

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Volunteers honoured

Let's raise our voices in thanks to the 11 residents whose efforts and contribution to our Shire community were recognised with the presentation of the Bega Valley Shire Community Service Medallion this week.

The 2015 Medallions and citations were presented by Mayor Michael Britten at a ceremony at the Bega Country Club on Wednesday to Marge Snijder (Eden), Alan Simpson (Merimbula), Brian Richards (Bega), Eileen Cameron (Eden), Ian Battersby (Merimbula), Jan Ireland (Bermagui), Robert Graham (Wolumla), Val Little (Tathra), Allen Collins (Tathra), Judi Hearn (Bermagui) and Ted McKeown (Merimbula). Gae Rheinberger (Bega) was also selected for a medallion but was unable to attend Wednesday's ceremony so will receive it at a later date.

Cr Britten said the Medallion recognised the outstanding work of the many unsung volunteers across our community. "One of our great strengths as a community is the effort given in supporting others," he said. He encouraged individuals and organisations to nominate outstanding volunteers for the Bega Valley Shire Community Service Medallion and for the other awards conducted by Council.

To read the citations for the 2015 Medallion recipients go to media release on Council's website.



Photo: Medallion recipients and committee members at Wednesday's presentation. They are (back from left) Mayor Michael Britten, Lori Hammerton (committee), Robert Graham, Allen Collins, Ted McKeown, Edna Duncanson (committee), Ian Battersby, Brian Richards and Alan Simpson. (Front) Mary Cocks (committee), Marge Snijder, Jan Ireland, Eileen Cameron, Judi Hearn, Val Little and Norma Allen (committee).

Civic Centre Named

In acknowledgement of the Bega Town Hall's standing as a memorial to local service personnel who served and died in World War Two, Bega Valley Shire Council has included the word "commemorative" in the name of the new Civic Centre. Councillors voted unanimously to name the building the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre after a submission from the Bega Sub-Branch of the RSL that the town hall, which was built in the 1960s, was always intended to be a war memorial.

John Watkins, on behalf of Bega RSL Sub-Branch President Tom Blake, spoke of plaques and memorials now gone from the gardens and told Councillors that the RSL had spent many years fund raising towards the hall as a way of recognising those that had paid the supreme sacrifice in service to their country. Council has agreed to work with the RSL Sub-branch to identify locations inside and outside the new Centre to acknowledge the links to the past and display the plaques currently in safe keeping.

Aboriginal link

And while we are talking about names, Councillors also resolved to adopt Aboriginal names for the various rooms in the new Centre because the Shire has a number of places significant to Aboriginal culture, identity and history, none less than the three major mountains of the Far South Coast; Bulawarn (Mount Imlay), Biamanga (Mumbulla Mountain) and Gulaga (Mount Dromedary).

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In recognition of the outlook of the new building on to Biamanga, it is proposed that these traditional mountain names be used throughout the building. In addition, Merra-winga (place of dreaming) was seen as an appropriate name for the auditorium.

Merimbula bypass carpark

The next stage of the Merimbula bypass works are scheduled to start next Tuesday with construction of two sealed carpark areas. The open stormwater drainage line running alongside Park Street, between Wonga Street and Kyeamba Street, will be piped and filled to create an interim carpark and allow for the future bypass road alignment. Several trees within the drainage line reserve will be removed as part of these works.

At the same time the informal public carpark located behind the South Seas Motel and Town Centre Motor Inn will be reconstructed as a formal sealed carpark. Weather permitting, the work will be completed by the end of November..

Funds for community group

Six community organisations will receive financial assistance from Bega Valley Shire Council through its Community Partnership Fund for the first quarter of 2015-16. The organisations will each receive a share of \$29,660 in grants and 'in kind' services to assist with local community events.

Eden Whale Festival will receive \$5,000 in cash and \$460 of 'in kind' support for traffic management barriers and

cleaning of amenities for the 2015 Eden Whale Festival. Merimbula Tourism was allocated \$15,000 for New Year's Eve pyrotechnics for two firework displays, plus entertainment and some infrastructure and \$550 'in kind' for traffic barriers and Eden Chamber of Commerce will receive \$5,000 to pay a subcontractor for pyrotechnics displays in Eden on New Year's Eve. Bega Showjumping Club was allocated \$1,000 as a contribution towards the hire of the showground for the 2015 Bega Showjumping Cup; Merimbula Gift will receive \$1,000 for water, trophies, programs and flyers and official timekeepers' payment for the 2015 Merimbula Gift running race; and Friends of the Old Bega Hospital will receive \$1,000 to for the 2015 Spring Festival to fund promotion, equipment hire, food and entertainment and \$650 'in-kind' for printing of flyers and traffic barriers.

Reduced rates for community events

Council has outlined draft fees and charges for the new Commemorative Civic Centre which offer a reduced rate for community and non-profit groups. Bookings from the community and non-profit organisations will be about 40 per cent cheaper than full booking rates. The draft rates and charges were agreed on 23 September and are now on public exhibition for 28 days for comment. To view the fees and charges visit Council's website.

Jobs with Council

- Customer Service Trainee. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to undertake a traineeship in Customer Service. Applications close at 5pm on 9 October.

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

- Tenders are sought for supply and delivery of street furniture for Imlay Street, Eden. Tenders close at noon on 14 October.
- Tenders are sought for renewal of playgrounds at Ford Park, Merimbula, and Bega Park, Bega. Tenders close at noon on 21 October.

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

Pools opening

A quick reminder that Council's outdoor pools will all open on Sunday 3 October, except for the Bega Pool which has been open since 21 September.

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