



### **BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL**

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Office Hours  
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### **RELATED SERVICES**

#### **BALRANALD LIBRARY**

Monday & Friday 2pm-5.30pm  
Wednesday 9am-5.30pm  
(Closed for lunch 12pm-1pm)

#### **BALRANALD VISITOR INFORMATION & DISCOVERY CENTRE**

Cnr Market & River Streets  
Open Daily 10am-4pm  
Ph 03 5020 1599  
[www.visitbalranald.com.au](http://www.visitbalranald.com.au)



CountryLink tickets and fishing licenses can be purchased here

#### **BALRANALD MUSEUM**

Access via Visitor Centre, 7 days

#### **SERVICE NSW (formerly RMS/RTA)**

*Balranald*

9.30am to 4pm

Tuesday to Thursday

(Closed for lunch 1pm-1.45pm)

*Euston*

11.30am to 3pm

2nd and 4th Thursday of month

(Closed for lunch 12.15pm—1pm)

**SNSW Call Centre 13 77 88**

#### **TIP HOURS**

*Balranald (1 May—30 Sept)*

Tuesday & Thursday 3pm-5pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

Sunday 10am-3pm

*Euston (all year)*

Tuesday & Thursday 1pm-6pm

Sunday 9am-3pm

Tokens available from Council Office, Visitor Centre, Café Cassaro & Euston Post Office

## Market Street Revitalisation Project: Community Reference Group and Workshop 1

Council is pleased to announce that a landscape architect as well as a community reference group have been selected. The architect and the group met on 14 May 2018 to begin conceptualising the Market Streetscape Revitalisation – Stage One design elements/objectives.



## Funding Applications Submitted!

It has been an extremely busy and exciting month for Council submitting the below grant applications. Council thanks all of those who have taken part in the recent workshops, your time and contributions have been invaluable in this process. Although not all projects have been included in this submission Council has taken on board all suggestions and is continuing to seek further funding opportunities to continue the development of our sporting and recreational facilities.

#### **Regional Growth Fund EO: “Our Region, Our Rivers”**

Balranald is teaming up with Swan Hill and five other shires to submit an Expression of Interest works package application.

Our Council has earmarked a suite of riverfront beautification concepts with an estimated cost of \$0.92M leveraging a dollar-for-dollar contribution from our Market Streetscape Revitalisation Project funding.

We are busy compiling documentation in anticipation of being invited to submit a detailed business case. Community engagement and participation will commence once we have been shortlisted or if funding has been approved.

#### **Stronger Country Communities Fund Round Two**

On 4 May 2018, Council submitted seven applications to the above fund. Six of these, with the assistance from sporting representatives, were for sporting facilities upgrades. The top priority is the second stage of the Market Street Revitalisation Project, from Mayall Street to River Street, which will connect the Discovery Centre to the central business district in a continuous revitalised streetscape.



Ariel view of  
Greenham  
Park  
Sporting  
Complex



## DRAFT OPERATION PLAN 2018/2019

Council staff have prepared a draft Operational Plan which details Council's objectives, activities, actions and details revenue and expense estimates (budget) and fees and charges for the 2018/2019 financial year.

As per legislation the document is placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and the public are invited to make comment. Council advertised and placed the document on public exhibition from **16 May 2018 to 13 June 2018**.

Copies of the Operational Plan are available for inspection at the Balranald Council Office, Clare School, Balranald Library, Euston Post Office, Balranald Post Office or on Council's website: <http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/council-documents/exhibition-of-draft-documents/>

Submissions in relation to the Operational Plan should be addressed to: The General Manager, P.O. Box 120, BALRANALD NSW 2715 and be posted or delivered so as to reach the Council's office no later than **5pm Wednesday 13 June 2018**.



From the  
**Mayor's Office**

Congratulations to staff on submitting two massive grant applications and my thanks to all those community members involved in workshops providing the foundation for the submission.

