

Building their futures

The consistent quality of Council's early childhood services has again been highlighted through the National Quality Standard (NQS) Assessment and Rating Process, with the Eden Child Care Centre recently identified as 'Exceeding the National Quality Standard'.

The NQS sets a national benchmark for early childhood education and care, and outside school hours care services in Australia and includes seven quality areas that are important outcomes for children.

Services are assessed and rated against the NQS, and given a rating for each of the seven quality areas, as well as an overall rating based on these results.

The seven quality areas are educational program and practice; children's health and safety; physical environment; staffing arrangements; relationships with children; collaborative partnerships with families and communities; and governance and leadership.

Eden Child Care Centre's Nominated Supervisor, Annette Coleman, said the 'Exceeding' rating (the highest achievable) affirms the high quality of service that is provided at Eden

Child Care Centre to the families of Eden and surrounds.

"This affirms the high quality of service that is provided at Eden Child Care Centre."

- Annette Coleman

"We are obviously delighted with the overall result and the fact that the Department of Education assessor commended us on making sure that all children and their families' needs are supported in an individual and inclusive environment was particularly pleasing," Ms Coleman said.

"This aligns with our focus on building meaningful relationships with all the children and their families to promote opportunities for learning."

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Right: The high quality of education being provided at the Eden Child Care Centre has been highlighted through the National Quality Standard (NQS) Assessment and Rating Process.



Planning proposal to provide certainty

A draft planning proposal to introduce an existing holdings map set and amend the Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP) is currently on exhibition for public comment.

Bega Valley Shire Council has undertaken an analysis of the rural residential land supply across the rural catchments of the Shire. A key part of the analysis was reviewing the remaining supply of vacant existing holdings.

The analysis has identified an issue with what is commonly referred to as the 'Sunset Clause' in relation to land identified as an existing holding.

The 'Sunset Clause' is due to expire on the sixth anniversary of the commencement of the LEP

(2 August 2018). Once expired, the provision for the permissibility of a dwelling on land identified as an existing holding will cease to exist.

The exhibited draft proposal would remove the 'Sunset Clause' and preserve a dwelling opportunity on land identified as an existing holding.

The Acting Manager Planning and Sustainability, Derek Van Bracht, said that Council has an explicit desire to retain the dwelling opportunities previously provided in perpetuity by the Bega Valley LEP 2002.



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Bega Valley

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Council appoints new Director

Bega Valley Shire Council is very pleased to welcome Anthony McMahon as the new Director, Assets and Operations.

Anthony started on 30 April, and brings with him a wealth of experience in both engineering and senior positions within NSW local government.

A qualified engineer and with a Masters in Management, Anthony is also a graduate of the Australian and New Zealand School of Government Leadership Program, and was awarded the National Institute to Public Works Engineers Australia Emerging Leader award.

General Manager, Leanne Barnes said Anthony has extensive experience as both a civil and structural engineer, and has project managed many significant jobs for both local government (including for the Eurobodalla Shire Council) and

in the private sector.

“Anthony has also held the positions of Assistant General Manager and General Manager at Boorowa Council and more recently, was the General Manager of Hilltops Council, after leading the successful merger of Young, Harden and Boorowa Councils to create this organisation – experience that clearly demonstrates his capacity for leadership and tenacity,” Ms Barnes said.

Mr McMahon has a clear vision for Council’s Assets and Operations portfolio stating that he believes Council is in a very strong position to deliver a number of key projects and outcomes for the community, now and into the future.

“The Assets and Operations directorate is very broad, but our focus is on making sure that residents of the Shire have access to

quality services and infrastructure they need,” Mr McMahon said.

“There are a number of exciting projects that Council is either already delivering or planning to deliver over the next couple of years and I’ll be ensuring the team is focused on delivering upon Council’s commitments.

“In addition to the many professional opportunities that this role will bring, on a personal level I am looking forward to enjoying the wonderful lifestyle that living in this part of the country offers.

“I grew up in Batemans Bay, and both my family and I have missed coastal life, particularly living near the beach, during the time that we were out in the west.

“This is an amazing area and I’m really excited to be joining such a professional organisation and



Council’s new Director, Assets and Operations, Anthony McMahon.

supportive community”.

The functions of the Assets and Operations section include Water and Sewer, Leisure and Recreation, Waste Services, Projects, Strategy and Assets and Works.

Quality care in Eden



The Eden Child Care Centre’s outdoor space plays host to much hands-on experimentation and exploration.

