

# Bega Valley Shire Council News

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connecting council and the community

## McBain remains our Mayor

Cr Kristy McBain will continue as Bega Valley Shire Council's Mayor through until the next election in September 2020 after being successfully re-elected last week.

Cr McBain defeated the only other candidate Cr Tony Allen, while Cr Mitchell Nadin was elected as Deputy Mayor until September 2019 after defeating Cr Liz Seckold.

Cr McBain said she felt very honoured to receive the confidence of the Councillors in returning her as Mayor.

"The result demonstrates a confidence in the direction we are heading and the decisions we are collectively making and I will continue to work closely with my colleagues to drive the strategic direction and vision for the Council," Cr McBain said.

"The leadership continuity will importantly enable us to continue to improve the social, economic and environmental aspects of our wonderful Shire.

"Excitingly we have some very exciting projects underway and a further group progressing rapidly towards commencement.

"The recent establishment of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation provides a terrific opportunity for us to play a key role in promoting inter-Council collaboration and being part of a collective voice when advocating to the other levels of Government for funding and support," Cr McBain said.



Cr Kristy McBain will continue as Mayor through until the next Council election in September 2020, while Cr Mitchell Nadin has been elected as her deputy for the next year.

## Bushfire recovery support extended to Yankees Gap

Last Tuesday marked six months since the Tathra and District Bushfire.

It is in the most challenging times that the character of a community is put to the ultimate test.

We have always been proud and close-knit in the Valley, however, there can be no doubt that the confronting events of 18 March 2018 challenged our collective spirit like few have before.

As we continue to progress through the recovery phase it is important

to again thank those from near and far who have contributed to the collective embrace of those impacted.

Whether it's been making a donation to the Mayoral Appeal, offering services, physical assistance, or simply lending a sympathetic ear, your kindness and generosity has been nothing short of remarkable.

The courage, commitment, professionalism and dedication of our emergency services (including the RFS volunteers) never ceases to

amaze as they consistently work to protect us all.

It is certainly encouraging to see rebuilding underway and the *Green Shoots* environmental restoration campaign in full swing, however as a Council we are acutely aware that many in our community remain greatly affected and mourn what they lost that day.

Unfortunately there are others in our community that have been facing a similar threat from the Yankees Gap blaze that is now in its seventh week.

In keeping with the assistance offered earlier in the year, a report is being prepared for the 10 October Council meeting with a view to similar support being provided to those impacted by the current event.

The Recovery Support Service continues to operate and is available for anyone impacted by either fire event.

It is located at the Tathra Beach House Apartments and can be reached on 6499 2475 or at [recovery@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recovery@begavalley.nsw.gov.au)

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# Iron the cause of discoloured water

Analysis of discoloured tap water samples taken following reports from Bega and Tathra residents and business owners in recent weeks has shown the predominant cause of the discolouration to be iron.

Naturally occurring iron in the groundwater from the Bega Borefield supply source and corrosion of water supply network infrastructure are the known causes of this issue.

Periodically these iron deposits become disturbed and subsequently flow from taps at home, giving the water an undesirable rust-brown appearance and disappointingly sometimes also staining laundry.

Importantly there is no health based guideline value for iron in drinking water. Iron in drinking water is an aesthetic issue, not a health one.

Council's Water and Sewerage Services Manager, Jim Collins, said that without the existence of a Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to remove the iron from the water, small solids flow through and deposit in the system, particularly in those areas where water flow is low.



*Bega Water and Sewer Services team member, Scott Reeve, flushing the water main between Bega and Tathra in 2015.*

"The water is disinfected, safe to drink and of a high quality in terms of most indicators, however we fully understand that when the water is discoloured it can be unpleasant and annoying for people," Mr Collins said.

"Impacts on laundry and poor experiences for visitors to holiday accommodation are particularly regrettable and we are continually looking at solutions.

"In the immediate term, we will continue with our water mains flushing program, however the effectiveness of this method is limited by the water pressures and

flow available and other cleaning techniques are also needed and used periodically, such as air scouring and ice-pigging.

"We (Council) are also purchasing an in-pipe camera and tapping gear to allow staff to undertake a more detailed inspection of the various pipes and fittings in the area and more effectively prioritise asset renewals. The water mains in Tathra (including Andy Poole Drive and Bega Street) will be among the first to be examined in this way.

