**New exhibition at BVRG**

An exciting new exhibition at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery features works from 10 diverse artists. ‘Motion: the body and movement in contemporary art practice’ is on exhibition now until 22 August.

The exhibition features works from UNSW Art and Design alumni, Shaun Gladwell; academic and artist, Sue Healey; as well as other UNSW Art and Design staff.

Through a partnership with UNSW Art and Design along with the Art Gallery of NSW and other industry and lending bodies, rural audiences can connect with different agendas that attract and retain creative talent locally.

**Free hearing check**

There will be free hearing checks available in the Bega library on 5 August so if you have trouble understanding people unless they are facing you; if friends complain that your TV is too loud; if you find it hard to hear on the phone; if you have difficulty following conversations in noisy environments then you should consider having a free hearing check.

You will need to book to phone the Bega library on 64992127.

**Community building grants**

A reminder that applications for the Community Building Partnership program close on Friday 7 August. Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, is urging community groups to apply as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a share of $300,000.

Grants allow not-for-profit groups to provide positive social, recreational and environmental outcomes. Groups requiring help with their application can contact Mr Constance’s office on 6492 2056.

Applicants can apply for the Community Building Partnership by visiting www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au

**Survey on pool programs**

Tell us what you think about the programs offered at the Shire’s pools. Your participation in our pools program survey will help us develop future programs based on your feedback. To participate go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/shirepoolssurvey before 9 August.

**You could win $1,000**

Youth Week is big news in the Shire each year and there would be an extra fillip to the 2016 event if the promotional poster was designed by a local young person. The search is on for aspiring young designers to help create the look for the Youth Week 2016 in NSW website, posters and other promotional materials.

The State Government is inviting young people to design a poster for Youth Week and the winner will win $1,000 as well as the glory of having their design used to promote Youth Week 2016 throughout NSW next April. Entries close on 4 September. For details go to the website, http://youth.nsw.gov.au/youth-week-2016-in-nsw-design-competition/

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**Jobs with Council**

- Customer and Information Officer. Applications close on 3 August at 5pm.
- Property Services Officer. Applications close on 5 August at 5pm.
- Recreation Assets Officer. Applications close on 5 August at 5pm.

Position descriptions are available from our website or by phoning Council. When applying address the selection criteria in your application and send to: Email: recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au Post: The General Manager, Bega Valley Shire Council, PO Box 492, Bega NSW 2550. Fax: 6499 2200.

**Doing business with Council**

- External electrical works for Bega Civic Centre, Zingel Place, Littleton Gardens and adjoining areas. Close at noon on 5 August.
- Detailed design and construction of leachate treatment plant and irrigation system at the Central Waste Facility. Close at noon on 5 August.
- Pambula River Mouth Improvements. Close at noon on 12 August.

All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley
Bega roadworks
Reconstruction of Gipps Street-Newtown Road from Prospect Street to Carp Street in Bega will begin next week and continue for about nine weeks. There will be intermittent road closures and road users should expect some delays during the works period. Detour signage will be in place during road closures. Works will include stormwater and drainage improvements, full pavement renewal and bitumen resurfacing. For more information phone Council.

Technology training
There is lots of technology training in the Bega Library during August. Sessions cover iPads 2; Podcasts and other apps; introduction to cyber safety; introduction to Windows 8; email 1; tune up your iPad; and Internet 1 and 2. Go to the library page on the Council website and check the calendar for dates.

Pambula Rivermouth Park
Council will undertake further improvements at Pambula Rivermouth Park, Pambula Beach. Improvements will involve renewal of the public toilets, construction of a concrete walkway to the beach, stormwater structures, landscaping and supply and installation of some additional furniture. Council is seeking quotations from suitably experienced contractors to undertake these works.

Interested contractors should visit https://www.tenderlink.com/begavalley/ to download details of the works and submit a quotation. Quotations will be close on Wednesday 12 August 2015.

Pambula Beach toilets
Pambula Beach public toilets will be closed from Monday 10 August until Friday 14 August while Council upgrades the pump station. The toilets will be operational again for the weekend.

Merimbula service road agreed on
A long-awaited plan to build a service road behind Club Sapphire in Merimbula has been agreed upon by all parties.

It will allow for a development application for a new supermarket on the vacant land adjacent to Club Sapphire to proceed.

Mayor, Michael Britten says this is excellent news for Merimbula residents with the potential to attract major investment to the town now a possibility through an agreement to build a service road that passes behind the bowling club.

“The road is a vital component of any major development to the site as it will allow for customer and delivery traffic to access facilities from Sapphire Coast Drive,” he said.

Following the signing of a voluntary planning agreement by all stakeholders, Council, Club Sapphire and Merimbula Nominees Pty Ltd, the next step is for the developer to engage a contractor to begin construction of the road and any associated works.

Negotiations have taken place with a single tenderer and an agreement has been made to construct the service road for a sum of $1.2 million.

This cost will be shared equally between the three stakeholders, with Council paying an additional amount for moving an underground water main.

fLing Physical Theatre in Motion
fLing Physical Theatre will present a new piece inspired by the current Bega Valley Regional Gallery exhibition, Motion. Join them on Thursday 13 August from 5.30pm at the BVRG as they debut this new work that explores the movement and the body in contemporary art. Photograph: Performers from fLing in rehearsal.