

New look Council ad

This new look advert linking the community to Council news is the product of valued feedback from local residents. You told us that white text on a coloured background was hard to read, so we have designed a simple ad that is pleasant to read. We also have a new title: Council News, because the ad is about keeping you posted and how you can get involved in the delivery of Council services.

Swimming season due to close

The shire's outdoor pools are due to close on Easter Monday, 28 March, except Cobargo Pool which will remain open until Sunday 3 April. All pools will be closed Good Friday.

Easter Monday opening hours are Bega 10am to 3pm; Bamboka 2pm to 6pm; Candelo 10am to 3pm; Eden 10am to 6pm; Cobargo 6am to 9am and 10am to 6pm. The Sapphire Aquatic Centre will be open from 10am to 5pm.

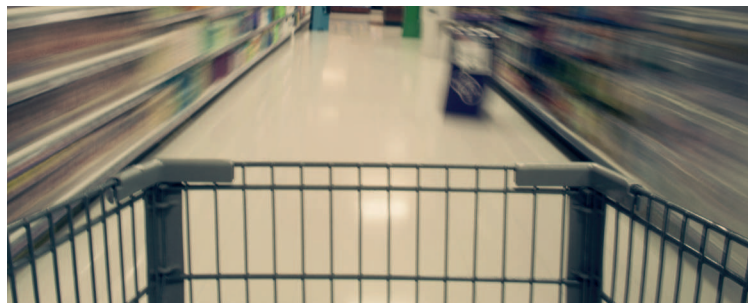
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- Early Childhood Educators, Eden - Applications close 5pm 28 March.
- Certified Supervisor, Eden - Applications close 5pm 28 March.
- Town Planner - Applications close 5pm 7 April.

Visit Council's website for more information.

Easter trading issue

An issue has come to Council's attention relating to trading for larger businesses over the Easter period. It appears that unless a business is exempt under the Retail Trading Act 2008, or was granted exemption under the Shops and Industries Act 1962, those businesses need to apply for exemption from NSW Industrial Relations to open on a restricted trading day.



These restricted trading days are Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This does not apply to a range of smaller shops, cafes, restaurants, venues and markets. For the full list go to the NSW Industrial Relations website.

The specific Local Government Area exemptions referred to in the Retail Trading Act 2008 apply trading periods for the Bega Valley as "12 days coinciding with School Holidays in April-May and the last 14 days in December." Obviously as Easter has fallen within school holidays for many years this has not been an issue for some time.

In the last four years individual shops and larger companies have sought exemptions but most have not been successful.

Council is considering possible solutions for this year and Mayor Michael Britten has contacted local member Andrew Constance and Minister for Industrial Relations, Gladys Berejiklian, to see if they can assist local traders. Council will work with local Chambers of Commerce and the Business Forum to make a submission to have the gazettal notice amended to cover Easter for future years.

Youth Week and Seniors Festival

2016 Youth Week and Seniors Festival is just around the corner and this year we have a record number of events and workshops happening around the shire, from iPad movie making workshops to Seniors Festival Debates.

Visit Council's website for all activities.

Community information session

Council is hosting a community information session on 30 March at 5.30pm in the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre to provide information and answer questions about its Quarterly Budget Review Statement and the half-yearly update on the Delivery and Operational Plan. For more information phone Rebecca Bogie on 6499 2150.

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- the draft environmental and Public Health Policy
- the Bega and Brogo rivers flood study by taking our survey

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