

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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'Try Out' the Aquatic Centre

It will be 'Try it Out' day at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre on Saturday 18 April with all funds raised going to Multiple Sclerosis research.

The day will highlight the various services and programs offered by the Centre and at the same time raise money towards finding a cure for a chronic, disabling disease of the central nervous system.

The core event on the day will involve teams of three to six swimmers taking the challenge of completing one, two or four hour non-stop swims.

There will be lots of other activities for children throughout the day, including a jumping castle, balloon craft, pool inflatable and flipper ball.

For parents interested in seeing if the Learn to Swim program is suitable for their children there will be five-minute free private lessons as well as stroke correction tutorials.

The child minding room will also be open.

Entry to the Sapphire Aquatic Centre on the day will be free but a small donation will be required to participate in activities as a way to raise funds for MS Research Australia.

Registrations for the charity swimming event are open now and will close on Thursday 16 April.

To register and for more information contact the Aquatic Programs Co-ordinator, Katrina Scarpin at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre on 6494 3100.

Holidays in the library

We have lots of activities happening in the Shire libraries over the next week.

At Eden library on Tuesday 14 April from 11am to noon there will be simple finger puppets for children seven years and over. The cost is \$2 and you can book by ringing 6499 2453.

At Merimbula library on Wednesday 15 April from 10.30 to 11.30am there will be homemade bath bombs for children aged seven years and over. The cost is \$2 and you can book by ringing 6499 2481

At the Bermagui library on Thursday 16 April from 10.30 to 11.30am children aged seven years and over will learn how to decorate a tea towel. The cost is \$2 and you can book by ringing 6499 2411.

At the Bega library on Friday 17 April

from 10.30 to 11.30am there will be lessons in making homemade bath bombs for children aged seven years and over.

The cost \$2 and you can book by ringing 6499 2127

The Bega library is also inviting children aged 8 to 12 years to test Luc Sedaitis's board game on Wednesday and Friday from 10am to noon.

Luc is a young local who designed the board game of strategy, combat and luck which is suitable for children 8 to 12.

Photograph: Game designer Luc Sedaitis (left) shows Workability's Peter Harvey and two of his colleagues, Francisco Eko and Karen Clarke, how to play his board game in the Bega library.



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Internet access is available at all of our libraries in Bega, Bermagui, Eden and Merimbula.

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

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Regional Gallery trial

The Bega Valley Regional Gallery trialled opening at weekends over Easter and the curator, Iain Dawson, was pleased with the result.

He said there were about 50 visitors on Saturday when the usual total rarely makes it into double figures and while Sunday and Monday figures were slower all visitors were from out of town – mostly Canberra and Melbourne.

Hopefully we can look forward to more weekend openings of the Gallery.

Cobargo Cemetery fence

The Friends of Cobargo Cemetery will hold the first of a series of working bees this weekend to continue work on the new fence.

The group has raised funds for the project and with Council's support are continuing to replace the old structure with a new steel post and timber rail fence.

This weekend a small group will be pre-drilling the steel posts which have been purchased for the project.

In coming weeks, members will work with Council and contractors to remove the next section of old fence, dig post holes and put the new poles in place. Watch this space!

Club Grants applications open

Community organisations throughout the Shire are being encouraged to lodge applications for the latest round of Club Grants.

Council is co-ordinating the process

and encouraging interested community and not-for-profit groups to get in early with their applications.

The Club Grants are incredibly popular, with last year's grants program providing more than \$92,000 in support of 53 projects that benefited the local community.

Council is convening the Category 1 Club Grants which cater for local community priorities such as welfare and social services, development projects, local health services and employment assistance activities.

The scheme is funded by the Bermagui Country Club, Club Bega, Club Sapphire Merimbula, Eden Fishermen's Recreation Club, Merimbula RSL, Pambula Merimbula Golf Club and Tura Beach Country Club.

Successful projects for 2015 will be allocated according to the Club Grants Committee's funding priorities, which include projects that assist the Aboriginal community, children, young people, seniors, women, people with disabilities and people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

For application forms and information visit Council's website www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au > Information & Services > Awards Grants & Scholarships > Club Grants.

Applications should be sent directly to Council and will be accepted up to 4pm on Monday 4 May.

More information is available from Emma Benton on 6499 2222 or email council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

War memorial grants

Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, is calling on local veterans' groups and sports clubs to apply for funds to repair and maintain local war memorial site. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support vital repairs to plaques, honour boards and facades. Applications close on Anzac Day, 25 April. Phone Mr Constance's office on 6492 2056 for more information.

Wyndham choir

There is a new singing group in Wyndham and they welcome new members. No previous experience is necessary. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the Month at the Uniting Church hall from 1.30pm to 3pm. For more information phone Christine Nicholson on 6494 2339.

Eden Singers

The Eden Singers are inviting potential members to try out at the Log Cabin in Bass Street, Eden, on Thursday from 6.45pm.

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