

Awards for waste campaigns



The FOGOmentary film premiere, complete with red carpet and a photo media wall, launched FOGO in the Bega Valley in October 2018. The FOGOmentary features television personality Costa Georgiadis with more than 50 local children who are community champions for changing the way we think about waste.

Bega Valley Shire Council's new FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) service and *Waste...The Facts* have achieved state recognition by winning two major communications awards during Local Government Week.

The FOGOmentary Film Premiere event won the Innovation in Special Events award and the *Waste...The Facts* Facebook page and associated campaigns, including the Mayor in her Pyjamas, won the Reporting to Your Community award in the RH Dougherty Awards.

Council's Waste Management Coordinator, Joley Vidau, was also a finalist in the Outstanding Individual Contribution category and Council was shortlisted for Excellence in Communications.

The awards, established in 1981 and named after former Local Government Association President, Robert Henry (Bob) Dougherty, encourage and recognise best-practice communication by councils to their local communities.

Mayor Cr Kristy McBain accepted the awards at a Local Government NSW gala evening in Sydney.

Judges said Council's *Waste...The Facts* brand which includes a Facebook page and direct links to the Bega Valley Waste App was informative, concise, innovative with good visual presentation.

"Anyone who includes a picture of their mayor in PJs deserves an award," they added.

The FOGOmentary Film Premiere last October was attended by around 500 people including FOGO ambassador and Logie Award winning Gardening Australia host, Costa Georgiadis. It marked the start of the new FOGO service to 13,000 Bega Valley households with green bins and showcased more than 50 young waste community champions.

Judges said including local children in the launch of FOGO was a great idea that gave them ownership in an innovative way.

"It also helped get their families involved. The premiere was an innovative and progressive event which is a credit to those involved."

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Sustainable energy for the Learning Centre

The installation of a 30 kilowatt solar PV energy system and the retrofitting of LED lighting in the Bega Valley Regional Learning Centre in Merimbula will reduce net annual power consumption at the Centre by a massive 67,300 kilowatt hours and stop over 55 tonnes of carbon emissions reaching the atmosphere each year.

These energy savings equate to Council planting over 1,200 trees every year – or about 30,000 trees over the life of the system.

These two large clean energy projects not only reduce Council's running costs at the Centre, but also make a significant contribution to reducing Council's overall carbon footprint.

The solar installation alone will reduce the Centre's current energy bill by 60%, and the replacement of 170 light bulbs with new LED fittings

could potentially shave a further \$8,000 off the annual bill.

These initiatives are all part of our Clean Energy Plan that aims to protect the environment and reduce the cost of Council operations.

Where practical, our facilities are being upgraded to generate renewable energy and reduce energy consumption through energy efficiency measures such as lighting upgrades.

Our Clean Energy Plan can be viewed at www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/cleanenergyplan.

Right: The Bega Valley Regional Learning Centre in Merimbula is the latest Council building to see the installation of a solar energy system, with LED lighting also retrofitted.



BEM Liaison Committee breaks new ground

A new Aboriginal liaison committee will enter the local scene to support the implementation of Council's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Eden, Bega and Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs), as resolved by Bega Valley Shire Councillors at their meeting last week.

Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor, Cr Kristy McBain, said the new committee will be called the BEM Liaison Committee after the three Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) – Bega, Eden, Merrimans.

"People have told us that they want closer involvement with their elected Council around implementing actions under the MoU.

"The BEM Liaison Committee will be a formal community committee with the job of providing advice and making recommendations to Council to support the cultural, environmental, social and economic interests of local Aboriginal people," said Cr McBain.

The Committee will be made up of nine members - two representatives from each LALC, the Mayor and two members of Council staff; members of

the Committee will be appointed for the term of Council.

"An exciting aspect of the BEM Liaison Committee is that a youth representative from each LALC will be invited to attend meetings as an observer and this bodes well for our shared future.

"I hope this move will encourage young people to take an interest in decision-making and that valuable knowledge will be passed on to the upcoming generation of leaders," added Cr McBain.

