

# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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## Big day for Tura Beach

The Tura Marrang Library and Community Centre is now open to the public following a ribbon cutting ceremony by Mayor Michael Britten along with the Member for Bega Andrew Constance and the NSW State Librarian Dr Alex Byrne. Cr Britten described it as a benchmark project in NSW referring to the state-of-the-art facilities and flexible design.



*NSW State Librarian Dr Alex Byre, Mayor Michael Britten and Member for Bega Andrew Constance open the new library!*

"Everything is on wheels and so can be moved around to open up the spaces to allow, for example, an art exhibition to be brought in, and everything is wirelessly connected. You can still sit outside and read a book and you've got the vista of the ocean. Everyone has done an excellent job," he said.

More than 1,200 people attended the opening along with most of Council's library staff who were delighted to be able to sign up dozens of new members on the day.

### Council election

Forget the Federal election result, it's time to start thinking about the Council election on Saturday 10 September 2016. Pre-poll voting will be available for up to two weeks before the official election day. Postal voting will also be available. Official polling venues will be available across the shire and a full list of these venues is available on Council's website. Ratepayers who do not live in the Bega Valley Shire can participate in the election. Application forms requesting to be included on Council's

roll can be submitted to Council. These forms are available on Council's website on the 'Local Government Election' page, or phone us on 6499 2222. If you are thinking of standing for Council, there will be an information night on 27 July at the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre starting at 6pm. To register, phone Council on 6499 2200 or just turn up on the night when there will be guest speakers as well as members of the staff who you may need to know if you are elected.

## Jobs with Council

- Business Services Manager. Applications close on Tuesday 14 July at 5pm.
- Ranger – compliance. Applications close on Tuesday 19 July at 5pm.

Full position descriptions and selection criteria on Council's website. Address the selection criteria and send by email to [recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or post to address below.

### MC for Economic Summit

One of Australia's leading business and financial commentators, Peter Switzer, will be MC and a keynote presenter for the Bega Valley Economic Summit to on July 28 and 29.

Mr Switzer is well known as the host of his own TV show on the Sky Business Channel, as well as being a regular contributor to The Australian newspaper and national radio programs. His involvement with the summit will add weight to what promises to be a very important event.

The summit will highlight the opportunities for economic growth in our region, leveraging off big infrastructure projects like the Eden Wharf extension and the Merimbula Airport upgrade.

The Bega Valley Economic Summit will be held at the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre in Bega on 28 and 29 July.

For more information and registration details go to the Council website - [begavalley.nsw.gov.au](http://begavalley.nsw.gov.au)

The summit is an initiative of the Bega Valley Shire Council.

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## Gallery film night

The Bega Valley Regional Gallery has chosen the award-winning 1989 British romantic comedy-drama, Shirley Valentine, for this month's gallery film night on Thursday 14 July at 6pm.

The screenplay by Willy Russell is based on his 1986 one-character play of the same title, which follows middle-aged Shirley Valentine in an unexpected discovery of herself, and rekindling of her childhood dreams and youthful love of life. Gallery director, Iain Dawson said he chose this film as a nod to the Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award exhibition, now on in the Gallery. There will be supper and wine and the cost is \$20 for BVRG members and \$25 for non-members.

## Book launching at Bermagui

A young Bermagui writer, Mitchell Hayward, will launch his debut novel in the Bermagui library later this month. Via Romana – The Conqueror is an historical fiction series that focuses on Roman military history and covers how developments and events shaped the history of Rome. Mitchell was born in Bega and grew up in Bermagui, attending primary school there and Narooma High School. He began writing in 2011 and after he finished school in 2014 he began sourcing inspiration and the focus of his Via Roma series.

Via Romana will be officially launched at Bermagui Library Saturday 23 July at 10am. To book your place at the launch go to [www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au) or phone Bermagui Library on 6499 2411.

## Thank you!

The first phase of Bega Valley Shire Council's 'Understanding Our Place' engagement project is complete and you have really responded to the opportunity. Around 260 surveys were completed by people living in the Shire's villages and hundreds of people stopped to talk to Council staff at local halls and markets.

Rural areas were also well represented with more than 36 per cent of all responses being from people who live outside urban and village areas.

So thank you, our community, for the huge response. The purpose of the first phase of consultation was to understand what is important to people within our community, to understand their values, challenges and ambitions for the future. We are now reviewing the feedback and preparing a report back to the community.

Stage 2 of the Community Strategic Plan 2040 consultation will start in October.

## Gae's efforts recognised.

For efforts and contribution to her community, Gae Rheinberger of Bega was recognised with a special presentation of the Bega Valley Shire Community Service Medallion last week.

The medallion was presented on Wednesday by Mayor Michael Britten at the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre because Ms Rheinberger was overseas when the 2015 ceremony was held last September.

Gae Rheinberger has been an active volunteer and mentor in the Bega Valley community for many years and across many groups and organisations.

## And for the kids...

This school holidays join awesome art instructor Miss Carrie as she leads a workshop for primary aged kids (aged 6 to 12) themed around the Gallery's current exhibition, the Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award.

The free workshop will be held on Tuesday July 12 from 11am to 12.30pm in the Bega Valley Regional Gallery.

All materials supplied - thanks Arts NSW! Participants will need to be supervised by an adult.

Or they can attend digital self-portrait workshops to celebrate the Festival of the Face and the Shirley Hannan Portrait Exhibition by exploring Photoshop by making digital self-portraits.

These are suitable for people over the age of 15 with basic computer skills.

The workshops will be held on the Bega library on Monday 11 July, Tura Marrang library and community centre on 12 July and the Bermagui library on 14 July, all from 10am to 1pm.

These are free but spots are limited so bookings are essential. Phone 6499 2411.

Coming up at the Bega library is free storytime and craft for younger children on Thursday 14 July at 10.30am, rhymetime holiday songs and action rhymes for the little ones Friday 15 July at 10am and a Piñata making on Tuesday 12 July 10.30am to 11.30am.

This one costs \$2 and beBooking are necessary.

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