

Fish waste into compost

A new business that turns fish waste into compost will help solve an ongoing problem facing Bega Valley boat ramp areas.

Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor, Cr Kristy McBain, officially launched Council's partnership with Ocean2earth, an Eden-based company founded by brothers Kyran and Tim Crane, at the Bermagui Harbour Boat Ramp yesterday.

The launch marks the start of a new fish waste collection service by Ocean2earth at six of the Shire's main boat ramps.

Ocean2earth will then transform the waste into organic garden compost, complementing Council's Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service.

Their long-term goal is to process marine waste from boat ramps, seafood processing plants and aquaculture facilities right along the NSW coast.

Kyran says as keen fishermen the brothers often encountered overflowing fish bins at boat ramps or people throwing it back into the ocean, causing public health and amenity issues.



Anthony McMahon (Director Assets & Operations), Tim Crane (Ocean2earth), Mayor Cr Kristy McBain, Kyran Crane (Ocean2earth), Joley Vidau (Acting Waste Manager), Cr Mitchell Nadin and Cr Tony Allen at Monday's launch of the new fish waste collection service at the Bermagui Boat Ramp.

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Upgraded boat ramp opened

The upgrade of the Beauty Point Boat Ramp is complete, with asphalt works and cleaning completed on Friday before it was opened to the public in time for the commencement of the NSW school holidays.

Lighting, landscaping and line marking will round out the overall project in the coming weeks; however, these planned works don't prevent the use of the boat ramp itself.

The existing toilet facilities on the site are also set to get a facelift to complement the site upgrade, with this element to be completed following the holidays.

Council's Recreation and Natural Assets team

has taken advantage of another opportunity to complement the site upgrade by partnering with Local Land Services under the Marine Estate Management Strategy (MEMS) to carry out additional landscaping works along the foreshore. Wallaga Lake has been identified as a priority catchment for the delivery of on-ground actions under MEMS in the South East region.

The works will extend along the foreshore for approximately 80 metres from the boat ramp and will assist with reducing sediment and nutrient runoff from the unsealed track. They will also provide an aesthetic improvement for those visitors using the new accessible table installed on the track.



The newly-upgraded Beauty Point Boat Ramp is officially open for use.

LEST WE FORGET - 25 APRIL

Anzac Day

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Australian troops storm ashore in the first assault wave to hit Balikpapan on the southeast coast of oil-rich Borneo. July 1945

Be Connected at Tura Marrang Library

Free computer and technology courses based on the Australian Government's *Be Connected* program are set to start at Tura Marrang Library.

Acting Library Coordinator, Megan Jordan-Jones, says the courses aim to increase the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians when they use the internet.

"Elderly folk with low internet skills can often feel isolated from family at a time in their lives when feeling connected is actually very important.

"We'd like to help older people in our community realise the value of being connected online and guide them towards becoming familiar with a wide range of technologies.

"Our classes are fun and easy-paced; it's a great way to learn in a friendly, familiar environment with an experienced trainer.

"So far bookings are very strong for these courses, so I'd encourage people to get in quick," Ms Jordan-Jones said.

There's a bonus too! Once participants are signed up to the *Be Connected* website they can revisit or explore additional topics at their own



Tura Marrang Library is set to host six free computer and technology courses.

pace, either at their local library or at home.

The website has a range of useful and interactive learning activities, training courses and 'how-to' videos for older Australians, families, friends and community organisations.

There are six new courses which will run at Tura Marrang Library every Wednesday from 1 May until 5 June. Sessions run for two hours from

10.30am -12.30pm.

Be Connected Courses

- The Absolute Basics course is for people with no experience of computers, smartphones or tablets – 1 May.
- Getting Started Online will teach you essential skills to get you started online - 8 May
- Safety First shows you how to stay safe online - 15 May
- All About Data helps you choose a data plan and manage your data - 22 May
- Wi-Fi and Mobile Networks at home or on the go - 29 May
- All About Apps & More Online Skills teaches you about getting apps, using them safely, online shopping, and watching and listening online - 5 June

People can select a combination of sessions to suit their needs or attend all classes.

To book online and for more information go to www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au, or phone Tura Marrang Library on 6499 2340.

Books support children through trauma

Bega Valley Shire Library has purchased a set of new books aimed at children who have been through a natural disaster trauma, as well as a special resource for children grappling with bereavement by suicide.