I would like to encourage all residents to review the draft documents currently on exhibition. The Draft Operational Plan 2018/2019 contains the budget for the coming financial year and details Council's plan for both revenue and expenditure. This exhibition period is an opportunity for the community to review the fees and charges for the coming year, and to submit comments before this plan is adopted.

The General Manager and I recently attended a Solar Farming and Energy Workshop in Cobar, by the Association Mining & Energy Related Councils (NSW) Inc. This was a valuable opportunity to collaborate with other Councils and hear from industry representatives on matters affecting all Councils with energy farming projects.

**Next Ordinary Meeting of Council**

The next meeting will be on:  
**-Tuesday 26 June 2018-**  
**\*\*please note date change\*\***

**AGM**

**FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

**Our annual general meeting will be held:**

**On: Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

**Time: 5.30pm**

**At: Woodsy's Shed**

**ALL WELCOME**

**enquiries: Col 5020 0252; Joy 5020 6887**

**Balranald Football Netball Club  
GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION**

SATURDAY, 2 JUNE, 2018

8pm

Tea available.

For more details contact:

Tony Stead (0407678519)

Tony Conway (0429201639) or

Ryle Conway (0429493713).

**Gallery News**

Want something new to do? Expressions of interest are invited for future workshops (dates to be advised) in the following –

- Mosaics
- Glass Art
- Drawing Basics
- Introductory Sewing Classes

To register, please visit the Gallery or phone Robyn on 0418 316 347

# Community News

**St Joseph's Stargazing Live Guinness World Record Attempt!**

**When:** Wednesday 23 May, 2018 @7 pm, BBQ and registration (Please see below as everyone must pre-book online prior to the evening).

**Where:** To be held at St Joseph's School.

**All participants need to register online at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-josephs-parish-primary-schools-star-party-tickets-45368911636>**

**Make or Update Your Will with NSW Trustee & Guardian**

Specialist staff from NSW Trustee & Guardian will be holding a Plan Ahead day in Balranald on Wednesday 27 June 2018. Members of the community can make an appointment to make or update their Will, Power of Attorney or Enduring Guardianship documents. Call our Broken Hill branch on 08 8084 3500 or start online at [www.tag.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au) Fees may apply. See website for details.

**National Volunteer Week—Vinnies**

National Volunteer Week runs from 21st -27th May this year and Volunteering Australia is excited to announce their new National Volunteer Week theme; "Give a little. Change a lot".

Wilcannia Forbes Central Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society, are proud to acknowledge the invaluable contribution our wonderful volunteers make in the delivery of services to their respective communities.

Your local Vinnies Centre in Balranald has a very friendly, social environment and the work provides a special sense of satisfaction from helping others and learning new skills. Various tasks include sorting donated goods, serving at the counter, clerical, basic computer, interviewing and listening to people in need.

Volunteering is one of the best ways to make new friends, build relationships and learn new skills. It can also provide a sense of purpose to people who are lonely or isolated and can increase self-confidence.

St Vincent de Paul Society is calling for citizens in Balranald to consider volunteering with them. Men and women of all ages and denominations are welcome and encouraged to join. Even a couple of hours a week would be a great help. If you are interested in volunteering, call in at the Vinnies Centre on Market Street, or telephone (03) 5020 1241. We would love to hear from you. "Give a little. Change a lot"

**Balranald Police Update**  
**Narelle Tucker, Sergeant**



On 10th April 2018 a 42 year old female was charged in Balranald with Mid Range PCA, she will appear at Hay Local Court on 21st May 2018.

On 24th April 2018 a 61 year old male was charged in Balranald by Dareton Traffic and Highway Patrol officers in relation to an outstanding warrant. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 18th June 2018.

On 25th April 2018 a 52 year old male was charged in Balranald with "Resident for 3 months not obtain NSW licence". He will appear at Hay Local Court on 21st May 2018.

On 20th April 2018 a 22 year old male was charged in Euston with driving offences - Never Held Drivers Licence. He will appear at Wentworth Local Court on 5 June 2018.

