

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Library survey

Bega Valley Shire Library Service is participating in a national evaluation of our Esmart program that aims to teach and support members of the community to use technology confidently and safely, and help library staff to integrate cyber safety into their systems and policies. As part of this evaluation we need the help of our library users so we are asking you to undertake a 10 minute survey which can be found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/eSmart_Libraries_MembersandUsers

There is a short window of opportunity to complete this survey – it closes at 5pm next Monday, 25 May.

If you know other library users (friends or family) who might like to participate in the survey please pass this link on. The more responses we have, the better our evaluation will be.

There will also be small focus groups held in June 2015 for interested people and more details on this will be provided closer to the date.

The study is being independently undertaken by the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre in partnership with the University of Western Sydney. The University of Western Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee has approved this study: approval number H10975. For further information on the Esmart initiative or the evaluation, phone Garry Bolton on 6499 2115.

Flood study survey

A flood study for the Merimbula Lake and Merimbula Back Lake Catchments

is underway and community participation is critical in its success. It is an important step in the process of increasing our communities' awareness of flooding so that people are better able to understand and plan for the flood risks they face. The study will help formulate a risk management study and a plan that will shape planning and structural and non-structural mitigation controls for the future.

Council has sent out 513 flood study surveys into the community and only five per cent have been returned. We are hoping for a minimum of at least 10% response to ensure improved study outcomes.

If you have any information on flooding - photographs, stories or flood marks on or near your property - or wish to comment on flooding, you can comment online or complete the survey and return it to Council by Friday 29 May. Further information is available on a dedicated project website at: <https://extranet.cardno.com/merimbulafloodstudy>

Library break-in

Eden library had its community room door kicked in, early Tuesday morning. This break-in and several others in Eden over the weekend were investigated by Eden police who immediately started searching for a person of interest. The library break-in occurred about 1.30am but the alarm must have scared the intruder(s) off. No damage occurred in the library but the door frame was destroyed and is being replaced. Well done to Eden police who quickly apprehended a suspect for the break-

Jobs with Council

- Executive Assistant to General Manager and Mayor. Applications close at 5pm on Monday 25 May.
- Supply Services Coordinator. Applications close at 5pm Friday 29 May.
- Supply Services Officers x 2. Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday, 3 June.
- Systems and Support Officer. Applications close at 5pm Thursday 4 June.
- Programs and Partnerships Officer. Applications close at 5pm on Thursday 4 June.
- Library Operations Team Leader. Applications close at 5pm Thursday 4 June.

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.

Applications received after closing time won't be considered.

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

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Please send all correspondence to PO Box 492, BEGA NSW 2550.

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Funding for Heritage Conservation Projects

Council is offering heritage conservation grants of up to \$5,000 for owners of heritage properties wanting to get started on renovation projects. The money, from the Local Heritage Assistance Fund is available to individuals, organisations and community groups wanting to conserve their heritage buildings.

Eligible projects may involve the repair, maintenance or reinstatement of missing items on heritage buildings, and can range from structural work through to painting.

Projects funded by the program last year included a section of roof at Littleton House in Bega, replacing guttering and fascia at the former Queen's Hotel building in Candelo, re-stumping an old vernacular slab building in Brogo and replacing decking and painting the exterior of Greenpoint house at Millingandi.

There was also funding for an exterior repaint and roof restoration of Holy Trinity Church, Kameruka.

The money is allocated at the discretion of Council and payable as small grants of up to \$5,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis, and a grant of up to \$2,500 for pensioners or self-funded retirees aged over 65.

An application form can be downloaded from Council's website www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au or phone the heritage officer on 6499 2222 for more information.

Applications for funding are open now until Friday 5 June. Council's Heritage Advisor, Pip Giovanelli, will be available for free consultation and advice on heritage places.

Landscape guidelines adopted

Councillors adopted new landscaping guidelines at their meeting this week. The purpose of the guidelines is to provide some guidance to applicants about the preparation of landscaping plans for lodgement with development applications. We have received great feedback during the public exhibition period and look forward to this document making a worthwhile contribution towards the landscaping of our green spaces and backyards in the future.

Improving addressing system

Council is working with NSW Land and Property Information to improve the property addressing system in NSW. This will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of delivering emergency services, postal services, goods delivery, government and utility services in your area.

All Councils in NSW have responsibility for issuing and ensuring addresses are correct and unambiguous by meeting established standards.

The LPI is asking all householders to support Council with this program and adopt the addresses or address change that council may be implementing for your address or property or for any other addresses or locations in the area.

For more information about the NSW Address Program contact NSW Addressing Committee on 6332 8070 or email addressing@lpi.nsw.gov.au

Wonboyn ramp and jetty opening

The Wonboyn boat ramp and jetty reconstruction project will be officially opened on Monday, 1 June, at 10.30am by our local State Member for Bega and Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Andrew Constance.

The old boat ramp and timber jetty have been replaced with a precast concrete boat ramp and pontoon jetty and the launching area and carpark have been upgraded with funds from Council and the NSW Government Better Boating Program.

Council's Maritime Infrastructure Plan, part of the Recreational Asset Management Plan, assessed the condition, capacity and functionality of Council's existing maritime infrastructure against current and projected requirements and identified Wonboyn Lake boat ramp and jetty as a high priority for upgrade.

An application for a Better Boating Program 2013-14 grant was successful and Roads and Maritime Services provided a grant of \$245,000, being 50 per cent of the total project budget of \$490,000.

Morning tea will be provided at the official launch. If you would like to attend, email twwhiting@begavalley.nsw.gov.au by Wed 27 May.

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