

Council takes over recovery

Bega Valley Shire Council has assumed responsibility for the Tathra and District Bushfire recovery, after the NSW Office of Emergency Management (OEM) officially transferred management on Friday (15 June).

The Recovery Support Service (RSS) that has been set up in Tathra will now play a key role in the recovery moving forward.

Council's General Manager, Leanne Barnes will now lead the recovery into the future and chair the Recovery Committee, while senior Council staff will chair the various sub-committees.

The work done by Euan Ferguson and the OEM team in expertly steering our community through the vital early stages of the recovery process was absolutely outstanding and Council is well positioned to support the ongoing recovery from this point, with local services in place to continue supporting those impacted by the bushfire.

There is still a long way to go, but Council is committed to continuing the positive momentum we have and working with residents on their recovery journey.

Impacted residents are encouraged to continue to seek assistance through the RSS located at Unit 6, Tathra Beach House Apartments in Tathra, phone (02) 6499 2475, or email recovery@begavalley.nsw.gov.au.

In addition, Council's Web and Facebook pages will continue to be sources of recovery information.



Euan Ferguson officially handed over management of the Tathra and District Bushfire recovery to Bega Valley Shire Council General Manager, Leanne Barnes, last Friday.

Waste management sets new benchmark

The demolition phase of the bushfire recovery process draws to a close with more than 66 properties cleared of debris, generating over 10000 cubic metres of general waste and a further 1500 cubic metres of tree waste.

All of the asbestos impacted properties have been cleared and this alone generated 6700 cubic metres of waste to landfill.

The work was completed in an 8-week period and has set a new benchmark in NSW for disaster waste management.

The contribution of the various agencies - the NSW EPA, Public Works Advisory, demolition contractors, insurers and Council has seen this work conducted swiftly and safely. The Eden community have been particularly understanding throughout this process in having their waste facility partially closed to the general public for two months.

Council's Waste and Recycling Manager, Toby Browne, said that Council's waste and works staff worked together to quickly develop

and implement a landfill plan to safely and efficiently deal with the large influx of waste (which is about three times what the site would normally receive in a year).

"A large amount of recyclable brick, concrete and steel was also recovered by our team which helps to preserve the landfill space and recover resources," Mr Browne said.

"The works were monitored by an occupational hygienist, and sampling indicates that concentrations of respirable fibres were not detectable throughout the

disposal campaign.

"Due to the efforts of everyone involved in this work, there is still some landfill space remaining at Eden, however this is expected to be exhausted over the next couple of years," Mr Browne said.

The NSW Government has made a significant contribution to offset the loss of the asset, with Minister Troy Grant confirming that \$2M will be provided in disaster assistance funding that will be put toward extending the landfill life at the Central Waste Facility.

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Foreshore transformation at Tathra

A fencing and revegetation project is set to transform approximately 1km of Council owned land along the Bega River foreshore at the end of Thompsons Drive in Tathra.

The work is being undertaken through a partnership between Council and South East Local Land Services (LLS), with LLS also providing funding support through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Bega Valley Shire Council's Acting Environment and Sustainability Coordinator, Michael Fiedler, said that the works fulfil priority actions from the Bega River Estuary Management Plan, which is guiding the sustainable management of the estuary into the future.

"When completed the work will help stabilise the eroding river bank and degraded wetlands by preventing cattle from accessing



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the river, subsequently allowing the vegetation to get re-established," Mr Fiedler said.

"Removing cattle from the river and improving the vegetation has significant benefits to water quality

and habitat, with the re-established vegetation acting as an important filter, binding up soil and sediment and preventing further loss to the river, while increasing the quality and variety of habitat on the foreshore.

"Fencing the foreshore will prevent cattle from defecating in the waterway and wetlands, therefore improving water quality, with a subsequent reduction in pollution bringing significant benefits for recreational water users and the aquatic ecosystem.

"Importantly, improving the foreshore and wetland habitat through these measures will further enhance the declared fishing haven at Tathra, which is so important to the thousands of recreational fishers and tourists that visit each year," Mr Fiedler said.

