

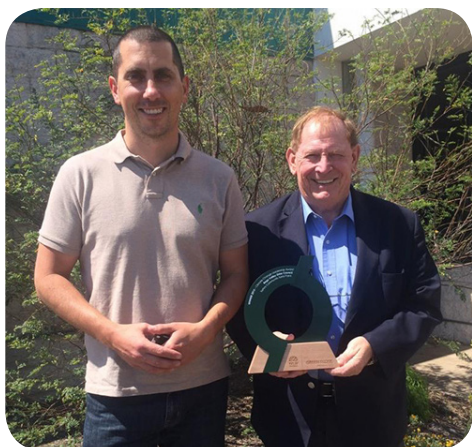
# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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## Congratulations to us!

Council is very pleased to be named winner of a prestigious Green Globe Award for the Tathra Community Solar Farm, a joint project of Council and the community organisation, Clean Energy for Eternity. The project won the Climate Change Leadership category of the awards which recognise environmental excellence, leadership and innovation.

As one of Australia's first community solar farms, the project is both practical and aesthetic, creating a working solar farm generating electricity and an art installation. The 30 kilowatts ground-mounted solar installation, arranged to form the word 'IMAGINE', can be clearly seen by passing flights. The energy generated by the panels offsets electricity used by the Council-owned Tathra sewerage treatment plant and money saved is placed into a fund managed by CEFE for future community



*Photograph: Council's Environmental Management Coordinator, Daniel Murphy, with Mayor Michael Britten and the Green Globe award.*

## Weed control programs

The roadside and public land weed control programs from now to December are in place. Spot-spraying of weeds may be carried out in other areas as appropriate. Weed control as part of general maintenance of roads and road shoulders may be carried out in other areas as part of the roads program. The weed program is dependent on weather conditions and contractor availability and may be varied according to weed growth. For more information, contact Council.

- African lovegrass and blackberry: Bermagui to Merimbula roads, Yowrie, Wandella, Cobargo township, Coolagolite, Quaaama, Brogo, Angledale, Greendale.
- African lovegrass. Bega, Brogo, Bemboka, Pambula, Princes highway to the Victorian border, Wyndham, Burragate, Eden, Towamba, Rocky Hall areas roadsides and Council reserves.
- St John's Wort. Candelo, Bemboka, Brogo, Wandella, Yowrie, Coolagolite, Cobargo and Bega areas roadsides and Council reserves.

## Another survey

We are also surveying local service providers to find out about the needs of young people aged 12 to 18 in the Shire. The survey takes five minutes to complete and all respondents who provide their email address will receive a copy of the results in November. However, individuals can stay anonymous if they choose. To complete the survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BegaValleyYouth>

## Jobs with Council

**Fixed-term labourer.** In this one-year contract you will perform general labouring duties on the maintenance of Council assets and minor construction projects and ensure compliance to safety and Council policies and procedures. Applications close on 28 October at 5pm.

**Gym and group fitness instructors.** We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to undertake the role of Gym and Group Fitness Instructor on a casual basis. Applications close on 29 October at 5pm.

Position descriptions are available from our website or by phoning Council. When applying, address the selection criteria in your application and send by email to [recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or post to the address below.

## Doing Business with Council

**Construction tender for water mains renewal/upgrade program.** Tenders close 28 October at noon.

**Construction of Mogareeka Boat Ramp upgrade project.** Tenders close 4 November at noon.

**Sport field assessment consultancy request for quotation.** Quotations close 11 November at noon.

All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-tendering portal at [www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley](http://www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley)

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Internet access is available at all of our libraries in Bega, Bermagui, Eden and Merimbula.

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

To view exhibition documents visit us at our Bega office in Zingel Place or one of our libraries: Bermagui - Bunga Street, Eden - Cnr Mitchell & Imlay Streets, Merimbula - 103 Main Street.



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## **Nethercote market**

The mid-Spring market will be held in the Nethercote Hall from 8am to noon on Saturday 24 October with lots of seasonal vegetables as well as rye breads, cheeses, pickles, pate, cakes and pastries.

## **Library Portal opens**

As part of the transition to a new library in Tura Beach, Council will open a library portal in Merimbula from today, Friday 23 October. The library portal will offer a selection of quality library services including access to the library catalogue and an ability to reserve and pick up library items.

The portal will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 5pm, and will operate from the Council's newly acquired Regional Learning Facility in Cabarita Place, Merimbula. In addition to the reservation and pick up service, visitors to the portal will be able to access newspapers and magazines, an area for reading and studying, and a space for kids. Free WiFi and public access computers will be available shortly.

## **Merimbula road works**

If you are planning going to Merimbula next week, be aware that there will be delays caused by road works in Lake Street from Monday 26 October for about one month between 7am and 5pm (weather permitting). There will be single lane traffic for the duration of works and delays can be expected so you should avoid driving in the area if possible. For more information phone Jason Heffernan on 0434 350 816.

## **Get bush fire ready**

The Far South Coast Rural Fire Service will hold bush fire information sessions at the Bermagui, Bega, Merimbula and Eden libraries over the coming weeks. The sessions will be held from 12.30pm at Bermagui Library on 28 October; 12.30pm at Bega Library on 4 November; 12.30pm at the Merimbula Library Portal and 3.30pm at Eden Library on 11 November.

There will be information on how to make a Bush Fire Survival Plan using the Rural Fire Service mobile and tablet app with paper based plans also available on the day.

The Library will have iPads with the RFS app pre-installed for attendees to build their own plans and print them out to take home. Participants are welcome to bring their own devices. The Bush Fire Survival Plans will be available at the libraries in the week of the information session for those unable to attend.

Community Safety Officer from the Far South Coast Rural Fire Service, Martin Webster, said the aim of the sessions is to break down misconceptions and help people get their plans into a useable format.

For more information phone Scott Baker at the Bega Library on 6499 2127.

## **Halloween hi-jinks**

Dress up and scare the other guests at the Halloween Night get together in the Cobargo School of Arts Hall from 5pm on 31 October. There will be live music, a disc jockey and Evita Storyteller as well as games for the children. And food and drinks, of course.

## **Feedback on Council childcare centres**

Council is seeking feedback about the way we deliver services at its childcare centres so parents and community members are invited to complete a short survey on what works well at the centres and what could be improved.

The childcare centres are Bandara Children's Services and Vacation Care in Bega, Eden Preschool, Eden Child Care Centre and the Sapphire Mobile Preschool at Candelo and Bemboka.

We are particularly interested in hearing about satisfaction levels with the services provided, particularly the quality of staff, resources and educational programs. Stakeholders taking a few minutes to complete the survey will provide us with valuable feedback that will help us shape the program towards the needs of the community.

The surveys take five minutes and will close on Friday 6 November.

They can be completed online at Council's website or following these links, <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/CommunitySurvey> or <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Parents-Carers> Paper copies for the community survey can be found in our libraries and Council's main office.

The parent/guardian surveys are at the childcare centres. For more information phone Kristina Brenner on 6499 2109.

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