

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Regional Gallery open over Easter

Due to the popularity of the current Bega Valley Regional Gallery's Landscape exhibition, opening hours have been extended for visitors over Easter. The exhibition, which includes pieces from the Art Gallery of NSW, Newcastle Art Gallery and numerous private collections will be open Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10am to 4pm. Artists featured in the exhibition include Australian art world luminaries Philip Wolfhagen, Aida Tomescu, Albert Namatjira and Lionel Bawden.

Works from the Bega Valley Arts and Crafts Society collection are also included with Jack Kirkland's beautiful local landscapes as well as the standout piece, Hilda Rix Nicholas' 'Bringing in the Sheep'. Gallery curator Iain Dawson said all the artworks on display are held in collections not usually accessible by the public so this is a great opportunity to see some exceptional contemporary works against our more historical collection.



Photograph: Lionel Bawden's The Monsters (coloured pencils, epoxy resin, glue).

Youth Week activities

Organisations throughout the Shire are gearing up to celebrate Youth Week this month with a range of activities for young people. There are some amazing activities to get involved with from hip hop drumming workshops with FLiNG in Bega to research snorkelling with the Sapphire Marine Discovery Centre in Eden. A Youth Week highlight is the youth gig organised by the Bega Valley Youth Council. This event in the Bega Youth Space on Wednesday 15 April will be a great showcase of young local performers. Youth Week events will be held from 10 to 19 April. For more information on the events, including times, prices and contacts, go to www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au or call Council on 6499 2222.

Waste management donations

Local community groups and non-profit organisations will soon have access to a fund and formal process to request rebates and waivers when using Council's waste facilities. Councillors have voted to establish a Waste Management Donations Program as a mechanism for managing requests for fee waivers and financial support for Council's waste management services.

Council doesn't have a formal mechanism for managing such requests because waste management charges are excluded from our current donations procedure. Following the Councillor's resolution we can now develop a waste management donations program with an annual budget of \$30,000 drawn from the waste fund.

Positions Vacant

Organic Waste Project Officer

There is an exciting opportunity in our field-based waste management team to develop and co-ordinate Council's organic waste processing activities.

This is a diverse, hands-on role that combines practical and analytical skills in the development of Council's recycling business. The successful applicant will be a self-motivated leader, with a solid background in operations, process management and quality assurance as well as significant ability to analyse and solve problems, excellent communication skills and business acumen. Applications close 10 April 2015 at 5pm.

Position descriptions are available from our website or by phoning Council. When applying address the selection criteria in your application and send to:

- Email: recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au
- Post: The General Manager, Bega Valley Shire Council, PO Box 492, Bega NSW 2550.
- Fax: 6499 2200.

Applications received after closing time won't be considered.

Vacation Care

Bandara Children's Services is planning a program of fun, arts and crafts, excursions and more at Bega Valley Public School from Tuesday, April 7, to Friday April 17, 2015 from 8am to 5.30 pm except for April 17 when it will close at 5pm.

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Merimbula Lake and Back Lake Flood Study

Council has engaged consultants Cardno to undertake a flood study of the Merimbula Lake and Back Lake catchments. It will define the current and future flood behaviour of the catchments that include the lakes and their tributaries: Millingandi Creek, Boggy Creek, Bald Hills Creek and Merimbula Creek. The study will assist with planning for and managing the risk the community faces from flooding.

Council and Cardno are eager to receive input from the community at the key study stages and the first input opportunity will involve an information brochure and questionnaire being mailed to all residents and business owners within the study area during April. The information brochure and questionnaire will also be available online next week, and another opportunity for input will be during the public exhibition of the draft flood study document.

If you have any information on flooding - photographs, stories or flood marks on or near your property - or wish to comment on flooding, an online questionnaire at will be available at

<https://extranet.cardno.com/merimbulafloodstudy> next week.

Please return completed postal questionnaires to Cardno, PO Box 19, St Leonards NSW 1590 by Friday 29 May, 2015.

Tura Library DA on exhibition

The proposed Tura Beach Library has moved a step closer with a development application submitted to Council for the change of use from a

tavern and restaurant to a public library and community space. Local residents are invited to comment on the proposed development when the application is exhibited from Wednesday, 8 April. Mayor Michael Britten said the new library is an exciting development for the Bega Valley Shire that will deliver a range of valuable services to the local community.

Engagement toolkit

Council is taking the next step towards improving the way we engage with the community by producing a "toolkit" as a blueprint for building trust and developing stronger community relationships. Mayor Michael Britten said the toolkit and accompanying report focus on improving dialogue between Council and the community through providing staff with the necessary steps for developing successful engagement plans.

"The report and toolkit demonstrate our commitment to consistently develop and facilitate a process that has at its heart the sharing of information and feedback between Council and the community," he said. To view the BVSC Community Engagement and Communications Toolkit go to www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au > Your Council > Communications and Engagement.

Mt Darragh roadworks

A reminder that roadworks will be carried out on Mt Darragh Rd, South Pambula, from the Princes Highway intersection to Drive-In Lane between Monday, 13 April and Friday, 29 May from 6am to 6pm. Partial street closures will be necessary as part of the work. Access to these streets will be permitted but no parking will be allowed while works are in progress.

Daylight saving

Daylight saving ends at midnight on Sunday at 2am so don't forget to put your clock back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. If in doubt about putting the clock forward or back remember the mnemonic – Spring forward, Fall back. Well, it works for Americans. You should also remember that there will be double demerits for driving offences over the long weekend.

Dog and cat controls

Council has received almost 100 submissions about the review of the animal control areas which will be considered in the next few weeks in preparation for a draft plan to be put to Councillors. The submissions confirmed that dogs and cats are very important to many residents as is the environment and the need to feel safe in public areas.

Local producers' pop up shop

Local designers and producers (menders, collectors, up-cyclers) of vintage clothing, jewellery, retro home wares, accessories, glass, plants and seeds are having a pop up shop in Tathra on Easter Saturday, April 4, from 9am to 4pm.

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