Council Meeting wrap up

Existing Holdings

The Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP) will be amended and an Original Holdings Map introduced to effectively preserve the opportunity for landowners to construct a dwelling on land identified as an existing holding.
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Merimbula Car Parking

Council has endorsed the findings of the Zenith Review of Development Contributions and the Provision of Public Car-parking in Merimbula.

Zenith has been requested to

provide a briefing to the Merimbula Chamber of Commerce, with the review to be publically released following the briefing.

Bega Saleyards

The lease of the Bega Saleyards to Sapphire Horizons Pty Limited (Mr David Boag) has been extended until 30 June 2019 on the same terms and conditions as the existing lease.

A further report will be presented to Council in early 2019, detailing the results of a review of the Saleyards asset and its operations in order to map out a longer term strategy for the facility.

Bruce Steer Pool Amenities

The design for a new public amenities block at Bruce Steer Pool in Bermagui has been settled.

The new facilities will be fully accessible and positioned on the lower level of the site, with the existing block to remain in place until the new facilities are constructed and functional.

Lake Street Path

Following an excellent response to the recent public consultation period, Councillors resolved to pursue a compromised option for the planned Lake Street Path in Merimbula.

Lake Street will remain two-way under this option.

This decision was made with some reservations and noting a further detailed assessment and approval for a scope change to the current funding agreement is required prior to moving through to construction.
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FOGO

Mastec Australia Pty Ltd are the successful tenderer for the supply and delivery of kitchen caddies and compostable bags to approximately 12,000 residents that will be undertaken prior to the commencement of FOGO.

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New reservoir for Bermagui

With the construction and commissioning of the new Nutleys Creek Reservoir now complete, Council's Water Services Team are planning on putting it into service from Tuesday, 26 June.

The four million litre concrete reservoir will service the Bermagui township and represents a 60% increase in storage capacity, thus ensuring the supply for current and future residents of the town is secure.

This reservoir is a key component of Council's long term water supply strategy for Bermagui and has been constructed on Council owned land, which was acquired for this purpose more than a decade ago.

The elevation of this particular site was chosen to enable a significant increase in water pressure to the higher areas of Bermagui.

The significant capacity increase of the reservoir will also enable the use of off-peak pumping to reduce ongoing operational costs.

Upgrade works to the water supply network are being completed simultaneously with the reservoir coming into service.

A rebuild of the access road, as well as bush revegetation and stabilisation on and around the reservoir site have been integral parts of the overall project.

The swap to the new reservoir may result in short interruptions to supply and may change how the water tastes for a few days.

Due to the nature of the changeover, late changes to the schedule are possible - keep an eye out on Council's Web and Facebook pages for updates.



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Flood repairs completed

Council is pleased to report that flood repair works in the Upper Brogo locality were completed last week, after the area was hard hit during the floods of January and June 2016.

An offer of funding was accepted by Council in September 2017, under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) program, and a package of works was awarded to local company, J Michelin & Son Pty Ltd, to repair 60 issues that were

identified in the area.

A condition of the funding is that works are undertaken by contractors, not Council staff.

Work has included the construction of rock walls to repair landslips, drainage improvements and gravel road re-sheeting to replace lost road material.

Flood and storm damage repairs to roads infrastructure elsewhere in the Shire is continuing with NDRRA funding.



Extensive flood repair work has been carried out by local contractors, J Michelin & Son Pty Ltd, in the Upper Brogo area. This pictures show the huge difference made by road re-sheeting (before on the left and after on the right).

Clarity for landholders

Council has adopted a planning proposal that will give land owners certainty and the capacity to potentially develop their land in the future.

Council's decision to amend the Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP) and to introduce an Original Holdings Map effectively preserves the opportunity for landowners to construct a dwelling on land identified as an existing holding.

Under the current provisions in the LEP, land would cease to be an existing holding if development consent for a dwelling-house was not issued within five years of gazettal of the LEP. The five year 'Sunset Clause' period would have expired on 2 August 2018.

