

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Saluting our seniors

There was lots of laughter and music and not a few touches of green in acknowledgement of St Patrick's Day at this year's Seniors Week Golden Gig on Tuesday in Merimbula.

The theme of Seniors Week 2015 is 'Be Inspired' and there was plenty of inspiration acknowledged when Mayor Michael Britten introduced the finalists for Bega Valley Shire Senior Citizen of Year.

They are Eileen Cameron of Eden, Val Little of Tathra, John Aveyard of Eden, Judi Hearn of Bermagui, Jan Aveyard of Eden and Brian Richards of Bega.

Each has contributed enormously to their local communities and to the Shire as a whole over many, many years.

The Mayor then announced that Jan and John Aveyard of Eden are the joint Bega Valley Shire Senior of the Year for 2015.

Jan and John made Eden their home nearly 20 years ago and since then they have been actively involved in every aspect of the town – big or small.

Jan has made a rich contribution to community life in the Shire through her involvement in a range of community organisations.

She is best known for her devotion to health issues and health administration having served on regional and area health advisory committees as well as the community-based lobby group for a new regional hospital which is now nearing completion.

However, around Eden she is known as a go-to person when there is a good cause – whether it is knitting squares to make blankets for homeless people, delivering meals with Meals on Wheels or volunteering at the Eden Tourist Information Centre – as well as involvement with Rotary, Probus and the Eden Whale Festival. Jan has been a Patron of the Relay for Life and an Ambassador of the Whale Festival.

John's history of involvement is prodigious ranging from Bega Valley Shire Councillor, chair of the Eden Foundation and the Eden Region Adjustment Package Advisory Committee and deputy chair of the Far South Coast Catchment Management Committee to member of the Eden Port Advisory Committee, the Eden Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Mumbulla Foundation.

He is a past president of the Eden Rotary Club and was secretary-treasurer of the Friends of the Davidson Whaling Station.

And he has even found time for his hobby of creating intricate scale models of old ships which have been on display during Whale Festivals.



Jobs with Council

Bega Town Team Leader - The successful applicant will be required to coordinate staff involved in the overall field operation and maintenance of council's infrastructure, and all aspects of town maintenance, footpaths, storm water, parks and toilets. Applications close on 31 March at 5pm.

Mechanical Trades Team Leader - Council's water and sewerage services section is seeking an experienced person to head the mechanical trades team. Applications close on 3 April at 4.30pm.

Early Childhood Educator (Certificate III) Casual Pool - Bega Valley Shire Council has an exciting opportunity for casual Early Childhood Educators to join the Children's Services team in Bega, Eden, Candelo and Bemboka. Applications close on 27 March at 5.00pm.

Email your application to recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au before closing time or post your application to The General Manager, Bega Valley Shire Council, PO Box 492, Bega NSW 2550 or fax to 6499 2200. Address the selection criteria in the position description, this can be obtained by phoning 6499 2222 or downloading from our website. Applications received after closing time won't be considered.

Photograph: Mayor Michael Britten (centre) congratulates joint Senior Citizens of the Year, John and Jan Aveyard of Eden.

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Civic Centre façade

The scaffolding has been taken down from the new Bega Civic Centre revealing its blue and grey facade.

There has been lots of interest on social media, including some quite funny comments.

The main building contract is running on time with contractors programmed to complete in early July.



Musical magic

There will be a musical story time at the libraries in Bermagui next Tuesday, 24 March, and Bega on Wednesday, 25 March when the Penny Quartet provide a musical treat for children of all ages.

This is a terrific opportunity to introduce children of a young age to new sounds, music and instruments they have not encountered before.

A musical story time lets children engage with instruments and players and can be an inspirational experience.

The musical story times, both from 10.30am to 11.30am, are presented by the Bega Valley Shire Library in partnership with Four Winds.

In other library news the Eden library has started story time for pre-schoolers on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.30am.

Funds for timber bridges

Another nice message from the Member for Bega Andrew Constance this week. This one is that Council will receive \$220,000 under the Fixing Country Roads Funding Program for load assessments of 57 timber bridges across the region.

Spanish classes

Free Spanish lessons for beginners will start on Monday, 23 March, at 10am in the Bega Library.

The eight week course is for people who want to learn Spanish without previous knowledge and the main objective is to learn common and useful expressions, involve the students with basic grammar and general knowledge about Hispanic culture.

Classes last an hour and are organised with different activities including grammatical theory, practice exercises (listening, speaking, writing and reading) and games. To book, phone the Bega library on 6499 2115.

Bermagui Lagoon

The Bermagui Flora and Fauna Reserve Trust is inviting everyone to a Bermagui North Lagoon Information Day on Saturday, 11 April, from 10am to noon.

Help the Trust launch their beautiful new signs with guided bird and plant walks, pick up handouts on the birds and plants of the lagoon and hear about plans to protect and restore the lagoon surrounds.

Meet at the information table near the boardwalk, opposite Bermagui Public School.

Tenders

Council is seeking tenders to design and construct the Telstra Building extension in Minyama Parade, Bega. Tenders close on March 25 at noon.

All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-Tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley

Expressions of Interest

Council is seeking expressions of interest for the future lease of the Tathra Beach Kiosk located on the beachfront at Tathra. Expressions of interest close on 10 April. For more information contact Council's property officer, Michelle Preo, on 6499 2288.

Share your stories and memories of the lagoon and check out historic maps and photos courtesy of the Bermagui Historical Society. For more information contact the Trust by phoning Dani on 6493 5777 or email secretary.bffrt@hotmail.com

Abbreviated place names

We have a request from a researcher who would like to know if there are any towns, villages or localities in our Shire, the names of which have been abbreviated by locals, such as Rocky for Rockhampton or Colly for Collarenebri. We can only think of Bermi for Bermagui but are there others with a nickname? Please let us know by phoning Council on 6499 2222 or email council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

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