

Bega Valley Shire Council News

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connecting council and the community

Whale washes up at Tathra

The annual humpback whale migration is one of the wonders of life on the Sapphire Coast. We're fortunate that most of the 35,000 whales that pass our shores make a safe journey to their Antarctic feeding grounds. Sadly, last week one juvenile humpback whale didn't make it, and was washed up on rocks between Tathra Wharf and the headland.

With the whale attracting sharks to the area, it was important to quickly make the area safe for swimmers and onlookers while assessing what to do with the whale.

Council worked with NSW Police, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries to determine that removing the whale from the ocean for disposal at a licensed waste facility was the safest course of action. Given the community's positive uptake of FOGO, the decision was made to incorporate it into the compost processing cycle.

Unfortunately, leaving the whale in the ocean, either where it rested or out to sea, was not a viable option as it presented risks to other whales migrating through the area.

With assistance from NSW Police, the Roads and Maritime Service, Surf Life Saving volunteers and local contractors, Council was able to safely bring the whale to shore.

While removing the six-tonne whale was no easy task, everyone involved treated the whale with the utmost respect.

Council would like to thank all those involved in the removal operation, as well as the many onlookers who demonstrated their respect for this magnificent creature.

Anyone finding injured, entangled or stranded whales should contact the National Parks and Wildlife Service South Coast office on (02) 4423 2170 or the Organisation for the Rescue and Research of Cetaceans in Australia (ORCCA) at www.orrca.org.au.



A combined effort from the NSW Police, the Roads and Maritime Service, Surf Life Saving volunteers, local contractors and Council enabled the whale to be safely brought to shore

Free roll of FOGO bags coming your way

Voucher coming to your letterbox in September

We are sending a voucher for 1 X free roll of FOGO bags to all households with a FOGO green bin service. You can also buy FOGO bags from our libraries, tips and the Bega Council office in Zingel Place for \$5 (150 bags per roll).



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Investing in AEDs to save lives

With the recent introduction of 10 new Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs), Bega Valley Shire Council is now better equipped to assist members of the community and its employees in the event of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

An AED is an external device that delivers an electrical shock to the heart when an arrhythmia is present, to restore the heart to a regular rhythm after it has suffered a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. In fact, a defibrillator shock is the only definitive treatment of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

The Australian and New Zealand Committee on Resuscitation (ANZCOR) takes the view that AEDs can be used safely and effectively without prior training, as it is the machine that makes the decision whether to shock or not, not the operator.

It is a common misconception that comprehensive training is necessary to operate an AED. The machinery itself walks the user through the process step-by-step in the event of an emergency.

On average across Australia, ambulances take between 9 and 15 minutes to arrive after a call for help is made. This sometimes can be longer in our local communities if the local crews are busy with other emergency calls.

Council's Director of Assets and Operations, Anthony McMahon, said with a Sudden Cardiac Arrest, the chances of survival decrease by 10% every minute after the arrest.

"We really wanted our staff to be able to access AEDs quickly, but we also realised that this could benefit community members who access and use our more popular services," Mr McMahon said.

"New AEDs have been installed in the Council work depots in Bermagui, Bega, Merimbula and Eden to better support our employees working in those locations.

"The rollout was also extended to allow for public use in some of our more popular community facilities, like the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre, Bega Valley Learning Centre and our public libraries in Bega, Eden, Bermagui and Tura Beach.

"The Community AEDs are available from these locations during the site's opening hours, with the locations of the community AEDs indicated by signs on the site's entry," Mr McMahon said.

The AED is stored securely in an alarmed emergency station - when the door is opened it sets off a loud alarm letting site users and staff know someone is requiring assistance.

It is absolutely vital that witnesses of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest take the following steps immediately:

1. Call 000
2. Start CPR
3. Apply an AED



Council's Workplace Wellbeing Officer, Jenny Capes, with one of the newly installed Automatic External Defibrillators.