Council received 12 public submissions to the planning proposal during the public exhibition period. All submissions supported the proposed amendment to remove the 'Sunset Clause'.

Manager of Planning and Sustainability, Keith Tull, said that submissions also identified 31 additional vacant existing holding sites that were not identified by the mapping.

"Investigations have been undertaken and Council officers are satisfied these properties are eligible to be added to the mapping.

"If anyone believes they may have a vacant existing holding, please contact Carly McGregor from Council's Planning Services section on (02) 6499 2112 as soon as possible so the matter can be researched," he said.

Council will finalise the amendments to Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013 (Amendment No. 30) in accordance with the delegations issued by the Minister for Planning and Environment under Section 59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

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Merimbula intersection revamp

Work commenced last week on the realignment of the notorious Merimbula Drive/Monaro Street intersection in Merimbula.

Expected to take six weeks to complete, the project entails an entire overhaul of the busy intersection, with a clear focus on improving the safety of pedestrians and motorists alike.

When completed, the revamped intersection will feature new kerb and gutter, stormwater drainage, landscaping and a traffic island separating the in and out going traffic from Monaro Street.

Importantly Merimbula Drive will also be widened to allow through traffic to pass vehicles turning into Monaro Street, therefore greatly improving traffic flow in the area.

Once the intersection is completed, the stormwater drainage, kerb and gutter and road pavement will also be upgraded along Monaro Street (for approximately 500 metres), with this work linking to that previously undertaken near Imlay Street.

Monaro Street is closed to traffic at the Lakewood Drive intersection for the duration of the project, with detours via Reid and View Streets activated and variable message boards in place.

Updates on progress will be provided via Council's Facebook page.

For more information on the project, contact Council's Projects Coordinator, James Downes, on (02) 6499 2222.



Work has commenced on the realignment of the Merimbula Drive/Monaro Street intersection in Merimbula. The images depict the intersection prior to the commencement of the project (above) and an overlay of the plan (below).



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Decision made on Lake Street



Council has resolved to pursue a compromised option for the Lake Street shared path.

Council received a report on the outcome of the 'Have Your Say' survey and possible options for the Lake Street Shared Path at the Council meeting on 13 June 2018.

The report outlined the three previously submitted options A, B, & C, as well as four additional options including:

Option D – A hybrid Option A proposed by the community during the public exhibition

Option E - Build an accessible pathway from Spencer Park to Bar Beach to augment the current walking track

Option F – Status Quo option and hand the funding back

Option G - Modification of Option B with reduced path length from Rotary Park to Bar Beach

After a discussion on the merits of each option, Council resolved to adopt Option G. This option is a compromise between the funding constraints and the wishes of the

community.

The feedback on the 'Have Your Say' survey indicated that the community was against any changes to traffic flow in the Long Point area. Option G will not alter the current road structure.

To view the full survey results, visit www.begaValley.nsw.gov.au/majorprojects.

Council staff will now submit a formal variation to our funding partner, NSW State Government, for the change to the scope.

If the variation is accepted, a formal cost estimate, detailed design, extensive studies into the environmental and heritage impacts and crown land approvals will be required.

The delivery of this project is still dependent on approval of the change of scope and the funding covering project costs, in addition to all necessary approvals being obtained before the funding cut-off date of 30 June 2019.

New shelter for Endeavour Park

The transformation of Eden's Endeavour Park into a valued and culturally positive outdoor space continues with the recent construction of a multi-purpose shelter complementing the Children's Dreaming Garden, which was completed in mid-2017.

Over the last 18 months, Council has been responding to community voices requesting upgrades to the park and after successful collaboration with local groups it has been revitalised.

More recently, funding from the NSW Department of Family and Community Service, supplemented with a contribution from Council, has enabled the works team to construct a large wooden bus shelter, which has potential for use as a gathering point for local residents.

Council's Eden Place Plan Project Officer, Meaghan Holt, said that local children regard the shelter as a special place because of the type of timber chosen.

"The children feel like they could use the shelter in lots of ways, even as a performance stage," she said.