Council first entered into an MoU with the Bega, Eden and Merrimans LALCs in 2001.

The intent of the MoU is to support reconciliation and the advancement of Aboriginal people within the Bega Valley.

From time to time the MoU has been reviewed and updated to ensure it remains relevant.

Formal reviews happen in line with local government elections and next year's review will involve extensive engagement with local Aboriginal people.

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- Cr Kristy McBain

At its latest meeting, Council also adopted the suggested Guidelines for the BEM Liaison Committee, which details the roles and responsibilities of Committee members.

The BEM Liaison Committee will be established under section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

What's ON!

LOCAL EVENTS

7 September

Bega Valley Motorcycle Expo

@ Bega Showground

10.00am - 6.00pm

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Calendar*

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ClubGRANTS support community projects

Funding from five of the Shire’s local service clubs was awarded at last week’s Bega Valley ClubGRANTS presentation and means that 38 local community projects get a green light to go ahead.

With the announcement of \$101,359 in this year’s Category 1 pool, Bega Valley ClubGRANTS have now contributed over \$1.4 million to local projects over the last 16 years.

These are projects developed by local people, either in response to a need that they see in their community or to enhance life for vulnerable members of our community.

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

Five local clubs and the Bega Valley Shire Council are represented on the local ClubGRANTS Committee – the Bermagui Country Club, Club Bega, Club Sapphire, Eden Fishermen’s Recreation Club and the Merimbula RSL.

The acting chairperson of the Bega Valley ClubGRANTS Committee, Damien Foley, said funding for the 38 projects will benefit a range of local community activities and consolidate the program’s exceptional history.

Some of the organisations and projects funded in 2019 include:

- fLiNG Physical Theatre Inc. – youth designed wellbeing workshops and a live performance to explore mental health issues faced by youth in



Happy faces representing a number of community organisations at the Bega Valley ClubGRANTS presentation.

the region.

- Women’s Resource Centre Bega - workshops for marginalised women targeting physical and mental health.
- Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast – crisis accommodation for the homeless and domestic violence sufferers.
- ‘Mod Box’ Eden - community boxing program to get people of all ages active with a particular focus on the physical and mental wellbeing of youth in the community.

- A support program for people impacted by suicide loss of a family member, colleague or friend.
- Educating senior high school students about road safety to make roads a safer place for all.
- Planting a bush tucker garden to educate and engage children with the natural environment.

ClubGRANTS
Proudly supporting the community



Did you know our population is forecast to increase by over 10% by 2036? And some parts of the Shire are forecast to grow by 25%!

This and lots of other detailed information about our community and our economy is very useful in making better business decisions or as evidence to support grant applications, and it’s all available free-of-

charge through Bega Valley Shire Council’s Profile.id service.

You can access this detailed, independent and high quality information by visiting economy.id.com.au/bega-valley for economic statistics or visit profile.id.com.au/bega-valley for information on the characteristics of our population; who we are, how old we are, our education levels, how we live, our income and where we work.

There’s a goldmine of information right there at your fingertips, so dive in and have a look. You might be surprised!

Grant Writing Workshop



Register to find out:

- * What are grants
- * Where to find grants
- * How to write your application



Bega Civic Centre - 23 Aug
Bermagui Hall - 6 Sep
Tura Marrang Library - 13 Sep
all workshops run 10.00am - 1.00pm

To book your seat phone 02 6499 2222 or email grants@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

Need help with your NDIS Plan?

Contact our disability team for a confidential discussion.

Contact details:
Phone: (02) 6499 2464
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Bega Valley Shire Council's Disability Service is a registered provider of NDIS services.



What will it cost?

You will not have to pay any out of pocket expenses if the services you need are included in your NDIS plan budget.

What do we provide?

Coordination of supports + Plan management

Tree planting successful



In early August, our Leisure and Recreation team partnered with Bega River and Wetlands Landcare (BRAWL) and children from four local schools to undertake a tree planting project at the Old Bega Racecourse.

