

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Water taste test

Candelo water is the best tasting water in the Shire, according to a taste test by Council employees this week. Council's water teams provided samples from their towns' systems for the taste test taken by 51 staff members who commented on taste and smell.

The test was the run up to the Water Industry Operations Australia's NSW conference in Orange later this month where the Best Tasting Drinking Water in NSW will be announced.

Candelo water team will be defending the title won by Bega Valley Shire Council last year with a sample from a staff member's kitchen sink in Kalaru. A close runner up to Candelo in our taste test was Eden.

Water taste gets underway at the BVSC office.



Grateful dogs

The Rangers have passed on a message on behalf of all the pound hounds. It goes "Woof, woof. Thank you to the butcher at Cobargo for the bones that they have been supplying us at the pound. We very much appreciate and recognise all the crew at Cobargo Butchery for your kind efforts. Woof." Grateful dogs!

Pools countdown

Another reminder that all outdoor public swimming pools - the ones at Bega, Bemboka, Candelo, Cobargo and Eden - will close for the winter after Sunday, 29 March.

Work on Small Blue Pool

The small pool at the Bermagui Blue Pool has been drained in preparation for substantial work to repair the leaking structural concrete lining of the rock pool.

The lining was given a "band-aid" repair last year to keep it open while the main pool was undergoing refurbishment over the summer.

Council is now investigating the best way to repair the extensive leaking in the pool lining and work is expected to begin soon.

For more information, phone Paul Lunniss on 6499 2222.

Problem waste

Good news this week from the Member for Bega Andrew Constance that Council will receive \$146,077 for a Waste Less, Recycle More initiative from the NSW Environmental Trust.

The grant will be used to provide a household problem-waste drop off centre, the Merimbula Community Recycling Centre, where residents can drop off their problem waste, including paint, gas bottles and batteries.

This will be free of charge. Council also plans to provide a mobile collection service for residents living in more remote areas across the shire. More news on that later.

Jobs with Council

Mechanical Trades Team Leader

Council's water and sewerage services section is seeking an experienced person to head the mechanical trades team. Applications close on 20 March at 4.30pm.

Leisure and Recreation Coordinator

Council is seeking a Leisure and Recreation Coordinator to be the point of contact between Council and the community to ensure the effective management of leisure and recreation facilities and programs throughout the shire. Applications close on 20 March at 5.00pm.

Early Childhood Educator (Certificate III) Casual Pool

Bega Valley Shire Council has an exciting opportunity for casual Early Childhood Educators to join the Children's Services team in Bega, Eden, Candelo and Bemboka. Applications close on 27 March at 5.00pm.

Email your application to recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au before closing time or post your application to The General Manager, Bega Valley Shire Council, PO Box 492, Bega NSW 2550 or fax to 6499 2200.

Address the selection criteria in the position description, this can be obtained by phoning 6499 2222 or downloading from our website. Applications received after closing time won't be considered.

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Wonboyn project

The Wonboyn boat ramp and jetty reconstruction project is entering its final stage with the completion of the boat ramp and pontoon jetty. The civil works to enlarge the launching area and upgrade the carpark are also nearing completion.

The asphalt sealing of the carpark is scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday which will necessitate closure to the public for those two days. The final works will be line-marking and signage, with the facility open and operational by Friday, 20 March!

Burning off

The Rural Fire Service has declared the end of the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period for the Far South Coast a month early due to favourable conditions.

From this week, fire permits will no longer be required in the Shire, however residents will still have to notify their neighbours and the local fire authority 24 hours before burning off.

People living in towns should check with Council and Fire and Rescue NSW regarding appropriate approvals.

It is important that people check whether they need a Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificate and that they have enough equipment to control or contain the fire on their property.

To arrange a Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificate, or a free assessment, contact your local Fire Control Centre on 6494 7400.

Landscape workshop

There is a great opportunity for local landscape artists, but it is on this Sunday, 15 March, from 9.30am to 3.30pm and bookings are essential, so book now!

Zuzu Zochowski is an exhibitor in the current Bega Valley Regional Gallery exhibition, Landscape Now, and she will lead a workshop that explores the freedom and immediacy of painting outdoors with water colours.

She has exhibited extensively in Sydney and holds regular painting and life drawing workshops at Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and privately at Thirroul where she lives.

Regarded as a leader in contemporary landscape painting in watercolour, Zuzu has extensive experience coaching beginners through to experienced artists.

So come along and enjoy a whole day of watercolour En Plein Air painting on the outskirts of Bega. Book now online via facebook.com/begavalleyregionalgallery or phone Helena Bezzina on 6499 2226 or Iain Dawson on 6499 2202.

The cost is \$35 for Friends of the Bega Valley Regional Gallery and \$45 for non-members.

Golden Gig

Don't forget the Golden Gig which will be held to celebrate Seniors Week next Tuesday, 17 March in Club Sapphire in Merimbula.

The Senior of the Year will also be announced. There are still a few places available so book by phoning Council on 6499 2222.

Expression of interest

Council is seeking expressions of interest from qualified organisations for venue management of the new Bega Civic Centre, scheduled to be opened later this year. Expressions close on 20 March, 2015, at 4pm.

Tenders

Council is seeking tenders to design and construct the Telstra Building extension in Minyama Parade, Bega. The tender closes on 25 March, 2015, at noon.

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

A word on waste

Residents are reminded to refrain from bagging your recycling before placing it in your yellow bins. Plastic shopping bags are not recyclable and actually taint the recycling, making it impossible to process effectively. This is also the case for recycling taken to our waste facilities. By all means, bag your recycling for ease of transport, but please dispose of the plastic bags once they've been emptied. Our helpful Waste Services staff will be happy to point you in the direction of the general waste area, where you can thoughtfully dispose of your plastic bags.

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