Eden Plant improvements

Over the past two months, our Treatment Plant Operations team has been working on one of the aeration tanks at the Eden Sewage Treatment Plant.

The tank was taken offline so that its diffusers could be replaced with aquablade-type diffusers. Repairs were also carried out to the concrete tank while it was offline.

The aeration pattern on the old diffusers had deteriorated requiring greater volumes of air to be pumped into the tank to keep the microbes active.

There's already been a noticeable difference with the new aquablade-type diffusers as the blowers are running less, which is reducing the cost of running the plant.

Right: One of the aeration tanks at the Eden STP has come in for attention.



What's ON!

LOCAL EVENTS

7 September

Bega Valley Motorcycle Expo

@ Bega Showground

10.00am - 6.00pm

8 September

Movie Magic - a concert for all ages

@ Club Sapphire from 2pm

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on Council's
Local Events
Calendar*

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Open Minds is back

In 2018 The Festival of Open Minds attracted almost 400 people from around Southern NSW and the ACT to the Bega Civic Centre; the good news is that the Festival is back in 2019!

This year's Festival of Open Minds will begin with a launch party on Friday 13 September which promises to be an extravaganza to treat your eyes and mind.

Parklight, a spectacular of light and sound projections in Littleton Gardens, will provide the wow factor plus there will be a range of performances – dance, poetry and music.

Over the road at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery, you are invited to the new exhibition opening of *Like This Incense Your Spirit Must Burn*, works by Shivanjani Lal, set against the backdrop of Indo-Fijian history.

On Saturday 14 September, The Festival of Open Minds will offer you a myriad of wonderful speakers and performers from near and far such as The Rev Tim Costello; Triple J's Nas Campanella; Aly Khalifa, dedicated to harvesting plastic-waste from our oceans; Emma Booth, para-equestrian competitor, who represented Australia at the 2016 Rio Paralympics; Pastor Christie Buckingham, spiritual counsellor to executed Bali 9 drug-smuggler Myuran Sukumaran; and local Sassi Nuyum (Meaghan Holt), rising Aboriginal performance poet.

Teenagers are encouraged to come along with free tickets for students aged 12-19 years and a prize on offer from the Sapphire Coast Regional Science Hub.

Tickets and info available at www.festivalofopenminds.com.au



Para-equestrian competitor Emma Booth.

PARKLIGHT

A spectacle of light, sound and movement in the heart of Bega

Launching The Festival of Open Minds & South East Interference III @BVRG

FRI 13TH SEPT 6PM

Together. Now. We Grow

Featuring Projections from VIVID Sydney & The Bermagui Create & Make Crew

Performances by Sassi Nuyum, fLing, COPE, Mica Mahani, YuNiOn, Sam & Robyn Martin, Timor Leste Belun-Malu Choir & The Navigate Explorers.

LITTLETON GARDENS

about regional

BERMAGUI CREATE & MAKE CREW

Bega Valley Shire library

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NAVIGATE ARTS

Bega Valley Shire Council

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Family & Community Services

Commemorative Civic Centre

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Art & Design

Strategic plan to strengthen role of libraries

After a lengthy consultation process, Bega Valley Shire Council officially adopted the Library Services Strategic Plan 2020-2025 on 7 August 2019.

It's worth noting that, during the 2017-2018 financial year, 197,321 people visited our four libraries, with 252,158 items borrowed and 110,837 WiFi logins.

Our libraries hosted 312 events, which were attended by an impressive 11,457 people during that year.

Manager Community Connections, Anne Cleverley, said that the library strategic plan will ensure our libraries can respond effectively to growing demands for technology services, new approaches to learning and an increased focus on inclusion and accessibility.

"We also need to cater to the community's desire to actively participate in a comprehensive

Our Strategic Priorities

Active Connections	To build participation through strong collaborations and the creation of inclusive community hubs.
Inspiring Spaces	To foster innovation through cutting edge technologies, multipurpose spaces and functional design.
Dynamic Collections	To provide contemporary and relevant collections for all users.
Lifelong Learning and Creativity	To stimulate a culture of lifelong learning, exploration and creativity.
Sustainability	To demonstrate sustainable practices across all aspects of the library service.

range of programs and activities," Ms Cleverley said.

