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Community Environment Grants

Bega Valley Shire Council has announced the launch of the 2017/18 Community Environment Grants Program.

Fifty thousand dollars will be distributed from the fund this year, which is sourced from the Bega Valley Shire Environment Levy.

Groups with a passion for the local environment can receive significant assistance with their projects, building on the success of the program over the last six years.

Council staff recommend that interested groups discuss their application with Council before submitting an application.

To be eligible for a grant, your group or organisation must be non-profit and based in the Bega Valley Shire.



Groups must also have an ABN and be incorporated (or be auspiced by an organisation that has an ABN and incorporation status), and they must meet the requirements of the Community Environmental Grant Guidelines available from Council.

Applications open 24 April and close at 4.30pm 12 May 2017.

Contact Council's Environmental Services Section on 6499 2222 for more information or visit www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au

ClubsGRANTS 2017 closing soon!

Do you have a great community project that needs funding? Registered clubs in the Bega Valley are encouraging local organisations to apply for funding via the ClubGRANTS Program.

Applications under the ClubsGRANTS Category 1 funding scheme are closing on Monday 1 May 2017.

Eligible organisations are invited to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 for projects that improve community wellbeing and address social issues in the Bega Valley Shire.

More information and application forms can be found on Council's website www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au or phone Toby Schaefer-Darling on 6499 2199.

Careers at Council

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Tenders

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www.tenderlink.com/begavalley/

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Wood smoke and your health

With the first of season's cold nights creeping in, Bega Valley Shire Council is asking owners of wood fires to burn fuel safely and considerately.

A fire burning efficiently with the right kind of fuel will save money and have a much reduced impact of human health and the environment.

Some of our inland towns and villages will be experiencing subzero temperatures at night soon and people will naturally be keeping the fire well stoked so it is worth remembering, smoke from a wood heater produces 2 to 3 times as many pollutants as a car.

There are a range of simple strategies that people can employ to reduce the risks from wood smoke particularly for your neighbours. Only use small pieces of hardwood that are aged and dry, and don't let your fire smoulder overnight. One of the worse things you can do is to dampen down your fire overnight, it generates very little heat and instead produces lots of smoke.

You can also make sure your heater is up to standard by checking it has a compliance plate stating it conforms to the Australian Standard for pollution emissions (AS4013). Check your flue, chimney and baffle regularly for a build-up of soot or creosote because if left to build up these can lead to fires within the flue or worse still in your roof cavity.

Contact Council for further advice on 6499 2222 or check the [EPA website](#).



Works update

Vegetation team

- Northern Area Mowing – Tathra and Bermagui
- Southern Area Mowing – Tura and Merimbula
- Southern Area Slashing – Kalaru to Merimbula
- Road Vegetation Mulcher – Nutleys Creek Rd

Projects team

- Bridge Team- Bridge Maintenance on The Snake Track timber bridges.
- Civil Construction- Bega Cycleway.

Outdoor pools tender coming soon

Tenders will soon be invited to operate the Shire's outdoor pools at: Bega, Cobargo, Bemboka, Candelo, Eden.

The goal of the tender is to have the outdoor pools operating well and being well used. Part of that is running an open and informative tender process and receiving good proposals from all interested parties.

The objectives of the tender are:

- Compliance - Council aims to have swimming pools that are compliant with applicable legislation and implement industry guidelines to ensure facilities are safe and enjoyable for all users.
- Use and Promotion - Council aims to have pool facilities that are well used and promoted throughout the season.
- Value - Council aims to manage swimming pools to provide good value for both the users and the broader community through balancing operating costs, user fees, and access.

The coming tender process will encourage and allow for prospective operators to tender to provide services for one or multiple pools.

Register online at www.tenderlink.com/begavalley

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