

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Your kids are in good hands

Report cards on Bandara Children's Services in Bega and Eden Preschool have delivered top marks to Council's early childhood services. Eden Preschool has received an 'Exceeding Expectations' rating under the Federal Government's Education and Care Services National Regulations, and Bandara's draft accreditation results indicate that it is due to receive the same honour.



Staff and children of Bandara Children's Services celebrate the good news!

"Our educational program and practice, and our relationships with children, are two accreditation categories that have particularly come in for praise at both of these centres," Manager of Children, Families and Ageing, Kristina Brenner said.

"This is a review process that all early childhood centres go through approximately every three years and really highlights the dedication and passion that staff have for the children and families they work with," she said.

Merimbula CBD bypass

The next stage of the Merimbula CBD bypass works start Monday, 2 May, with reconstruction of the central portion of the Palmer St carpark. The carpark work will take about 8 weeks after which the next portion of bypass alignment that links Palmer Lane and Park St will be constructed. The bypass project will reduce traffic congestion within the Merimbula central business district and improve through-traffic movement. Changed traffic conditions will be in place and several trees will be removed as part of the works. For more information call Council on 6499 2222.

Activate Eden!

Council's Place Based Officer for the southern end of the Shire, Sarah Davis, has asked us to spread the word about a workshop on 'Placemaking', held in Eden next month. Placemaking is about further activating places and spaces with benefits for community, health and local economies. The free workshop, conducted by Katherine O'Regan, will focus on placemaking for a productive small business environment and will be held at the RSL Memorial Hall in Calle Calle Street, Eden, on Thursday 19 May from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Tenders

- Installation of underground power to Eden Waste Facility. Close on 1 May, 12pm
- Community information on fluoridation of BVSC water supplies. Close on 4 May, 12pm.
- Brothers in Arms Memorial. Close on 11 May, 12pm.

Visit our e-Tendering Portal at www.tenderlink.com/begavalley

Arts scholarships

Young people aged 18 to 25 who have an artistic bent are invited to apply for the NSW Government's \$10,000 Young Regional Artists Scholarship program. Local artists and arts workers from any art form can apply, be it dance, design, digital arts, history, Aboriginal arts, literature, music, theatre, screen and the visual arts. The scholarships are available to fund activities including mentorships or internships, residencies, short-term courses and workshops, travel and the creation of new work. Applications close on 27 June. For more info or to apply for a NSW Young Regional Artists Scholarship visit: www.arts.nsw.gov.au

Nardy House fundraiser

Make your way to Lower Verona on Saturday to visit a fantastic garden and have lunch overlooking the magnificent Wadbilliga National Park. Jan and Robert Kidd are opening their garden on Hore-Lacey's Road from 10am to 4pm as a fundraiser for Nardy House. Open Garden signs on the Princes Highway at Quaama will direct you to the garden.

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Trace your military ancestors

Now that your curiosity about family members who served in the military has been tweaked, you can learn more about and add personal details and anecdotes to special personal journals.

Bega Valley Shire Library Service recently partnered with Australia Remembers which has created a database of online journals that can help you pay tribute to the many Australian servicemen and women who served in the Australian military.

Australia Remembers is an online resource that pulls together information from other organisations such as National Archives and the Australian War Memorial and creates online journals for each soldier.

The journals become very special living memorials as anyone can add photographs, memories or tributes to the online journals, building up a fascinating mix of factual, anecdotal and personal information that honours the soldiers in a unique way.

You can search by name or service number or you can search for the town an serviceperson was born in or enlisted. The web address for Australia Remembers is www.australiaremembers.net.au

If you'd like some help then visit your local library where we have friendly staff to assist you.

Shire libraries also have a range of resources that people can use for finding out more about their ancestors who may have served in WWI, WWII or other conflicts.

Community Environment Grants

Due to the popularity and success of our Community Environment Grants Program over the past five years, Council has recently increased the funds to \$50,000. Grants are competitive and a maximum of \$6,000 (+GST) is available for any one project under the Program.

To be eligible for a grant, a group or organisation must be non-profit and based in the Bega Valley Shire. They must also have an ABN and be incorporated (or be auspiced by an organisation that has an ABN and incorporation status), and they must meet the requirements of the Community Environmental Grant Guidelines available from Council.

Applications for funding close at 4.30pm on Monday, 23 May 2016.

It is strongly recommended that you discuss your environmental project with Council before submitting an application. Phone Council's Environmental Services Section on 6499 2222.

A chance to change career

The Austswim teacher program is coming to the Sapphire Aquatic Centre at Pambula in May so instead of having to travel to Sydney or Melbourne which is normally the case, locals will be able to complete the two day course locally and become a qualified swim teacher.

There will be two days of training on May 14 and 15, between 8.30am and 5.30pm. The cost is \$405 payable to AustSwim.

More information can be found on the AustSwim website: <http://www.austswim.com.au/Training/AUSTSWIMCourses.aspx>

To book a place and start your new career call Leanne Webb on 6494 3100

We want to know

Thanks to the Nethercote Produce Markets for helping us kick off five weeks of consultations for Council's next Community Strategic Plan!

Our staff held a community engagement stall at the markets and enjoyed great feedback, great people and great food.

Next on the schedule were Wonboyn Fire Shed, Wolumla Memorial Hall and, this weekend, they will be at Candelo Markets on Sunday and hope to see you there to find out what you would like your local community to be in the next 10 or 20 years.

We are calling on everyone from preschool children to local businesses and visitors to take part in our biggest public consultation to paint a collective picture of the community's values, challenges and ambitions.

To check when we'll be heading to a town or village near you go to Council's website where you can also take our survey online.

Imlay street final works

The major works on Imlay street, Eden, are nearing completion with the deep lift and lime stabilisation of the south half of the street finalised this week. Sorry about the inconvenience and dust! Road base and trim will be laid, compacted and rolled next week with the asphalt cement seal to be completed the following week. Signage, line-marking and furniture installation will follow.

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