

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Welcome back

This is our first Village Newsletter for the new year and we hope 2015 brings only good things to you and your community.

Over the Christmas period it was great to see that local and visiting dog owners were enjoying the festive season responsibly with their pets.

There were minimal call outs and most people kept their dogs on a leash while out in public.

The companion animal facility was quiet with only a couple of dogs and cats spending 'Christmas in Kalaru' while waiting to be reunited with their owners or for rehoming through the Animal Welfare League.

This is a fantastic reflection of community efforts and shows that people are actively securing their pets and are also being responsible with breeding and sale of animals. Our Rangers thank the community for the ongoing efforts with your pets.

Electricity at Pambula Beach

Sapphire Aquatic Centre will be closed on Tuesday 3 February from 9.30am until 2.30pm for electricity maintenance by Essential Energy. Essential Energy advised the works are part of their maintenance programs and will affect 20 transformers and about 570 properties in the Pambula Beach area. The pool, cafe and gym will be open from 6am until 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 7.00pm on the day. Child minding and group fitness classes will not be held.

A splash of art!

Why not take the whole family for a great art adventure, next Wednesday, January 21 to the Sapphire Coast Aquatic Centre in Pambula Beach. The Bega Valley Regional Gallery will present a pop up at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 21 January from 10am to noon. Get creative and design your own swim fin with Helena Bezzina!

All materials are supplied and the workshop would suit participants 12yrs old and under. Parental supervision is needed so come along and get creative with the kids!

Waste tips

Residents are reminded to refrain from bagging your recycling before putting it in your yellow bin.

Plastic shopping bags are not recyclable and actually taint the recycling, making it impossible to process effectively. This is also the case for recycling brought to our waste facilities. By all means, bag your recycling for ease of transport, but please dispose of the plastic bags once they've been emptied. Our Waste Services staff will be happy to point you in the direction of the general waste area, where you can dispose of your plastic bags.

Here's a tip - I keep my yellow bin just outside my back door so I can pop my recycling straight in it. Then it's all ready to be wheeled out for collection each fortnight. It's clean, easy and you won't have to run outside in your pyjamas, waving a bag of recycling at 5am!

Jobs with Council

Construction Team member (2 Positions).

We are seeking two suitably experienced and enthusiastic persons to join the Construction Team in Council's Civil Works Section. The successful applicants will act as members of the team and operate road construction plant as well as participate in construction and maintenance activities.

Applications on January 19 at 5pm.

Lifeguard.

We are seeking a highly motivated and experienced person to assist in the day to day operations of the Sapphire Aquatic Centre. This is a permanent part-time, 25 hour per week position.

Applications close on January 26 at 5pm.

Email your application to recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au before closing time or post your application to The General Manager, Bega Valley Shire Council, PO Box 492, Bega NSW 2550 or fax to 6499 2200.

Address the selection criteria in the position description, this can be obtained by phoning 6499 2222 or downloading from our website.

Applications received after closing time won't be considered.

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Councillors got into the spirit of the Thongathon this week as they tried out their Aussie Day props. They are Crs Keith Hughes, Bill Taylor, Sharon Tapscott, Ann Mawhinney, Liz Seckold and Mayor Michael Britten.

Join the Thongathon

The Bega Valley Regional Gallery has added a new word to the lexicon – “Thongathon”. Curator Iain Dawson coined the word to name an Australia Day competition for contestants who can draw, write, paint or colour what makes you a fan of Australia on the image of a pair of Aussie thongs.

Iain thought this would be a fun way to celebrate what’s great about being creative and being Australian this Australia Day. You can pick up a Thongathon template from the Council’s office, libraries, pools or Vacation Care or you can download from Council’s website or Facebook page. Templates will also be available from Information Centres in the Shire.

There will be an art camp in Bega’s Littleton Gardens on Australia Day, January 26, as an exciting way for kids, and adults, to get involved and participate and let the community know what being Australian means to you. Thonathong entries will be displayed on the Hills Hoist in Littleton

Gardens and judged by Australia Day Ambassador Mark Tonelli and announced on the day. The prize is a 12 month family membership to Sapphire Aquatic Centre (pool only) and signed memorabilia by Olympic gold medalist Mark. The SAC Membership also includes entry to Eden and Bemboka pools.

Good news for seniors

Good news to start the year with the announcement of Council funds for creative, sporting, recreational, and/or cultural activities in Seniors Week which will run from March 14 to 22. The Shire has a strong network of older people and seniors groups and voluntary organisations and nine of these groups have applied for and been granted funding under the Council’s small grants program.

The grants have gone to:

Sing Eden to perform at the Golden Gig and at local aged care facilities during Seniors Week - \$150. Eden Community Access Centre “The Craft

On Public Exhibition

Exhibition of Landscaping Guidelines

Council has developed landscaping guidelines for use by designers and landowners. The guidelines will feature principles of landscape design, plant selection ideas, site analysis and identification of hazards such as planting in bushfire prone areas. The document titled “Landscaping Guidelines: A guide for preparing landscaping plans for lodgment with development applications in the Bega Valley” is on exhibition between January 16 and February 13. To make a submission, write or email Council before the close of business on Friday, January 13.

Connection”, an ongoing activity to be launched in Seniors Week to promote self-expression, diversity and connect seniors in the Eden community - \$500. Eden Men’s Shed Seniors Week lunch - \$500. Bermagui Senior Citizens Welfare Club Seniors Week lunch - \$500. Merimbula Men’s Shed special seniors’ open day targeting seniors - \$300. Bega Seniors Citizens Club seniors’ morning tea with speakers - \$500. South East Arts “Wielding the Pen”, creative writing workshops for seniors facilitated by writing teacher Diana Harley - \$500. Friends of the Bega Valley Regional Gallery artist studio and gallery trail - \$500. U3A Sunday in the Park, a social outing at Manna Park with a variety of social and cultural activities - \$500.

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