

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Welcome to 2016

With fires and then floods, many of Council's contact and outdoor staff were kept busy over what was a holiday period for the rest of us. Our thanks go to those staff and to the members of the various emergency services organisations who kept us safe and informed. We hope 2016 is a good year for everyone in the Shire. We will be starting with a change – Village Newsletter is going fortnightly from today. If you would like to access Council news between issues why not sign up to receive our E-News, follow our Facebook page online or read our Community Link printed in the local newspapers.

'Boil water notice'

Council has introduced a 'boil water notice' as a precautionary measure following heavy rain earlier this week within the Brogo River water supply catchment. Quaama, Cobargo, Bermagui, Beauty Point, Fairhaven, Wallaga Lake, Wallaga Lake Heights, Wallaga Lake Koori Village, Akolele and also trunk main customers in these areas are affected. Council recommends that all water for consumption should be brought to a rolling boil (bubbling water) for at least one minute before use. Water can then be allowed to cool and stored in a clean container with a lid and refrigerated.

Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, cooking, washing uncooked foods (such as seafood or salads), making ice, personal hygiene, pet's drinking water, washing hands, cleaning teeth, gargling, face washing

of young children, washing toys and children's utensils. This notice will continue until the river water quality returns to normal. All water supplies are being monitored closely but water supplies in all other areas of the Shire are currently unaffected.

Coastal Accessibility

Masterplans are being developed for the Bruce Steer Pool area in Bermagui, Short Point in Merimbula and the Pambula Surf Club precinct with a view to making them more inclusive and accessible recreational spaces.

To participate in a survey go to Council's website, click on the Have Your Say tab and follow the links. For more information contact Council's Leisure and Recreation Coordinator Justin Welsford on 6499 2155.

Entries open for portrait prize

The roll over to 2016 means that one of Australia's most loved and richest portrait awards will be held in a few months. Entries are now open for the \$50,000 Shirley Hannan National Portrait Prize, hosted by the Bega Valley Regional Gallery, and will close on Friday 6 May.

An extra tip voucher

A second free waste tipping voucher has been issued. The additional voucher is aimed at assisting Shire ratepayers with the costs associated with disposing garden waste over the growing season.

The voucher can also be used for general waste, subject to the voucher terms and conditions. The voucher remains valid until 31 July 2016.

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. Close at 5pm on 12 January.
- Nominated supervisors (2 positions). We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated individuals to undertake the roles of nominated supervisor of Bandara Children's Services and supervisor of Eden Pre-school. Close at 5pm on 13 January.
- Early Childhood Educator (Certificate III) part-time. Close at 5pm on 18 January.
- Early Childhood Educator (Certificate III) full time. Close at 5pm on 18 January.
- Casual Early Childhood Educators (Certificate III). Close at 5pm pm 26 January.

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

Doing business with Council

- Demolition of building at Cannery site, Eden. Close at 12pm on 20 January 2016.
- Civil and Steelworks Raising Bega Sewerage Pumping Station Platform Number 2 - Bega. Close at 12pm on 28 January 2016.

Tendering information is received through e-tendering: www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley

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Zingel Place open for traffic

Zingel Place and the Littleton Gardens car park in Bega were opened for traffic just before Christmas but residents and visitors are reminded that construction in Littleton Gardens continues so appropriate caution in the area is needed. Barricades and fencing have been moved to allow more access for pedestrians and motorists, and to restrict access to construction areas still underway. Council expects the Littleton Gardens construction to be completed early this year.

Bega Park playground

The playground at Bega Park is now open to the public thanks to the contractors who worked through inclement weather to install furniture and rubber soft fall and complete necessary landscaping before Christmas.

Repairs to the boundary fence and planting of garden beds will be done early this year. The playground was designed with inclusiveness in mind and has improved access features such as a connecting path from Parker Street, Bega. Bega Valley Shire Council encourages the community to explore and enjoy the interactive space.

Waging war on plastic bags

Council is delighted to be partnering with Dorte Planert of the 1 Million Women South Coast hub to raise awareness about environmental issues relating to single use plastic bags.

We are providing 1000 free calico bags from a previous event and recycled wood and building material for the Boomerang bag display boxes that will be given away to people who attend a free screening of a funny film, 'Bag It' on Thursday 14 January at 7pm in the Club Bega downstairs conference room.

Anthony Hill from Plastic Pollution Solutions will introduce everybody to the concept of Boomerang Bags, sewn from recycled natural materials by local sewing groups, offered free and conveniently located near shops.

Donations of reasonably clean re-usable shopping bags will be accepted as well.

If you cannot get to the 14 January screening in Bega, there will be another on 12 January at the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre in Eden and at Tathra on 19 January.

For more information email Dorte at planert@bigpond.com or call Anthony on 0403 755 803.



Bega Park playground is now complete.

An extra green bin

With rain and sun comes prolific growth in the garden, and there's help at hand for properties overflowing with clippings. Council's Waste Services team says that while it's not widely known, it is easy to book an extra garden waste bin for kerbside collection every four weeks.

Council's garden organic waste bins are an affordable way to manage your garden clippings and pruning waste over the growing season.

An additional garden organic waste service costs \$55.50 per annum, which works out at a little over \$4 per month. Some residents find that the four-weekly collection cycle for garden waste is not enough over the summer months when gardens are growing fast.

We've discovered that many people are not aware that they can have additional bins, rather than having to take excess garden waste to the tip themselves.

It's a convenient and economical service that can be switched on and off in six monthly cycles. Garden waste is collected by Cleanaway and taken to Merimbula Recycling and Waste Depot where it is composted.

It is vitally important that garden waste bins are not contaminated with plastics, glass or anything else that is not garden waste.

Additional bins can be arranged by property owners by completing a Request for Additional Services form from Council's website or by calling 6499 2222. This service is only available to residents who already have a green bin kerbside service.

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