"Our libraries offer a range of cultural, creative and learning opportunities, and are places where

the community can come together and connect.

"I'm pleased that our research tells us that our library service is highly valued by our local and visiting

community."

The consultation process used different methods to gather input from library users, community partners, library staff and other service areas of Council.

"We used the feedback to inform potential improvements and future priorities for library services across collections, spaces, programs and technology," Ms Cleverley explained.

The strategic plan was also informed by peer review and research into the library sector, an analysis of our changing demographics and of the performance of our library service against other libraries in NSW.

"The strategic plan aims to further strengthen the role our libraries play in our community and is in keeping with the Liveable Places outcomes which form part of Council's Community Strategic Plan," Ms Cleverley added.

Bega Valley Shire library

Bega, Bermagui, Eden & Tura Marrang

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Pretty Point trusses sit proud



The restored Pretty Point Bridge trusses are sitting proudly near the Mataganah Creek and are expected to become a new tourist attraction, generating increased economic activity in the village of Wyndham.

If you're up for a leisurely drive destination in the coming months, then plan a visit to the magnificently restored Pretty Point Bridge trusses that proudly sit roadside near Mataganah Creek close to Wyndham.

The 1896 Allan Truss bridge, with its 118-year-old grey box trusses, has now been brought back to life after the bridge was removed in 2014. The restored bridge trusses are on display to passing motorists and are expected to become a new tourist attraction generating increased economic activity in the village of Wyndham.

Council has been working closely with the Wyndham Progress Association to plan and carry out the restoration of the Pretty Point Bridge trusses in response to a clear message from the Wyndham community that the bridge represented an important element of their village history and identity.

Council's Director Assets and Operations, Anthony McMahon, says that a close-knit team of community members have worked with dedication and a lot of heart to reinvigorate a heritage item of architectural and social significance.

"The outcome of this lovingly restored heritage asset is a real credit to those involved and is a great example of the power of community," he said.

Information about the heritage value, social history and restoration process is available via interpretative signs on display at the site and on the Wyndham Progress Association's website at www.wyndhamprogressassociation.com.au.

Council thanks the NSW State Government and Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, for their support of this project, which was funded through a Heritage, Heritage Near Me, Heritage Activation Grant 2018-19 of \$100,000.

The project was delivered on budget under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Wyndham Progress Association Incorporated and Council, with the Association undertaking the day to day project management.

Secretary of the Wyndham Progress Association, Tess McPeake, reports that having the trusses back on site is a boost to community morale and that people are amazed to see the trusses looking vertical, imposing and structurally sound.

"The level of affection expressed by contractors, residents and project team members towards the heritage restoration and display process has been surprising.

"An unexpected outcome was to find during the course of the restoration process that a couple of people contracted to do particular jobs disclosed that they already had a history of having worked on the trusses in the past," Ms McPeake said.

The Association is planning to celebrate the completion of this project when two other NSW Government funded Council projects in Wyndham are completed later this financial year (the Wyndham Hall kitchen upgrade and the Wyndham Memorial Park upgrade).

Creative kids at Gallery

Bega Valley Regional Art Gallery (BVRG) director, Iain Dawson, is encouraging parents and carers to take advantage of the \$100 Creative Kids voucher on offer from the NSW Government.

"We accept the Creative Kids vouchers allowing school-aged children to take part in up to four of our art workshops per year," Mr Dawson said.

"Our qualified and experienced tutors have designed fun workshops to introduce techniques and mediums that complement school studies and give kids a taste of their own creative talents."

Here's what to do:

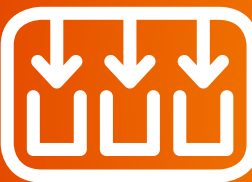
1. Claim your Active Kids voucher via the Service NSW website
2. Email galleries@begavalley.nsw.gov.au or visit the gallery to register your voucher.

