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# Balranald Shire Council NEWSLETTER

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**Balranald Central School are now taking KINDERGARTEN enrolments for 2018**

For transition program visiting dates, Please contact Principal, Aaron Flagg on 03 5020 2222

Please note - these orientation days are separate from the ones organised by the Balranald Learning Centre.

Council Website
www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

Find us on Facebook

## Up-Coming Events

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| 26 Aug | The Gums off-road motorcycle event. |
| 27 Aug | Friends of the Southern Cross Market Day - 8am at Woodsy's corner |
| 9 Sep | Robinvale Country Market. Caix Square 8.30am. Contact Rosalie 0438363095 |
| 16-17 Sep | Basket weaving Workshop, The Gallery. Contact 5020 0200 |
| 10 Oct | Hatfield Happening. More info to follow. |
| 12-14 Oct | Red Bull "Branched Out" event |
| 12-15 Oct | 5 Rivers Outback festival |
| 12-29 Oct | Bal-Archies exhibition. Entries open 11 Sept. For more information, contact 5020 0200 |

**What's on at Balranald Club**

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| Mondays | Members Seniors Lunch |
| Sun - Wed | Happy hour 5-6pm |
| Mon - Fri | $10 lunch 12-2pm |
| Mon - Sun | Dinner 6 - 9pm |
| Tue &Thu | Bingo Tuesday 7pm, Thursday 2pm |
| Fridays | Smorgasbord, raffle / members draw from 6.30pm |
| Saturdays | Free Poker from 6.30pm |
| 9 Sep | Rock around the clock. Tickets @ Bar |

**Why not call into the Balranald Club to check out the new bistro menu specials**

**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, *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**

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| 7 Days/week | Station46 Bistro open daily - Breakfast Mon-Thurs 7am-9.30am & Fri-Sun 7am-10am Lunch 12 - 2pm Dinner 6-8.30pm. Café open all day |
| Mon/Thurs | Free Bingo Mon 10.15am Thurs 7pm |
| Tues / Sun | Poker Tues from 6.30pm Sun from 6pm |
| Wednesday | Raffle night & members draw from 6pm Members cash draw from 7pm |
| Thursdays | Riverina Super draw 7 - 9pm |
| Thu/ Fri | Members cash draw from 6pm-8pm |
| Thu/Sun | Social Bowls. Registration 12.45am - call John Bond on 50264244 |
| Fri & Sat | Free Live Entertainment from 7.30pm MEGA Raffle last Wednesday of month |

**facebook.com/eustonclubresort**

**FREE live entertainment** Friday & Sat from 7.30pm and Sunday from 1.30pm to 5pm

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## COMMUNITY GENERAL INTEREST

***Adult Day Care*** Monday 10am-2pm, Thursday 10am-2pm at the Hospital. Contact 5071 9800

***Seniors Club*** every Friday 2pm Senior Citizens Hall

***Hospital Auxiliary*** 2nd Monday of month 2.30pm, Adult Day Care Centre. Contact Dawn 50201311

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

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

***Balranald Immunisation Clinic*** every 2nd Wed 9.30-11.00am at the Hospital. Contact 0427 699 485 to book

***Little Bunyips Playgroup*** each Thursday 10am to 1pm - River Street. Contact Dee 0429 201 460

***Sing Australia*** Friday 1.30pm at the Presbyterian Church

***Men's Shed*** Tues & Thurs 8am at Heritage Park

***Take Off Weight Naturally Club*** Mondays 6pm, Multipurpose Centre. Contact Heather 5020 1478

***Optometrist*** *(from Deniliquin)* last Wednesday of month. Appointments made at Balranald Chemist

***Balranald Wool Centre*** 3rd Friday of month, 11am - 3pm at the Gallery. New members welcome

***Balranald Community Arts & Crafts*** Open most weekdays 10am - 4pm or by appointment. Meetings 3rd Monday of month, 2pm at the Gallery. Drop in Day 2nd Thursday of month 10am - noon

***Balranald Hospital Auxiliary*** 2.30pm every 2nd Monday of month at the Adult Day Care Centre

***Narelle's Driving School*** Contact 0402 782 597

***Balranald Harvest Christian Centre*** every Sunday from 10.30am, CWA rooms, Market Street

***Balranald History Group*** 4th Tuesday of month from 5pm, Theatre Royal Ticketing Office

***CanAssist Balranald Branch*** 2nd Monday of month 4pm - 92A Market St. Second-hand book shop open Mon to Sat 10am & Wednesday 1.30pm Contact Karen 0404 842 037 or Kirstyn 448 158 709

***Vision Australia*** - Phone Yann 5023 9500

***Sureway Employment & Training*** Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am–5pm. Contact Michael 4028 4900