Library Team Leader, Samantha Fenton, says that children will relate to the loveable main characters, Birdie and Mr Frog, who survive flood, fire, drought, earthquake and cyclone with the help of friends and their community.

"Natural disasters can be very scary for babies and young children and reading or listening to a story can help children work through their experiences and big feelings," Ms Fenton said.

The series of five picture books is produced by the Queensland Centre for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health.

"Red Chocolate Elephants is another important resource we've recently added to our collection - it's an activity book with a DVD for children bereaved by suicide," explained Ms Fenton.

Red Chocolate Elephants offers a sensitive and appropriate way to engage with children around the difficult issue of suicide.



The book is designed for an adult to read with a child, a few pages at a time while conversations are developed through activities set out throughout the pages. The book and DVD can be used in any order.

"All these books are valuable tools for people who are supporting children through difficult times and emotions – and they're available to borrow now – just ask at your local library or reserve them through our online catalogue," Ms Fenton added.

You can access the library online catalogue at www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/library

101 heritage objects revealed

101 Objects which reflect the history and heritage of the Bega Valley will be officially revealed at the South Coast History Day on Saturday 27 April at the Wolumla Memorial Hall.

The list of significant objects and locations was assembled in late 2018 by three expert local heritage advisors from suggestions provided by the local community.

The list is a combination of everyday items that represent past life in the Shire through to places that have a unique or special importance in the history of the area.

The South Coast History Day includes a morning seminar explaining more about the 101 Objects and an afternoon bus tour which will take participants around parts of the Shire to view some of the Objects, including sites of historical importance not usually open to the public.

The list of 101 Objects is available at www.bit.y/101objectsindex

For more information about the South Coast History Day, and to register, please call 0448 160 852.

This project has received valuable assistance through the NSW Government's Heritage Near Me program.

What's ON!

LOCAL EVENTS

19 - 21 April

- Four Winds Easter Festival @ various locations

27 April

- Fashion Revolution Bermagui @ Bermagui Surf Club
- Nethercote Produce Market @ Nethercote Hall

5 May

- Clubs Race Day @ Sapphire Coast Turf Club

List your event
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Local Events
Calendar

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Everyone Can Play is underway

As those living in and visiting Tathra may have seen, the Green Dragon has been temporarily removed and construction has commenced on the Everyone Can Play Playspace at Lot Stafford Playground in Taylors Square.

The overarching purpose of this project is to upgrade the playground to be an all-inclusive play space, with the NSW Government (Department of Planning and Environment) fully funding it to the tune of \$600,000.

The playground is being upgraded in accordance with the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play Guidelines, which aim to create inclusive playspaces where play is for everyone in the community.

The guidelines provide councils, schools, landscape architects and the general community with a toolkit to create more inclusive playspaces.

This playspace upgrade includes the following items:

- Upgrade of the majority of the play equipment to incorporate all-inclusive play. The Green Dragon that is very much a part of the Tathra playground remains as a play item as does a recently installed

four-way rocker.

- Upgrade of the existing pathway network to accommodate ease of movement to play and seating areas.
- Upgrade of all seating and picnic tables within the playground.
- Upgrade of softfall to include both sand and rubber softfall.
- Provision of natural play elements such as balance logs, rocks and stepping stones.

As you may have also seen, other play equipment that was removed from this playspace has been repurposed at Kianinny, Lawrence Park, Charles Izzard Park and Ray Whyman Reserve.

