

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

70 Market Street
PO Box 120
BALRANALD NSW 2715
www.balranald.nsw.gov.au
Office Hours
8.30am to 5pm
Monday to Friday
Ph 03 5020 1300
After Hours Emergencies
0418 322 902

RELATED SERVICES

BALRANALD LIBRARY

Monday & Friday 9.30am-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



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 Friday
(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 (all year)
Tuesday & Thursday
4pm-6pm
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
DrumMuster available @ Balranald

Australia Day & Citizenship Celebrations

Australia Day celebrations were well attended in both Balranald, for breakfast at Greenham Park, and Euston, for lunch at the Recreation Reserve. Our thanks to Balranald Lion's Club and Robinvale-Euston Lion's Club for your fantastic work on the BBQs!

It was incredibly exciting to have citizenship ceremonies at both events! It is a privilege to conduct these ceremonies, says Michael Kitzelmann, "the honour of being involved in the citizenship ceremonies on Australia Day is one of the most humbling and inspirational civic activities that a General Manager has the privilege of being involved in. I would like to acknowledge the bravery and sacrifice that new immigrants make in coming to our great nation. It is inspiring to see our multicultural society growing in its depth of diversity through their unique contributions."

The welcoming of a new family into our Balranald community was undertaken with reverence, the two children waving their small Australia Flags as their parents stood before the crowd. Big smiles were adorned all round as the family posed together for photos at the completion of the ceremony.

In Euston the joy was palpable among the gathering. The display of spirited support for our new citizens from the family, friends and community in attendance was beautiful to see. Our new citizens beamed with genuine pride as they were presented with their Australian flags.

At each celebration an affirmation was recited by all in attendance, as well as the singing of the National Anthem. In Balranald, Michael cheekily took the opportunity to move the microphone closer to our Australia Day Ambassador, Michelle Leonard OAM, during the anthem. Her voice is incredible, as anyone familiar with her work would expect. Among other achievements, Michelle Leonard is the founder, artistic director and conductor of *Moorambilla Voices*, a choral program "provid[ing] a unique chance for young people in remote and regional communities to share their creative selves in an environment that celebrates capacity" (moorambilla.com). Michelle's presentations at both Balranald and Euston were inspiring; the crowd held in rapture as Michelle spoke of her youth, growing up with parents who made sure living rural was never a barrier to education, in particular to pursuing the arts. In creating *Moorimibilla Voices* Michelle emphasises the community surrounding her and credits the effort of a team of dedicated people who make the dream work. Michelle spoke of how it is the Australian culture to be leaders in change, in creating a better world.

Australia Day Awards were presented as follows:

Special Achievement Award

Louise May Murray

Special Achievement Award

Clint Jolliffe, Mary Grisdale & Jill Bath

Community Event of the Year

Balranald New Year's Eve: Kylie Jolliffe, Betty Torney, Lorraine Bax

Young Sportsperson of the Year

Alex Calleja

Young Citizen of the Year

Ben Johnstone

Citizen of the Year

Kathleen Anderson

Mayor's Special Recognition Award

Rural Bushfire fighters:
Mark Rowe

Tomas Rowe

Scott Leslie

Johnathon Nathundriwa

Zeb Uebergang

Shanae Uebergang

Tyler Neyland

Brett McNiven

Thomas Cashion

Rick Campbell

Marc O'Halloran

Wade Griffiths

Zack Harris

Dwaine Scott



Administrator's Introduction

Please allow me to introduce myself as the Administrator of Balranald Shire Council. I was appointed to this role on 29 January 2020 when, by proclamation of the New South Wales Governor countersigned by the Minister for Local Government the civic offices of Council's governing body (Mayor and Councillors) were vacated. I have a long history of holding executive positions in, and consulting to, local government councils in New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

My role as Administrator is to perform the functions of the governing body under the *Local Government Act 1993* and any other legislation. The Act provides that the Administrator has all the functions of the Council (including all the functions and roles of a councillor and the Mayor) until immediately before the first meeting of the Council held after a fresh election.

In the short time since my arrival here in Balranald, people have wanted to know why this period of administration became necessary and what things need to be improved. *The Balranald Shire Council Public Inquiry Report* clearly sets out the matters that led to administration and answers these questions. It can be freely accessed at: <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/Balranald-Public-Inquiry-Report.pdf>

In *The Report*, the Commissioner who inquired into Council found that "..... a clean break is required. The plans which have been adopted need time to be properly implemented without being watered down or abandoned. The community and the council staff need some breathing space and time to heal from the rifts which have arisen."

