

# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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## Bega Park playground upgrade



*Photographs: The Mayor and Deputy cut the ribbon to open the park and start the egg hunt in Bega Park.*

The upgrade the playground at Bega Park off Parker Street in Bega was officially opened last week with an Easter egg hunt by local children. Construction work was done by local contractors with playground equipment and rubber softfall installed by specialist suppliers. The playground has been designed with inclusiveness in mind and has improved access features, boat swings, rubber softfall around play equipment, sand play areas and a low level slide using changes in site levels. The boundary fence was replaced and new garden beds planted.

The new playground quickly became a popular spot for local families since the play equipment was installed before Christmas and lots of children were on hand for the official opening by Mayor Michael Britten and Deputy Mayor Liz Seckold before going in pursuit of the hidden Easter eggs.

### Relocating the clock

If you are interested in the Bega area you are invited to have your say on your preferred location of the Dr Evershed Memorial Clock Tower. Council resolved in February to relocate the clock due to safety concerns for road users and pedestrians using the Gipps and Carp Streets intersection. We understand the importance of this memorial and historical icon to Bega, so we are involving the community in this next part of the process.

If you have an interest in Bega, either as a resident or visitor, we invite you to tell us where you think the Clock Tower should be located and why. Formal submissions can also be sent to [council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or PO Box 492, Bega, NSW 2550 or you can go to [www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au), click on 'Have Your Say' near the top of the screen and then click on 'Consultations'. The survey will be open until Friday 8 April 2016.

## Jobs with Council

- Casual learn to swim instructors. The successful applicants will be qualified AUSTSWIM teachers of swimming and water safety with the ability to work as part of a team and individually with minimal supervision. Applications close on 5 April.
- Town planner. This employee will assist in the planning and management of the natural and built environment of the Bega Valley Shire and provide advice on planning objectives, policies and guidelines. Applications close on 7 April.
- Certified Supervisor - Eden Childcare Centre. The successful applicant will have strong theoretical knowledge of how children grow and learn with demonstrated practical skills for implementing an approved curriculum combined with strong team leadership skills and the ability to effectively mentor and supervisor the reflective practices of others in the workplace. Applications close on 17 April.

Full position descriptions and selection criteria can be found on Council's website. Address the selection criteria and send by email to [recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or post to the address below.

## Tenders

- Gravel re-sheeting program for 2014 flood response. Tenders close on 6 April at 12pm
- Preparation of a remediation plan for old Bermagui landfill site. Close on 20 April at 12pm

Visit our e-Tendering Portal at [www.tenderlink.com/begavalley](http://www.tenderlink.com/begavalley)

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## School holidays in the library

Our Bega Valley Shire Library is offering a range of activities during the April school holidays and Youth Week. There will be activities to appeal to both children and teenagers at the Bermagui, Bega and Eden libraries and the Merimbula library portal, from 11 to 26 April. Check out the program online at [www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au) or phone your local library - Bega library on 6499 2127, Eden library on 6499 2453, Bermagui library on 6499 2411 and Merimbula library portal on 6499 2239.

## Roadworks in Candelo

Road works on William and Sharpe Streets, Candelo, will occur from 30 March to 13 May 2016. There will be intermittent road closures and delays of up to 15 minutes can be expected. Detours will be in place and no on-street parking will be permitted during these times. The proposed works will include full pavement and stormwater renewal and bitumen resurfacing. For more information phone James Downes on 0428 260 996.

## New waste cell at CWF

Securing the ongoing waste disposal needs of the Bega Valley Shire with construction of the second landfill cell at the Wanatta Lane Central Waste Facility nearing completion. The \$1.2 million project meets Environmental Protection Act license requirements and is industry best practice for lined landfill cells. The liner system consists of a geosynthetic clay liner, overlaid by a high density polyethylene sheet, then a protective layer of geotextile, along with a layer of drainage aggregate and

then a final layer of geotextile. Cell one at the Wolumla site came on line in 2013 with a life span of two years. The new cell has a life of more than four years. Once cell two is operational cell one will be capped and revegetated.

## Bega Vacation Care Program

A fun school holiday program for children which will include arts, crafts, excursions and more will be held at the Bega Valley Public School 8am to 5.30pm from Monday 11 to Thursday 21 April and closing at 5pm on 22 April. Phone Bandara Children's Services on 6492 4360 or email [bandara@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bandara@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) for info about bookings and programs.

## Pools close for the winter

The outdoor seasonal pools at Bega, Bemboka, Candelo and Eden are now closed for the season. Cobargo Pool will remain open until Sunday 3 April. Thank you to all of the staff and operators at these sites for their efforts this season and to the community for your continued support of BVSC pools.

## Flood risk management

Council is keen to talk people in the Bega and Brogo River catchment areas about how to manage the risk of flooding in the area and to develop a Floodplain Risk Management Plan following a previous study of the area from 2014.

An online survey is available on Council's website where project updates are also available. Surveys will also be mailed out to a number of households in flood-prone areas. Community drop-in sessions will be held on Wednesday 6 April from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Council's ground floor committee rooms, and from 5pm to 7pm in the Balawarn Room at the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre. Each session will involve a 20 minute project presentation with opportunity for questions and private discussion afterwards.

The consultation period will run until Sunday 17 April and a draft management plan will be placed on Council's Have Your Say page for comment early next year. To visit the project page go to Council's website and click on Have Your Say at the top of the page. For more information call BVSC on 6499 2222.

## Tarraganda Hall

Tarraganda Hall was undergone a facelift! Originally an old school building, it was transported to a farm in Tarraganda and then eventually to its current spot in Tarraganda Lane to be used as the community hall.

For years the hall had no insulation with simply the 'bones' showing on the inside walls.

With funds allocated in Council's annual hall and building maintenance budget and some funds from the hall committee's fees and charges the walls were lined, insulated and a fresh coat of paint added giving it a fresh new feel for the users and the community.

BVSC is to work hall committees and contractors across the Shire to get more projects like this completed. Facilities available at Tarraganda Hall are men's and women's toilets, disability access through the front of hall, about 60 assorted chairs, 12 trestle tables, gas heating, on-site parking and a kitchen with an urn, fridge, assorted cups, plates and cutlery and a barbeque with portable gas bottle.

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