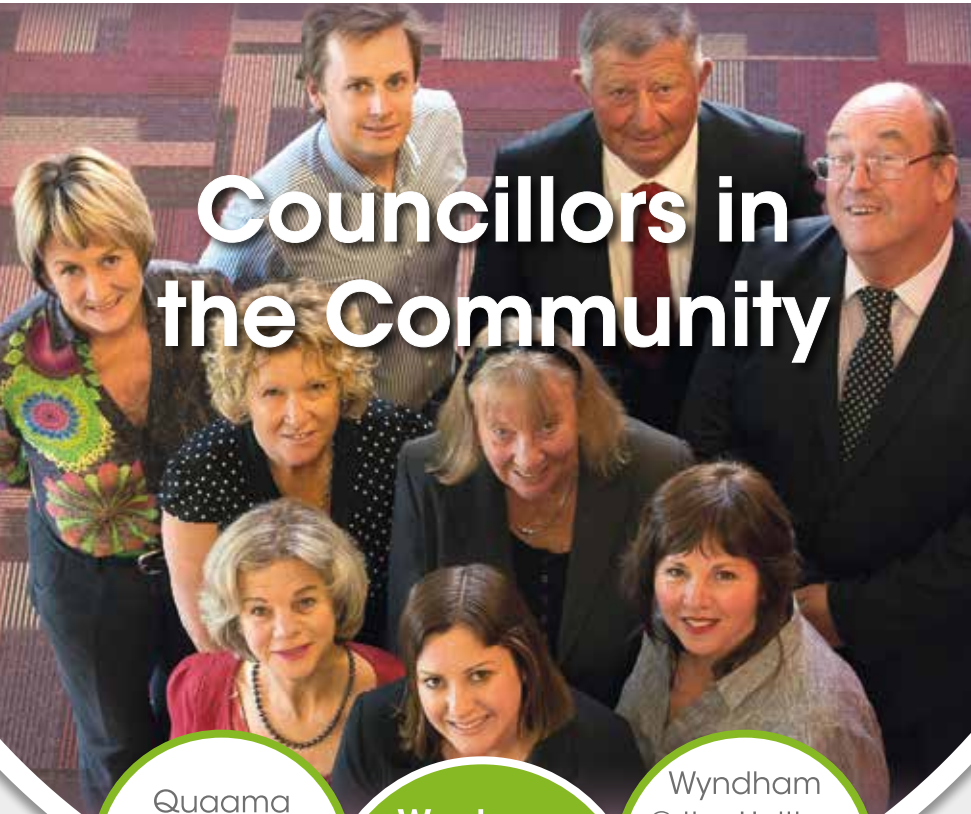
These playgrounds are open whilst the Lot Stafford Playground is closed for upgrade.

When the planned upgrade of the Lions Park Playground is completed later this year as part of the Rural Village Playgrounds Upgrade, it will mean that every playspace in Tathra has been given a new lease of life.

Construction of the Tathra Lot Stafford Playground is due for completion at the end of May, when the Green Dragon will make a welcome return.



Above and below: Lawrence Park and Charles Izzard Park (along with Kianinny and Ray Whyman Reserve) have been transformed by the equipment repurposed from the Lot Stafford Playground.



Councillors in the Community

Quaama
@ the Hall
22 May
5:30pm

Wonboyn
@ the Fire Shed
Wednesday
1 May
5:30pm

Wyndham
@ the Uniting
Church
5 June
5:30pm

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Making connections in Merimbula



An exciting project to restore Merimbula's Lake Street Foreshore Reserve is set to start next month.

Work is set to start in early May on an exciting environmental project to restore Merimbula's Lake Street Foreshore Reserve.

The aim of this three-year project is to restore the Reserve's natural vegetation and to connect locals to the area through its natural and cultural values, with a focus on restoring a Littoral Rainforest pocket.

Littoral Rainforest is described as a closed forest ecological community recognised by its close proximity to the ocean and mostly closed canopy.

Locals will also notice upgrades to the walking track between Spencer Park and Bar Beach as part of the improvements.

With a detailed site assessment and work plan now complete, Stage 1 of the project will move into focusing on bush regeneration and weed control, with community activities kicking off later in the year.

The native plants in the Reserve are being undermined by a range of weeds, such as asparagus fern, bridal veil creeper, polygala, Japanese honeysuckle, privet and cotoneaster.

These weeds inhibit young native plants and change soil conditions, so they are less suitable for natives.

Its closeness to the township also exposes the Reserve to a suite of issues including garden escapees, garden dumping, view clearing and stormwater that are placing increasing pressure on the Reserve.

In addition, the project builds on a broader vision to develop a shared path along Lake Street to further increase opportunities for locals and tourists to connect with the Reserve.

Funding for this project is provided by the NSW Environmental Trust - for more information, please contact Council's Environment and Sustainability team on 6499 2222.

Life through the lens



Jeff Carter, Tobacco Road 1956, silver gelatin print (courtesy MAMA Collection).

Photography has played a crucial role in the development of our understanding of contemporary Australia as a place and Australians as a people.

