

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Sapphire Coast tourism industry shines at gala awards night

Around 240 people attended the South Coast Tourism Awards at the Historical Aviation Restoration Society Museum at Illawarra Airport in Albion Park.

The evening drew tourism operators and businesses from Shellharbour to Eden, with guests seated under and around an amazing array of historic aircraft including the constellation 'Connie'.

Gold awards were handed to nine different Bega Valley operators, business and events:

- Event or Festival: Cobargo Folk Festival
- Ecotourism: Kiah Wilderness Tours, Sapphire Coast
- Heritage and/or Cultural Tourism: Eden Killer Whale Museum
- Marketing and Promotion: Tathra Beachside
- New Tourism Product: On the Perch, Tathra
- Tourism Cafes: Sprout Eden
- Backpacker Accommodation: Sapphire Waters Motor Inn, Merimbula
- Self-Contained Accommodation: Tathra Beach House
- Adventure Tourism: Coastlife Adventures, Kalaru, Sapphire Coast

Locals also walked away with a number of silver and bronze awards.



Rob and Lesley White of Tathra Beach House Apartments

Council offices close for Union Picnic Day

Bega Valley Shire Council offices will close on Friday 4 November for Union Picnic Day. This includes the call centre and customer service area. However, Shire tips, childcare centres, preschools, libraries and the Bega Valley Regional Gallery will open as usual.

For urgent matters call 6499 2222. Council offices will reopen on 7 November.

Libraries close for staff development day

The Bega, Bermagui, Eden and Tura Marrang libraries will be closed all day on Monday 7 November for a staff development day. The Merimbula Library Portal will remain open from 9.00am until 1.00pm. Books and other materials can be made available for collection from the Portal on this day. Library members can also access the library's e-book, e-magazine and audiobook services through the Library page on Council's website.

From the works depot...

- Candelo Wolumla Road works are continuing with the restabilised section of road being sealed and completion of works expected by Friday 4 November
- Palmer Lane Merimbula carpark works are continuing with completion expected by the middle of December
- Flood restoration works throughout the shire are continuing as planned
- Replacement pier works on Murrah Bridge is ongoing
- Jaunceys Bridge flood approach works have been completed
- Renewal work will commence on Monday 31 October on Tathra Road and Kerrisons Lane
- Merimbula Access Road is progressing

Careers at Council...

Applying for a job with Council is a whole lot easier with the introduction of our new E-recruit system!

A user friendly, self-service system which allows people to apply for jobs online, 24-hours a day, 365 days a year, from anywhere in the world!

To view current jobs visit Council's website.

Call: 02 6499 2222 Fax: 02 6499 2200 Email: council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au Web: www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au

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The libraries will open again at 9.30am on Tuesday 8 November.

New fund for Regional NSW events

A new fund to support the creation of regional events and foster the development of existing community events has been announced by the NSW Government.

Registrations are now open for Round One of the 2017 Incubator Event Fund for organisers of new and emerging regional events held between January and June 2017. The new Incubator Event Fund, part of the expanded Regional Flagship Events Program, provides one-off annual grants of up to \$20,000.

The Fund will assist with elements including event staging costs such as venue hire, marketing and publicity to drive event awareness and attendance, and research to better understand audience demographics and plan for future growth.

Applications for Round One are open until Sunday 30 October 2016 with Round Two applications for events held in July – December 2017, set to open in February 2017.

To apply or view the key criteria visit www.destinationnsw.com.au/rfep

Regional Wellbeing Survey 2016

The 2016 Regional Wellbeing Survey is now live! The survey supports research that improves the wellbeing and quality of life of people living in rural and regional Australia.

To achieve this, we need to hear the views of all people living in rural and regional Australia. To take the survey visit www.regionalwellbeing.org.au

National Youth Week grants open!

Council is inviting local community organisations to apply for up to \$1000 of National Youth Week 2017 funding.

National Youth Week will run from Friday 30 March to Sunday 9 April 2017 and aims to showcase the positive contributions young people make to our community.

Local community groups are encouraged to work alongside young people to plan and deliver events or activities.

For more information or to apply visit <http://bv.lyte.link/2590/5F2A>

Applications must be submitted online by 21 of November 2016.

Seniors Festival grants open!

Council's Seniors Festival grants are now open. Seniors Festival 2017 runs from Friday 3 March to Sunday 12 March 2017 with the theme of 'inclusive communities'. Council provides a number of grants, up to \$1000 to local not for profit organisations to support the staging of various events across the Shire. If you have a project that supports seniors to stay connected, active and healthy, then you may be eligible!

Council Meeting agenda...

An Ordinary Meeting of the Bega Valley Shire Council will be held in the Council Chambers, at the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre, Bega on Wednesday, 2 November 2016 commencing at 2pm to consider and resolve on the matters set out in the attached Agenda.

Sign up to your VN!

If you like our Village Newsletter but you only ever get to see it in the window of your local shop or on a village hall noticeboard, help is at hand! You can now sign up to receive the fortnightly newsletter on the Village Newsletter page on our website.

Village life photo competition!

It's simple to take part, and the winner will walk away with a Canon digital SLR camera worth \$500. All you need to do is head out with your camera or phone and take photos of life in your village. To enter send your photos, your name and where the photo was taken to communications@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

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