

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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After the storms and floods

Thank you to all those people, volunteers and professionals, who worked to make life safer for the community during last weekend's storms and floods. Council has now shifted into clear-up mode!

Council has met with Crown Lands to plan for repair works on the Tathra Wharf, damaged by last weekend's monster seas. General Manager Leanne Barnes said Council will be ready to go with repair works once all the steps with Crown Lands have been finalised. Timelines are difficult to give right now other than saying Council and the community are keen for progress, she said.

In the meantime, Council will erect temporary fencing at the Wharf to keep people and the structure itself safe. Council has also moved to assure the community that the trial of the access path on Pambula Beach will continue. Twenty-eight metres of pathway is secure but unfortunately the surging sea claimed around 40 metres of pathway. Council is currently salvaging sections of the pathway from storm debris.

Meantime the Boil Water Notice for residents at Quaama, Cobargo, Bermagui, Beauty Point, Fairhaven, Wallaga Lake, Wallaga Lake Heights, Wallaga Lake Koori Village, Akolele and also trunk main customers remains in place, check Council's website for updates.



And recent sunshine has been welcomed by Council crews keen to get the region's sporting and recreation facilities ready for action again. The clean-up of storm and flood debris from local parks and sporting fields is moving into its next phase after allowing some time for areas to dry out.

Don't flush wet wipes

Something to turn your stomach! Wet wipes flushed down the toilet are causing numerous sewerage blockages around the Shire, with residents urged to change their ways around this increasing problem.

The issue is wet wipes, whether labelled 'flushable' or not, don't disintegrate like toilet paper. When people put wet wipes down the toilet they build up in sewerage systems and

form a solid mass that chokes pipes, treatment plants and pumping systems.

These chokes have the potential to send raw sewage into local lakes and waterways threatening people's health and local aquaculture industries. Toilet paper is the only material that can be flushed down the toilet.

At one Pambula pumping station, Council crews have had to respond to at least 50 chokes this year, adding an

Jobs with Council

- Revenue trainee. This is an entry level role for someone with a demonstrated broad interest in finance and accounting disciplines along with good written and verbal communication skills. It is a fixed term traineeship for three years working full-time 35 hours per week and requires the trainee to undertake academic studies at vocational level. Applications close Friday 24 June 2016 at 5pm.

Full position descriptions and selection criteria on Council's website. Address the selection criteria and send by email to recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au or post to address below.

Tenders

- Legal services. Tenders are invited for the provision of legal services. Tenders close on 22 June at noon.
- Restoration proposals. Expressions of interest are invited for restoration of Imlay Street, Eden. Tenders close on 29 June at noon.

Visit our e-Tendering Portal at www.tenderlink.com/begavalley

extra \$25,000 at least to the cost of running that facility alone.

This is really unpleasant work for our staff to be carrying out, so we hope that residents will change their behaviour and spare workers from this situation.

Our advice to residents is to simply put wet wipes in with normal household garbage – just, please, don't flush them down the toilet.

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Pambula planning proposal

The public exhibition period for the Pambula and South Pambula residential lands planning proposal has been extended by 28 days.

The extension is in response to community interest and allows residents additional time to consider the proposal and inform Council's thinking.

Submissions will now be received up to Wednesday 29 June 2016.

The aim of the proposal is to provide additional residential and rural living opportunities, keeping in mind the area's landscape and environment.

Shirley Hannan Portrait Award

The winner of the \$50,000 Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award will be announced at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery in Bega on Friday 19 June at 6pm – and you're invited!

A prerequisite for the award was that the works selected to hang must

depict their subjects accurately without abstraction and demonstrate a sound skill and knowledge of drawing and painting technique.

Mrs Hannan's husband, Brian Settle, established the Shirley Hannan Trust to perpetuate the Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award as a biennial, national portrait prize with a focus on accurate depiction.

In 2012, Mrs Hannan's son Peter, himself a talented photographer, paid further tribute to his mother's memory with a generous personal donation of \$20,000 bringing the prize purse for subsequent awards to \$50,000.

If you can't make the opening of this exhibition, do try to visit the Regional Gallery before the exhibition closes on 20 August.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and Saturday from 9am to noon.

And entry is always free!

Library open day

The much anticipated Tura Marrang Library and Community Centre will be officially opened with a community open day on Saturday 25 June. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend! The open day will be held from 9.30am to 2pm with the official opening by Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, NSW State Librarian and Chief Executive, Dr Alex Byrne, and Mayor Michael Britten at 11am.

There are lots of activities planned for the day including iPad classes, story time and craft activities, Minecraft demonstrations, face painting and a sausage sizzle. You will also be able to select books you would like to see in the new library and tour the facilities, including the community spaces.

As part of the open day celebrations, a reusable library bag containing material on current projects and initiatives included in the bags will be given to families who attend. New and current members will also be able to go into a draw to win a new iPad Mini.

The new Tura Marrang Library and Community Centre.



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