

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Bermagui waste transfer station

Councillors resolved this week to accept the tender from IQON Pty Ltd of \$874,896 to design and construct a waste transfer station at Bermagui. Council's Waste Strategy includes the centralisation of landfill activities at a single best-practice landfill and closure of the remaining landfills at Bermagui and Eden.

Closure of the Bermagui landfill is necessary as soon as possible as its capacity has been reached. The aim is to have the work completed by 31 October 2015. A waste transfer station was established at the Merimbula waste depot in 2014, and a similar project is planned for Eden in 2016.

Parker and Carp Streets to close

A new date has been set for road rehabilitation works on Parker and Carp Streets in Bega due to a poor weather forecast for this weekend.

Parker Street will be closed on Thursday 7 May and Sunday 10 May. Carp Street, from Parker Street to East Street, will be closed from Friday 8 May to Sunday 10 May, and from Parker Street to Gipps Street on Saturday 9 May and Sunday 10 May. All road closures will be in place between 6am and 6pm.

Access to closed roads will be permitted to residents but there will be no on-street parking while works are in progress. Full pedestrian access to shops and homes will remain and residents in the local area are being notified of the new dates. For more information please contact James Downes on 0428 260 996.

Funding for heritage conservation projects

Council is inviting the owners of heritage buildings and buildings in Heritage Conservation Areas in the Shire to apply for grants under the Local Heritage Assistance Fund. Eligible projects will be those that help conserve heritage items such as re-roofing, new gutters and downpipes, painting, and repairs to brick walls. Applicants can apply for a maximum of \$5,000 per project on a dollar for dollar basis and pensioners and self-funded retirees can apply for up to \$2,500 as an outright grant. Applications close on 5 June and the application form is available on Council's website or phone Tamara Corby on 6499 2373 for further information.

Draft plans on exhibition

These include draft asset management plans for transport, recreation, buildings, water and sewer. Also draft strategies for resourcing, asset management, and workforce, as well as the Financial Strategy and the Long Term Financial Plan. Also on exhibition are the Draft 2015-16 Council Budget, the Draft 2015-16 Delivery and Operational Plan, and the Draft Fees and Charges for 2015-16.

Council welcomes comment on these documents, they can be viewed from May 1 on our website, (click on "items on public exhibition" near the bottom of the homepage). If you want to comment on any of the documents, the exhibition period ends on 28 May. Submissions and feedback will be considered by Council before the plans are adopted.

Positions vacant

Co-ordinator Customer and Library Services

This position has responsibility for Customer Service consisting of a main counter and call centre at Bega and four libraries across the Shire. To be successful in this role you will need strong customer service and/or library service experience, demonstrated ability to drive change and innovation and have excellent people management skills. Applications close Monday 11 May at 5pm.

Manager Children, Families and Ageing

We are seeking a dynamic person to manage these program areas and identify other opportunities to meet service gaps and community needs. To be successful in this role you will need to have exceptional people skills, a good understanding and working knowledge of funded programs, experience working with State and Commonwealth agencies, and strong financial and management skills. Applications close Monday 11 May at 5pm.

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.

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Let's talk about the future

Council will hold a series of 'drop in' sessions at its libraries this month to discuss some key plans with interested ratepayers and residents. General Manager Leanne Barnes said Council is committed to being available to the community and to provide a variety of ways for members of the community to access information and to have their say.

"We are now exhibiting our operational budget for 2015-16 as well as the operational plans and asset management plans," she said. "The public exhibition of these documents is an important step in providing the community with the information to understand our plans for the future."

Councillors and senior staff will be available to share this information at the drop in sessions and we hope members of the community will attend one at their nearest library. The first Council 'drop in' session will be held on Wednesday 6 May from 4pm to 6pm at Eden library.

Other sessions will be held in Bega library (Thursday 7 May from 4pm to 6pm); Bermagui library (Monday 11 May from 4pm to 6pm); and Merimbula library (Tuesday 12 May from 4pm to 6pm).

Stay asbestos aware

A reminder to local residents to be asbestos aware as DIY enthusiasts tackle indoor jobs over the cooler months.

Senior Environmental Health Officer Greg O'Donnell said we all should be aware that working with asbestos both

indoors and out is extremely hazardous, but the combination of dryer material and a lack of ventilation makes indoor work particularly dangerous.

"Put simply, if you find asbestos anywhere on your property and you need to move or disturb it, you are required to seek the services of a professional," he said.

"Bagging it, wetting it and wearing breathing apparatus are not enough to guarantee your personal safety when handling asbestos, particularly in an indoor environment."

For more information on what you can do to become asbestos aware, contact Council on 6499 2222.

Council commended

Bega Valley Shire Council was recently commended as one of the most active asbestos awareness councils in the annual Betty Awards, named after the travelling asbestos awareness 'house' that educates people not to play renovation roulette when working on their properties.

Chair of the Asbestos Education Committee, Peter Dunphy, said that with one in three Australian homes containing asbestos in some form or another, thanks to the invaluable support of councils they were educating more Australians than ever before about the dangers of asbestos and how to manage it safely.



On public exhibition

Amended Development
Proposal - Cattle Bay, Eden

Council has received additional information to amend an application seeking approval to develop land as follows. The additional information seeks to amend, support and further explain the proposed development.

DA No.: 2014.430

Applicant: Eden Resort Hotel Pty Ltd c/- Radiknox Investment Pty Ltd

Consent Authority: Southern Region Joint Planning Panel

Description of Land: Lot 1, 2 & 4 DP 1138056 and Crown land below Mean High Water mark being the waters of Cattle Bay, Cattle Bay Road, Eden.

Description of Proposal: Designated Development – 154 berth Marina and associated Wave Attenuator and piles in the waters of Cattle Bay, ancillary carparking, offices and amenities.

The amended application and plans, including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and additional information relating to the development can be inspected at the following locations Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays) for a period of 30 days from 30 April 2015.

Photograph: Council's environmental health cadet Amanda McKenna shows the Betty Award to Mayor Michael Britten.

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