***Balranald Presbyterian Church*** - Mon Ladies KYB 7.30pm, Last Tues of month PWA, Thurs Music Group worship 5pm, Mens KYB 7.30pm, Fri Ladies KYB 10am, 3rd Sat of the month, Bidgee Haven service 3pm Sun, Worship Service 10am (last Sunday of Month, Hospital service - 2.30pm)

***Balranald Rescue Squad*** meet 3rd Thursday of month, 8pm, Rescue Squad headquarters.

***Friends of the Southern Cross Market Day*** - Last Saturday of month - Woodsys corner 8.30am

***CareWest Community Transport*** for non-urgent door to door transport. Contact Connie 50719819 or 0428 335 711

## Vital Statistics

**Balranald Shire**
**Population - 2,300**
**Shire Area - 21,346km²**

**Balranald Shire is surrounded by five of the most iconic river systems in NSW.**

**They are:**
**the Murray River;**
**the Murrumbidgee River;**
**the Lachlan River;**
**the Wakool River; and**
**the Edward River.**

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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**

**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**

**WHAT'S OPEN**

**Balranald Museum**
Access to Museum via Visitor Centre
7 days per week

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

# Preparing for RED BULL's "BRANCHED OUT" Event

During the week of 8 to 12 August, the team from Arboriculture Australia (an event sponsor) came to town to begin preparations for Red Bull's inaugural Branched Out tree speed climbing event. This event will be staged during this years' 5 Rivers Outback Festival from 12 to 15 October.

Over two days an Ecologist inspected the trees at the proposed event site. This inspection was to identify and mark any fauna activity for appropriate measures to be implemented prior to and during the event.

After completion of the fauna inspection, 10 tree climbers arrived to begin intervention pruning of dead wood at the event site. As part of Arboriculture Australia's goodwill commitment to the Shire, intervention pruning also took place along the River at the Caravan Park.

At the end of the week climbers took some footage from the trees and a film crew took footage of the Murrumbidgee River and Balranald surrounds.

Red Bull are now developing a video to promote the Red Bull event on digital and social media around the world.

Red Bull recently launched the branding for the event. Registrations for climbers have commenced, with a number of climbers registering from overseas.

Connie Mallet, Tourism Coordinator continues to work closely with Red Bull Australia and Arboriculture Australia to ensure that the event is a great success and to optimise all opportunities for Balranald and surrounds.

The 5 Rivers Outback Festival Committee has been working closely with Arboriculture Australia and the Council to ensure that the two events work seamlessly together for a fabulous few days of fun-filled action for everyone!

## Rubbish Tip Hours

**BALRANALD**

**1 October - 30 April**

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

**1 May - 30 September**

Tuesday 3.00 - 5.00pm
Thursday 3.00 - 5.00pm
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 $11.00 are available from**
Councils office,
Visitor Information Centre,
Caltex, Market Street,
Café Cassaro
Euston Post Office & Takeaway

Fees start from $11 per one axle trailer or utility

## Garbage 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 greatly appreciated.

**Ensure your bin is put out on the kerb the night before collection**

*From the*

## *Mayor's Office*

*Mayor*
*Leigh Byron*

Congratulations to Geoff Windmill and Barry Rolfe on their recent awards of service to the Robinvale/ Euston Lions Club. Geoff has served with Lions for 30 years and Barry has completed 10 years of service. An outstanding achievement for both men.

Balranald Lions Club recently elected Jeff Mannix as its new president. Congratulations Jeff. Jeff has told me that the Balranald Lions Club's main focus this year is to rejuvenate its memberships. With only eight current members, the Club is looking for new people to assist. If you have some spare time and like helping your community, please support this wonderful Club.

Chairperson Peter Campisi recently vacated the Chair of Robinvale District Health Service after an astounding 19 years in the role. Peter has served on the RDHS Board for a whopping 33 years! Quentin Norton, previously the Deputy Chair was unanimously endorsed as its new Chair. Peter has earned a well-deserved break and I wish Quentin all the best in his new role.

There has also been a changing of the guard at the Euston Fire Brigade. After 17 years, Jimbo McMahon handed the fire hoses over to Leigh Walter at its recent AGM.

Congratulations to the Robinvale Euston Football Club Seniors, Reserves, Under 18's and the three junior teams who are all currently in the top four on the ladder. I hope to be able to cheer you all on in the Grand Final. The Netballers have been busy also, with one Senior team and two junior teams also in the top four on the ladder. Good luck to you all!

Balranald Football / Netball Club have had some losses with many injuries towards the end of the season. Best wishes to the netballers who are banking on percentages to make the finals.

On another note, Balranald is hosting the Qualifying Final on Saturday 26 August. Get along to support the Club and also watch some great footy.

Congratulations to Khy Jess, son of Matt and Dee Jess of Balranald who recently represented NSW at the Primary Schools Sports Association National AFL Carnival in Darwin. Well done Khy.

I'd also like to give a big shout out to Faith Jolliffe, daughter of Jeremy and Lisa Jolliffe who recently played her first game of footy for Woorinen alongside big sister Jordyn. What a talented family!