Around 160 kindergarten to year 9 students from Bega Montessori School, Bega High School, St Patrick's Primary School and Sapphire Coast Anglican College planted more than 700 trees on the day – a great effort!

The new trees will provide important habitat for native animals that live in and around the Bega River and make a significant contribution to the beauty and amenity of the popular Bega River Walungari Walking Track.

This tree planting activity was part of National Tree Day, Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event.

New funding boosts library tech training across Shire

Bega Valley Shire Library is excited to announce that it has been awarded \$11,000 from Telstra's Tech Savvy Seniors Program to expand on its technology training courses including delivering training in areas such as Candelo and Wallaga Lake.

The library service has been offering free training for several years and this additional funding will enable more courses to be delivered on a consistent basis with new topics available.

Systems Librarian, Megan Jordan-Jones, said that the courses help locals become familiar with a wide range of technologies that they may not otherwise have a chance of using and gives people the confidence to connect online with friends, family and services.

"We're looking forward to offering communities like Candelo and Wallaga Lake free tech training close to home and as soon as we

have dates, we'll be letting people know.

"We'll still be offering our popular Internet and iPad sessions, as well as some new courses that have been on trial at Tura Library.

"One new course is an Introduction to Smartphones – mobile phones can do so much more than just make calls and this course will take the mystery out of a range of smartphone features.

"Most importantly, our courses guide people on how to use digital technology safely in a fun, easy-paced and familiar environment," explained Ms Jordan-Jones.

There are a number of courses starting soon at Tura and Bega libraries.

People can select a combination of sessions to suit their needs or attend the classes sequentially. Sessions run for approximately two hours from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

All classes have limited places. To book online go to www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au or telephone Tura Marrang Library on (02) 6499 2340, Bega Library on (02) 6499 2127.

More information about Telstra's Tech Savvy Seniors Program is available at www.telstra.com.au/tech-savvy-seniors.

Dementia friendly libraries

It's staggering to think that an estimated 436,000 Australians are currently living with dementia! It impacts the individual living with the condition as well as their loved ones who provide support and care.

All of our permanent library staff recently participated in the Dementia Friends program to improve customer service to people suffering from memory loss. The program is run by Dementia Australia as a short course designed to increase understanding and awareness of dementia and its impacts.

Acting Library Coordinator, Samantha Fenton said that understanding what it can be like for an individual to live with dementia, combined with an awareness of their needs is important in helping to create dementia-friendly and age-friendly library services.

"The training has shown us that small everyday things that we do can



make a difference to someone living with dementia."

Anyone can sign up to become a dementia friend. Simply visit www.dementiafriendly.org and complete the short online module, which includes people sharing how dementia has impacted their lives and what others can do to support them.

If your community group is interested in a facilitated Dementia Friends information session, then please contact Annie Dullow at sapphirecoastdementiaalliance@gmail.com.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Commercial Land Strategy Stakeholder Group

Bega Valley Shire Council is developing a Commercial Land Strategy which will provide a framework for the future development of our town centres as well as plan opportunities for local economic development and employment generation.

We are seeking community members to work in partnership with other stakeholders including chambers of commerce, land and business owners and the property industry to provide input into the development of this strategy.

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DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE IN:

- ☒ Ways to create vibrant and energetic town centres
- ☒ Existing and emerging industries in our Shire
- ☒ Working collaboratively to achieve outcomes

Participation will involve your attendance at one workshop on either 27 or 28 August. Workshops are scheduled in Bega, Bermagui, Eden, Merimbula, Pambula and Tathra and will run for two hours.

Please lodge your EOI by 11.59pm Sunday 25 August 2019



Bega Valley Shire
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Exhibition explores Indo-Fijian ancestral loss

A spellbinding exhibition, set against the backdrop of Indo-Fijian history, will form part of the opening night event for the Festival of Open Minds, and will lead you through a sensory exploration of personal loss and intergenerational trauma.

