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Rubbish Tip Hours

BALRANALD 1st August to 30th April

Tuesday 5.00 - 7.00pm
Thursday 5.00 - 7.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday 10.00am - 3.00pm

EUSTON Effective 1st April 2011

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

Tip Tokens are available from

Councils office,
Visitor Information Centre and
CC's Diner and Takeaway
(Caltex, Market Street).

Council Website
www.balranald.nsw.gov.au



Coming Events

Hospital Bus Dates	
4 Dec	Swan Hill
11 Dec	Swan Hill
18 Dec	Mildura
Contact - Hospital on 03 5071 9800	
30 Nov	Balranald Aboriginal Health Service Inc. AGM @ 115a Market St from 1.00pm.
6 Dec	Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Street Stall @ BDESM Club Auditorium from 10am
10 Dec	Balranald Central School Presentation night commenting from 7.00pm
12 Dec	St Joseph's School Presentation night commenting from 7.00pm
12 Dec	Balranald Central School Junior/Senior Primary Choir performing Christmas Carols in front of Turps from 1.40pm.
17 Dec	Euston Robinvale Historical Society Inc. Meeting 10am @ The Court House
22 Dec	Balranald Community Carols 6.00pm
Euston Club Resort Entertainment Playing in the Club lounge from 7.30pm	
29 Nov	James Herbete
30 Nov	Chris Street
6 Dec	David Routledge
7 Dec	Ron Herbete
13 Dec	Lyndsie Ferguson Duo
14 Dec	Brad May
20 Dec	Viktor Brank
21 Dec	The Hoffmans
27 Dec	Keira Smith
28 Dec	David Routledge
6 / 13 Dec	Major Christmas Raffles 40 Hams & 20 Turkeys - both raffles! New Years Eve Entertainment The Poachers, Rock n Roll Band
Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club What's on at the Club Seniors Lunch (Members) - Mondays Buffet every Friday night & Sunday lunch Bingo - Tuesday at 7.30pm Bingo - Thursdays at 2pm Every Thursday - Club Mega Member Badge Draw Friday Night Raffle & members draw Poker - Saturday from 6.30pm Commencing in December: Thursday Smorgasbord meal deals Back to the 60's & 70's band - main bar Louie's disco in the main bar Now available at the Club- Pre-paid phone credit City Link passes Fishing licenses Pre-paid Broadband vouchers Positions Currently Available Casual bar staff and trainee office staff. Call at the club and speak to Wayne Whitby or phone on 03 5020 1205	
6 Dec	Back to the 60's & 70's band - main bar
19 Dec	Louie's disco in the main bar

Bridge jumping prohibited



Council has noted that some people have been jumping from the Swing Bridge into the Murrumbidgee River.

Council would like to advise that this activity is extremely dangerous as the water depth can be very shallow and can contain a number of underwater hazards. This activity is illegal and is hazardous to your health.

COMMUNITY GENERAL INTEREST

Sing Australia Meets every Monday evening at the Presbyterian Church @ 7.30pm - all welcome
Men's Shed Tues & Thurs 10am Heritage Park
Take Off Weight Naturally Club at Multipurpose Centre (Hospital) Mondays 6.00pm Contact Kathy 0407 304 922

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 Meet fourth Thursday in each month @ 2pm Contact June Spinks (Secretary) 5020 1774

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 School Ph 0402 782 597
email narellet08@y7mail.com

web www.keys2drive.com.au

BALRANALD BUCKS

Shop Locally Promotion

3rd \$500 Balranald Bucks

2nd \$1,000 Balranald Bucks

1st \$2,000 Balranald Bucks

Commences: 20/11/2013
Ends: 23/12/2013 @ 12.30pm
Market Street, Balranald

Conditions and Rules of Entry

- * ONE entry barrel will be permanently at Sair's Sport & Surf
- * Participating business will issue a stamped entry coupon when you spend \$20 or more in one transaction from 20th November 2013
- * Place coupon in the barrel provided before 12.30pm on 23rd December 2013
- * Drawn Monday December 23rd, 2013 in front of the Senior Citizens Centre at 7pm
- * Plus 2 weekly draws of \$100 Balranald Bucks - drawn each Friday

A Balranald Retailers Association Promotion

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Balranald Shire Council NEWSLETTER

Swing Bridge success

Well known Balranald identity, Mr Ron Coates has nothing but praise for the construction of the new swing bridge spanning the Murrumbidgee River from Court Street, and its walking trail.

Mr Coates suffers with back problems which contribute to issues with him walking long distances. However, to aid in his recovery, walking is a main part of his rehabilitation.