Workshops are held monthly on Saturday afternoons and during the week in school holidays.

"Our classes book out very quickly so it's best to follow our Facebook page or email us and ask to be added to our mailing list to find out what's coming up and avoid disappointment," Mr Dawson added.

The next children's art workshop is Mindful Mandalas on 28 September, 12noon – 2.00pm. Children will explore traditional Indian patterns as they create satisfying symmetrical works of art using pencils, pens and chalk pastels.

More information is available at galleries.begavalley.nsw.gov.au - click on 'Learning' or at www.facebook.com/begavalleyregionalgallery.



Community Recycling Centres

Waste matters







Drop off your household problem waste for recycling

FREE SERVICE

Bega Valley Community Recycling Centre is located at:
Merimbula Waste & Recycling Depot
Red Hill Road off Sapphire Coast Drive



These items are accepted:

 Paint	 Gas bottles and fire extinguishers	 Fluoro globes and tubes
 Household and car batteries	 Smoke detectors	 Motor oils and other oils

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Site chosen for Barclay Street pavilion

A new pavilion and amenities building at Eden's Barclay Street Sports Complex will be constructed in the north eastern section of the site, after Councillors endorsed the recommended location at the meeting on 28 August.

This decision marks another key milestone in the overall revitalisation of the site, that, along with the construction of a new pavilion and the recently installed mobile grandstands, will also include new floodlighting and a carpark upgrade.

The NSW Government is contributing \$653,948 through Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund towards the project, with Council complementing this very welcome funding with a further \$185,000.

The Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, said that upgrading

and breathing new life into our community assets is vital across rural and regional areas.

"Supporting our community organisations and hardworking volunteers is a real focus for our Government and through the first two rounds of the Stronger Country Communities Fund we have been able to inject almost \$2.8 million into the Bega Valley," Mr Constance said.

"Along with this much-needed revitalisation at Barclay Street, Council is now funded to make improvements to a number of other sporting facilities, halls, parks and playgrounds."

Council's Manager of Leisure and Recreation, John Grady, said the location of the new building was decided following feedback from the key stakeholders that make up the site committee.



The site has been chosen for the new Barclay Street Sports Complex pavilion building.

"There is no doubt that the Barclay Street Complex is a key facility for the Eden community with the Eden Whalers AFL Club, the Eden Cricket Club, the Eden Netball Club and the Eden Soccer Club all based there,

and now we have a clear direction on the location of the pavilion we can move on to progressing the concept design," Mr Grady said.

Science spectacular

Mumbulla School hall was Bega's basecamp for three days of intrigue and discovery as students and citizens joined in a feast of activities to celebrate National Science Week this year.

The Bega Valley Science Festival, the Atlas of Life Bio-Blitz, the Science Hub at the Pub and All Things Arachnid were just a few of the fascinating activities held from 16 - 18 August.

The activities attracted around 200 students from six local schools on Friday and many nature and science loving community members of all ages attended over the weekend, the eldest among them a spritely 90 year old!

A total of 38 BioBlitz surveys were conducted along the Bega River and further afield, with 52 participants led by both local and interstate scientists.

Data from bird counts, water bug surveys and night-time spotlighting for nocturnal species will be used by scientists all over the world to help rehabilitation, conservation and future planning in the area.

There were some exciting discoveries made during the surveys including a platypus sighting, the capture of a black snake and a swamp rat.

As well as native animals such as wombats, possums, swamp wallabies and lyrebirds, camera traps picked up cats, foxes and deer, highlighting the impact pest



Locals of all ages took part in last month's National Science Week activities.

species have on the environment.

The basecamp hosted 12 stalls offering information on subjects as diverse as marine ecology, sustainability, university courses and even the world of digital game development, plus a series of captivating talks and demonstrations by renowned scientists who came from as far as Sydney and Canberra for the event.