It is not only an art form, but documents reality in an instant, using light and time to reproduce a moment. This is what makes photography one of the most important methods of documentation of people, events, and feelings, both in the past and present.

The Bega Valley Regional Gallery's current exhibition *Contemporising the Modern* showcases 50 photographic works that speak of Australia in the 20th and early 21st centuries.

These works were collected by Russell Mills and donated to the Murray Art Museum Albury (MAMA) in 2015.

The Russell Mills Foundation was formed in 2015, on the death of Russell Mills, a nurse and public servant who nurtured interests in reading, art, music and theatre that grew into passions for festivals, books, art, photography, 20th-century architecture, musical theatre and arts philanthropy.

The Foundation is a legacy of Russell's ideals. It supports opportunities for Australians to be challenged and enriched by experiences and ideas, and to find inspiration for promoting a fairer, smarter and more engaged community.

BVRG Director, Iain Dawson, said the diverse collection explores the development of Australian photography and its coming of age in a period when photographers were investigating and pushing the boundaries of the acceptance of photography as a pure art form.

"Contemporising the Modern brings together iconic artists including Max Dupain, Olive Cotton, Jeff Carter, Bill Henson, Narelle Autio and Trent Parke and we are delighted to again bring such esteemed works to Bega," Mr Dawson said.

"Highlighting the ever-increasing recognition the Bega Valley Regional Gallery is receiving, and the significance of *Contemporising the Modern*, the exhibition has been included in this year's Head On Photo Festival.

"Collections reflect the lives and loves of those who build them and this case it records the evolution of Russell's engagement with the beauty and power of photography."

Contemporising the Modern - Australian Photography from the 20th and 21st Century opened on 5 April and runs through until 22 June.

The Bega Valley Regional Gallery is open from 10am - 4pm Monday to Saturday.

For more information head to <http://gallery.begavalley.nsw.gov.au>

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ClubGRANTS applications open for 2019

Bega Valley Shire Council and registered clubs throughout the Bega Valley are encouraging local organisations to apply for funding now via the ClubGRANTS program, which closes on Tuesday 30 April 2019.

Eligible organisations are invited to apply for funding for projects that improve community wellbeing and address social issues in the Bega Valley Shire.

Chairperson of the Bega Valley ClubGRANTS Committee and General Manager of Bermagui Country Club, Robert Beuzeville, said that local organisations received a total of \$65,460 last year in funding through the scheme.

"These community-led projects are making a real difference on the ground and we look forward to supporting projects that benefit our local communities including helping disadvantaged children, young



The Intergenerational Playgroup - a successful ClubGRANTS recipient in 2018 - with Tura Beach Country Club Manager, Don Field, Merimbula RSL General Manager, Michael Mutsch and Club Sapphire Chief Executive Officer, Damien Foley.

people, carers and people who are socially isolated.

"We are proud to help build a stronger community through ClubGRANTS," Mr Beuzeville said.

During the last 15 years, Bega Valley ClubGRANTS Category 1 have contributed close to \$1.4 million to the local community.

Eight local clubs are represented

on the ClubGRANTS committee - Bermagui Country Club; Club Bega; Club Sapphire Merimbula; Eden Fishermen's Recreation Club; Merimbula RSL; Pambula Merimbula Golf Club; Tathra Beach Bowling Club and Tura Beach Country Club.

The ClubGRANTS scheme is managed by Bega Valley Shire Council but is a shared NSW Government and club industry program, funded by a gaming machine tax on registered clubs with gaming machine profits of more than \$1 million.

You can download an application form or fill out an online form at Council's website www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/grants.

Please contact Council's Community Connections Administration Officer, Lorena Ferrier, on (02) 6499 2247 for more information about ClubGRANTS 2019.

Fish waste collection service launches

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"The burden is often left to local councils, who in many cases do not have the resources or facilities to manage it appropriately. We collect this waste and turn it into a valuable resource, which also reduces the amount of waste going into landfill. It's a win-win situation," Kyran said.

Mayor McBain said people made regular reports to Council of fish waste being dumped in shared community spaces, which led to a call for public Expressions of Interest for solutions for managing this waste.

"Council is responsible for a public reserve network that stretches along 225 kilometres of coastline and the towns and villages along the way are central to community life and the region's tourism appeal," she said.

"The management of fish waste at some of our boat launching facilities has been a long-standing problem."

