

# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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## Mayor and Deputy Mayor re-elected



**Photograph: (Left) Deputy Mayor Liz Seckold (Right) Mayor Michael Britten were re-elected for another year at an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday.**

Cr Michael Britten has been re-elected unopposed as Mayor of the Bega Valley Shire for 2015-16. Also at the extraordinary meeting of Council on Wednesday, Cr Liz Seckold was re-elected as Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor listed the achievement of projects in the northern and southern parts of the Shire. These include the Bega Civic Centre redevelopment, redesign of Littleton Gardens and carpark, the new Dickinson Pavilion in Bermagui, progress in the Port of Eden, Action on Imlay street works, the beginning of talks concerning the Hotel Australasia, the commencement of bypass works in Merimbula, the acquisition of a training and learning centre in Merimbula, and the soon to be delivered Tura library.

Cr Britten said he was confident that after the IPART review, Bega Valley Shire Council would remain a stand-alone council. He spoke about the successful regional tourism forum held last year, and a leadership forum and a business forum are scheduled in the next 12 months.

### Mitchells Creek bridge

Council's bridge team continues to work on Mitchells Creek bridge on Towamba Road between Nullica and Towamba. Concrete precast decks from Hollowcore in Melbourne are on site to replace the existing timber deck.

Concrete abutments were constructed in November 2012 and it is now hoped to have the project completed towards the end of this year.

### Shire wide pass gives access to all pools

Council is offering shire wide pool passes for the swimming season this year. The pass will be available to purchase from Council offices and the Sapphire Aquatic Centre as a booklet of 20 tickets that allow patrons access to all pools. These tickets are transferable to friends and family. Pools in Bemboka, Candelo, Cobargo and Eden will open during the long weekend starting 3 October and the Bega pool will open from 21 September. For more information phone Council on 6499 2222.

### Hotel Australasia

The well-attended meeting held in Eden last week resulted in broad support for a community acquisition of the historic Hotel Australasia. The meeting was hosted by Council as part of its local roving workshop and ended with a resounding "yes" from the community when asked if they wanted a community-owned asset.

Mayor Britten said the mood in the room was largely positive with questions asked of how the possible acquisition could be funded. The meeting provided a great opportunity to address these concerns and confirm that no burden will be placed on the ratepayer should the project proceed.

For more information and to join the working group please email [the.australasia@gmail.com](mailto:the.australasia@gmail.com)

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## Community war memorial grants

Veteran groups, community organisations and Councils are being encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to protect war memorials. The NSW Community War Memorials Fund was established to help repair, conserve and restore war memorials across the State.

Applications will be assessed by a committee comprised of representatives from the Government Architect's Office, Office of Environment and Heritage, Veterans' Affairs and the NSW RSL. For more information please visit: [veterans.nsw.gov.au/community-war-memorials-fund](http://veterans.nsw.gov.au/community-war-memorials-fund)

## Waste education programs

Sam Ferrara from Council's Waste Services has been visiting local pre-schools and primary schools to educate children about recycling, organics and the importance of clean water. She has been getting rave reviews for her presentations full of fun facts, games and simple science experiments that the kids find engaging and exciting.

If you would like Sam to visit your local school or pre-school, or request an Information pack about Council's Waste Education Program, email Sam at [SFerrara@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SFerrara@begavalley.nsw.gov.au). She can even help you access grant funding to install a mini 3-bin system in your centre, just like you have at home.

## Council to reclassify Bemboka house land

A property that was formerly the Bemboka Community Health Centre

and home of the district nurse is set to be reclassified so Council can then move to sell the property and allocate the money to community benefit. Council became the owner of the property in 2007 after the Department of Health had no further use for it and the local community lobbied to keep it as a community facility.

There had been a commitment by a local community group to lease the facility, undertake necessary works on the site and operate and manage the facility for the local community. However, this had not eventuated. The property has never been used and is a cost and risk to Council.

## Welcome Tide Spiral with a community yoga class

You are invited to celebrate the positioning of Ross Cameron's wonderful sculpture, Tide Spiral, at Merimbula's Short Point this Saturday, 19 September at 11am with a community yoga class. Just bring a yoga mat or towel, wear sunscreen and a hat and bring a water bottle. There will be a beginners' class suitable for both adults and children. The class will be led by local Yoga practitioner Meredith Dolan, a yoga teacher and body harmony teacher living in Merimbula and is passionate about yoga and the health and healing that comes from the practice. The sculpture was the winner of this year's Sculpture on the Edge acquisition prize sponsored by Council.

## Jobs with Council

- Revenue Officer. To be successful in this role you will have a demonstrated ability to deliver highly accurate data entry with a commitment to providing the highest level of customer service to promote a positive Council image. Applications close at 5pm on 25 September.

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

## Doing business with Council

- Tenders are invited for construction of timber footbridges and a gravel pathway at Lake Curralo, Eden. Tenders close at noon on 23 September.
- Tenders are invited for the fit-out and external works of the Tura Beach Library. Tenders close at noon on 20 September.
- Tenders are invited for cleaning Bega Valley Shire Council buildings. Tenders close on 29 September.

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

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