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All three of Council’s Centre-based early childhood services have now been assessed as ‘Exceeding the National Quality Standard’, with Bandara Children’s Services and Eden Preschool receiving the same independent rating in recent years.

Council’s fourth service, Sapphire Mobile Preschool at Candelo and Bemboka, does not undergo accreditation due to its status as a mobile service. However, the preschool operates under the same philosophy and quality service structure as Council’s other early learning centres.

The National Quality Framework (NQF) for early childhood education and care was agreed

by all Australian governments to get better educational and development outcomes for children using education and care services.

Implementation of the NQF is guided by the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

To find out more information about the NQF and service ratings, visit the ACECQA website or ACECQA’s family focused website, Starting Blocks.

For enrolment enquiries in relation to any of Bega Valley Shire Council’s early childhood services, phone the Business Support Officer on 6499 2118 or email children@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

Recovery Centre phone outreach

The Tathra and District Fire Recovery Centre doors are still open and it is not too late for those adversely impacted by the fire, to register to enable access to recovery services.

This week, Recovery Centre staff will begin a telephone outreach program to reconnect with people who have previously contacted the centre.

All registered people who have given permission for further contact will be telephoned as a way for the Recovery Centre to touch base with people, see how recoveries are progressing and to check people are able to access the support they need.

Recovery Coordinator, Euan Ferguson said that information obtained from outreach conversations will be used to target support services, aid the recovery process and to assist in further planning for longer term recovery.

“The early recovery work on cleaning up and making properties safe is nearing completion so now is a good time for us to reflect, draw out experiences and note observations regarding the recent recovery operations.

“We invite those affected to please provide feedback so that recovery agencies will be better able to plan, develop and coordinate recovery and support services,” he said.

The phone conversation will take about 20 minutes and can easily be rescheduled to a more convenient



The Recovery Centre remains open in the Old Council Chambers

time, if necessary.

Feedback from the phone outreach program will be incorporated into a report for the Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee and the Recovery Centre. No personal details will be identifiable within that report and all information will be treated as confidential.

The next Community Recovery Update Meetings will be held at the Tathra Public School on Thursday, 17 May - there will be afternoon and evening sessions.

Full details will be advertised closer to the date at www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/tathra.

Appeal Fund passes \$1 million

The Tathra and District Bushfire Mayoral Appeal Fund has passed the \$1 million mark!

A delighted Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor, Cr Kristy McBain, made the announcement this week in addition to providing information on the first phase of distribution.

"The generosity that has come from right across the country has been nothing short of incredible," Cr McBain said.

"Businesses big and small, service clubs, sporting groups, local Councils, schools and individuals are among those who have contributed so selflessly and we couldn't be more thankful.

"Australians have a great way of banding together in the challenging times and the nation's collective embrace of those impacted by the disaster has been extremely encouraging and comforting.

"Donations are continuing to come in and with the Band Together concert coming up on 26 May we are very much looking forward to seeing the fund continue to grow in the future," Cr McBain said.

Importantly the time has now come to commence the distribution process and get the money out to

those who need it.

In compliance with the Commonwealth charitable law requirements, a Mayoral Appeal Fund Distribution Committee has been established to oversee the allocation of money based on applications received.

The seven-member committee,

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- Cr Kristy McBain

which is being chaired by the Mayor, also comprises four community members, in addition to Council's Director Business and Governance, Graham Stubbs, and the Deputy Mayor Cr Liz Seckold.

Phase one of the distribution will focus on owner/occupiers whose homes have been destroyed and tenants of destroyed rental properties. These people will be contacted by Council.

There will be a number of allocation phases and the details surrounding

each will be announced by the committee at the appropriate time.

In light of the overwhelming number of donations, receipts are being generated by Council staff for credit card donations and they will be distributed this month.

The advice from the Australian Tax Office is that a receipt is not required to claim a tax deduction for direct deposits – reasonable details of your donation (i.e. your bank transaction to the Mayor's Appeal account) is sufficient evidence.

More information about the Mayoral Appeal Fund (including the Fund rules) is available on Council's website at www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/tathra

Donations to the Mayoral Appeal Fund can still be made via:

- Electronic bank transfer: BSB: 012525 Account: 837535154
- In person, at an ANZ Bega Branch.
- Credit Card over the phone, call (02) 6499 2345 during office hours.
- For international donations, the ANZ swift code is ANZBAU3M.