**Next Ordinary Meeting of Council**
**- Tuesday 19 September 2017 -**

## What's been happening at Council?

With a significantly dry July, roadwork programs have had a very productive period, including:

- Mildura-Ivanhoe Road gravel re-sheeting/ construction;
- Ivanhoe Road heavy patching;
- Kyalite boat ramp upgrade;
- Magenta-Wampo Road formation and drainage repair;
- Kilpatrick Road widening & tree removal;
- Weimby-Kyalite Road & Weimby-Benongal Road maintenance grading;
- Tarwong-Freshwater-Corrong, Oxley-Clare and Oxley Roads maintenance grading underway;
- Dargin Street and Endeavour Drive grading; and
- Various sites in Balranald township shoulder maintenance.

Other works include:

- tree-trimming in Balranald;
- repairs on raw mains, filter services and raw water services;
- drainage improvements and boat parking near completion at the Kyalite pontoon;
- installation of Balranald pontoon;
- Lake Benanee consultation underway to develop a proposal to upgrade the boat ramp; and
- Euston Township maintenance works including linemarking.

Tourism activities have included:

- preparation activities for the Red Bull Branched Out event;
- Discover Balranald & Surrounds Radio Winter Campaign inclusive of 20 participating businesses (1 month advertising);
- advertising in Caravanning Australia (print and digital media); and
- promotions of upcoming events taking place

## Save the Date

Members of the public are invited to attend Council meetings to observe their elected representatives deliberate on matters affecting our Shire.

Scheduled Council meetings for the remainder of the year commencing at 5.00pm in the Council Chambers, 70 Market Street Balranald are:

- 19 September
- 21 November
- 17 October
- 19 December

The Council Agenda for each meeting is available on Council's website three business days prior to the meeting date. You are encouraged to review the Agenda to inform yourself of matters being considered by Council.

Written enquiries relating to any topic in Council's Agenda can be sent to the General Manager, P.O. Box 120, BALRANALD NSW 2715

## St Joseph's Balranald & District Phone Book

After a busy 12 months, St Joseph's P&F, is re-focussing on the completion of their Balranald and District Phone Book. The P&F apologise for the drawn-out process and any inconvenience caused.

If you had previously recorded your changes in one of the phone book copies displayed across the Shire, please rest assured your changes have been captured.

For those wishing to further update their details one large print copy of the Phonebook will be placed at the **Balranald Post Office**. Simply write the changes you would like made to your phonebook entry in this copy.
If you would like to talk these changes through with someone please contact Jess Griffiths on 0437 285 937 or 03 5020 1268.

If you would like to **advertise in the Phone book** please contact 0438 248 583.

The 2014 Phonebook will be **available for editing (at the Post Office) from Thursday 24 August until Friday 22 September 2017**.

## Sheridan appointed as Council's Document & Records Officer

Balranald Shire Council has commenced implementing its Performance Improvement Plan and recently appointed Sheridan Coelli into the newly created role of Document and Records Officer. Most would be familiar with Sheridan and her friendly and positive approach to customer service as Council's Receptionist. We congratulate Sheridan on successfully obtaining this role.

As part of improvements to Council and as a commitment to meeting its responsibilities under the NSW State Records Act, Council has commenced the rollout of implementing an electronic document and record management system.

Council records support decision-making, policy formulation and protect the interests of Balranald Shire. Once fully operational, this system will protect and preserve Council records as evidence of business activity, decisions and actions.

It is anticipated the document and record management system will be operational by the end of August.

## Balranald Police Update

**Narelle Tucker,** Sergeant

- On 15 July, a 47 year old male was charged with Mid Range PCA.
- On 30 July a 58 year old male charged with driving unlicensed
- On 30 July an Infringement Notice issued to a 29 year old male for the offence "*Cause Noise within 28 days of Noise Abatement Direction being issued*".

Police would like to remind residents to report any crimes or suspicious behaviour to either Balranald Police or Crime Stoppers.

Balranald and Euston Police would like to remind residents to keep houses and vehicles locked and secure at all times.

## What's on at:

### The Gallery

### Basket Weaving Workshop

**September 16 & 17**

The Gallery has two places left. For further information or to book your place please contact the Gallery on 5020 0200 or Robyn on 0418 316 347

### Bal-Archies Art Exhibition

**13 - 15 October**

As part of the 5 Rivers Outback Festival.
More information to come

## Members wanted…….

Jeff Mannix, newly elected Lions Club president has advised that the main focus this year with Lions is to rejuvenate its memberships. If you can spare some time and like helping your community, please contact Jeff on 0409 783 075 to discuss how you might contribute to this worthwhile cause.

## Balranald Visitor Information & Discovery Centre

Cnr Market and River Streets

Open Daily
10.00am to 4.00pm

Phone 03 5020 1599
Website
www.visitbalranald.com.au

Find us on Facebook

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


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