The shelter features iron bark posts and panelling with rafters and beams of forest red gum.



A new multi-purpose shelter is the latest addition to the transformed Endeavour Park in Eden and follows on from the establishment of a food garden and the installation of new play equipment, a small basketball court, new paths, a water tank and drinking fountain.

The community food garden was recently revamped in response to children using the swales as bike jumps.

Council's Coordinator Community Development and Libraries, Anne Cleverley, said that this multi-phased project is an example of how council teams are focused on working closely with the community

to achieve results.

"Community Development, Leisure and Recreation, and Urban Maintenance teams have all been involved; from listening to and liaising with community members and volunteers, obtaining funding and being out there doing the construction.

"There is a positive energy coming

from the Eden social housing area thanks to Council's inclusive consultation process and this is developing community pride and an interest in future plans for this important community space," she said.

Artwork by local children and teenagers will also have a prominent place in the park with the completion of two successful mural projects and plans to install five 'story poles'.

The story poles will provide a physical space where youth can express themselves freely through graffiti art.

"We are working with the children and looking at ways to show them how their skills in self-expression can be used in a more appropriate way and possibly lead to future employment," Ms Holt said.

The boys' mural project is related to the Eden area using a whale-based spiritual, totem and dreaming story while the girls' mural project focuses on the vision of their own dreaming, their connection to land and the space of the park.

Look out for more information on the Mural Projects, which will be launched in the near future.

Special Storytime Book Reading 'Charley Goes Out'



Join us for a special Storytime to hear a reading of Jane Gordon's new book

'Charley Goes Out,' is about Charley's first excursion out into the wild. Being his first outing Charley needs to learn what to do when he meets a stranger.

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10.30am Tuesday 26 June 2018

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PD 315 - closes 24/6/18
- **Children's Services Coordinator**
PD 520 - closes 24/6/18
- **Customer Information Officer (FOGO)**
PD 501 - closes 26/6/18
- **Library Services Trainee**
PD 478 - closes 1/7/18
- **Team Member (Plant Operator Road Patching)**
PD 382 - closes 1/7/18
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Appeal Fund distribution progress

The distribution of Stage 1 of the Tathra and District Bushfire Mayoral Appeal Fund is nearing completion.

This initial stage was for owner/occupiers and tenants whose homes were destroyed or declared permanently uninhabitable. Eligible residents were contacted directly by the distribution committee and provided with the necessary application information.

The majority of these applications have now been received and processed.

Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor, Cr Kristy McBain, said the aim of the fund was always to provide support to those most impacted as quickly as possible.

“The distribution committee was keen to make sure the money went out in a timely manner, because we know the most urgent needs are right now,” Cr McBain said.

“We’ve been very happy with the efficiency of this initial allocation and the arrangements and guidelines are nearing finalisation for Stage 2.

“The details around Stage 2 and any future stages will be announced by the committee at the appropriate time.



Jayden Deighan-Smith and Taylor Williamson of Mumbulla School for Rudolf Steiner Education called by last week to present a cheque for \$5642 to the Mayoral Bushfire Appeal Fund.

“The unbelievable generosity that has come from right across the country puts us in a position to provide this assistance, with the recent Band Together concert a brilliant example.

“Businesses big and small, service clubs, sporting groups, local Councils, schools and individuals are among those who have contributed

so selflessly and we couldn’t be more thankful.

“Australians have a great way of banding together in challenging times and the nation’s collective embrace of those impacted by the disaster has been extremely encouraging and comforting,” Cr McBain said.

Anyone who believes they are eligible for Stage 1 and have not been contacted is encouraged to phone (02) 6499 2475, or email MayoralAppealFund@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

More information about the Mayoral Appeal Fund is available on Council’s website at www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/tathra



Tathra and District Recovery Support Service

The Tathra and District Bushfire Recovery Centre and Information Point has transitioned to the Recovery Support Service (RSS).

This service is available to anyone who feels they have been impacted by the Tathra and District fires.