Police would like to remind residents to keep their houses and vehicles secure at all times and to report any suspicious behaviour or activity to Balranald Police: 03 5020 1404, Euston Police Station: 03 5026 3101 or Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Police would like to remind all dog owners that it is an offence for dogs to be unattended in public places. Infringement notices will be issued to any owners who allow their dogs to be unattended in public.



# Council News



## Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel

Council is pleased to announce that the Bidgee Haven Retirement Hostel is currently operating at a profit.

The recent review of the Hostel revealed the reasons for the previous unacceptable losses which were a burden on Council funds.

Losses were mainly due to the employment of Agency staff, lack of knowledge of processes associated with claims and failure to lodge claims for payments due for resident's care and accommodation.

Council is working closely with the current management team in Bidgee Haven and we are pleased to say that this working relationship has resulted in a very positive outcome for the residents and concerned community members within our local government area.

There have been numerous rumours and insinuations in relation to the Hostel's financial position, the General Manager would like to take this opportunity to clear the air. The General Manager advises, "all improvements are a direct result of the efforts of Hostel staff and management at Council and are not as a result of outside influence in any form."

Council appreciates the community's continuing support in the provision of this critical facility.

\*Note: The final financial position of the Bidgee Haven Hostel will be available for public review upon completion of the Annual Financial Audited Statements.

## Newsletter in Black & White

As part of Council's commitment to continuous improvement and achieving value for its ratepayers, Council has reviewed the costs involved with the way it produces and distributes this document, the *Balranald Shire Council Newsletter*. Council will be making some changes going forward. Starting with this edition Council's newsletter in its physical distribution format will be printed in black & white and on A4 paper. This change will achieve cost savings of approximately \$5,000 annually which will instead be invested in other areas. The full colour version will still be available on Council's website [www.balranald.nsw.gov.au](http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au) and via email subscription. Other changes may be made to the newsletter design in the coming months. Should you have any feedback or suggestions on these changes or other changes you would like to see in the newsletter content or style please send these through to [council@balranald.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@balranald.nsw.gov.au)

## Youth Week Celebrations

Youth Week celebrations took place on 20 April 2018 with a disco at the Theatre Royal, a juniors disco took place at 5.30pm and then a youth disco from 7.30pm. It was a fun night for all involved.



## Appreciation to residents

Council would like to thank residents for their efforts in keeping their gardens and lawns so lovely and green over a long, hot summer. It is the cumulative efforts of the community that make our townships so pretty to drive through and your hard work is appreciated.

## ANZAC Day 2018

ANZAC Day services took place around the Shire on 25 April 2018, as well as a special commemorative event in Euston, on 24 April 2018 reconsecrating the Euston Cenotaph as part of the Villers-Bretonneux 100 Years - Robinvale-Euston 2018 celebrations.

Council extends its appreciation to all those involved in organising these special events around the Shire. Each of these provide a valuable moment to stop, appreciate and pay respect to all those in the defence forces past and present.

Special mention to the school students who spoke well and performed brilliantly at the Balranald Service. Congratulations to Balranald Central School on an excellent production.

## Euston Water Treatment—Filtration Replacement Update

This work is scheduled to start on the 21 May 2018 and will take approximately 4-5 days to complete. It is not expected to disrupt our drinking water supply or impact water quality. If you have any concerns/queries please contact Council office Ph 03 5020 1300.

## Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is the depositing – dumping, tipping or otherwise – of waste larger than litter onto land or into water. Illegal dumping varies from small bags of rubbish in an urban environment to larger scale dumping of waste materials in areas such as bushland. Dumping, including building supplies and garden waste, is not only ugly, it can damage our environment, harm our wildlife and native flora, even human health and is costly to clean up.

Enforcement action can result in Clean-Up/Prevention Notices with an attached fee of \$535, as well as on-the-spot fines ranging from \$80 for a small item/extinguished cigarette, to \$4,000 for a large pile of illegally dumped waste eg vegetation/building waste. For offending corporations all offence amounts are double that of an individual.