Debris removal progressing well in Tathra



Air monitoring continues both in Tathra and at the Eden Waste Depot

Progress on the removal of debris from properties impacted by the fire is continuing.

There are now 38 properties that have been cleared and many more underway or close to completion (as at 4 May, 2018).

Independent air monitoring is ongoing throughout the impacted area.

All results from the asbestos air monitoring program continue to be negative and indicate no health risk for airborne asbestos.

**Tathra & Reedy Swamp Fire Recovery Centre**



**Ask for Help!**

Coping with a major personal crisis

Physical and emotional effects may be longer lasting than you think. It's ok to ask for help!

Emergencies by their very nature are disruptive and can be very stressful. What you, your family or friends have experienced is a unique and personal event. It's normal to have a range of feelings in reaction to an abnormal situation like this.

With time, and some simple steps, most people will cope well with the stress of the emergency. You may be seeking information about:

- **What you might be feeling**
- **Physical reactions you might have**
- **Staying healthy**
- **People who might need more help**
- **Children's reaction**
- **Family and social relationships**
- **Making it easier to cope**
- **Seeking support**

Some people may need additional help to get through. For further information about some of these reactions and suggested ways to cope after an emergency go to: www.redcross.org.au/get-help/emergencies/resources-about-disasters

Or visit the Fire Recovery Centre, Bega Council Offices, Zingel Place

Open: Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm

Centre Hotline: (02) 6499 2475



The Pathway Home

Tathra and District Fire Recovery



Rebuilding Information Session

The session is designed to:

- ✓ **Present** the steps to rebuilding from industry professionals.
- ✓ **Provide** a forum for the exchange of information between homeowners whose properties may have been damaged or destroyed and designers, builders and other allied professionals.
- ✓ **Facilitate** timely and well considered rebuilding proposals for submission to Council or private certifiers.
- ✓ **Enhance** design of replacement and repaired buildings in regard to energy efficiency and bushfire resistant construction.

+ sausage sizzle + trade display

12 May
3pm - 6pm
Tathra Public School Hall
event update

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Tathra Headland walk a reality

The reality of a scenic walkway around the Tathra Headland is a step closer after a funding commitment of \$1.2 million from the NSW Government.

Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, made the welcome announcement when she visited the Shire in the aftermath of the Tathra and District bushfire emergency.

This community driven project, known as the Tathra Headland Wharf Access (THWA) project, was initiated in December 2014 by local residents forming a steering committee with the aim of creating a safe and accessible pathway linking the historic Tathra Wharf to the Tathra Headland and replacing the former Ring Road.

The narrow remains of that road pose problems to users with steep gullies leading down into the ocean, irregular surfaces, no significant signage and no guard railing.

Council's Manager, Leisure and Recreation, John Grady, said that the proposed pathway will be a big improvement and enable much improved access.

"The proposed design and concept plans are in-depth and take into account accessibility for everyone, blending the pathway with the natural environment, absorbing cultural elements and greatly improving visitor safety," Mr Grady said.

The THWA Steering Committee initiated comprehensive consultation with community groups and all levels of government to gather information, which formed the basis of their proposal to Council.



An accessible pathway linking the historic Tathra Wharf and the Tathra Headland will become a reality after a \$1.2 million funding announcement from the NSW State Government.

In October 2016, all Councillors voted in support of allocating \$50,000 to fund a consultant to carry out a more detailed project analysis. The Steering Committee also contributed \$25,000 of in-kind support to the project.

Subsequently, the Sydney based firm, Thompson Berrill Landscape Design (TBLD) was appointed and in June 2017, the Steering Committee had a final report to present.

Steering Committee member, Margaret Taylor, said that both the committee and the community are delighted at the announcement of the State Government funding commitment.

"This project demonstrates the capacity of community to engage and work proactively with local and state governments over a two year period to achieve what will become a world class

tourist destination facility," Ms Taylor said.

"It has also involved the coming together of different community groups, including the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee and local Aboriginal representatives to turn an undervalued and inaccessible resource into a place where everyone can enjoy our beautiful environment."

"This project demonstrates the capacity of community to engage and work proactively with Government"

- Margaret Taylor

The proposed walkway will provide uninterrupted 180 degree views of the ocean and will incorporate a whale watching platform to enable people of all abilities to access and enjoy the Tathra headland.

Interpretative and educational elements will be included to reflect the Aboriginal, European and natural heritage value of the area.