Like This Incense Your Spirit Must Burn brings together works produced over the last three years by Shivanjani Lal, an Australian artist with Indo-Fijian ancestry, who uses the tradition of burning incense to focus on familial relationships, landscapes and healing to transform and release ancestral grief.

Burning incense is a tradition passed down by grandmothers, to mothers and finally to daughters and the act enables the body to breathe and heal.

Shivanjani Lal is from the indentured labour diaspora of the Indian and Pacific Oceans and her history is shaped by the Kala Pani (Black Waters) colonial prison. She works across media to explore her dislocation that seeks to account for memory, erasure, healing, and the archive.

Currently, Lal frames her personal narratives



Shivanjani Lal 2019, *Yaad Karo*, installation image, archival photograph and haldi stain.

of social history, which brought her family from India to Fiji and now to Australia, through Sunno, a Fijian Hindi word which is to listen with understanding. She strives to preserve, create and redefine the history of the Indo-Fijian community away from the narratives produced by the current political climate in both Fiji and India.

As curator of this exhibition, Bega Valley Regional Gallery Director, Ian Dawson, explains that he is keenly aware that region is a matter of perspective.

“Bega is located on the south-eastern edge of New South Wales and through the South/East Interference exhibition series, I hope to expand our senses of place further than local boundaries.

“I want to reframe the notion of ‘southeast’ in terms of Australasia and introduce the idea of being part of Southeast Asia to our audience.

“South/East Interference is about emphasising that the Bega Valley Regional Gallery program is not restricted, simplified or changed down a gear because of our physical location.

“Whether it’s through technology or cheap travel, we are all global citizens now; the regions aren’t backwaters – we are able to influence the agenda,” says Mr Dawson.

South/East Interference Vol. III – Like This Incense Your Spirit Must Burn opens at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery on Friday 13 September 2019 at 7.00pm with the Festival of Open Minds starting at 6.00pm in Littleton Gardens, Bega.

Council Meeting wrap up

Rock Fishing Safety Act

Council has unanimously resolved not to opt-in to participation in the Rock Fishing Safety Act (2016) and to investigate other options and opportunities to work with the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and other agencies to improve rock fishing safety in the Shire. The decision was made in consideration of costs and practicality of enforcing the Act across our Shire.

Council officers will assess the merits of installing ‘Angel Rings’ at popular sites known to be high risk areas, where inspection and

maintenance programs can link with existing regular asset servicing programs.

Local Government Conference

Councillors Russell Fitzpatrick, Cathy Griff, Mayor Cr Kristy McBain and BVSC General Manager Leanne Barnes will be attending the Local Government NSW Annual Conference in Warwick Farm from 14-16 October this year.

The conference is the pre-eminent policy making event for local government in NSW where delegates vote on motions to determine the policies and

priorities for the coming year.

The event offers an important opportunity for local governments to come together to share ideas and debate issues that shape the way the sector functions and is governed.

Garfields Road Bridges

Council has responded positively to requests from private land owners in the Numbugga area to amend its plans for the Handscombes and Johnsons Creek bridges to ensure all-weather access to all properties is maintained into the future.

Council has resolved to replace the existing Johnson Creek Bridge with a concrete structure and make the necessary arrangements to retain responsibility for sections of Garfields Road.

Boat ramp designs

Council will include some of the constructive suggestions received during a highly successful public

consultation process regarding the redesign of boat ramp facilities at the Bermagui River, Blackfellows Lake and Quarantine Bay in June.

The consultation process included drop-in sessions at each of the sites and feedback received through Council’s ‘Have Your Say’ webpage.

Next Meeting

28 August

Council Chambers,
Biamanga Room, Bega Valley
Commemorative Civic Centre,
Bega @ 2pm

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Revitalising our Children's Services

With thanks to Council's Building Fund and grant money from the NSW Government, our facilities at both the Eden Early Learning Centre and Bandara Children's Services in Bega have received some attention over the past couple of months, in the form of kitchen renovations and flood mitigation works.