Mayor McBain said Council was pleased to support new innovations in the waste industry.

"It's great to see people come up with innovative and practical solutions to waste problems, which are not just Council problems, they are whole-of-community problems.

"During the past year in particular we've seen great innovation in our Shire and a willingness by our community and visitors to embrace change through the introduction of the FOGO bin collection service in our towns.

"Improving the facilities at these six boat ramps and supporting the Ocean2earth initiative is another step towards the long-term goal set out in Council's 10-year



Specially marked blue bins are being installed for fish waste at six of the Shire's boat ramps. Local company Ocean2earth will collect the waste and turn it into compost.

Waste Management Strategy."

Ocean2earth will collect fish waste from specially-marked blue bins at boat ramps at Bermagui Harbour, Bermagui River, Quarantine Bay (Eden), Pambula Lake (Broadwater), Kianinny (Tathra) and Mogareeka. Council has also installed new red and yellow bins at the ramps to help make it easier for people to choose the right bin.

VendorPanel is launched

Council's new eProcurement platform, VendorPanel, launched on 1 April, with two public notices now posted to the platform.

Council's Procurement and Contracts team hosted three supplier sessions prior to launch that outlined the reasons for the change and provided complimentary training on how to use the system.

Four further sessions were held for staff.

Following on from these, a resource pack is being prepared and will be distributed to all current Bega Valley Shire Council suppliers (whether they attended the sessions or not).

We are also aiming to hold a webinar in the near future to cater for those suppliers who are interested in training but are outside of the area or simply were unable to make it due to other commitments.

For further information or to provide feedback contact us at VendorPanel@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

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Tathra-Kalaru on track

Those travelling through Kalaru recently will no doubt have noticed work has commenced on the Tathra-Kalaru Bike Track project.

Being completed in conjunction with water main works (funded separately), the bike track promises to provide a great link between the townships.

The majority of the track link to the new toilet block at Evans Park has been installed, foundation works have been completed for the reinforced concrete box culvert extension and minor vegetation clearing has been completed.

Construction of the concrete kerb and gutter on the southern side of the road (from Blackfellows Lake Road), the installation of precast reinforced concrete boxed culverts and the installation of path progressively from the western end towards the east will take place in the coming weeks.



Work has commenced on the much-anticipated Tathra-Kalaru Bike Track.

This section of the project will finish near the old water valve yard (adjacent to Evans Park), completing approximately 420 metres of the track.

Newest citizens welcomed



The Bega Valley's newest Australian citizens "Michael" Bailey and Thomas Wotton were formally welcomed by Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor Cr Kristy McBain during last Monday's citizenship ceremony.

A Citizenship ceremony was held last Monday in the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre, welcoming two new Australian Citizens.

John Michael Bailey "Michael" (UK) and Thomas William Wotton (England) were presented with a Certificate of Australian Citizenship in front of their family members and friends in the Council Chambers.

Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor, Cr Kristy McBain, congratulated the newest citizens of the Bega Valley Shire, and on behalf of the local community wished them

well as they start their new lives as Australians.

"Australian citizenship is something to be valued and celebrated, and this week is a moment in the lives of our newest citizens to be remembered with pleasure.

"Choosing to become an Australian citizen is an important expression of loyalty and commitment to our country," Cr McBain said.

For further information or to apply to become an Australian Citizen, contact the Department of Home Affairs on 131 880 or visit their website: <http://www.immi.gov.au/>

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Solar panels at treatment plant

Solar panels have just been installed at the new Bemboka Water Treatment Plant, with the expectation that the plant won't require any grid power on sunny days.

Construction of the overall project is largely complete, and the process of commissioning the new water treatment plant is underway, with water beginning to be transferred to the town this week.

This means that there will be some blending of the existing water supply with the new filtered water, with the swap potentially involving short periods of lower water pressure.

With the introduction of filtered water to the supply, Bemboka residents and businesses may notice some changes in the taste, colour or smell of the water. This is due to fine tuning being undertaken on how the water is treated; however, the aim is to make the transition to the new supply as seamless as possible.

Council will be doing extra sampling of water quality daily throughout the first month of operation of the new plant. Once the commissioning process is complete Bemboka's water supply will be safest it has ever been.



The commissioning of the new Bemboka Water Treatment Plant is underway, with water beginning to be transferred to the town this week.