The pathway will be 2.5 metres wide, 260 metres long, will feature an accessible pathway from the top carpark to a viewing platform and an assisted access pathway from the platform to the wharf.

Funding to construct the walkway comes from the state government's \$300 million Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund.

Councillors in the Community

Candelo
@ the Hall
18 April
6pm

Pambula
@ the Hall
9 May
6pm

Cobargo
@ the Hall
16 May
6pm

Tathra
@ Surf Club
30 May
6pm

Eden
@ Log Cabin
6 June
6pm

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Bridge upgrade near complete



The partial replacement of the Murrabrine Creek bridge is nearing completion.

The partial replacement of Murrabrine Creek bridge on Wandella Road (opposite the Cobargo Hotel) continues to progress.

The project, which includes upgrading the existing northern abutment to a reinforced concrete structure, is expected to be completed in the coming weeks, with foundations and temporary supporting structures finalised and the main abutment wall partially completed.

Work continues on the construction of the reinforced concrete abutment and wing walls.

Road users are advised there may be minor disruption to property accesses and traffic flows.

Work crews will be on site from Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm.

For more information contact Council's Project Superintendent, Shaun Bell, on 6499 2222.

Lake Street concepts on exhibition



Three options for a shared path linking Rotary Park and the Merimbula Wharf via Bar Beach are on exhibition for comment.

Comments from the community are invited on the draft concept plans for the Lake Street Shared Path Project in Merimbula that are on exhibition until 18 May.

The project that started as a community project proposal from the Bureau of Accessible Tourism (BOAT) group is now being advanced after Council received a \$2,000,000 grant from the NSW Government under the 2017/18 Active Transport Program.

Active Transport funding is awarded to projects that make walking and cycling a more convenient, safer and enjoyable transport option that benefits everyone.

The project is designed to provide a vital connection with existing cycle paths that begin at Pambula Beach, traverse through Pambula, beside Arthur Kaine Drive and Merimbula Airport, and through the CBD of Merimbula to

Spencer Park and Lake Street.

Council's Manager, Project Development, Daniel Djikic, said one of the key objectives of the project is to make Merimbula a more access friendly place for all residents and visitors.

"This not only aligns with Bega Valley Shire Council's Operational Plan, but also the vision and goals and short-term priority proposals of the Bega Valley Bike Plan," Mr Djikic said.

"The shared path is proposed as an all-access, shared-use walkway, for use by pedestrians, joggers, parents with prams, cyclists, and those with limited mobility.

"In the interests of providing the best possible outcome, with due consideration given to the existing site conditions, available funding and delivery timeframes, Council engaged the services of Thompson Berrill Landscape Design

Pty Ltd to undertake a feasibility study of three possible options.

"The study assessed the three options against a list of project objectives and outlines the indicative costs of each.

"Following on from this work we are now very interested to hear the collective thoughts of the broader community on the project," Mr Djikic said.

The construction of the shared path is planned to commence towards the end of 2018, with a target completion of mid-2019.

To view the three options under consideration, the feasibility study report, and to 'Have your Say' on this major project, visit www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay.

For more information contact Daniel Djikic on (02) 6499 2222.

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Hilda Rix Nicholas with 'Embellish'

'Embellish – Costume in the Art of Hilda Rix Nicholas' is an exhibition to delight and opened at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery (BVRG) last Friday.

The exhibition focusses on the artist's passion for post impressionistic depictions of her family and friends 'dressing up' and performing as both familiar and exotic characters.

BVRG Director, Iain Dawson, said that the gallery is lucky to hold three significant pieces of the artist's work in the gallery's collection, two of which are on display.

"In addition, we have several examples of the original costumes made or collected by Rix Nicholas on display and these will be a highlight for exhibition viewers," Mr Dawson said.

Well known author, Richard Travers, who is currently writing a biography on the artist, launched the exhibition along with Rix Nicholas' granddaughter, Bronwyn Wright, who is the custodian of the family collection, from which the majority of the exhibition has been sourced.

Long recognised as making a significant contribution to Australian art in the period between the First and Second World Wars, Hilda Rix Nicholas achieved a remarkable level of success during her lifetime



Elsie in the Chinese Hat (c1913) by Hilda Rix Nicholas, courtesy of the Rix Wright Collection.

in Australia, France and the United Kingdom.

Proudly claimed as a 'local', Rix Nicholas lived and worked at 'Knockalong', her homestead and sheep farm near Delegate.

