

# Bega Valley Shire Council

# village newsletter

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## Happy Christmas to you!

This is our final Village Newsletter for the year. We'll be back on January 15. From everyone at Council we wish our readers a very happy Christmas and everything you deserve in 2016. Council's offices, libraries and the Bega Valley Regional Gallery will close at 3pm on Thursday 24 December and reopen from 9am on Monday 4 January 2016.

Waste services will operate as usual, with the exception of Christmas Day when all waste collection sites will be closed. For emergencies and urgent enquiries only, call 6499 2222 during the holiday period.

## Three million prawns

More than three million native eastern king prawns have been released into Wallagoot Lake by NSW Department of Primary Industries this week to boost the summer fishing hotspot. Catching eastern king prawns over summer is one of the great traditional Aussie family pastimes and these releases will lead to it being even more enjoyable in the future when the prawns reach harvestable size in about two months.

## Pollacks Flat Road

Carpenter's Bridge on Pollacks Flat Road, Bemboka, will be closed to all traffic from Monday 25 January 2016 until Friday 19 February 2016 for programmed bridge pier and deck replacement works. No traffic access will be permitted and a detour via Snowy Mountain Highway will be available during this time. For more information phone Brett Hansford on 0428 612 372.

## Andrew plays Santa

Member for Bega Andrew Constance has announced grants for eight community projects in the Shire from the Community Building Partnership program. They are:

- \$57,000 for the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council for a storage facility to service the public infrastructure associated with the Bundian Way project.
- \$20,000 to the Tathra Beach Bowling Club towards the completion of a new access bridge.
- \$20,000 for the Merimbula Rural Fire Service for stage two of their station extension.
- \$19,600 to the Bermagui Pre-School for kitchen, laundry and bathroom renovations.
- \$10,000 for renovations and repairs to the roof of the Pambula Pre-School Kindergarten.
- \$8,000 for the Bega District Poultry Club for refurbishment of the chook shed and cages.
- \$7,500 to paint and refurbish the Bega Scouts Hall.
- \$5,000 for repairs to improve accessibility to the Bega Baptist Church.

## No funds for flood study

Council was unsuccessful with its grant application to this year's NSW State Government's Floodplain Management Program to undertake a flood study for the Towamba River and Twofold Bay. We will continue to seek funding opportunities for flood and floodplain risk management studies when the grant program is readvertised next year

## Jobs with Council

- Water and sewerage mechanical and electrical engineer. A degree in mechanical or electrical engineering and substantial experience in the water supply and sewerage industry is required. Close at 5pm on 23 December.
- Indigenous Early Childhood Educator. Working in a team to create quality educational programs for all children working closely with families and respecting their values. Close at 5pm on 7 January.
- Certified Supervisor. You will need strong theoretical knowledge of how children grow and learn with demonstrated practical skills in implementing an approved curriculum. Close at 5pm on 7 January.

When applying, address the selection criteria in your application and send by email to [recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or post to the address below.

## Doing business with Council

- Internal Auditing Services request for quotation. Close at 12pm on 6 January 2016.
- Civil and Steelworks Raising Bega Sewerage Pumping Station Platform Number 2 - Bega. Close at 12pm on 28 January 2016.
- Sale of Lot 946 and Lot 949 Main Street Merimbula request for tender. Close at 12pm on 3 February 2016.

Council tendering information is received through e-tendering: [www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley](http://www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley)

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## HDA playground

The playground in Eden's Harris Daishowa Park (HDA Park) will be removed on Tuesday 22 December because, sadly, it is well past its best and beyond repair.

As plans are made for renewal of the facility, Council will be consulting with the local community on the type of play equipment and if the location best suits the needs of nearby residents. Residents can use the Endeavour Court Playground located between Endeavour Court and Banks Street, Eden. This playground is less than one kilometre from the HDA Park Playground on the western side of the Princes Highway. Aside from the Endeavour Court playground, there are five other playgrounds within Eden town that can be used for recreational play. For information phone John Turville, Council's Recreation Assets Officer on 6499 2210.

## An art prize opening

Join Mayor Michael Britten, BVRG curator Iain Dawson and judge Abdul Abdullah in the Bega Valley Regional Gallery on Friday (18 December) at 6pm for the launch of Australia's newest portrait prize, The Shirl, National Youth Portrait Prize, sponsored by Peter Hannan as a tribute to his late mother, Shirley Hannan, who was a noted portraitist and arts patron. As well as Abdul's announcement of the winner of the inaugural The Shirl Prize there will also be the opportunity to meet some of the artists and a performance by Stonewave Taiko DJ and art bar.

## Upgrade at Bermagui jetty

The upgrade of the working jetty at Bermagui is well underway and expected to be finished by early February. The NSW Government is repairing the concrete headstocks and concrete deck beams which have deteriorated since the jetty was built.

Other works include installation of cathodic protection (a method used to control metal corrosion), adding a water proofing treatment and repairing cracks in the surface of the decking. New rubber fenders will be added to the end of the jetty and the lighting will be improved.

No disruption to normal operations around the harbour is anticipated over the Christmas and New Year period.

## Children's Services holiday hours

Eden Preschool will close Friday 18 December and reopens to children Thursday 28 January at 8.30am. Sapphire Mobile Preschool - Candelo closes Thursday 17 December and reopens to children on Thursday 28 January at 9am.

Sapphire Mobile Preschool - Bemboka closes Friday 18 December and reopens to children Friday 29 January at 9am.

Eden Child Care Centre closes Wednesday 23 December and reopens to children Monday 18 January at 7.30am.

Bandara Children's Services preschool, long day care and occasional care closes Wednesday 23 December, 2015 and reopens to children Monday 18 January at 7.45am.

Vacation Care Program Opens Monday 11 January at 8am and operates through to Monday 25 January, 2016.

## Xmas pool hours

### Thursday, 24 December

Bega - 6am to 3pm  
Bemboka - 2pm to 5pm  
Candelo - 6.30am to 8am - 10am to 6pm  
Cobargo - 6am to 9am - 10am to 6pm  
Eden - 10am to 5pm  
Sapphire Aquatic Centre - 6am to 5pm

### Friday, 25 December

All pools closed

### Saturday, 26 December

Bega - 10am to 2pm  
Bemboka - 2pm to 6pm  
Candelo - 10am to 4pm  
Cobargo - 10am to 6pm  
Eden - 10am to 6pm  
Sapphire Aquatic Centre - 10am to 5pm

### Sunday, 27 December

Bega - 9am to 4pm  
Bemboka - 2pm to 6pm  
Candelo - 10am to 4pm  
Cobargo - 10am to 6pm  
Eden - 10am to 6pm  
Sapphire Aquatic Centre - 10am to 5pm.

## Lifeguard services

The annual summer beach lifeguard period will start a week earlier this year at Aslings Beach, Pambula Beach, Tathra Beach and Horseshoe Bay in Bermagui.

From Monday 21 December to Wednesday 27 January lifeguards will be present at Horseshoe Bay, Tathra, Pambula Beach, Eden, Camel Rock, Short Point, Bar Beach and Merimbula Main Beach from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Local surf clubs run patrols on weekends and public holidays at Pambula Beach, Tathra and Horseshoe Bay in Bermagui.

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