The Recovery Support Service will be open for 12 months at **Unit 6 Tathra Beach House Apartments in Tathra**. The service’s Recovery and Resilience Officers, who are qualified caseworkers, can also offer home visits for greater convenience.

Our Recovery and Resilience Officers will offer you one-on-one assistance with your personal and practical needs such as:

- Working out what needs to be done and developing an action plan
- Finding out what financial and non-financial supports are available to you
- Assisting with referral and application processes
- Managing grief and loss
- Navigating insurance and the rebuilding process
- Liaising with Centrelink and other government bodies to complete paperwork
- Developing strategies on how best to support children, families and yourself after disaster

The service is available Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.00am - 4.30pm; with extended hours from 9.00am – 7.00pm on Thursdays. The service will also operate from 9.30am – 4.30pm on Saturdays.

To access the Recovery Support Service, visit the office at **Unit 6 Tathra Beach House Apartments in Tathra**, call the Recovery Hotline on **6499 2475**, or email recovery@begavalley.nsw.gov.au.

The Recovery Support Service is jointly funded under the Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

Exhibition sure to impress

A vibrant celebration of the ancient craft of printmaking is the focus of the Bega Valley Regional Gallery’s upcoming exhibition, **Balnhdhurr – A Lasting Impression**, which comes to the Valley all the way from the Yirrkala Print Space in Arnhem Land and opens on Friday 22 June at 6.00pm.

With works from 50 artists, this exhibition includes prints that are historically significant and promises to be a standout display of creative talent.

Extensive education resources accompany the exhibition and local school teachers and principals are encouraged to contact the gallery on (02) 6499 2187 to arrange class visits.

There is also a dedicated smartphone app that provides

a deeper engagement with the artists and artworks as well as Yolgnu language and culture.

Complementing the exhibition and to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2018, the gallery will hold a lino printing masterclass, presented by printmaker and artist Cheryl Davison.

Cheryl will take participants through all the stages of lino printing onto fabric, from choosing a design and cutting the lino, to printing onto fabric.

The masterclass will be held at the gallery on Saturday, 14 July from 10.00am - 1.00pm and costs \$55 per person. Please visit the gallery website at <https://gallery.begavalley.nsw.gov.au> for the bookings link.

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Councillors in the Community successful

The *Councillors in the Community* sessions have seen Councillors out and about over the last few months, visiting local towns and chatting to locals on their own patch.

Between April and June, successful evening sessions were held in Eden, Cobargo, Candelo, Pambula and Tathra and gave locals an opportunity to meet the elected Councillors and senior Council staff in informal surroundings, allowing people to raise issues close to their heart.

Many attendees appreciated being able to view information displays on current and future projects or activities relevant to their town and

took the chance to talk to technical staff about local issues.

Councillors in the Community sessions are part of Council's ongoing commitment to refining and developing our communication and engagement processes and there are plans to run more sessions of this kind in the future.

"It is absolutely paramount that we can provide environments where the public can feel comfortable, speak as opposed to being spoken to and most importantly have their voice heard," Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor, Cr Kristy McBain, said.



The Councillors in the Community sessions have been very well received over the past few months, with venues like the Eden Log Cabin (pictured) playing host and attracting good crowds.

Author in conversation at Bega

Noel Braun has written two books about how he combined a walking journey through the ancient pilgrimage route across Europe, the Camino de Santiago, with a spiritual quest towards healing from the grief and trauma he experienced following the suicide of his wife, Maris.

Noel will be in conversation at Bega Library on Friday, 29 June from 10.30am to give an author talk about his books.

Noel's first book, *The Day was Made for Walking* describes his journey along two of the more popular routes of the Camino. As well as a memoir, interwoven with fascinating stories of the many engaging characters Noel meets along the way, the story is part travel guide and provides a glimpse into history; merging the ancient with the contemporary.

His most recent book, *I Guess I'll Just Keep on Walking* continues

Noel's journey, merging spiritual and physical experiences as he undertakes further routes along the Camino.

Library Programs and Partnerships Officer, Scott Baker, said that Noel's story provides important insight into how to find meaning in the world following grief and loss.

