for mental health concerns? This short course covers:

- Stress - impacts and coping techniques
- effective communication skills
- delivering unwelcome information
- how to deal with an angry or distressed person
- signs that a person may be struggling with their mental health
- seeking and providing help
- available mental health services
- how to look after your mental wellbeing

On: 27 April **from** 10am -1 pm or 6pm - 9pm

At: Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council 200 Church St

RSVP: 5pm Friday 22 August to Marie Kelly,
Mobile: 0429674307
Email: marie.kelly1@health.nsw.gov.au

Supported by the Balranald Interagency Group & Balranald Shire Council

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Easter in Balranald

Friday 25 March

- **Good Friday Appeal,** from 12.00noon at the Ex-Servicemen's Club, 116 Market Street. Includes raffles, spinning wheel and special children's spins.
- **Sunset Tour** of Mungo National Park with Outback Geo Adventures - 2.30pm to 10.30pm. Contact German for bookings on 0407 267 087

Saturday 26 March

- **Balranald Market Day -** Starting at 9am in the main street - shop till you drop!
- **Twilight Market** at the Discovery Centre, 83 Market Street - 6pm to 9pm. Great stalls of local produce and locally made goods.
- **Sunset Tour** of Mungo National Park with Outback Geo Adventures - 2.30pm to 10.30pm. Contact German for bookings on 0407 267 087

Sunday 27 March

- **Easter Egg Hunt** at the Discovery Centre, 83 Market Street - 10am to 1.00pm. Includes big slide, jumping castle, laser tag, rock climbing wall and lots more.

For more information, contact the Visitor Information Centre on 03 5020 1599

TAKE ADVANTAGE of the fabulous EASTER VOUCHERS from our local operators!

What's happening at Bidgee Haven Hostel

There is so much going on at Bidgee Haven Hostel. The residents are really enjoying the new activities program. Lunch at the club, and reintroduction of Happy Hour (which was attended and enjoyed by all the residents), were recent additions to the program. All the residents also attended a trip out to Paika for morning tea recently, and talked about how much they enjoyed it for days after.

Family and friends are welcome at Happy Hour too, on Fridays from 5:30 - 6:30pm

Can you volunteer some time?

The hostel is looking for volunteers to assist in different areas, such as Gardening, Reading, playing music or just come to have a chat and talk about old times or taking the residents on the occasional shopping trip - some of the residents love going to Swan Hill occasionally to shop. The Hostel would like to reintroduce a gardening program for the residents so if you are a keen gardener who has an hour or two to spare each week and would like to share your knowledge and expertise, please get in touch .

Recently the residents had a visit from some St. Josephs school children who read to the residents - they all enjoyed it immensely, especially the children with the (still warm) home-baked biscuits on the way out.

There is a couple of spare rooms at the Hostel, so if you know of anyone who may need to come into care soon let them know – and bring them in to visit Ariana at the Hostel.

Mosaic Workshop

@ the Gallery
with Sandi Peeters
Saturday 16th April 2016
10am – 4pm
For all bookings call 03 5020 0200
Email thegallery5@bigpond.com

COMPETITION MOTOCROSS

BALRANALD MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Round 1 -
Sunday 3rd April
Balranald Motocross Track
Riders sign-on 8am
Action starts 9am
Spectators Welcome
Full Kiosk Facilities Operating

Easter school holiday activities at Yanga National Park

Yanga National Park will be hosting a range of discovery activities and tours over the Easter long weekend and throughout the school holidays. Bring your family and friends for a tour of the magnificent Yanga Homestead. Take a guided walk on the shores of Yanga Lake, or for the more adventurous, join the Discovery Ranger on a 4WD tag-along tour of the river-red gum wetlands. Come and discover the rich history and natural beauty right on Balranald's doorstep.

For information on discovery activity dates, times and ticket prices visit - www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au, or call the Yanga office on 03 5020 1764

CareWest Community Transport

Connie Rasmussen is the new CareWest Community Transport coordinator for the Balranald community and she provides NON URGENT door to door transport to eligible residents within the Balranald Shire. Transport services to appointments both in and out of town can include Doctors, Dentists, Rehabilitation, Pathologists, X-Rays, Specialists, Hearing and Eye Clinics, as well as other medical and non medical appointments.

You are eligible if you live within the Balranald area and are frail, older, disabled, a carer, as well as being transport disadvantaged. The levels of funding are not sufficient to meet the full operating costs for transport services, therefore, a small fee is requested from clients for the use of this service.

You need to book as early as possible - please phone 03 5071 9819 and speak to Connie so that assessments and bookings can be made.

This door to door service uses volunteer drivers. If you think that you might like to join the band of wonderful volunteers, please contact Connie on 03 5071 9819 and ask how to become one.

Country Feet --Podiatry--

Now at Balranald Medical Centre

- ⇒ Diabetes assessments & education
- ⇒ Skin and nail care
- ⇒ Corns and callus
- ⇒ Ingrown toenails
- ⇒ Foot, heel, ankle and knee pain
- ⇒ Dry needling
- ⇒ Orthotic therapy

Bulk billing is available with a GP Enhanced Primary (EPC) referral from your doctor and private patients are welcome. To book an appointment, phone the Medical Centre on 5020 1055

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

Council Office Closures over Easter

The Balranald Shire Council Office will be closed from ***5pm Thursday 24th March*** and will re-open at ***8.30am on Tuesday 29th March .***

To report emergencies call 0418 322 902

Service NSW (formerly RTA) will be closed from ***4pm Thursday 24th March*** and will re-open at ***9.30am on Tuesday 29th March 2016.***

Please call Service NSW with any enquiries on 13 77 88