

## Every minute of every day!

*This week we celebrate Local Government Week in NSW with the theme, 'Our Council, Our Community', reflecting the fact that councils are intimately connected with their communities, delivering a wide range of support, services and facilities every day that make an enormous difference to people's lives.*

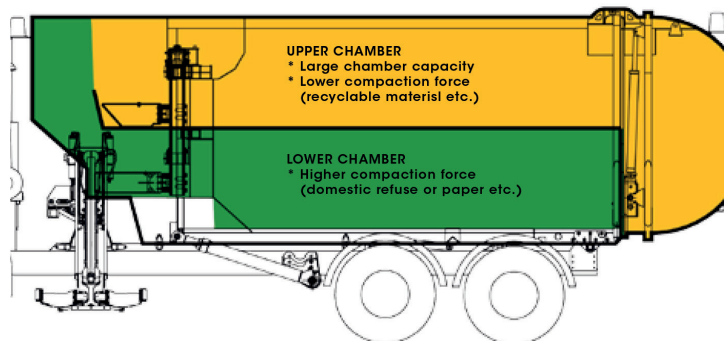
*Most people know that councils manage rates, roads and rubbish but fewer understand the breadth and diversity of their work and services, ranging from land management, sustainability, water management, child care centres and playgrounds, community buildings, sports fields to food safety checks, libraries, pet registration and much more.*

*In fact, there isn't a single minute in the 24 hour day when Bega Valley Shire Council is not working for our community. Check out the list below...*

From the moment you wake in the morning and long after you have gone to sleep Bega Valley Shire Council is working to provide many of the services we take for granted but that make life a whole lot easier, safer and more pleasant in this beautiful part of the world.

Just take a normal working day. You wake up, use the loo and wash your hands. Council provides and maintains all town and village water and sewerage systems.

If you have put out your garbage, recycling or green bins the night before, Council's garbage contractor collects them and takes them to the Central Waste Facility or one of the Council managed landfill sites for disposal or recycling.



As you drive to work or to drop off the kids it is likely that a large percentage of your route will be over Council-maintained local roads and bridges.

And then, when you arrive, you will probably park in a Council carpark or in a street parking place... just keep an eye on the time or Council's rangers might catch up with you.

On the other hand, if you walk to work you are probably using Council footpaths.



Do you have your lunch in a local café? Council ensures they comply with health standards.

Perhaps you have lunch in a park? Council provides and maintains them.

If your children are in a childcare centre then it is probably one of the subsidised and accredited facilities provided by Council.

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# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Perhaps you don't go out to work? That doesn't mean that Council is not working for you – ensuring the health of the environment, keeping abreast of climate change and sustainability issues, conserving biodiversity and vegetation and ridding the Shire of weeds.

If you have a disability you probably have dealings with our ageing and Disability Services staff.



You may also receive the home library service or use a talking book or access e-books.

And, of course, at our Shire libraries you have free access to the internet, CDS, DVDs, books, magazines and newspapers and inter-library loans as well as meeting and copying facilities.

The children can attend story time and school holiday activities, or the various after school projects for young adults.

In a quiet moment you have probably visited the Bega Valley Regional Gallery to take in the Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award exhibition or one of the other high quality exhibitions or attended floor talks, film nights or classes – all provided by Council.

When it comes to health and leisure, check out the pools, parks, sportsgrounds, indoor sports facilities, skateparks, tennis courts, walking and cycle paths provided by Council or the piers and jetties for boaters and anglers.



And don't forget that Council funds the lifeguards that patrol our beaches in summer - those beaches where Council staff check the water quality throughout the swimming season.

If you are new to Australia and the Shire, Council offers Citizenship ceremonies at Bega and Merimbula on Australia Day each year and as well as quarterly ceremonies in the Council chamber.

And if you are a senior you have a good chance of having attended events Council has funded or enjoyed the Golden Gig during Seniors Festival.

If you are a young person, you too may have enjoyed arrange of events funded by Council or have attended a 21st birthday party in one of our 18 local halls spread across towns and villages in our Shire.



And as we have more volunteers per head of population than any other local government area in NSW, chances are that you volunteer for the library, gallery, manage halls, museums, sportsgrounds and serve on a variety of community consultative committees. And Council ensures you are properly trained and that work health and safety precautionary measures are in place.

Council acknowledges these great assets to our community through the Bega Valley Shire Community Medallion and the Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards presented on Australia Day.

Bega Valley Shire Council does all this with funds from fees and charges, grant funds and the only tax local government has – property rates.

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