If you suspect someone is illegally dumping report it on 131 555 or [ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au)

## Redbank Weir Closure

WaterNSW is now in the third and final package of works on Redbank Weir Road. General public access to the weir is **closed** until the end of July 2018. Upgrades are being undertaken from the red gate entrance all the way into the Weir. Enquires should be directed to WaterNSW.



Office of  
Environment & Heritage  
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



## Domestic Firewood Permits – Yanga National Park

Permits are available from 1st May until 30th September 2018 for domestic firewood collection on Yanga National Park. The available firewood is from a single collection point and consists of redgum milled timber offcuts (sleeper backs). 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 Murray River Shires.

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

## Councilor Contact Details

Mayor

Cr Leigh Byron  
0428 201 301

Deputy Mayor  
Cr Alan Purtil  
0429 201 301

Cr Steve O'Halloran  
0429 619 880

Cr German Ugarte  
0407 267 087

Cr Jo Roberts  
0409 147 787

Cr Trevor Jolliffe  
0408 066 460

Cr Doug Allen  
0421 526 671

Cr Jeff Mannix  
0409 783 075

### Temporary night closures of Swan Hill Bridge over the Murray River

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out the work, which involves improving safety on the pedestrian walkway and installing external support structures to remove the current width restriction.

Roads and Maritime Services will close the bridge between **11pm** and **6am** from **Monday to Thursday** and expect to complete the work in October 2018, weather permitting.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

23 May	St Joseph's Stargazing Live Guinness World Record Attempt! 
2 Jun	Balranald FNC – Round 7 v Woorinen at home. Goods & Services Auction from 8pm.
9 Jun	Robinvale Country Market - Caix Square Enquiries Ph 0438 363 095
	Balranald FNC – Round 9 v Tooley/Manang at home. <b>Pink Ribbon Round supporting Balranald Branch CAN ASSIST.</b>
23 Jun	DON'T FORGET: Every Thursday night Tea and refreshments are available following footy/netball training at the Footy Club along with team selections. All welcome.
27 Jun	NSW Trustees & Guardians visit—see inside for details
29 Jul	MotoX—MX Rd 4
25-26 Aug	MotoX—The Gums Enduro Moulamein
9 Sept	MotoX—MX Rd 5

### What's on at Balranald Club

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



[facebook.com/clubbalranald](https://www.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

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 5026 4244
Fri & Sat	Free Live Entertainment from 7.30pm
	MEGA Raffle last Wednesday of month



[facebook.com/eustonclubresort](https://www.facebook.com/eustonclubresort)

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

## COMMUNITY GENERAL INTEREST

**Adult Day Care** Monday 10am-2pm, Thursday 10am-2pm at the Hospital. Contact 03 5071 9800

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

**Hospital Auxiliary** 2nd Monday of month 2.30pm, Adult Day Care Centre. Contact Karen 0404 842 037

**Health Advisory Council (HAC)** 4th Monday of month 7:00pm. Contact 03 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. 0427 699 485 to book

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

**Singing Group** Friday 1.30pm Presbyterian Church all welcome

**Men's Shed** Tuesdays & Thursdays 8am at Heritage Park (behind Visitor Information Centre)

**Take Off Weight Naturally Club** Mondays 6pm, Multipurpose Centre. Contact Betty 0417 589 284

**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.

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

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

**CanAssist Balranald Branch** 2nd Monday of month 4pm - 92A Market St. **Bookshop** open Mon to Sat when volunteers available or by appointment by phoning Karen on 0404 842 037 or Kirstyn on 0448 158 709

**Vision Australia** - Phone Yann 03 5023 9500

**Sureway Employment & Training** Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am-5pm. Contact 03 4028 4900

**Balranald Presbyterian Church** - Mon Ladies KYB 7.30pm, Last Tues of month PWA, Thurs MUCBY 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

**LiveBetter Community Transport** for non-urgent transport. Contact Connie on 0428 335 711

**Ability Links** Balranald Wednesday's - phone 0487 740 000

**ROAR – Reach Out and Relax** Last Tuesday of month. Contact Chris 0428 096 462

**Pony Club** please contact Emma Scott or Rhani Neville