

# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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## Cemetery volunteers thanked



*Members of the General Cemeteries Committee meeting at the end of their four year term with Council staff. (Back) Ray Alcock, Dave Wilton, Peter Phillips, Wayne Dunning, Shirley Carter, Jackie Grant, Tex Pena and Anne Cleverley. (Front) Neridah Holzhauser, Barbara Grant, Nancy Grant and Karen Terwin.*

Members of the Council's cemetery volunteers do a wonderful job caring for the cemeteries in their local villages and this week we marked the end of the General Cemeteries Committee's four year term. However many committee members have volunteered in their individual cemeteries for more than 25 years and we thank them for their contribution. New volunteers are always welcome and we would welcome talking to interested people. You can register your interest on the Volunteering page on Council's website or call Peter Cross on 0427 127 118.

### Tatha Wharf – spread the word

Repair works are about to begin on Tatha Wharf despite a lack of clarity around funding the works. At their last Council meeting for this term, Councillors resolved to engage a specialist marine building firm to do the job, and they are expected to start within weeks. The total cost of the repair work is estimated to be \$500,000 and negotiations are on-going with Council's insurer, as well as Federal and State Governments around contributing appropriately to that expense. The wharf will remain open during the works, with access via the 'cattle race' on the western side of the building. Many visitors and locals have

mistakenly thought that the Wharf is closed so please spread the word. The wharf is open, the fish are biting and Tatha is always a good place to holiday. Electrical and plumbing repairs are also needed inside the old warehouse and until that time The Wharf Locavore café will remain closed.

### Work at Pambula River Mouth Park

Contractors have begun work at the Pambula River Mouth Park to provide an accessible parking bay and a path to improve accessibility to the new toilets that were opened last December. Other minor works will include adjustments to improve emergency access to the beach and stormwater arrangements.

## Jobs with Council

- Executive Assistant Strategy and Business Services. Applications close Tuesday 30 August
- Group fitness instructors and lifeguard -pool attendants. Applications close Thursday 27 October.

Full position descriptions and selection criteria on Council's website. Address the selection criteria and send by email to [recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or post to address below.

## Mumbulla Foundation grants

The Mumbulla Foundation will be distributing more than \$75,000 this year thanks to the recent successful launch of its Gold Donor program and Bega Valley Shire Council's decision to increase annual funding to the Foundation.

Over the past 15 years a total of over \$800,000 in grants has gone to groups as diverse as SPAN (Suicide Prevention Action Network); Pearls Place Kitchen; Stonewave Taiko; Twofold Aboriginal Corporation; Southern Women's Group; Jellat Rural Fire Brigade; REAP by OzHarvest and Eden Preschool.

Grants up to \$7,500 are available to help small groups to deliver projects, run events and build networks and friendship which enable them to continue their vital contribution to the Bega Valley community.

Applications for grants opened on 15 August and close at 5pm on 30 September 2016.

For information about eligibility and how to apply, go to [www.mumbulla.org.au](http://www.mumbulla.org.au) and find the Grants page.

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## Cocora Beach ready for summer

Great news for Eden folk that rehabilitation work at Cocora Beach has been completed by an Aboriginal work crew under the guidance of local contractor Paddy Farrell with the work designed to mimic the natural form of the beach and dune system.

Fences and formalised walkways have also been constructed to direct foot traffic away from sensitive areas, and replanting of native vegetation will strengthen and further protect the coastal environment in the long run. The result is a balance between the needs of this fragile area and the interests of the community.

It is hoped is that, over time, the works will make that strip of beach more resilient as a storm barrier, better protecting nearby roadways and other public assets. These works also complement what has already been achieved at Cocora Beach around the starting point of the Bundian Way, an ancient Aboriginal pathway linking the Snowy Mountains and the sea.

## Volunteering workshops

If you are trying to attract, retain or and support your volunteers Council is offering the opportunity to attend a free three-hour workshop plus access delivered by the Albury-Wodonga Volunteer Resource Bureau. Participants will receive free ongoing access to the Way2Go Toolkit and resources valued at \$297. This is a fantastic resource for any group working with volunteers, check out the website, [www.vrb.org.au](http://www.vrb.org.au). Workshops will be held in Bermagui

and Bega on the 15 September and in Eden on the 16 September. Places are limited so for more information or to secure a spot please call Peter Cross on 64992201 or email [pcross@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pcross@begavalley.nsw.gov.au)

## Council election

Council is now in caretaker mode as we prepare for the local government election on Saturday, 10 September, when we will choose the team that will lead us for the next four years. We have a whopping field of 26 candidates for the nine Councillor positions and you can check information sheets on the Electoral Commission of NSW website, [www.votesnsw.info](http://www.votesnsw.info).

For Pre-polling dates and information at the following locations: Bega, Bermagui; Eden; Merimbula; and the Regional Returning Officer's office in Vulcan Street, Moruya, go to Council's website <http://bv.lyte.link/2382/3BE3>.

For postal voting you can apply for a postal vote on the website or by phoning 1300 135 736. Postal votes must be received by the Electoral Commission no later than 5pm on Monday, 5 September. And don't forget, voting is compulsory!

## Tura Marrang Quilters

If you are into quilting or patchwork you may be interested to learn that a new group has made the Tura Marrang Library and Community Centre their home base. Everyone is welcome to join the group which meets at 10am on the first Tuesday of each month. It doesn't matter if

you are a beginner wanting to find out how to get started or if you are an experienced quilter, this is a great way to meet other people, have a cuppa and share ideas. The group is open to all quilters whether they quilt by hand or machine, applique or patchwork.

Participants can bring along their own project or some people may like to work together on a charity quilt or some other group challenge. There is no need to book, just come along or phone Tura Marrang library on 6499 2340 for more information.

## Kianinny upgrade

An upgrade of the Kianinny jetty that services the boat ramp in Tathra has begun and is estimated to take approximately four weeks, weather and tides permitting. During that period the boat ramp lane nearest the jetty and the jetty itself will not be available for use. While the current jetty is serviceable, major improvement works are required to service a boat ramp of this size and usage.

The upgrade will include new concrete decks and berthing faces, and the removal of rock outcrops below the waterline along the berthing faces which pose a fouling hazard to boats at low tide. The project also includes the installation of ladders, mooring cleats, bollards and berthing fenders. This project is being funded jointly by Bega Valley Shire Council and Roads and Maritime Services under the NSW Boating Now program and will cost \$115,000.

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