

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Merimbula flood study

Council has completed the first stage of the Merimbula Flood Study and the project is already yielding useful data.

Here are some random facts that we turned up from the community consultation questionnaire.

- Council achieved its target response rate of 10% of the 517 surveys sent out;
- 61% of respondents have lived in the area for more than 10 years with 12% having lived in the area for more than 20 years;
- 76% of respondents were aware or had some knowledge of flooding;
- 52% of respondents said their property was not personally impacted by flooding;
- Of respondents who had experienced flooding indicated 32% indicated that their property access was the most common area of their property to be impacted by flooding.

Stage 2 of the study, computer model development, is underway.

Spanish classes

A free Spanish course of eight one-hour classes will begin in the Bega Library on 15 July from 10am. The course is designed for beginners and the main objective is to teach basic grammar as well as common and useful expressions and general knowledge about Hispanic culture. Bookings are essential so visit <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/beginners-spanish-class-8-sessions-tickets-17580598042?aff=es2> or phone the Library on 6499 2127.

Workshop for writers

Batemans Bay writer Debbie Richardson will run a workshop in Merimbula on 18 July to stimulate and motivate aspiring writers.

The Writers of the Far South Coast workshop will be held in Club Sapphire, Merimbula, from 1pm to 4pm and is open to the public.

It will cost \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Debbie will provide tips she has learnt over her years in her journey from aspiring to be a published author.

Changes at Bermagui landfill

Bermagui landfill is at capacity so will be transitioning to a transfer station over the next six months. The change is part of Council's strategy to centralise waste disposal and convert old landfill sites into waste transfer and resource recovery centres. During the construction phase there may be slight delays with plant and equipment moving around the site so visitors will need to take extra care.

The tip shop will not operate during the transition but will be back bigger and better in the future. When the transition to transfer station is complete, large loads of general waste delivered in trucks (greater than three cubic metres) will not be accepted.

Hours of operation will remain the same both during and after construction. Remember there is no charge to dispose of metals, recyclables and clean fill. For more information about the Bermagui landfill call Council on 6499 2222.

Jobs with Council

Economic Development Manager. The successful applicant will have an advanced knowledge and a high level of experience providing strategic economic development for a regional community, with an in-depth understanding of commercial operations. Applications close at 5pm, 17 July.

Position descriptions are available from our website or by phoning Council. When applying address the selection criteria in your application and send to:

Email: recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

Post: The General Manager,
Bega Valley Shire Council, PO
Box 492, Bega NSW 2550.

Fax: 6499 2200.

Doing business with Council

- Construction tender for Bega Civic Centre, Council Chamber fit-out, Tenders close at noon on 8 July.
- Bega and Brogo Rivers Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. Tenders close at noon on 8 July.
- Civil and Landscape Works for Bega Civic Centre, Zingel Place, Littleton Gardens and adjacent area. Tenders close at noon on 27 July.

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

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Celebrating NAIDOC Week

Films in the gallery

Bega Valley Regional Gallery will celebrate National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebration next week with free screenings of some of the most powerful, entertaining and joyous films selected for their significance to the 2015 NAIDOC week theme of standing on sacred ground. The films will be screened in the Council Chambers at noon. On Tuesday, 7 July, it will be 'The Fringe Dwellers'; on Thursday 9 July it will be 'Charlie's Country'; and on Friday 10 July it will be 'The Sapphires'. Remember, entry is free.



Photograph: Councillors and representatives of local Aboriginal Land Councils exchange NAIDOC shirts to launch the NAIDOC Week activities.

Eden Library

Eden library will celebrate the NAIDOC theme by highlighting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's strong spiritual and cultural connection to the land and sea with special activities from 5 to 12 July. There will be a pictorial presentation of the Bundian Way, the ancient Aboriginal walking route linking Kosciuszko to Twofold Bay which was surveyed by members of Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council in 2010-11.

The library also has a large Indigenous knowledge collection available for loan and will be displaying books that reflect the Sapphire Coast's own history of sacred sites, traditional names and the Aboriginal people's connection to the familiar rivers, beaches, mountains and islands in our area. On display will be books such as "Mutton Fish" - the surviving culture of Aboriginal people and abalone on the south coast - and the definitive book 'Travelling with Percy' - a south coast journey with the revered Percy Mumbler - and Max Harrison's book 'My People's Dreaming', an enlightening book in which he sums up the intrinsic link of culture to the land with his own words: 'See the land; Hear the land; Feel the land.' The library will be giving away free copies of the Bega Valley Shire Council's 'Koori Heritage Stories' booklet during NAIDOC Week.

Partnership grants

Applications for local community infrastructure projects through Community Building Partnership will close on Friday 7 August. The grants allow community groups to apply for funding to benefit the local community by providing positive social, recreational and environmental outcomes for the Shire. The grants allow local not for profit, incorporated community groups and Council to apply for funding that will provide better infrastructure and facilities to our communities.

Some of the successful 2014 recipients were the and Brogo and Merimbula Rural Fire Services for extensions to their stations; Twyford Hall for a new kitchen; the Bega Men's Shed to make the new shed all-ability accessible; and the Bega Girl Guides for renovations to the guide hall. Information and application forms for the scheme can be found at www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au

Fees and charges

Residents are reminded the new fees and charges for 2015-16 are now in effect at our transfers stations and landfill sites. While some services have attracted a small increase in fees, others have decreased. Green waste, for example, is now \$15 per cubic metre, down from \$18, and e-waste now attracts a standard fee of \$5.50 per item, regardless of size. Recycling remains free of charge.

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