Our Eden Early Learning Centre underwent a complete kitchen renovation. The new kitchen, complete with stainless steel cupboards, benchtops and some new appliances has given a shiny new feel to the centre.

This follows the completion of a similar kitchen renovation at our Bandara service earlier this year.

The children and staff at both centres are enjoying the new facilities, especially our cook and chef who produce nutritious meals for the children from their upgraded

workspace.

At Bandara Children's Services, there has been a focus on flood mitigation works around the entranceway.

We've replaced the old retaining wall, entrance pathway and drainage near the entrance. As part of these works we were also able to improve accessibility by widening the entrance footpath.

The new entranceway to the service not only looks great, but also gives the children and their families more room to move (and is less prone to flooding). Let's hope we see some rain soon to test our new drains!

The improvements to our Children's Services don't stop there. Next in our sights is a replacement of the existing fencing at Bandara to improve safety for children and families.



The recent renovation of the Eden Early Learning Centre kitchen means the staff and children are now enjoying much-improved facilities as these before (left) and after (right) pictures show.

We're also planning a building extension to our Eden Early Learning Centre which will enable us to cater for increased numbers of children next year.

These upcoming projects will be made possible thanks to NSW and Commonwealth Government funding grants.

Workshop gets the once over

The refurbishment of Council's workshop in Maher Street, Bega is well underway with all asbestos removal now complete, internal walls demolished, and the old electrical system removed to make way for new wiring.

A new switchboard is being built for the workshop which will enable the building to become a solar power distribution point for the rest of the depot.

A new 30 kilowatt solar system will help to power the workshop and stores buildings. Looking to the future, there is the capability to install another 50 kilowatts when suitable grant funding becomes available. The long-term aim is to make the depot energy neutral.



Right: The Maher Street Workshop is currently undergoing a refurbishment.

Civic Centre hosts Dairy Symposium

Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre (BVCCC) hosted the Dairy Research Foundation's Dairy Symposium in early July with 160 delegates traveling from every state in Australia to attend this major event in the dairy industry's calendar.

The event brought together experts from a variety of dairy related fields to impart their knowledge on subjects including pasture production and utilisation, grazing management, nutrient utilisation and the application of science into farm practice. Among the speakers were local dairy farmers Andrew D'Arcy, Will Russell, Todd Whyman and Brodie and Kevin Game.

In their evaluation of the event, speakers and event organisers alike praised every aspect of the event from the quality of the venue and facilities to the catering and superb service provided by BVCCC staff on the day.

Council's Economic Development Manager, Daniel Murphy, said hosting events such as the symposium brings significant economic benefits for the whole Shire.

"Aside from the revenue Council receives from hosting an event such as this, we estimate the net economic benefit to the local economy from this event alone to be over \$70,000.

"This is money spent in the Shire by the 160 visiting delegates on things like accommodation, food, fuel and incidentals."

The Sapphire Coast Learning Community's Conference was also held at the BVCCC during July.

Upcoming events include the *Festival of Open Minds* on 13 and 14 September.

Tickets for the Festival are on sale at festivalofopenminds.com.au.



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Exciting changes in the libraries

Our libraries have been going through some exciting changes in recent months. With renovations now complete at both Bega and Eden libraries, we continue to create community spaces for you to be inspired, learn, relax, connect with your community and take part in our programs.

Eden and Bega libraries have been renovated to provide refreshed spaces that better cater to the needs of users. At Eden library we've installed new mobile shelving, updated signage, cleaned the carpet and installed a new children's reading nook. The new shelving has been funded with a NSW State Library grant.

A heavy rain storm in February 2019 caused significant flooding damage to the carpet at Bega library. Insurance enabled carpet replacement and while the library was closed, staff took the opportunity to rearrange shelving to improve study areas and seating and to install a new children's reading nook.

These changes are all in line with our newly developed and adopted Library Service Strategic Plan, which has been developed



The Eden Library was renovated recently.