Particularly popular was the rocket making workshop by the University of Wollongong Stem-X Roadshow, virtual reality games by Eden Game Development and the Micro-eye microscopes brought along by Bournda Environment Education Centre and the Atlas of Life.

Meanwhile at the Tathra Hotel, local environmental enthusiasts Matthew Nott and Doug Reckord hosted Science Hub at the Pub, and at Tura Marrang Library, Kerri-Lee Harris and Paul Whittington (Atlas of Life presenters) fascinated an enthusiastic group of 25 people with their spider workshop, All Things Arachnid.

The Bega Valley Science Festival and BioBlitz was another successful collaboration between members of the Sapphire Coast Regional Science Hub and Bega Valley Shire Council.

Have your say on playspace

Community consultation around the new Bermagui all-inclusive playground continues and the community is invited to view the draft design plan at an information session on Saturday (7 September).

Council staff and landscape architects will be on hand at Apex Park from 10.00am to 12noon to discuss the draft design and answer any questions you might have about the project, with Bermagui Men's Shed running a free sausage sizzle.

If you can't make it to the information session, you can view the draft design and have your say by visiting begavalley.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay.

Following consultation with the community earlier in the year, Council settled on Apex Park as the most suitable location for the new park due to the reasonably level nature of the site and the availability of accessibility parking, toilets and shade.

Council's Recreation and Natural Assets Coordinator, John Turville, said that he appreciates the time people took to give their feedback on the location of the new playspace.

"We are very grateful to everyone who shared their thoughts and opinions, whether that was through Council's Facebook page or website, and to everyone who voted, thank you," Mr Turville said.

Community consultation around the location for the playspace was varied and included:

- An online survey poll and comments through our Have Your Say tool.

- Paper voting at Bermagui Preschool and Bermagui Public School by children and families.
- Paper voting with collection points at Bermagui Library and Bermagui Information Centre.
- Direct contact with key Bermagui stakeholders.

In total 44318 votes were received with public comments on Council's Facebook page and website, written submissions and one petition also taken into consideration.

A Community Advisory Group specific to this project is a key component of the consultation process. The group is made up of three Bermagui community members based on their knowledge, skills and experience with either construction, community engagement, early childhood learning or commercial interests including local tourism.

Funding to the value of \$376,000 has been provided by the NSW Government through the Stronger Country Communities Fund for the design, development and construction of the playground and Bega Valley Shire Council is contributing a further \$42,000 to make up the total project budget of \$418,000.

Council hopes to finalise the design in October this year with construction of the playground planned for commencement in March next year.

For more information on the project visit begavalley.nsw.gov.au/majorprojects.

Guiding future land use in the Bega Valley

Bega Valley Shire Council is preparing a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) to guide land use in the Shire through to 2040.

Why do we need a Local Strategic Planning Statement?

In 2016, the NSW Government published the [South East and Tablelands Regional Plan](#), which provides a vision for our region, strategic directions and actions required to achieve that vision. The LSPS sets out how council plans to amend their planning instruments to help deliver the Regional Plan. The NSW Government requires all regional councils to adopt a LSPS by the end of June 2020.

What is included in a Local Strategic Planning Statement?

The LSPS will describe:

- The 20-year vision for land use in our Shire.
- The special characteristics which contribute to our local identity.
- Shared community values we want to maintain and enhance.
- How growth and change will be managed into the future in relation to land use.

The LSPS will also include:

- Planning priorities for land use covering areas such as transport, economy, housing, open

space and recreation, natural environment, changing climate, town and village character, town centres and Aboriginal culture.

- Actions to achieve the planning priorities and details on how Council will monitor and report on the implementation of the plan.

How will a Local Strategic Planning Statement be developed?

There's a wealth of existing information that will be used to inform our LSPS, including our current Community Strategic Plan 2040, the South East and Tablelands Regional Plan, as well as other relevant local strategies such as the Transport Vision, Economic Development Strategy and Enterprise Land Review.

We're also doing three new pieces of work; a Residential Land Strategy, a Commercial Land Strategy and Aboriginal cultural heritage mapping, and completing a Rural Living Strategy following consultation earlier this year.