Since the opening of the swing bridge, Mr Coates takes every opportunity to walk over the bridge and along the walking track on the other side of the river.

The soft, gentle movement of the bridge aids Mr Coates' walking development, and he said that "the walking track on the other side of the river has frequent rest areas - one thing I need to help my exercise routine, as I tire easily".

Mr Coates has had several operations on his back, and is currently in the process of undergoing another procedure to assist in maintaining his health and movement.

"I can't wait for the rest of the walking track to be finished so I can explore these new parts of the river", it is a beautiful part of our landscape. Mr Coates said.

Council has applied for funding to assist with development of the second stage of the nature trail,



Ron Coates pictured standing at the Court Street entrance to the swing bridge

and if successful construction is expected to begin in mid 2014.

Council extend best wishes to Mr Coates and hope to see him back walking the bridge and walking trail in the near future.



Nominations Open

Balranald Shire Council is seeking nominations from the community for the Australia Day Awards. Council is seeking nominations in the following categories;

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year
- Special Achievement (this may be in sport or any field of endeavour)

Nominations must be in writing on the official nomination form and submitted to the Acting General Manager Balranald Shire Council 70 Market Street Balranald or PO Box 120 Balranald NSW 2715. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Council Office or the Euston Post Office. **Nominations should be received no later than 5pm on Friday 20th December 2013.**

Christmas Office Closure

Balranald Council Office will close from
4pm Tuesday 24th December 2013
and will re-open at
8.30am Thursday 2nd January 2014
Report emergencies to 0418 322 902

Roads and Maritime Service Office will close from
3pm Tuesday 24th December 2013
and will re-open at
9.30am Thursday 2nd January 2014.
Call 132 213 with enquiries

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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BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
70 MARKET STREET
(PO BOX 120)
BALRANALD NSW 2715

OFFICE HOURS
8.30AM TO 5.00PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

PH: 03 5020 1300
FAX: 03 5020 1620

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES
0418 322 902

Do you need help
with your Licence?

Are you looking at getting your
Plates?



Do you have your
Plates



and need help with driving?

Or are you looking to gain your
Plates?



Birrang is back in town and can
help you with all your
licencing needs

For more information contact
Birrang on
SMS: 0417 300 409 or
Phone: 02 6391 9511



Swimming Pool Hours

The Balranald Swimming Pool
has opened for the season

Pool Opening Hours
3:30pm – 6:30pm Mon-Fri
11:30am – 6:30pm 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 \$128.00



From the Mayor's Office

Mayor
Cr Steve O'Halloran

Firstly, I wish to extend congratulations to Mr Clive Burke on becoming an Australian Citizen at a Citizenship Ceremony held on November 18.

Congratulations must go to Mr Adrian Gorman and Mr David Eastburn for their commitment to Stage 1 of the Heritage Trail project. I would also like to thank Mrs Marianne O'Halloran from Balranald Inc. for her work throughout the project, and in particular working collaboratively with Council in deciding, I believe, the best location to commence the trail. It was truly an honour to meet Captain Bede Tongs MM and hear his intriguing story from the last 94 years, before he opened the trail.

Despite the weather, a large crowd gathered at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day to be a part of the service remembering those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for us. It was pleasing to see both Balranald Central and St. Josephs Schools in attendance.

An Anti-Poverty Week Awareness event was held at the front of the Senior Citizens Centre on 16 October 2013. Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor.

On Saturday November 2, another very successful race day was held at Greenham Park. I congratulate the Balranald Racing Club, all the volunteers, Committee Members and assistants on their hard work, which most definitely paid off. Once again, it was very pleasing to see a full bus load from Euston and surrounds attending again and enjoying themselves.

The Euston Half Marathon was held on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November. With 4 different entry courses throughout this event (21km Half-Marathon, 10km, 4km and 1.5km runs) there was a course to suit everyone. Congratulations to all competitors and winners on the day.

Cr Elaine Campbell, Director of Infrastructure and Development, John Stevenson and recently I attended the 2013 National Local Roads and Transport Congress, "Sustaining our Roads" in Alice Springs. I thank Council for allowing Cr Campbell, John and I to attend this very informative conference.

Council has commenced the recruitment for a new General Manager. Applications for the position close on 4 December 2013. Council has contracted recruitment specialists - McArthur Management Services to coordinate the process and Council will meet on December 17 to shortlist candidates for interview in January 2104.