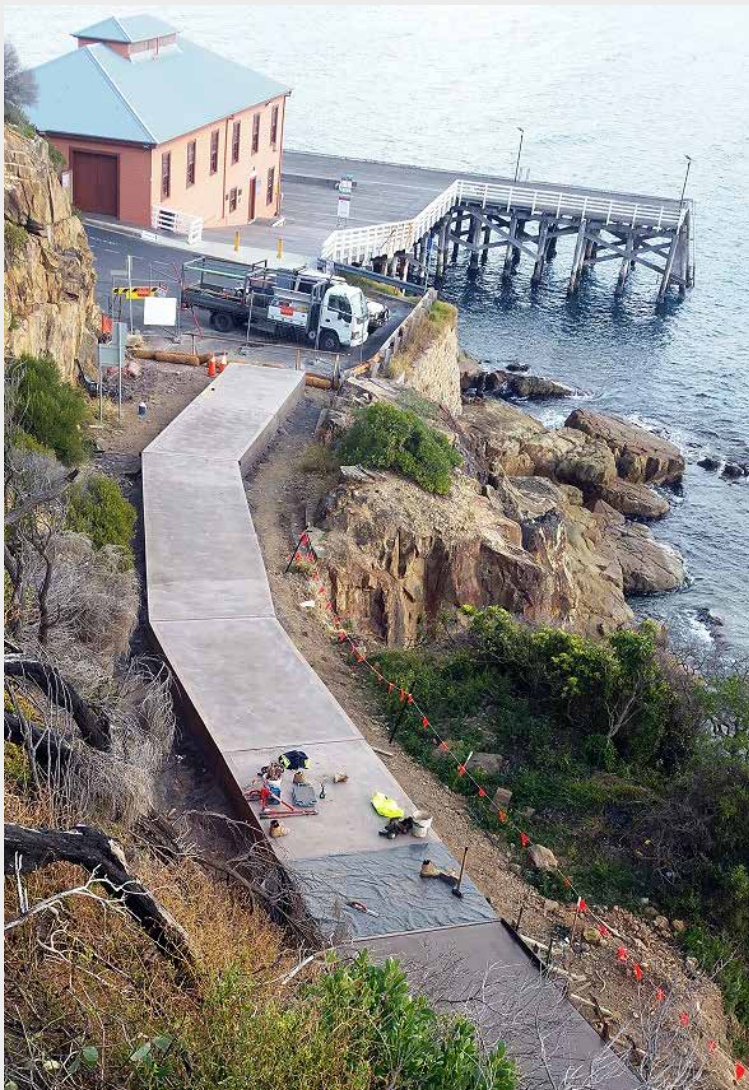
through feedback from library users, community partners and library staff. It is also informed by an analysis of the changing demographics of the Bega Valley Shire and by the performance of the Bega Valley Shire Library Service against other libraries in NSW.

To find out more about what's planned for our Shire library services, please visit www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/library, or come in to one of our four libraries and see what is happening!

Library Service Vision

To enrich the community through creative, future focused library services, supporting lifelong learning and strong community connections.

Headland Walk project commences



Contractors GDB Excavations recently commenced work on Tathra's new Headland Walk and have already made significant progress. Soon after setting the site out, detailed excavation, formwork erection, installation of reinforcing steel was done and concrete poured for the lookout footings and lower boardwalk.

New hat for Eden Log Cabin

Eden's historic Log Cabin is looking great after Council recently completed extensive repairs and renovations to the iconic building.

Council completely re-roofed the cabin after removing the original asbestos shingles and tar paper underlay and repairing the timber eaves, barge boards and rafters. New guttering, downpipes and waterproofing flashing were installed, and the roof was re-sheeted in high grade material to ensure longevity in the harsh coastal environment.

The Log Cabin sits on land originally purchased by Mr JR Logan in the mid-1930s and was constructed through working bees organised by Mr Logan and the families of the Eden Girl Guides. It was built to a Canadian design using local stringy bark poles and was opened for use on 29 February 1936. A memorial stone to JR Logan and his wife, Mary, can be seen in the Log Cabin's gardens. In 1979 the Imlay Shire purchased the building to house the Eden Library, and in 1990 the building was heritage listed. In 2004, the Council appointed the Eden Log



The Eden Log Cabin has a new roof.