I am subject to the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*. Any complaints about my conduct can be made to the Deputy Secretary, Local Government, Planning and Policy – Office of Local Government.

My appointment is until 14 September 2024, coinciding with the date of the 2024 Council election. Many Council matters will involve my consideration and I am acutely aware of the need to enable members of the public to easily access me. Shortly I will be announcing "Meet the Administrator" arrangements that will enable me to catch-up with the community and to inform myself about your views. Details of these will be published soon. In the meantime, I am easily contactable at the main office (03) 5020 1300 or by email to: mcolreavy@balranald.nsw.gov.au

For now, my top priorities arising from *The Balranald Shire Council Public Inquiry Report* are:

- to ensure that our fresh approach and the work we do from here-on restores community confidence in the Council;
- to ensure completion of any outstanding actions in the *Implementation Plan* that was approved by the former Minister for Local Government on 19 December 2017 in response to the Performance Improvement Order issued to Council is expedited;
- to attend to areas requiring improvement relating to:
 - transparent decision-making processes and open Council meetings;
 - long term financial planning;
 - providing a safe consultative and supportive working environment at Council;
 - adherence to statutory requirements, particularly relating to management of Crown Reserves under Council's control; and
- (towards the end of the period of administration) providing suitable information to prospective candidates about the obligations and burdens on future Councillors.

I will be liaising with the Minister and the Office of Local Government on a regular basis and bringing any issues of concern to their attention. The Office of Local Government has kindly offered its support to me while I am in this role, when required.

**MIKE COLREAVY
ADMINISTRATOR**

**Next Ordinary Meeting of Council
17 March 2020, 5pm
in Council Chambers**

From the Youth Mayor



Hi all,

I was recently given the privilege to present two Australia Day awards, it was an honour to award Young Sportsperson Alex Calleja and Young Citizen Ben Johnstone for their extraordinary achievements, and we are honoured to have such talent in our town. I was also honoured to meet Michelle Leonard, I had a great chat with her discussing some ideas for the youth council, some of which we will be announcing soon!

Annual Youth Week celebrations will be held in the first week of April, we are hard at work preparing these celebrations, and we cannot wait to share with you our vision for Youth Week 2020. Stay tuned for further details soon!

We are still going on with our bottles and cans collection, and would appreciate any donations of 10c recyclable bottles & cans. Our main location is out the front of the O'Conner street depot.

That's all from me!

-Jackson Bialobrzeski, Mayor, Balranald Youth Council

New Email Invoice and Payment Options for Rates & Water Notices

You can now go paperless and receive your Council Rates & Water notices electronically. Council has employed Payreq to send digital invoices to

- online banking BPAYView, or
- directly to accounting systems, Xero, MYOB, or Reckon.



You don't need to be a business or use an accounting program to set up a BPAY View account.



Email delivery of your Notices

With a free Payreq MyBills account, you can get an automatic alert when a notice arrives. You can auto-forward up to 5 email addresses. Register and use BPAY View with your online bank.

You do not need to use an accounting program to set up a MyBills account.

Payment of your Notices

With BPAY View you can make a BPAY payment straight from your bank or credit card account without having to re-type reference or amount data.

If you are a business that uses Xero, MYOB or Reckon, the bill data is uploaded seamlessly to your accounting software reducing time and data-entry errors. Set this up in Payreq MyBills.

You can still pay using other standard payment methods including bank deposit, cheque, credit card or cash payment at Council's administration office.

Benefits

- Free to the Ratepayer
- Receive online bills, not paper
- Online access from anywhere
- Receive and store digital bills for 7 years for review or download
- Digital invoices are delivered via a secure digital channel
- You can self-maintain to change or add registrations.

Get Started Now!

To register for Payreq MyBills, visit:
<https://payreq.com.au/mybills>





Department of Primary Industries

Young Farmer Business Program presents the free Bank Savvy workshop in Balranald

This FREE workshop will take young farmers and growers behind-the-scenes of the banking world.

Hear from leading agribusiness broker Brad Sewell. Brad worked in banking for 20 years and now specialises in agricultural finance.