The Rural Living Strategy outlines Council's strategic direction for rural living opportunities within our rural areas and identifies land that can be considered for rural residential rezoning in the future.

The Residential Land Strategy will guide future residential development across Bega Valley Shire in terms of land requirements, diversity of needs and preferences, strategic location of residential

development and housing supply and mix, including affordability.

The Commercial Land Strategy will provide a flexible framework for the future development of our town centres that is sympathetic to their unique character and help plan for opportunities for local economic development and employment generation.

The new Aboriginal cultural heritage mapping will improve the protection and promotion of Aboriginal cultural heritage by identifying areas within the landscape that are culturally significant or contain Aboriginal archaeology.

All of this existing and planned work will come together to form the basis of our LSPS.

What does it mean for me?

The LSPS focuses on the economic, social and environmental planning issues that affect the whole of the Bega Valley Shire and the people who live here. It will identify how to plan for growth within our Shire that compliments our unique character and landscape.

How can I have input into the Local Strategic Planning Statement?

There will be a range of opportunities for local people to contribute to the development of the LSPS and its supporting strategies:

- A second round of public comment on the draft Rural Living Strategy will be sought in October 2019.
- The draft Commercial Land Strategy and Residential Land Strategy will be publicly exhibited throughout December 2019 and January 2020.
- A draft LSPS will be publicly exhibited around March 2020.

Swimming Pools Strategy



HAVE YOUR SAY

All sessions start at 5:30pm

- Cobargo Hall Monday 16 September
- Eden Log Cabin Tuesday 17 September
- Pambula Hall Monday 23 September
- Bemboka Hall Tuesday 24 September
- Bega Civic Centre Monday 30 September
- Candelo Hall Wednesday 2 October

We are planning for the future of our six pools, which the community has made clear they want to retain, including how we fund them.

To raise the funds needed we are considering an increase to your rates through a Special Rates Variation.

We need your feedback.

Join us at a community information session or visit Council's website to Have Your Say.

begavalley.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay

BEGA to TATHRA

Sunday 22 September

Community Bike Ride





facebook.com/BegaTathraSafeRide

Celebrate NSW Bike Week & the Bega Tathra Safe Ride track

22km ride under the supervision of Platinum Traffic Services

Register 7.15-8.00am Bega Cheese Heritage Centre, Depart 8.30am

#Ride4David #BegaTathraSafeRide #Ride4Schools

Arrive Tathra Hotel 11.00am

BOOK NOW on trybooking.com

Adults \$30
Youth 14-17 \$10
Kids 10-13 FREE













West Kameruka contract awarded

A project to finalise the sealing of West Kameruka Road is set to commence after local firm RD Miller Pty Ltd was last week awarded the contract for the work.

Safety for residents and improving transport links are the key aims of a project that is being fully funded through a \$3.5 million NSW Government Fixing Country Roads Program grant.

In making the funding announcement in late 2017, the Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, said that upon completion the project will provide great benefit for the community.

“Economic growth in rural areas relies on agricultural commodities, industrial products, natural resources and people being able to travel safely and efficiently, and this essential road upgrade will facilitate that,” Mr Constance said.

Council’s Director Assets and Operations, Anthony McMahon, said the generous funding from the NSW Government for several local projects is enabling road upgrades our community needs to be delivered.

“In the case of West Kameruka Road, we have been hearing from community advocates for over a decade and it is certainly nice to know that this work is set to commence,” Mr McMahon said.

“The full scope of the project includes road alignment improvements, pavement strengthening, bitumen sealing, drainage upgrades and associated road furniture additions such as signage and guardrails.

“Overall safety will be greatly improved for road



A project to seal the remainder of West Kameruka Road is set to commence.

users (including the school bus), particularly during adverse weather conditions.

“Another benefit of this project is the provision of a key transport logistics link between the Snowy Mountains Highway and the southern parts of the Shire, in turn better facilitating access to the Cooma and Canberra economic markets and supporting tourism,” Mr McMahon said.