She settled there with her second husband in 1928, after returning to Australia riding the waves of international success after being made an associate of the Societe Nationale de Beaux Arts in France in 1926.

The 'Embellish – Costume in the Art of Hilda Rix Nicholas' exhibition continues until Saturday 16 June 2018.

'Green Shoots' campaign launched

Bega Valley Shire Council officially launched the 'Green Shoots' campaign with a community working bee at Tathra Beach on Saturday, 28 April.

The working bee, held in partnership with Tathra Landcare, the Far South Coast Landcare Association and Tathra Beachside Caravan Park resulted in the planting of 300 native plants in fire affected sections of the coastal dunes adjacent to Tathra Beachside Caravan Park.

The plant community on the dunes plays an important role in protecting the beach from erosion caused by coastal storms and wind by locking up the sand and providing a protective buffer to the caravan park and other infrastructure. It also provides important habitat for many native birds and animals.

With the bushfire recovery phase now in full swing, the time has come to commence the restoration of natural areas in and around Tathra that were adversely impacted during the disaster - the 'Green Shoots' campaign aims to do this.

Council's Environmental Management Officer, Michael Fiedler, said a large number of people have expressed an interest in assisting with the rebuilding and



A community working bee on 28 April resulted in 300 natives being planted in fire affected sections of the coastal dunes at Tathra Beach.

restoration of Tathra and Council hopes that 'Green Shoots' will give them something tangible to contribute to.

"In so many ways it is the pristine natural environment that provides our Shire with its identity and as a result we see this campaign as a very important aspect of the recovery process," Mr Fiedler said.

"Further events and opportunities will evolve as we assess the damage of our natural areas and open them up to the public."

For further information or to express an interest in becoming involved in the 'Green Shoots' natural area restoration campaign, contact Michael Fiedler on 6499 2438.

Environment grants applications open



Costa Georgiadis visited local schools as part of the Far South Coast Landcare Association's Sustainable Schools Landcare Education Program last year.

Applications are now open for Bega Valley Shire Council's 2018/19 Community Environment Grants Program.

A total of \$50,000 has been allocated from the Council's Environment Levy to enhance the local environment through the program.

Grants are competitive and a maximum of \$6,000 (+GST) is available for any one project.

Projects funded in previous years include weed control and revegetation works, environmental education as well as biodiversity assessments and plans.

For the application form and guidelines visit <https://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/grants>

Interested groups are encouraged to contact Council's Environmental Management Officer, Michael Fiedler, on 6499 2348 prior to submitting their applications.

Applications close on Sunday 20 May.



Existing holdings proposal

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"The rural lands analysis identified that approximately 300 intact vacant existing holdings remain," Mr Van Bracht said.

"Importantly this proposal will provide land owners with much needed certainty and the capacity to potentially develop their land moving forward.

"Council has written to all property owners that we believe may benefit from this change. We also encourage anyone who believes that they may have a vacant existing holding to contact Council as soon as possible so staff can carry out the required research," Mr Van Bracht said.

To view the draft proposal and supporting documentation and provide your feedback, visit www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay.

Hardcopies are available at Council's

Bega offices and the Shire libraries,

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- Derek Van Bracht

while the electronic mapping can be viewed on the following days:

- Mondays - Bega offices
- Tuesday - Bermagui Library
- Wednesday - Tura Marrang Library
- Thursday - Eden Library

The exhibition period will run through until Friday, 1 June.

For further information, please contact Carley McGregor from Council's Planning Services section on 6499 2112.

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- **Art Workshop - Learn the Art of Acrylic Pour**
Saturday 19 May 2018, 10am - 4pm Cobargo School of Arts Hall. <https://www.facebook.com/events/166228654079962/>
- **Cobargo Market Day**
Every Saturday starting at 8am, Cobargo Village.
- **Bega Valley Shire Council Meeting**
Tuesday 23 May 2018, 2pm Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre



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Flipping out in Youth Week

Youth Week was a big hit across the Shire, with hundreds of young people getting involved.

Importantly all participants demonstrated their good nature and willingness to have fun.

It was great to see the collaboration between many of the Valley's youth focused organisations and services in delivering six events.

Colour Runs, archery, skate and scooter competitions, pool parties, and treasure hunts were among the activities.

Youth Week began as a NSW Government initiative in 1989, and has since grown to be a celebration of young people in every state and territory across the country.

Youth Week became a National event in 2000 and is jointly supported by the Australian Government, State and Territory Governments and Local Governments.