- Understanding farm finance
- How to negotiate with banks
- Guarantor set ups
- Vendor finance opportunities
- Working with investors

Details

Date: Monday, 9 March 2020

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Venue: Balranald Ex-Services Club - 116 Market St, Balranald NSW 2715

Tickets

<http://bit.ly/BankSavvyBALRANALD>

Questions? Jump on our [Facebook](#) page

young.farmer@dpi.nsw.gov.au 0447 655 163 (SMS/ph)



www.youngfarmer.nsw.gov.au



Our Turn to Speak

Have your say in a national survey that seeks to understand the life experiences of people living with severe and complex mental health issues in Australia. By sharing your experiences, you will help us advocate for better outcomes and drive positive change. Participants may be eligible to receive gift card reimbursement for their time.

Find out more. Complete the survey.
ourturntospeak.com.au

1800 998 983

REFURBISH YOUR COOKERY LIBRARY



There is always something new to cook
So pop down to the Book Shop'
and pick up a new shelf of recipes

You can now choose a number of books and make a donation of your choice. Bring the carrier bag and fill up!!

Call in to the Book Shop in Market Street, Balranald
Open even when its closed.

Charitable fundraising No 12748



'Local volunteers supporting local families affected by Cancer'

We receive no direct government assistance

Drivers advised to slow down at Balranald

Motorists are advised of changes to a speed limit on the Sturt Highway at Balranald.

Transport for NSW carried out a review of the speed zone on the Sturt Highway within Balranald due to concerns from council and a bus operator.

Transport for NSW Director South West, Lindsay Tanner said the review recommended an extension of the existing 50 km/h zone in response to safety concerns.

"The review assessed a number of factors including crash history, road geometry, usage, development, traffic mix, traffic volumes, and number of access points," Mr Tanner said.

"The 110 km/h speed zone on the Sturt Highway to the west of Balranald's residential area will be reduced to 50 km/h for a length of about 400 metres.

"This extension of the current 50 km/h zone will provide a safer road environment for all road users with an increase in travel time of about 15 seconds."

The new speed limit is now in effect.

Signs are in place to advise motorists of the changed traffic conditions. Road users are asked to keep an eye out for the changes and follow the directions of signs.

Members of the community can sign up at the Safer Roads NSW website to receive updates about changes to permanent speed limits in their nominated area and to have a say on speed limits.

For more information visit <https://www.saferroadsnsw.com.au>



Ride Day

Sat 7th March 2020

This event is open to all riders; no matter the age or ability. Coaches available for riders who require endorsements. A raffle for all to enter and children's entertainment for the non-riders.

Starting at 8:00am

COST stay turned to facebook page

Camping available

Funds raised on the day will be donated to Challenge and Swan Hill based - We Believe in Unicorns

These are the charities that Squeak and Bec Purtill have chosen as they have played a major part in their lives over the last 2 years, with their son River who had battled the dreaded big C. River, who at the age of 4 lost his battle in December 2019 and this annual ride day will be in his honour.

Canteen Available on Day

Balranald Motorcycle Club, Secretary Cindy Funnell will be shaving her head on the day with the funds raised going to the Balranald Can Assist Branch.

If you would like help us celebrate these great causes and sponsor this event please give Dee a call.

Find us on email: balmotox@outlook.com phone: 04 2920 1460
www.balranaldmcc.com.au

SPEED ZONE CHANGE

Further details inside



BIN COLLECTION

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. Waste placed on the ground around the bin will not be collected.

Please ensure your bin is put out on the kerb the night before collection.

Balranald: Mondays

Euston: Fridays



Residents are encouraged to make use of the various Youth Council collection points for eligible recyclable bottles and cans.



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council@balranald.nsw.gov.au
or phone 03 5020 1300.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7 Mar Balranald Motorcycle Club Ride Day
8 Mar Whole town garage sale Ph 0418 316 347 to register
9 Mar Bank Savvy Workshop

What's on at Balranald Club

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| Monday | Members Seniors \$5 lunch
Play Cards after lunch |
| Mon-Fri | \$10 lunch 12-2pm |
| Tues&Thur | Bingo: Tuesdays 7pm, Thursdays 2pm
Please Note Bingo will be having a holiday break from 20/12 resuming 7/1/19 |
| Friday | Smorgasbord from 6pm,
Raffle and Members Draw LTPS/14/02429 |
| Sundays | Sewing Group every 2nd week |

Also Available @ The Club:

BISTRO SPECIALS;

Tuesday \$15 Homemade Chicken Parmi.
Thursday Homemade chicken Schnitzel with gravy \$12.
Every month, 2nd and last Sunday, Roast Lunch only \$15.
New Australian dishes available in the Bistro.

