

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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The Last Supper at Regional Gallery

This fantastic, amazing, stunning exhibition that opens in the Bega Valley Regional Gallery at 6pm tonight (Friday) is a must visit! 'The Last Supper', is a sculptural installation by Ken and Julia Yonetani which was commissioned by Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre. It addresses themes of food production and concerns arising from the level of salinity in Australia and related environmental impacts. The large-scale sculpture is made entirely from salt, taking the form of a nine-metre table laid with a variety of foodstuffs on top. Every piece is made of salt, from the foodstuffs in the banquet to the table and the plinths beneath it. The exhibition will run until 14 November. The Bega Valley Regional Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and on Saturday from 9am to noon.



Photograph: A section of the banquet that is The Last Supper exhibition.

New faces in the libraries

Next time you pop into your local library you may see some new faces. Last year Council did a review of the library service to respond to the changing demands, expectations and opportunities for libraries. The internet and digital resources have raised customers' expectations and libraries are no longer places to just borrow a book. Rather, they are multipurpose community spaces that offer high quality technology and information services. The library staffing structure has been changed so if there are new faces at your library, make yourself known!

Refugee Welcome Zone

The Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast will address Councillors in a public forum requesting assistance and support to have the Shire declared as a "Refugee Welcome Zone". The presentation will be on 14 October at 1pm in the Council Chamber, Zingel Place, Bega. It encourages the resettlement of some Syrian refugees in the Shire and the public and media are encouraged to attend.

Jobs with Council

- Educational Leader. Close on 16 October at 5pm.
- Employee Support Services Officer. Close on 21 October at 5pm.
- Data entry officer (part time). Close on 22 October at 5pm.
- Road Service Team member. Close on 22 October at 5pm.
- Rural Bitumen Team member. Close on 22 October at 5pm.
- Roadside Vegetation Team Member (plant). Close on 22 October at 5pm.

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.

Doing business with Council

- Supply and delivery of street furniture for Imlay Street, Eden. Close on 14 October.
- Renewal of playgrounds at Ford Park, Merimbula and Bega Park, Bega. Close on 21 October.
- Request for proposals for the Pambula Beach Accessibility Project. Close on 21 October.
- Construction tender for water mains renewal/upgrade program. Close on 28 October.

All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley

Call: 02 6499 2222 Fax: 02 6499 2200 Email: council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au Web: www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au

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Please send all correspondence to
PO Box 492, BEGA NSW 2550.

To view exhibition documents visit us at our Bega office in Zingel Place or one of our libraries: Bermagui - Bunga Street, Eden - Cnr Mitchell & Imlay Streets, Merimbula - 103 Main Street.



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Roving workshops

Some diary dates for Council roving workshops in coming months. These allow local residents to get involved in local issues. The workshops, which are held in the Shire's main towns, provide a valuable source of information both for and from the community, with people invited to present on local issues and to quiz Councillors on a wide range of topics during a question and answer session.

The Eden workshop in this round was held last month with a wide range of local people discussing issues from the Lake Curralo walkway to the future of the Hotel Australasia. More workshops are planned for November and December: Merimbula 11 November, 4pm to 5.30pm at the Pambula Merimbula Golf Club; Bermagui, 18 November, 4pm - 5.30pm at a venue to be confirmed; and Bega, 2 December, 4pm - 5.30pm at the Council chambers. We will send out reminders closer to the workshop dates.

Residents are invited to make presentations on any issues they feel are important, or to discuss issues in smaller break out groups following the presentations. 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.

New water supply for Bermagui

Bermagui will get a new four million litre water reservoir to increase the water storage capacity by 60 per cent. The reservoir will be located on

Council-owned land off Nutleys Creek Road and will allow for a 50 per cent increase in water pressure to the higher areas of Bermagui. It will enable selected extraction of water from the Brogo River to avoid pumping during floods and maximise the use of off-peak pumping opportunities to reduce operation costs. Preliminary works will begin this month, including access track improvement and clearing some trees. For more information phone Mark Hankinson on 6499 2238.

Nominate a community hero

Nominations for the 2016 Citizen of the Year have opened and Council is calling on people to recognise the efforts of friends, neighbours, colleagues and workmates. The Citizen of the Year and the Young Citizen of the Year (under 25s) awards will be presented on Australia Day 2016. The Bega Valley Shire Senior Citizen of the Year (over 65s) will be presented at the annual Golden Gig during Seniors Week in March 2016. The awards exist to recognise outstanding people in our Shire - the people who work hard to make our community a better place for everyone. Sometimes people have devoted years to a single issue, others spread their skills across a range of activities so nominations should include information about a person's long service to the community or of a distinguished performance over the past 12 months. To nominate a Citizen of the Year, a Young Citizen of the Year or a Senior Citizen of the Year, go to Council's website www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au, e-mail council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au or deliver nominations to any Council office by 14 November. Go on, nominate someone you admire!

Pool pass booklet

Council has six pools and for the first time this year Shire residents and visitors will be able to use all of these pools when they buy a Shire-wide pool pass booklet. There are two types of booklets available, one for adults and the other for children and concession holders. They can be used at any of the six Council-owned pools - Bemboka Pool, Bega War Memorial Pool, Candelo Pool, Cobargo Pool, Eden Memorial Pool and the Sapphire Aquatic Centre.

Booklets are available from the Council front counter in Bega and at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre. Each booklet is stamped with an expiry date of 30 April 2016. Pool pass booklets cost \$81 for adults and \$72 for child or concession. The cost of a booklet equates to a 10 per cent discount off the cost of casual entry to an outdoor pool and a higher discount when used at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre. All enquiries please contact the Sapphire Aquatic Centre on 6494 3100.

Biz Bus cancelled

A planned visit of the Small Biz Bus visit to Bermagui today (Friday 10 October) has been cancelled due to mechanical issues with the vehicle. Small Biz Connect apologises for any inconvenience that this may cause to local businesses. Small businesses requiring advisory support can make an appointment with their local Small Biz Connect business advisor by calling 1300 134 359. Small Biz Connect will schedule another date for the bus visit.

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