Cabin Management Committee to oversee the care and maintenance of the structure.

The Log Cabin is now available to the community to host events and celebrations.

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

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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

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Bega Valley Recovery

Recovery Support Service closing after 15 months service

The Bega Valley Recovery Support Service will close on Wednesday 21 August 2019 after 15 months of operation at its Tathra office.

Council has been supporting the Tathra and district community during that period and the Yankees Gap and district community since September 2018.

To make the closing transition as smooth as possible for our clients, we've been contacting all impacted residents to work out their ongoing needs. If we haven't contacted you, please get in touch with us on (02) 6499 2475 so that any outstanding matters can be resolved before the service closes.

We will continue to work with residents where

there are matters that cannot be finalised by the closing date, as well as with people and organisations involved with reporting on the Recovery and Resilience Grant projects.

In addition, we will complete our project partnership with the NSW Rural Fire Service on the Hotspots and Community Protection Plans.

We would like to remind the Tathra and district residents of our final Community Meeting at Tathra Public School on Thursday 22 August 2019. The meeting will start with a Lions Club sausage sizzle at 5.30pm followed by a Conversation and Cuppa between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Euan Ferguson will join us for the meeting.

For the Yankees Gap and district community we

will have our final Casual Catch Up on Tuesday 13 August at the Purple People Feeder café from 10.30am.

We look forward to meeting and chatting with as many community members as possible at both these meetings.

As part of our closure plan, we will distribute a Contact Card to all residents with relevant support and contact details listed. Please do contact us if you have any questions.

Please note that the phone and email contacts will remain active beyond 21 August - phone (02) 6499 2475 or email recovery@begavalley.nsw.gov.au.

Tathra getting set to bloom

With spring just around the corner, the *Garden Recovery Forum and Open Gardens Day* on 24 and 25 August will encourage people to look at their gardens with new enthusiasm.

Pip Marshman and Chris Hamilton have brought together specialists to help residents create a garden that is perfectly suited to the local environment, especially after many gardens were lost in the bushfire.

On Saturday 24 August, experts will be on hand at the Tathra Surf Lifesaving Club to discuss a range of topics from soil rehabilitation to garden design and plant selection.

Local experts, such as Brent Whiter from Tura Beach Garden Centre, will be joined by landscape construction and design specialist, John Plumb, and Tanja based permaculture teacher, Kathleen McCann, to offer advice on garden layout and plant selection. Tim Edmondson, who was named Australian Institute of Horticulture's 'Horticulturist of the Year' in 2010, will be there to share the knowledge and experience he gained while helping to re-establish gardens after fires ravaged the Canberra area.

Margaret Sirl will be there to chat about her long and colourful gardening career, there'll also be lots

of giveaways and the Lions Club will run a barbeque on the day.

Sunday August 25 is 'Open Gardens Day' when eight Tathra homeowners will welcome people into their gardens between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Please note that most of the gardens you may wish to visit have steps, pebble paths or other obstacles that may be difficult to navigate with a walker or wheelchair.

To register for the weekend, please call Chris on 0429 941 500 or email bctathra@bigpond.net.au.

The Garden Recovery Forum is funded through a Bega Valley Fire Recovery and Resilience Grant.



Linda Dodd will open up her garden for the Garden Recovery Forum.

Tathra & District Recovery

Community Meetings

Bega Valley Shire Council is committed to supporting Tathra, Reedy Swamp and Vimy Ridge residents through the bushfire recovery.

Euan Ferguson will join us at this final Community Meeting.

All impacted residents are invited to attend.

Thursday 22 August 2019

Tathra Public School Hall

Sausage Sizzle from 5.30pm
courtesy of Tathra Lions Club

Conversation and Cuppa from 6:00 - 7:00pm

Recovery Support Service

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