Pathway progress



Work is progressing well on the shared path connecting the South East Regional Hospital footpath with Glebe Lagoon.

The concrete works on both the northern and southern end connections of the shared path into the existing footpath network are nearing completion.

Works are set to cease on the project on Thursday (18 April) for an Easter period shutdown and recommence on 29 April.

After Easter the focus will be on the construction of the path along the service lane.

A revetment wall will be constructed towards the southern end of the service lane and further layback kerb will be installed for easier vehicle manoeuvring onto properties.

Revegetation work and street tree planting will round out the project.

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Environment grants available



Bermagui Dune Care have achieved some wonderful results for the community.

Council is pleased to announce the launch of the 2019/20 Community Environment Grants Program.

Applications will open on 26 April, with \$50,000 to be distributed from the fund this year, which is sourced from the Bega Valley Shire Environment Levy.

Groups with a passion for the local environment can receive significant assistance with their projects, building on the success of the program over the last eight years.

Projects that have been successful in receiving funding in recent years have focused on revegetation, wetland protection, restoration of riparian corridors, environmental education and tidying up areas with environmental weeds.

Grants are competitive and a maximum of \$6,000 (+GST) is available for any one project under the Program.

To be eligible for a grant, your group or organisation must be non-profit and based in the Bega Valley Shire. Groups must also have an ABN and be incorporated (or be auspiced by an organisation that has an ABN and incorporation status), and they must meet the requirements of the Community Environmental Grant Guidelines available from Council.

It is strongly recommended that you discuss your project with Council prior to submitting an application.

Applications can be made online at https://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-OZJ-44-27-00 or arrangements can be made to have the application form sent out. Applications close on 15 May.

Please contact Council's Environment and Sustainability Services team on 6499 2222 for more information.

Terminal extension project takes flight

Work has commenced on the much-anticipated Merimbula Airport Terminal Extension, with installation of a temporary terminal the initial focus.

Following an extended pre-construction period and extensive research, the project has now reached the stage where a company has been contracted for the build, with Joss Construction emerging successful from the public tender process.

Funding under the Australian Government's Community Development Grants Programme has been received to assist in the completion of the project, which will enable a greater range of aircraft and airlines to use the airport and cater for potential security changes.

Airport user groups were involved in workshops to develop the plans for the terminal and the lead architect, STEA Astute Architecture, has extensive experience with regional airports.

Council's Project Manager, Jennifer Symons, said additional measures are being put in place to meet the key project aim of no disruption to services.



Daniel McAlister (Site Manager – Joss Construction), Daniel Ward-Collins (OzDig Plant Hire Merimbula) and BJ Cruise (Aboriginal Heritage Monitor - Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council) during the excavations for the temporary terminal building.

"The installation and utilisation of the temporary terminal building will play a big role in this

by enabling the building activity to be kept completely separate from the airport users," Ms Symons said.

"Another important advantage of moving to the temporary terminal is it should reduce the construction period by up to 60 days, with completion expected prior to the busy summer holiday period.

"Being a portable building, the temporary terminal will not provide the normal level of amenity; however, every effort has been made to ensure safety and promote comfort, including the retention of a limited food service and an outdoor area.

"All efforts are being made to minimise disruptions to car parking as well, with the disabled parking spaces to be moved closer to the temporary terminal during the construction phase," Ms Symons said.

At this stage the changeover into the temporary terminal is planned for 29 April.

For more information visit the dedicated project page at www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/majorprojects

Council Meeting wrap up

Bermagui Field and Game

An application from Bermagui Field and Game Inc to have its Development Consent modified will be the subject of a site visit by Councillors.

The club had asked to extend shooting days from 12 to 24 per year.

The matter was the subject of multiple deputations and a motion to defer a decision was successful.

Manager's Residence Tura Beach

Disability service provider, Connections Plus Australia, has

been confirmed as the successful tenderer for the use of the former (Tura Tavern) manager's residence at Tura Beach.

The decision by Council comes after an Expression of Interest process was carried out between December and February.

Council will also work with the U3A group on potential alternative sites that may be suitable for them.

Budget and Operational Plan

The community is encouraged to view and provide feedback on the revised Delivery Program, draft Operational Plan 2019 –

2020 (including Council's Budget, Revenue Policy and all Rates and Annual Charges) and draft Bega Valley Shire Fees and Charges 2019 – 2020.