Residents and property owners living on West

Kameruka Road have been advised of key project milestone dates, the scope and extent of the project via a letter drop and further notification(s) will be sent out as required to provide updates on any potential impacts to property access during the construction period.

Enquiries regarding the sealing of West Kameruka Road can be directed to Council’s Manager Property and Project Services, Daniel Djikic, on (02) 6499 2222.

Council Meeting wrap up

Community Project Proposals

A number of Community Project Proposals were presented to Council and all of these were given some support or requested further consultation with other users of the sites.

Council has requested that Community Project Proposals be deferred for 12 months, however those which are minor in nature or are related to asset renewal will be dealt with in the usual manner.

Those who are planning to lodge a Community Project Proposal soon are advised to contact Council’s

Leisure and Recreation team for further information.

Merimbula CBD

Council resolved to request a report from staff outlining the costs and processes associated with options to calm traffic and increase pedestrian circulation in Merimbula’s Central Business District (CBD).

The report will add detail to the existing Streetscape Master Plan, with the aim of making the CBD a more pedestrian friendly space and allowing Council to ensure the project is ‘shovel ready’ when

funding becomes available. The process will include consultation with Merimbula landlords, business owners, Chamber of Commerce, Merimbula Tourism and interested members of the public.

Access and Inclusion Grants

Council adopted the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee’s recommendations to award Grants totalling \$14,795 to improve accessibility at five sites across the Shire.

Unspent funds from the 2019 Access Improvement Grant will be sent back to the Access and Inclusion Committee to work with Council staff to improve accessibility in the Shire.

Hotel Australasia

Council has resolved to proceed with the sale of the Hotel Australasia under terms which provide for a space to house a community facility.

Community Disaster Relief Fund

Council has agreed to the

establishment of a Community Disaster Relief Fund and will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast to manage the fund, with the Mayor and an alternative representative nominated to represent Council on the new fund’s Management Committee.

Next Meeting 18 September

Council Chambers,
Biamanga Room, Bega Valley
Commemorative Civic Centre,
Bega @ 2pm

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Hall kitchen upgrades completed

Thanks to the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, kitchen upgrades were recently completed at the community halls in Wyndham and Rocky Hall.

Wyndham Hall was built in 1888 and remains true to its original design, so maintaining the heritage values in this historic building is a key consideration with any renovation work on the structure.

Council consulted closely with the Wyndham Hall Committee to upgrade the kitchen facilities to a semi-commercial standard to meet catering requirements, while retaining the hall's heritage values.

The renovations included new

electrical fittings and lighting, vermin proofing, repairs to the cabinets and existing timber flooring and walls, installation of new appliances, basin and tapware along with construction of a new stainless steel island bench.

At Rocky Hall, the kitchen has also been upgraded to a semi-commercial standard.

Other work on this hall included the installation of three new double hung windows and a new external door, new electrics and lighting, installation of new appliances and fittings.

Right: The Wyndham Hall kitchen has been upgraded to a semi-commercial standard to meet all catering requirements, while retaining the hall's heritage values.



Celebrating Book Week



You may have noticed some colourful little characters around our libraries during Book Week last month.

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week is an annual celebration bringing books to life and igniting imaginations as children dress up as their favourite story characters.

Council's Children's Services at Bandara Childcare Centre and the Eden Early Learning Centre were also buzzing with excited young book characters eager to share their favourite stories with staff, who also embraced the Book Week challenge of dressing up.

Not to be left out, the Sapphire Mobile Preschool children at Candelo and Bemboka got in on the act too, with dress-ups and story readings.

More information about CBCA and Book Week is at www.cbca.org.au.

Grant Writing Workshop



Register to find out:

- * What are grants
- * Where to find grants
- * How to write your application

Tura



**Friday 13 September
10am to 1pm
Tura Marrang Library**

To book your seat phone 02 6499 2222 or email grants@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

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