Don't forget our regular facilities

Keno, TAB, Coffee Shop.

Fishing Licenses, Pre-paid mobile phone credit and city-link passes plus a host of other pre-paid facilities.

Printing & Fax Services, equipment hire, such as PA system, tables, chairs, etc., ask at the office to make arrangements and find out what is available.

FREE Internet facilities available, come on in and connect with your friends & family or simply do some surfing with our FREE WiFi.

New to the Area, become a member it's only \$10 joining fee.
Member only benefits include a discount at the bar & bistro along with swipe & win in-house vouchers.

UNDER 18'S are allowed in most areas of the club except TAB and Pokie Areas and must be in the company of a responsible adult and supervised at all times.

Facebook: ClubBalranald

Web <http://www.balranaldclub.com.au/>

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 7am-10am Sat & Sun 7.30am to 10.30am, Lunch 12pm - 2pm, Dinner 6pm-8.30pm. Café open all day |
| Mon/Thurs | Free Bingo Mon 10.15am Thurs 7pm |
| Tues / Sun | Poker Tues from 6.30pm Sun from 6.30pm |
| Wednesday | Raffle night & Members Draw from 6pm |
| Thu/ Fri | Members Cash & Prize Draw from 6pm-8pm |
| Sun/Wed | Social Bowls. 9.30am start call John Bond on 5026 4244 |
| Fri & Sat | Free Live Entertainment from 7.30pm
MEGA Raffle last Wednesday of month |
| Sun | FREE live entertainment Friday & Sat from 7.30pm.
Sundays on the deck - Live music from 12.30-4.30pm. Subject to change.
facebook.com/eustonclubresort |

Easter RAFFLES

FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH 2020
45 X EASTER EGG HAMPERS

WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL 2020
5 EASTER EGG HAMPERS + WEDNESDAY RAFFLE

FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL 2020
45 X EASTER EGG HAMPERS

WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL 2020
5 EASTER EGG HAMPERS + WEDNESDAY RAFFLES

TICKETS ON SALE AT STATION46 CAFE AND ALL BAR TILLS. DRAWS COMMENCE AT 7PM
PLEASE SEE OR CALL RECEPTION FOR STATION46 BISTRO BOOKINGS ON (03) 5026 4244.

EUSTON CLUB RESORT Where you'll love relaxing by the Murray

(03) 5026 4244
www.EustonClub.com.au
Euston Club & Resort

COMMUNITY GENERAL INTEREST

Swim Club—Tuesdays 4.15pm—6pm, training Tuesdays, Club Swims once a month. Contact Lou Ph 0409 026 881

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

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 midday - corner of Market and River Street. Contact Amy 0417 519 051

Singing Group Friday 1.30pm Presbyterian Church all welcome

Men's Shed Tuesdays & Thursdays 8am at Heritage Park (behind Visitor 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, 10am - 3pm at the Gallery. New members welcome

Balranald Community Arts & Crafts Open most weekdays 10am - 4pm or by appointment. Meetings 3rd Tuesday of month, 2pm at the Gallery.

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

Can Assist Balranald Branch meeting 2nd Monday of the month 4p.m. at the Book Shop 92a Market Street. Executive Committee

2019/20: Connie Rasmussen(President), Tina Powis (Secretary), Chantel Wrenn (Treasurer). The Second-Hand Book shop will be open when volunteers are available. Contact numbers for the book shop are Connie on 0400 123940 and Tina 03 5020 6832. (Can Assist is a confidential service). Patient Assistance – 0474 928919.

Vision Australia - Phone Yann 03 5023 9500

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

Balranald Presbyterian Church - Monday Ladies KYB 7.30pm @ the hall, Thursday Music group worship prep 5.30pm, Men's KYB 7.30pm @ the Manse, PWA (last Thurs month) 2pm, Friday Ladies KYB 10am @ the Manse, Youth Bible Study 7.30pm (school terms), Sunday Prayer meeting 9.15am (Sunday school room), Worship service 10am. Contact Dennis Rayson 0428 830 276

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 Wednesdays - phone 0487 740 000

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