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Bemboka Pool set to open

Bemboka Swimming Pool will open for the summer season on Thursday 12 October.

In preparation for summer, specialist contractors have been working on repainting Bemboka Pool, stripping back many layers of paint that have built up over the years.

This has identified some underlying issues with the pool shell that need to be addressed prior to repainting.

Council's Aquatic and Leisure Facilities Coordinator, Nicholas Hoynes said, the remedial works are necessary to prevent water leaks occurring and ensure that the new paint surface is in the best possible condition.

To get people into the summer swing, the Friends of Bemboka Pool will be hosting the 'Bemboka Pool Opening Gala Day' on Sunday 15 October from 11.00am until 3.00pm.

The event will feature live music, pool games, a free water aerobics demonstration, with lunch being provided by the Lions Club.

Pool hours:

- **Monday to Friday: 2pm to 6pm**
- **Saturday and Sunday: 11am to 3pm (2 month trial)**
- **January: Monday to Sunday 10am to 6pm**
- **Closed: Christmas Day**

Season Pass:

- Adult/Single = \$125.00
- Family = \$250.00 (Family = 2 adults, 2 children OR 1 adult, 3 children)
- Child/Concession = \$105.00

Shire wide Multipass (Booklet/10 tickets):

- Adult = \$40.00
- Child/Concession = \$35.00
- Family = \$130.00

Booklets can be purchased from the Bega Valley Shire Council in Bega and the Sapphire Aquatic Centre.

www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/swimmingpools



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Bermagui intersection improvements

The intersection of Wallaga Lake Road and Cobargo-Bermagui Road near Bermagui will be upgraded this financial year following a successful Bega Valley Shire Council grant application.

With crash data pointing to the need for risk reduction measures to be implemented at the site, Council has secured \$60,650 under the NSW Government's Safer Roads Program.

The Wallaga Lake Road and Cobargo-Bermagui Road intersection project will involve moving the hold line forward, kerb extensions and upgrading the intersection from a 'Give Way' to a 'Stop' sign.



Bermagui Mahogany trees to stay

Following a consultation session with concerned members of the Bermagui community, Bega Valley Shire Council will not be removing two Mahogany trees within Dickinson Park, adjacent to the Bermagui Surf Club as originally intended.

Instead, Council will arrange remedial pruning to reduce the risks these trees pose and give the trees the best opportunity of a longer life.

Mulch will also be placed around the trees and park furniture beneath relocated as a further risk reduction measure.

The objective is to improve tree health by improving soil conditions, reducing soil compaction and also beginning to establish replacement trees and shrubs that will one day provide similar shade and amenity.

The work will be undertaken by a qualified and experienced team of arborists and is planned for Thursday, 12 October.



Hydrographic Survey for Curalo

Council working with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage will soon conduct a hydrographic survey of Eden's Lake Curalo.

Planned to commence on Monday, 16 October, the survey work is expected to take a week to complete.

The purpose of the survey is to map the lake bed and define underwater features such as sand shoals, the information gleaned will inform the Coastal Management Program for the lake.

Staff will use all-terrain vehicles and a jet ski to access the estuary flat and main estuary channels of the lake.

Some of the key objectives of the new Coastal Management Programs include how best to tackle the threats and pressures on local estuaries, to protect and enhance their natural environment, and work with the community to find new opportunities for recreational activities.

For more information visit the [Coastal Management Program website](#) or contact Council's Environmental Services team on 6499 2222.

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The Shirl – and the winner is...

Melbourne based artist Samantha Sommariva AKA Misklectic and her portrait of performance artist Mossy is the winner of Australia's only youth portrait prize, the \$10,000 acquisitive 'The Shirl'.

The Shirl is the little sister event to The Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award that also attracts a significant cash prize. Both prizes are supported by the Bega Valley Regional Gallery's patron Peter Hannan in memory of this mother's commitment to portraiture.

Renowned contemporary multimedia artist Tony Albert was judge for the second 'Shirl', selecting Misklectic from a field of 29 finalists from across Australia.

"The winning work is a video, a collaboration between two artistic friends and offers an amazing insight into each other's practise and the way in which these two people respond to each other," Mr Albert said.

"It's a very challenging idea of what a portrait is and can do, and explores some of the most challenging social issues of the moment."

Tony was the 2017 Sulman Prize judge at the Art Gallery of New South Wales and has been an Archibald Prize finalist for the past two years.

Bega Valley Regional Gallery Director Iain Dawson said The Shirl offers important recognition for up and coming artists.

"As Australia's only youth portrait prize, we are creating something unique – bringing new focus and opportunity for artists, we can be very proud of what's been achieved here."

The Shirl is on show until November 25, the Gallery is open Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm and Saturday's 9am -12pm.

Or visit

<https://gallery.begavalley.nsw.gov.au>

Photograph: Judge Tony Albert, with Gallery Director Iain Dawson and winner of The Shirl, Misklectic's video portrait of performance artist Mossy.



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