

# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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## Bandara's little bikies

This story is to make you smile! The children at Bandara Children's Service in Bega are donning their leathers and helmets and revving up these days with the establishment of the Bandara Bikies. Mounted on new trikes and scooters, the children are learning how to keep safe in traffic, on bikes or as pedestrians. The Bandara Bikies program was funded by the NRMA Insurance Community Grants Program to help buy trikes, scooters, helmets and road safety resources that the children can use in conjunction with road safety programs.

Bandara's Educational Leader Amanda Bradfield said the centre has a safe riding environment for the children to learn new riding skills and perfect their steering, acceleration and braking skills. "They will build gross motor strength and learn how to negotiate turn taking with their friends," she said. "We all want to send a big thank you to the NRMA Insurance Community Grants Program that has got this project, and the children, in the bike saddle!"



Photograph: Bandara's little 'bikies'.

## Myrtle Creek fish death

Hundreds of dead fish have been reported in Myrtle Creek close to Wyndham and Burragate. NSW Fisheries have been informed and more information will be released following investigation of the incident. Residents downstream of the affected area are advised against using water from the creek until further notice. If you have any information about the incident, phone NSW Fisheries on 1300 550 474 or email [information-advisory@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:information-advisory@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

## Policy up for public comment

The draft policy for Heritage works of a minor nature will be on exhibition for public comment from 28 August to 9 October. The draft policy aims to streamline the approval of works of a minor nature to heritage items and places within heritage conservation areas. It can be viewed in our Bega office at Zingel Place, or in the Merimbula, Eden and Bermagui libraries as well as our website. For more info, call Sophie Thomson in the Planning section on 6499 2246.

## Jobs with Council

- IAS Project Officer. Applications close at 5pm on 26 August.
- Waste Facility Officer (Part-Time). Applications close at 5pm on 28 August.
- Mechanical Trades Team leader. Applications close at 5pm on 28 August.
- Ranger Services Coordinator. Applications close on 2 September.

Position descriptions are available from our website or by phoning Council.

When applying, address the selection criteria in your application and send to:

- Email: [recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au)
- Post: The General Manager, Bega Valley Shire Council, PO Box 492, Bega NSW 2550.
- Fax: 6499 2200.

## Doing business with Council

- Bega Civic Centre Council Chamber furniture request for quotations close on 2 September.

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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## Take Asylum in the library

Quaama author Isobel Blackthorn will talk about her first novel, *Asylum*, in a presentation at the Bega library next Friday, 28 August from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. The book, which was released by Odyssey Books in May, is about Yvette Grimm who arrives in Australia on a holiday visa seeking asylum from the wreckage of her life.

She applies for permanent residency with no hope of success. Resisting advice that she marry to stay in the country, Yvette invests her hopes in a palm-reader's prophecy that she will meet the father of her children before she's 30. She's 29. Set in the heat of an endless Perth summer, against the backdrop of asylum seekers locked in detention, *Asylum* is a gripping tale of loss and belonging that is dark, absurd and hilarious by turns.

## Try wheelchair basketball at Bermagui

The Wheelchair Roadshow is on the way to Bermagui to spread the word about several important issues – road safety and the consequences of taking risks, disability sport and living with a disability. Sports NSW will be taking their program to schools pupils in the region and Council's Access Advisory Committee has grasped the opportunity to promote greater awareness of what it is like to be in a wheelchair in a fun environment.

They will host a wheelchair basketball session at the Bermagui Indoor Stadium on 10 September and are inviting businesses, builders and community groups from around the

Bermagui area to participate. The aim is to promote greater awareness of what it is like to be in a wheelchair in a fun environment. Round robin games will start at 11.30am, lunch will be provided and at the end of the day participants will be asked to complete a questionnaire on what they learnt and how they felt during the round robin games.

## Small Business Grants scheme

The NSW Government's Small Business Grants employment incentive scheme will be the subject under discussion at an information session in Bega next week. The scheme provides eligible small businesses with a \$2,000 grant for each new full-time worker they employ, and a pro-rata grant for new part-time and casual workers.

The information session will be held on Wednesday, 26 August, at 5pm at the Bank Hotel. For further information about the grants or to register to attend the free information sessions visit the NSW Office of State Revenue website at [www.osr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 241 869.

## In the Gallery foyer

A group of Aboriginal girls in our community have been learning to explore their ideas and increase their art skills and self-confidence and now they are ready to showcase their art to their school and the general community. They have been guided by an art therapist to explore their ideas and increase their art skills and self-confidence and about making art works for an exhibition and for sale.

The Bega Women's Resource Centre received funding under the Aboriginal Community Cultural Grants through the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs to conduct the young indigenous women's art project in collaboration with Wandarma Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service, Bega High School and Sapphire Coast Anglican College. The exhibition is in the foyer of the Bega Valley Regional Gallery until the end of September.



Photograph: Some of the girls' artworks on exhibition in the BVRG foyer.

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