

# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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## Pambula supermarket

The public exhibition period for a proposed supermarket development at Pambula has been extended for 30 days until Friday 8 January 2016. The extension is in response to requests by Pambula residents for additional time to consider the proposal. The application and related plans can be inspected at Council's Zingel Place, Bega, office from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, and Eden library from 9.30am to 4pm (closed Monday) or on our website.

## Weed inspectors in Cobargo

Council's weeds officers are inspecting the Cobargo area for the invasive weed African Lovegrass during December. We are attempting to keep the northern parts of the Shire free of the weed as there are only isolated scatterings on individual properties and roadsides. Management is conducted by either bagging seed heads and chipping or by spot spraying individual plants. For more information phone chief weedie Lyall Bogie on 6499 2222.

## Free hearing checks

You can have your hearing checked free in our libraries during December. National Hearing Care will do the tests at the Bermagui library on Monday 7 December (phone 6499 2411 to book), Eden library on Wednesday 16 December (phone 6499 2453) and Bega library on Monday 21 December – but all appointments in Bega are booked out! The confidential check takes 20 minutes and you will receive a comprehensive report on your hearing.

## Pupils plant at Kisses Lagoon

Two classes from Bega Valley Public School have been helping with the regeneration of Kisses Lagoon. The Year 6 pupils and their Kindergarten buddies walked to the western side of the lagoon where they planted grasses, shrubs and trees in the space where willows once grew.

The planting was another element of Bega Valley Shire Council's Bringing NRM to Town – Bega Urban Floodplain Wetlands Restoration Project, which is funded through the Environmental Trust.

The students planted 540 new plants as part of the regeneration of this very visible Bega landmark.



*Bega Valley Primary School pupils, Anne Lucas, Kira Cesnik and Bianca Mackinnon plant native species at Kisses Lagoon.*

## Vacation care

Vacation care will be available at the Bega Valley Public School from Monday 11 to Monday 25 January 2016 from 8am to 5.30pm with lots of art, crafts, excursions and more. Phone Bandara Children's Services on 6492 4360 for information and to book.

## Jobs with Council

- Apprentice heavy diesel mechanic. Applications close at 5pm on 8 December.
- Casual lifeguard and pool attendant. Applications close at 5pm on 9 December.
- Water and Sewerage casual team member (four positions). Applications close at 5pm on 9 December.
- Bega Valley Regional Learning Centre Coordinator. Nominations close at 5pm on 10 December.
- Water and Sewerage mechanical and electrical engineer. Applications close at 5pm on 23 December.

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

- Aquatic facilities strategy request for quotation. Close at 12pm on 9 December.
- Internal Auditing Services request for quotation. Submissions close at 12pm on 6 January 2016.
- Sale of Lot 946 and Lot 949 Main Street Merimbula request for tender. Tenders close at 12pm on 3 February 2016.

All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-tendering portal at [www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley](http://www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley)

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Internet access is available at all of our libraries in Bega, Bermagui, Eden and Merimbula.

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

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## Interested in history?

Award-winning historian Dr Ian Hoskins will be at Eden library on Saturday 12 December to talk about our complex relationship to the NSW coast through maps, artworks and photographs. The address and the writing workshop that follows are part of Bega Valley Shire Library's Conversation series.

Dr Hoskins has taught history at various Sydney universities, curated numerous exhibitions at the Powerhouse Museum and written about landscapes and history including several contributions to the online 'Dictionary of Sydney.'

The writing workshop is for anyone who is interested in writing history either as fiction or non-fiction and participants are encouraged to take a photograph of any particular place or object that is central to their project.

The address will begin at 10am and the workshop starts at 11.30am with a light lunch provided.

Both are free. Places are limited so please book online at [www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au) or phone Eden library on 6499 2453.

## Plans to upgrade sports complexes

Draft master plans for Bega Sporting Complex (including Valley Fields) and Pambula Sporting Complex are on public display for comment and feedback and Council hopes sportsground committees, sporting clubs and the broader community will take the time to look over the plans and express their opinions.

The master plans will establish how the sites should look and function by providing a clear framework and direction for staged ongoing improvements and, as they are public assets, we see constructive community feedback as essential to meeting community needs and expectations.

The Bega plan includes an expanded indoor centre complete with seating and viewing areas, change rooms, and kiosks that can service both fields. At Pambula the plan proposes development of the southern area of the site to formalise the equestrian space and include stables as well as establishing two playing fields and a new pavilion to service this area.

There will be public workshops to talk about the draft plans and answer questions next week – at the Pambula Sporting Complex at 5.30pm Wednesday 9 December; and at Bega Council offices at 5.30pm Thursday 10 December to address the Bega Recreation Grounds and Valley Fields plan.

The draft plans can be viewed and feedback submitted by visiting Council's website and clicking on the Have Your Say tab and following the links. For more information phone Justin Welsford on 6499 2155. The exhibition period expires on 2 February 2016.



## Our Halls, Tathra

Work began on Tathra Hall in early 1913, when land was selected for the hall site with foundation laid by people from Bega, Tathra and Bega River Sawmill in July.

Once complete, the hall opened in November 1913 with a grand ball considered a great success – even though it rained.

Tathra Hall has hosted vaudeville, dances, Cinderellas (dances for children dressing up in fairy tale outfits), public lectures, card nights, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, concerts, yoga, aerobics, childcare and a polling place to vote.

Over the years the hall has had some renovations, including some remodelling in the 1930s, the addition of a brick veneer façade in the 1980s and toilets added in the 1990s.

The Tathra Lions Club did the 2010 renovation of the hall which removed the brick veneer façade to return the hall to its original look.

The Sunshine Club bought the stove, fridge and crockery to upgrade the kitchen and the solar panels on the roof are courtesy of the Tathra Mountain Bike Club and Clean Energy for Eternity, both added in 2013.

Today the hall has toilets, a 200 person capacity, disability access, 100 chairs and six benches, heating, hot water and an updated kitchen facility.

For bookings call Council on 6499 2222. Fees and useful information regarding bookings can be found at Council's website [www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au) and search for Tathra Hall in the search bar.

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