These important draft documents are on public exhibition until 8 May.

Funding for Tourism

With a view to raising additional revenue for local destination marketing and support of Visitor Information Centres, Council officers will pursue the option of a sector wide special levy with other local Councils, Destination Southern NSW and local government bodies through legislative change.

The direction from Councillors comes after the industry had requested options be explored to allow greater funding.

Southern Phone Dividend 2019

Councillors resolved to include the

Southern Phone dividend in the 2019-2020 budget allocation.

This money is to be used to support Festivals and Events (\$45,000), for reimbursement and support of community groups (\$10,000), and for an Aquisitive Sculpture Prize (\$10,000).

Next Meeting

8 May @ 2pm

Council Chambers,
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Commemorative Civic Centre,
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Road Safety Week

Sarah Frazer, a 23-year-old university student, was killed in a car crash on the Hume Highway in February 2012 while her broken down car was being hooked up to a tow truck.

Sarah had pulled into an emergency breakdown lane while she waited for help. Tragically, the breakdown lane was not built to the Australian standard width and while the tow-truck driver was hooking up her car, a passing truck side-swiped the broken-down car killing both Sarah and the tow-truck driver instantly.

A staggering number of people are killed or seriously injured on our roads every year and last year alone more than 1200 people were killed with 35,000 people seriously injured.

Bega Valley Shire Council is a proud supporter of National Road Safety Week, which runs from 6 to 12 May and highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it.

National Road Safety Week is an annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, which was set up by Peter Frazer, Sarah's father.

As well as promoting responsible driving, the SARAH group also campaigns to make sure major roads and highways have breakdown lanes that



do not leave drivers, passengers and emergency service personnel in harm's way.

It's about making sure that emergency and first call service personnel, who help and protect on our roads, are kept safe and make it home at the end of their day. Drivers are reminded to slow down to 40km/h when passing vehicles displaying hazard or emergency lights and to give safe clearance.

National Road Safety Week offers an opportunity to honour and remember the people lost in tragic circumstances on our roads and drivers are asked to wear a yellow ribbon and pledge to 'Drive so others survive' by keeping their eyes on the road, not on their phone, and to be aware of vulnerable road users.

More information is at www.sarahgroup.org or www.roadsafetyweek.net.au/road-safety-week.

Safe food practice - your questions answered

*What does safe food practice look like when supporting local businesses, local food production, and waste reduction?
All food businesses are required to operate under the requirements of the Food Act 2003, and the Food Standards Code.
Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer, Myf Appleton, answers some commonly asked questions.*

Can I accept a customer's reusable cup or food container?

Yes. The Food Act does not regulate against reusable containers. However, (and this should be common sense), the customer is responsible for ensuring that their cup or container is clean before they ask you to put food or drink into it. Your business has the right to refuse to put food or drink into dirty cups or containers. Some businesses have internal policies against accepting a customer's container.

If you want to join the growing number of food businesses supporting reusables, you can register your café as accepting reusable cups on the Responsible Café Map, where an online tracker also shows a tally of 'single use cups saved from landfill' (www.responsiblecafes.org).

Do I have to wear gloves when preparing food?

No. There is no hard and fast rule in the Food Standards Code requiring food handler to wear gloves, although some businesses have made this an internal policy. Unless there is a clear reason for wearing of gloves, for instance, to cover a cut or bandage, I would recommend that all food handlers do not wear gloves and instead, become very aware of the requirement for regular handwashing. Food handlers must wash their hands whenever their hands are "likely to be a source of contamination of food". This includes before starting to handle food, working with ready to eat food after handling raw food, immediately after using the toilet, and immediately after smoking, sneezing, eating, drinking, or touching one's hair or body. These handwashing rules also apply to food handlers wearing gloves.

Am I able to buy produce from local farmers and/or use homegrown produce?

Yes, and local food production is to be encouraged! Simply keep a record of what was bought when, and from whom. The Food Standards Code requires that food businesses be able to show the name of the food, and the name and address of the producer.

A business is able to buy local eggs for use when eggs are from a local producer who has notified

the Food Authority of their small egg farm business. This is a simple process that can be done online, and factsheets are available to step the producer through measures that will result in high quality eggs for sale. The Food Authority will send a unique identifying stamp for use on the eggs (<http://foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/industry/eggs/small-egg-farms>).