**Next Ordinary Meeting of Council
- Tuesday 17 December 2013 -**



Deputy Mayor
Cr Lynda Cooke

Balranald Ex-Services Bowling Club Champions

Over the last few weeks the Balranald Ex-Services Bowling Club has been conducting their club championships.

A fantastic event to watch, and played over two Sundays was the men's singles. It was great to see a majority of our men participating this year.

There were many close tussles between the men, with the overall Singles Championship winner being one of the younger players; Zachary Jolliffe. Zachary surpassed his challengers of Neville Pomroy 25 – 24, Peter Golding 25 -24, Geoff Harper 26 – 19 and final competitor John Manning. John held the lead with 10 -19, however Zachary pegged the score back, winning 26 shots to 24 shots. Well Done Zachary - It looks like a star is in the making as his game continues to improve.

The Men's Pairs was also closely contested. The overall winners were John Brown and Clive Burke defeating Jim Jewell and Geoff Harper by 2 shots. Congratulations to John and Clive.

The closely contested Ladies Pairs Championship was won by Wendy Murphy and Beverley Purtill paired against Heather Mitchell and Josie McGill, 12 shots to 10 shots. Congratulations to Wendy and Beverley.

Balranald Community Transport



is a Home and Community Care (HACC) funded service. We provide non urgent door to door transport for eligible residents within the Balranald Shire.

Transport services include trips to doctors, dentists, rehabilitation, pathologists, x-rays, specialists, hearing and eye clinics and other out of town medical appointments. We also provide transport for social outings and shopping.

Who is Eligible?

Frail, the elderly and disabled people and their carers - HACC funding is focused on older folk and people who have a disability, but that by itself is not the total picture. If you have difficulty with everyday tasks, and you don't get around OK - then you may be eligible.

Who do I contact?

To find out if you are eligible and for more detailed information or to request a handbook, phone Nella at the Balranald Health Service 5071 9800

Kateena gains new wheels

Kateena Boulton, daughter of Shane and Jedda of Balranald recently received a new motorised wheelchair.

This new chair, dubbed an "all terrain" has undergone some modifications and will give Kateena more mobility than ever before with access to previously inaccessible areas such as the river bend or unpaved footpaths.

Kateena received the chair after funding and assistance from Magic Mobility - maker of the wheelchair, the Balranald Lions Club who assisted with the modifications to suit Kateena, and Nelsons Transport who transported the wheelchair to Melbourne and back for the necessary changes.

Kateena, who turned 21 on November 15 is yet to test her all terrain wheelchair on all facets of the landscape, but can't wait to give it a go.

Jedda and Shane, together with Kateena, wish to sincerely thank the Balranald Lions Club and Nelsons Transport for their generous support.



Pictured above with Kateena and her new wheels - Jim Davs, Eddy Jones and Greg Camin from the Lions Club. Photo courtesy of Jedda Kelly

General Manager

- Rewarding career
- Appealing rural lifestyle

Council seeks to appoint a general manager who is capable of leading a motivated multi-disciplined workforce to achieve maximum benefit for the community and to deliver on the strategic direction of council.

Balranald is home to over 2,400 residents and offers an idyllic rural lifestyle. Strategically located on the Sturt Highway between Sydney and Adelaide, Balranald Shire covers an area of approximately 21,400 square kilometres, and incorporates the main towns of Balranald (on the Murrumbidgee River) and Euston (on the Murray River).

You will have demonstrated modern management practices which foster innovation, accountability, opportunism, as well as having a broad understanding of the future challenges for local government.

Applications including a full CV should be lodged no later than **4th December 2013** via the McArthur website. A detailed position description and candidate information pack can be obtained by visiting www.mcarthur.com.au and quoting **job reference number 27167** in the "Job Search" area, or call **Susanne Lyall** or **Gary Withyman** on **(02) 9277 7000**.

McArthur



Exciting New Business Opportunity

Balranald Visitor Information and Interpretive Centre Cafe

Balranald Shire Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) to lease the café/restaurant within the new Balranald Visitor Information and Interpretive Centre complex due for completion in early 2014.

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 are to be labelled "**Expression of Interest - Café**", 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.

EOIs must be received no later than **5pm Monday, December 9, 2013**.

Inquiries to:
Director of Economic and Community Development
Robyn Ryan on 5020 1300 or email
rryan@balranald.nsw.gov.au

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

The NSW Variety Bash is back!

The NSW Variety Bash event is
on again in August 2014 and will
be coming through Balranald.

If you are interested in hosting
ralliers for a night, please
contact Cherie at Council by
phoning 5020 1300 or email
cmurphy@balranald.nsw.gov.au to
register your interest in home
hosting.