It is organised by young people, for young people, in communities across Australia.



Youth Week, which ran from 13-22 April, was a great success in the Shire, with hundreds of young people taking part in six events as diverse as Colour Runs, archery and pool parties.

The scooter and skate competitions in Bermagui were a highlight, with participants throwing down some great tricks in pursuit of the prizes on offer.

Further Education Scholarships presented

Bega Valley Shire Council's ongoing commitment to supporting the region's youth was again highlighted through last Tuesday's presentation of the 2018 Further Education Scholarships.

The recipients were joined by friends and family, along with Councillors, Council staff and representatives from local tertiary education institutions at the ceremony.

A total of \$5000 was awarded to six students, who are collectively pursuing careers in areas as diverse as midwifery, nursing, mental health, aged care and hospitality.

The annual scholarships program (formally Tertiary Scholarships) has been running since 2009 and supports young people seeking professional qualifications and careers while living in the Bega Valley.



2018 Further Education Scholarship recipients Imogen Pittolo, Nariah Malkin, Maxine Cesnik and Nickella Goddard (all seated) with Kerryn Granger (South Coast Careers College), Sam Avitaia (University of Wollongong), Sharon McIntosh (TAFE) and Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor Cr Kristy McBain. Absent: Samuel Carter and Rebecca Sant.

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Council Meeting wrap up

Consent modification deferred

Council deferred a decision on whether to approve a modification to the development consent concerning the Merimbula Woolworths project.

The matter came before Council after a request was received from The Retail Group Pty Ltd on behalf of the landowner Merimbula Nominees Pty Ltd.

The request was that Condition 25 of the consent, which centres on the timeframe around the provision of 127 public car parking spaces, be amended to allow the developer an extension of nine months through to 21 November 2018.

Further responses will be sought from the developer on the completion of the development, including the rear service road, and another report will be prepared for the 23 May 2018 meeting.

Weeds Management Plan

Council resolved to adopt the principles and priorities identified within the South East Strategic Weeds Management Plan.

The Draft Local Weed Management Plan will now be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

Council will also write to the Minister for Primary Industries, The Hon Niall Blair, to seek funding for significant agricultural land for weed eradication, reduction and management.

Refugee Welcome Signs

Refugee Welcome signs will be installed on Council owned land near the entrance to Council's Library Services at Bermagui, Bega, Tura Beach and Eden.

Council has been registered as a Refugee Welcome Zone since 2013 through the Refugee Council of Australia.

Social and Affordable Housing

Council committed to work with community based organisations to identify land it could make available for a social housing initiative on the basis of a financial return to Council over the life of the lease.

A further report is to be prepared for Council within six months.

Council will also advocate, either through the Canberra Region Joint Organisation or directly to the NSW Government, that it consider adopting a similar program to the Victorian Government's 'Social Housing Investment Planning' Grants Program to Local Government.

Officers will work with a relevant partner organisation to identify Council owned and/or managed land suitable for future applications to the NSW Government's Social and Affordable Housing Fund.

Pambula 'No Stopping' Zone

Council adopted a Bega Valley Local Traffic Committee recommendation that a 'No Stopping' zone be installed on the western and eastern sides of the Ives and Toallo Street intersection in Pambula (opposite Mitre 10).

Residents in the area had requested the change.

Tura Beach Reserves

Cr Nadin raised a Notice of Motion concerning the Site Management Plan for the Tura Head (the Point) and Dolphin Cove Reserves.

It was resolved that amendments concerning bollards, vegetation removal and signage be made to the plan.

Further clarification will be provided to Councillors on vegetation management, options for clearing some vegetation and the potential for future understory density reduction.

Next Meeting Wednesday 23 May @ 2pm

Council Chambers,
Biamanga Room, Bega Valley
Commemorative Civic Centre,
Bega

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Drainage work in Verona

A portion of Upper Brogo Road in the locality of Verona will be closed to all traffic between 7am and 6pm on Monday 14 May.

The closure will be in place on the segment between Verona Road and Gilberts Road.

This will enable Bega Valley Shire Council's contractors to carry out necessary culvert replacement and drainage work.

Signage will be erected notifying road users of the closure, with vehicle access along this stretch

restricted to residents and businesses only.

Emergency services have been notified of the road closure.

For more information contact Council's Projects Supervisor, Terry Maher, on 6499 2222.

Right: Culvert replacement work will result in Upper Brogo Road being closed between Verona and Gilberts Road in Verona on 14 May.



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