

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Airport survey

We have short phone survey we would like you to complete. It's aimed at building a better understanding of the community's outbound air travel needs from Merimbula. It will be conducted by independent aviation specialists, Three Consulting, starting on Monday 1 June.

Council believes air services play an important role in regional economic development through the local tourism industry and connections with other business centres.

Demonstrating a demand for air travel is key in proving business cases to airlines for starting expanding services.

Randomly selected residents between Narooma and Mallacoota will receive a phone call from Three Consulting asking them to take part in the survey. 100 businesses within the Merimbula airport catchment area will also be called for a separate corporate survey.

Both surveys will take only a few minutes and will really help us build a better picture of who uses Merimbula airport and for what purposes.

Reconciliation Week

'Sorry Day books' were placed in the Shire's libraries at Bermagui, Bega, Merimbula and Eden this week in acknowledgment of Reconciliation Week.

In 2008 Australia's Prime Minister formally apologised to Australia's Indigenous people, particularly the Stolen Generations, their families and communities, for the laws and policies that inflicted profound grief, suffering

and loss.

Mayor Michael Britten said having Sorry Day books in the libraries would enable all members of the community to show their support and recognition by writing messages and signing in their pages.

Shire welcomes RVs

Bega Valley Shire Council will apply to the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia for inclusion of Bega and Cobargo in the Recreational Vehicle Friendly Town program.

Council sees inclusion in the program as a valuable tourism asset that helps motorhome, campervan and caravan travelers as they journey throughout Australia.

The application to join the program came from a request put forward by the Cobargo Hotel and the Bega Showground, and moves have been made to install free dump points, which is a key step towards attracting RV tourism.

Cobargo and Bega meet the essential criteria outlined under the RVFT program and a successful application will result in the consideration of membership signage in both locations.

Council will also alert other towns in the Shire to the advantages resulting from participation in the program as the recreational vehicle traveller market is a growing source of revenue for the Bega Valley Shire and programs such as this one provide a town or village with an additional promotional stream.

Koori Weed Warriors defend the

Jobs with Council

- **Supply Services Officers x 2.** Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday, 3 June.
- **Systems and Support Officer.** Applications close at 5pm Thursday 4 June.
- **Library Operations Team Leader.** Applications close at 5pm Thursday 4 June.
- **Programs and Partnerships Officer.** Applications close at 5pm on Thursday 4 June.
- **Place Based Officers x 4.** We are seeking four highly motivated people from diverse backgrounds and disciplines to join Council's Community Development Branch. The positions will operate from the Council libraries in Bega, Bermagui, Eden and Merimbula-Tura. Applications close at 5pm on 10 June.

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.

Call: 02 6499 2222 Fax: 02 6499 2200 Email: council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au Web: www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au

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Please send all correspondence to PO Box 492, BEGA NSW 2550.

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Wilderness Coast

For seven years now workers from the three Local Aboriginal Land Councils in the Shire have been clearing litter off our beaches and defending the coastline against the onslaught of invasive weeds.



The joint project is supported by the Merrimans, Bega and Eden Local Aboriginal Land Councils, Bega Valley Shire Council, the NSW Environmental Trust, Far South Coast Landcare Association, Local Land Services Southeast and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The hard work of LALC workers, including Ethan Aldridge, Joe Stewart and Rip Harrison, has made a real difference in protecting local coastal zones. Twice a year the crews patrol the entire Bega Valley Shire coastline, looking for litter and highly invasive species such as bitou, crofton weed and lantana which have a huge impact on landscapes and Council budgets. So next time you enjoy a stroll on one of our pristine local beaches give thanks to the Koori weed warriors who work hard to keep them that way. For more information on the Protecting the Wilderness Coast project call Council on 6499 2222.

Medallion nominations now open

Nominations are open for the Bega Valley Shire Medallion, an annual award that outlines the outstanding work of unsung volunteers across our community. It is always well received in the community because it goes to people who never look for rewards or recognition. So if you know anyone in a local organisation, or an individual, who deserves recognition then nominate him or her for a medallion.

Official nomination forms are available from Council's website www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au or by phoning Tamara Whiting on 6499 2104. Nominations close on Friday 19 June 2015. Nominations that have been submitted since the last ceremony will be considered as part of the nomination process.

Tenders

- Supply and Installation of Playground Equipment at Ford Park Merimbula and Bega Park Bega. Tenders close at noon on 17 June.
- Construction of Central Waste Facility Landfill Cell 2. Tenders close at noon on 17 June.

All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley

Road work in Bega streets

Council will carry out road sealing works on Parker and Carp Streets in Bega on 12 and 13 June. Parker Street will be closed between Carp and Upper Streets on Friday, 12 June and Carp Street will be closed between Parker and Gipps Streets on Saturday, 13 June. The roads will be closed between 6am and 6pm but there will be full pedestrian access to shops and homes. If you have any queries, call James Downes on 0428 260 996.

Arthur Kaine Drive road work

There will be some traffic delays on Arthur Kaine Drive, Merimbula, while Council carries out heavy patching works from Monday 1 June to Wednesday 3 June between 6am to 6pm with delays of up to 15 minutes expected. If you have any queries, phone James Downes on 0428 260 996.

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