My business has been asked to give food scraps to someone for composting / chook food / animal food – is this ok?

Compost to your heart's content!

Food scraps can also become great animal food, with some exceptions for pigs. Fruit and vegetable scraps are fine to feed to pigs; however, it is illegal to feed food waste or waste containing any meat by-products to pigs in Australia due to the risk of disease transmission.

I am concerned about the use of harsh chemical cleaning products – how can I ensure my food business is clean and avoid washing harsh chemicals down the drain?

The average food business has no need for a row of chemical cleaners. The Food Standards Code requires the food premises to be cleaned so there is no "accumulation of garbage, food waste, dirt, grease, or other visible matter". This can be achieved with hot soapy water, and low impact cleaning agents such as bicarb soda and vinegar.

However, all food contact surfaces, from eating and drinking utensils to benches and equipment, must be both clean and sanitary.

Sanitary means that they must have had either heat or chemicals applied to them to kill germs to the required standard. The heat of a dishwasher will treat utensils and smaller equipment to this standard; however, the larger food contact surfaces will require the use of a chemical food grade sanitiser. This is a non-negotiable step in achieving a safe food production area. Spray and leave food grade sanitisers are available, as are rinse off food grade sanitisers. Acceptable food grade sanitisers can include unscented diluted bleach used according to the Food Authority



Bega's Nook Tea and Espresso Bar is among a growing number of local businesses promoting the use of reusable containers.

factsheet. Substances like Pine O Clean and vinegar are not food grade sanitisers as they do not achieve the required germ kill rate.

Customers – how can you support your café in their sustainable initiatives?

- Buy locally
- Ensure that all containers and cups that you bring for food storage are clean!
- Offer your compost, or your chooks if you have space for taking some more food scraps or coffee grounds
- Link local food producers to local food businesses
- Offer positive and constructive feedback
- If you have a health and safety concern, please contact Council's Environmental Health Officers on 6499 2222.



Community Recycling Centres






Waste matters
Drop off your household problem waste for recycling

Bega Valley Community Recycling Centre is located at:
Merimbula Waste & Recycling Depot
Red Hill Road off Sapphire Coast Drive

FREE SERVICE



These items are accepted:

 Paint	 Gas bottles and fire extinguishers	 Fluoro globes and tubes
 Household and car batteries	 Smoke detectors	 Motor oils and other oils

www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/waste

Bega Valley Recovery

Fencing grants distributed



The Yankees Gap Bushfire Fencing Grants are helping 16 local landowners replace some of their fences, which were destroyed in the August/September 2018 bushfire.

Council expects local contractors and suppliers will be ready to start work very soon.

Council obtained a Drought Relief Grant of \$210,000 to assist community members across the Yankees Gap bushfire region, including Numbugga and Brogo, in replacing boundary and internal fencing lost or damaged in the bushfire.

Recovery Support Service Easter Hours

The Recovery Support Service will be closed over Easter (including Easter Tuesday and Anzac Day).

We will be open normal hours (9.00am – 4.30pm) on Wednesday 24 & Friday 26 April.

The next Community Meeting will be held on Thursday 16 May from 6.00pm at the Tathra School Hall.

Renters urged to apply for extension

At the last community meeting some residents raised concerns about the rental component of their individual insurance policies.

Most insurance policies state a specific rental period but do not indicate that there is the potential to have that period extended due to personal circumstances, including hardship.

Recovery Support Service Coordinator, Anne Leydon, says that people should contact their insurance company to ask for clarification on the specific details of their policy.

"If your policy states a rental period that has now expired, it is worth submitting a written request asking for an extension.

"You also have the option of phoning the Insurance Council of Australia to state your case on 1800 734 621.

"Some residents have told us that media exposure has also had favourable outcomes for them," Ms Leydon said.

If you need any assistance in this process, please call the Recovery Support Service on 6499 2475.

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TAPAS

for all fire impacted residents
of Reedy Swamp, Vimy Ridge and Tathra

RSVP by 29 April
phone or text us with your RSVP

FRIDAY
3rd May 2019
10:30am to 12:00pm

RSVP by 29 April Ph 6499 2475 or 0428 610 127
Tathra and District Recovery Support



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