"Suicide and bereavement are huge challenges for the heart and soul, and Noel's journey is a candid and inspiring story of courage in the face of personal pain," Mr Baker said.

"Noel's books will also appeal to those interested in adventure and travel, in particular walking pilgrimages and the Camino."

Last year, at the age of 84, Noel embarked on another walking journey - perhaps the subject of a future book.

Bookings are invited at www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au or phone (02) 6499 2127.

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- **Fling Physical Theatre - Body & Environment**
Thursday 21 June - Sunday 24 June 2018
Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre
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- **Cobargo Market Day**
Every Saturday starting at 8am, Cobargo Village.
- **Bega Valley Shire Council Meeting**
Wednesday 27 June 2018, 2pm Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre



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Horse owner fined in Candelo

A local horse owner is \$437 lighter in the pocket after Council Rangers were required to seize a horse that had crossed Candelo Bridge and run up Mogilla Road on Thursday, 31 May.

Council staff undertaking inspections in the area had previously alerted the Rangers to the dangerous situation.

The Palomino Stallion (that had a chain around its neck), was subsequently impounded, with the chain removed after being deemed a safety hazard.

Upon the payment of the fines, the horse was collected by the male owner, however the chain

was not returned due to safety concerns.

Investigations revealed that the horse had been tethered on private land (not owned by the horse's owner) prior to breaking loose.

Rangers implore everyone to be aware of the heavy responsibility they agree to when they allow horses to be tethered on their land.

Council's Rangers can be contacted on (02) 6499 2222.

Right: The horse was impounded after being seized by Council Rangers. The chain was removed from around its neck after being deemed a safety hazard.



Town teams on the job Vehicle Activated Signs installed

The Bega Town Team has been focused on improvements along Carp Street.

Footpath repairs have been undertaken and a fresh lick of paint has been given to rubbish bin enclosures and the balustrading outside the Commonwealth Bank.

The crew have also installed new LED lighting at the Valley Fields public toilet and in Church Street.

In the Glebe area of Bega, 73 metres of kerb and gutter repairs have been carried out to help with stormwater drainage and road integrity, while the team working in Cobargo have replaced 57 metres of kerb and gutter.

A total of 134 road signs were replaced throughout the Shire in May, which will have a direct impact on assisting motorists and improving emergency services responses.

The Bega and Eden teams have planted claret ash and water gum trees in their town parks and reserves, while the Bega and Merimbula teams have carried out repairs to cycleways to assist recreational cyclists.

Work crews have also removed dangerous trees across the Shire to improve safety in public areas and to minimise damage from falling limbs.



Vehicle Activated Signs have been installed in an effort to improve driver behaviour in Pambula Beach.

Motorists travelling in and out of Pambula Beach will have noticed the recent installation of two new Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS's) either side of Lumen Christi Catholic College.

The new initiative comes on the back of the Bega Valley Local Traffic Committee consistently raising safety concerns around the drop off, pick up and parking activities along Pambula Beach Road in the vicinity of the school.

Subsequent Council investigations into these concerns and transport movements on Pambula Beach Road identified the VAS's as a potentially effective danger mitigation measure.

A 100% funding opportunity arose through the Vehicle Activated Sign Program as part of the wider NSW Safer Roads Program, with Bega Valley Shire Council successfully gaining \$17,000 for the installation of the two signs.

It is expected that the VAS's will play a role in improving driver behaviour and ensure the signposted speed limits are adhered to.

Council and other key stakeholders are continuing to work through longer term options that improve safety and the interaction between pedestrians and on and off-street traffic in the area.

The Safer Roads Program is a partnership between the Centre for Road Safety and Roads and Maritime Services to deliver safer roads infrastructure throughout NSW, including around schools.

The program identifies roads and roadsides with a higher risk or incidence of high-severity crashes, or crashes involving vulnerable road users. Targeted infrastructure projects at these locations use engineering treatments to reduce the occurrence and severity of crashes.



The embankment below the Bega Showground on East Street has come in for some serious attention, with planting work underway.

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