

We're committed to...

- Attracting investment in our region by expanding our successful Investment Prospectus to include renewal of existing assets along with new social and cultural infrastructure projects and bushfire recovery
- Enhancing our natural environment by delivering a range of environmental education programs including Greenshoots and Love our Lakes
- Preserving our Aboriginal cultural heritage through the delivery of 'Back in the Day' – the digitisation of stories and photos of the people of the Yuin Nation
- Supporting a strong and resilient community with an ongoing program of bushfire recovery outreach
- Building a sustainable future through the implementation of key actions from the Climate Resilience Strategy and Clean Energy Plan
- Ensuring the safety and enjoyment of our open spaces for all by delivering a community education program that encourages responsible companion animal ownership
- Supporting the business community to stabilise and grow through accessing specialist business advice and support

Visit Council's website or your local library to view the adopted Operational Plan with more detail about projects happening in 2020-21.

www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/csp

We have plans in place to...

- Meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community through an Affordable Housing Strategy
- Restore natural areas under Council management that were destroyed in the 2020 Bega Valley Bushfires by introducing environmental restoration projects
- Strengthen connections with local Aboriginal people through a revised Memorandum of Understanding
- Bolster our economic development response to bushfires and COVID-19 by advocating and supporting business innovation and activity in the Shire
- Cement our position as a regional leader in arts and culture with a strategic plan for the Bega Valley Regional Gallery
- Understand the community vision for Bermagui by connecting with the community to develop a revised CBD Masterplan

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Need DA support?

Our DA Hub is committed to prompt responses for both bushfire affected property owners and general development requests.

Call Council on 02 6499 2222 or email DevelopmentHub@begavalley.nsw.gov.au and our DA Team will be there to help you.

Your Council at work across the Bega Valley

Receive it via email

Have your rates and water notices sent to you by email.

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It's been a difficult year for our Shire. Pain and loss combined with wonderful examples of compassion, community, kindness, love and resilience. Since our summer of bushfires, and now with COVID-19, Council has been there to walk with and support the community; always on the lookout to help where we can.

Bushfire Recovery Support

Our community expects Council to play a key role in any emergency. It looks to us for help and we take that responsibility seriously. During the bushfires our role wasn't formalised or regulated. With many agencies playing a part, we knew that it fell to us to support and steer.

We built on experience from the 2018 Tathra & District and Yankees Gap fires; quickly putting in place an emergency response and recovery framework. Our learnings from those dark days almost two years before meant we mobilised efficiently in early January 2020.

Despite limited resources, our staff make themselves available time and again. Our local knowledge helps lead a course to outcomes the community expects.

Our confidential and free Bushfire Recovery Support Service offers case management and support for those impacted by our summer of bushfires. Call 02 64992345 or email recovery@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

Ratepayer Support

We advocated to the State Government to waive rates for the first two quarters of 2020 for bushfire impacted people with lost or uninhabitable properties. That waiver has been extended to cover all of 2020.

We also committed to waive more than \$300,000 in Council fees and charges; introducing disaster hardship measures to reduce the burden felt across the community. This is the toughest of years and we'll work with you to support reasonable options. Please get in touch by phone or email.

Infrastructure investment highlights 2020 - 2021

-  Playgrounds in Bermagui, Quaama and Eden to provide safe and accessible facilities
-  A fitness trail in Eden to lift health and wellbeing outcomes
-  Boat ramp upgrades at Blackfellows Lake and Bermagui River to ensure safe access to our rivers and estuaries
-  Fish cleaning table upgrades at Bermagui Harbour and River, Pambula Lake and Quarantine Bay
-  Upgrades to walking tracks at Wallaga Lake and Tura Head Coastal Reserve designed to enhance the enjoyment of our natural environment
-  Sporting facility upgrades in Tathra, Eden, Pambula, Merimbula, Bega and Wolumla to boost quality of life in our communities
-  Improvement work on bridges in Cobargo, Mount Darragh, Wyndham and Bermagui; making sure your journey is a safe one
-  Continuing work on the Tathra to Kalaru bike track as part of our long term plan to better connect our communities
-  Construction of the Lake Street shared path in Merimbula

-  Sealing of West Kameruka and Towamba/Burragate roads, improving connectivity in the north of our region
-  Continuing road and pathway connectivity improvements around the Port of Eden
-  Bega/Tathra and Brogo/Bermagui Water Treatment Plant upgrades designed to secure and protect our community's water supply, with preliminary works commencing in 2020
-  Upgrades in capacity at the Central Waste Facility to manage the shire's long-term waste needs
-  Emergency generator at Ben Boyd Dam to secure water supplies for the south of our shire
-  Upgrades to our sewerage treatment plant in Bermagui, North Bega and Quaama
-  Solar panels and air conditioning for Quaama, Wyndham and Bemboka halls to improve comfort levels and better manage electricity costs
-  Continuing work on the Merimbula Airport Commercial Precinct to allow for an expanded offering for general aviation users and aviation related businesses to grow
-  Bushfire recovery projects including rebuilding 13 destroyed bridges and repairing many others, repairing stormwater infrastructure and roads, rebuilding of Wandella & Kiah halls and public toilets in Cobargo and Wonboyn

We have a big year ahead of us as we strive to deliver our core services while moving forward with our bushfire and COVID-19 recovery program. We're investing in planning, building and renewal of infrastructure across the Valley, continuing to make our community a fabulous place to live, work and do business.