

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Roving workshops

Bermagui residents are reminded of a chance to have their say on local issues at a Councillors' Roving Workshop in the Bermagui Country Club at 4pm on Wednesday 18 November. People are invited to present on local issues and quiz Councillors on a wide range of topics during a question and answer session. For more information and to book a 15 minute presentation, visit www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au > Council & Infrastructure > Council Roving Workshops, or call Tamara Whiting on 6499 2222. There will also be a Roving Workshop in the Council Chamber on 2 December with a Q&A session from 4pm to 5pm followed at 5.30pm by a presentation to the community on Council's annual report, financial and quarterly budget reviews. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Learn Spanish at the library

The Bega Library will offer Spanish language lessons from next Wednesday as a follow up from the two successful Introduction to Spanish programs offered earlier this year by Angelica Vega Labrana. She will be back in the library for the next seven weeks helping learners build on basic language, vocabulary and conversational skills. The program is designed for those who attended the previous workshops or those who wish to refresh their Spanish skills and is limited to a group of 10 people. Angelica is a native Spanish speaker who donates her time to share her skills with the community. For more information and bookings contact Scott Baker at Bega Library on 6499 2172.

Tathra coastal vegetation workshops

Council and Tathra Landcare will hold a workshop outlining the value of coastal headland vegetation at Tathra on Saturday 14 November from 9am to 12.30pm. Topics include the Value of Coastal Vegetation; Weeds and Other Threats; Recent Works; Garden Plant Selection and Care; with presentations from local botanist Stuart Cameron, Council vegetation management staff and Tathra Landcare. The day will also include a guided ecological walk of the site and a demonstration by Rob Summers of how cliff abseiling is used in environmental works. Meet at the entrance to the walking tracks near the turning circle at the end of Bay St, Tathra at 9am. There will be a barbecue lunch provided by Council.

Snakes in the cemeteries

Bega Valley Shire Council is urging residents to use extra caution when entering any of the Shire's cemeteries in light of reports of large brown snakes seen in the Bega Cemetery recently. Visitors entering cemeteries should wear long trousers and closed shoes and carry a mobile phone if possible to summon help if needed. Although Council works with contractors and volunteers to ensure the cemeteries are kept neat and tidy with regular maintenance and mowing, this is the snake's natural environment and they cannot be relocated. If you do encounter a snake, stand still before moving slowly away. Do not approach the snake. Sightings or encounters with aggressive snakes can be reported to Council on 6499 2299.

Jobs with Council

- Water and sewerage mechanical and electrical engineer. Applications close at 5pm on 18 November.
- Ageing and disability caseworker. Applications close at 5pm on 18 November
- Storage services officer. Applications close at 5pm on 20 November
- Environmental Engineering cadet. Applications close at 5pm on 23 November.

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 or post to the address below.

Extraordinary Meeting Monday 16 November

Discussing the proposal for merger with Bombala Shire Council. Public welcome to attend. 2pm Monday 16 November, Council Chambers.



A brown snake spotted at the Bega Cemetery.

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Grants to support volunteers

Community organisations in the Shire are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 to assist the work of their volunteers. The funding is being provided under a \$20 million Commonwealth Volunteer Grant funding and can be used to help with costs incurred by their volunteers, such as the cost of fuel to take seniors to the doctor, or first aid training, background security checks or transport for volunteers with a disability who cannot drive. It can also be used to buy equipment, such as computers or printers. Applications for Volunteer Grants close 2pm on Wednesday 9 December 2015. For more information go to dss.gov.au/grants or contact the Volunteer Grants 2015 Hotline on free call 1800 183 374 or email vg2015@dss.gov.au

Recognition of Indigenous people

Council will write to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and local federal member Dr Peter Hendy confirming Council's support for a review and implementation of the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution. The issue was raised by Cr Kristy McBain who said the Australian Constitution, while written more than a century ago, fails to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the original custodians of our land. "They are a nation of peoples who had lived on the land for more than 40,000 years, sustaining and evolving the oldest living cultures on the planet," she said.

Mobile blood bank

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Bega, from Monday to Friday, 23 to 27 November and there are vacancies every day except the Monday. If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can make an appointment online or call 13 14 95. One in three Australians will need blood, but only one in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients. Due to the construction work in Littleton Gardens, this month the mobile unit will be parked in the netball court car park in Carp Street, opposite McDonalds.

Access to library and regional gallery

Access to the Bega Library and Bega Valley Regional Gallery will be restricted for another week due to work in Littleton Gardens directly opposite the library and gallery. Alternative pedestrian access routes are available from the Gipps Street end of Zingel Place and there will be no external connection between the main Council entry and the library and gallery along Zingel Place.



Our halls

Brogo

The Brogo community celebrated the 60th anniversary for the current Brogo Hall in 2014 and acknowledged the history of the building.

The original hall was built by volunteer labourers from the community and opened in 1928 for weekly dances, playgroups, Sunday church services, Young Farmers activities, balls and send-offs.

On 25 January 1952 the hall burnt down during the big bushfire that razed the Bega Valley, particularly the Brogo area.

Nearly three years later, a new hall was opened by Brogo resident Jack Baldwin who had been hall committee president for the previous 20 years.

Nowadays, the hall is known for its monthly old time dances, fundraisers, community events and fantastic Biggest Morning Teas.

Brogo Hall can be found 15km north of Bega on the Princess Highway in the Brogo locality. It is fully equipped to provide the community with a perfect venue for events with a 115 person capacity with 115 accompanying chairs, seven tables, heating, ceiling fans, a kitchen with hot water and amenities. There is disability access and parking in front of the hall.

For bookings call the booking officer on 6492 1439. Fees and useful information regarding bookings can be found at Council's website, search for Brogo Hall in the search bar. www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au

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