"The construction of four WTP's remains our primary focus however and we have built a reserve balance

of \$10 million to go towards achieving this goal, but we won't be able to deliver these in a timely manner solely through current income sources without excessive borrowings and/or a major increase in residential water and sewer bills.

***"The construction of four Water Treatment Plants remains our primary focus."***

***- Jim Collins***

"As such we have submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) application to the NSW Government Safe and Secure Water Program for the scoping phase of a water treatment plant at South Bega. This will include water treatment options planning and site investigations," Mr Collins said.

Council keeps a record of all discoloured water complaints so that any particularly troublesome locations can be investigated.

People experiencing issues are encouraged to lodge a report on 6499 2222.

## Library helps HSC students

Bega Valley Shire Library is supporting local HSC students in very practical ways by providing access to an online resource called HSC Study Lab as well as running HSC Lockdown events at all libraries in the lead up to exams.

With a recently purchased subscription to HSC Study Lab, library staff are keen to let students know of the extra help available, which is also free for library members.

HSC Study Lab was created by Macquarie University to support students in Years 11 and 12. The online resource is based on the NSW syllabus and currently covers chemistry, physics, biology and business studies.

To sign up to the HSC Study Lab, visit the website at <https://hscstudylab.com.au/library-members>. You will need your library card number and your password (date of birth).

Library Operations Team Leader, Samantha Fenton, said that the beauty of the HSC Study Lab is that it's available online 24/7, anytime, anywhere.

"HSC Study Lab is a powerful tool with videos, interactive activities, games and practice questions to

help students prepare and revise for their HSC exams," Ms Fenton said.

Programs and Partnerships Officer, Scott Baker, said that the HSC Study Lab complements the library's HSC Lockdown event, which has benefited many students over the last five years and will held at all Shire libraries for the first time.

"This will be the sixth year that Bega library has held an HSC Lockdown; last year we included Eden and Bermagui libraries and this year we've got the whole Shire covered with Tura Marrang library as well," Mr Baker said.

"The HSC Lockdown provides study and research support, free WiFi and computer use, and the chance for students to study in groups, with friends or by themselves within each library, after closing time.

"I'm hoping to have at least one teacher attend on the night at each library to help the students with their studies," Mr Baker said.

See the advertisement on this page (right) for the full details on what's involved and how to be part of it.

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 **Bega Valley Shire  
library**

# Now a destination for all



*Bermagui's Bruce Steer Pool (left), Merimbula's Short Point (centre) and the Pambula Beach Surf Club Precinct (right) will be transformed under the Bega Valley Shire - A Destination For All project.*

Three key coastal locations are set to be transformed into signature accessible destinations after the Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, this week announced \$2.271 million has been awarded to our Council under the NSW Government's Regional Growth - Environment and Tourism Fund.

The *Bega Valley Shire - A Destination For All* project will see the accessibility-focused master planning of Bruce Steer Pool (Bermagui), Short Point (Merimbula) and the Pambula Surf Club Precinct (Pambula Beach) come to life.

Mr Constance said the funding means we can continue to promote the natural beauty of this region, its accessibility and make sure it continues to be known as a major regional tourism destination, providing a huge economic benefit to our towns.

Extensive community consultation provided the cornerstone of the master planning process and the input from stakeholders and the broader community means that infrastructure improvements, including exciting new elements such as aquatic ramps, headland pathways and beach access pathways will become a reality.

Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor, Kristy McBain, said she was delighted that these projects would now be moving forward.

"With the longest coastline of any Council in NSW, there is little doubt that the unique coastal environment defines for many the sense of place in the Bega Valley," Cr McBain said.

"While it's the rugged nature of the coastline that in many ways provides its identity, unfortunately until now it has severely restricted and in many cases prevented a large proportion of the community with mobility restrictions from enjoying the activities many take for granted.

"Excitingly this work will be the catalyst for the establishment of the south-east of New South Wales and the Bega Valley Shire, more specifically, as a leader in accessible tourism.

"The planned infrastructure improvements are underpinned by our organisation-wide commitment within Bega Valley Shire Council and across the broader community to establish our area as a 'must-visit' destination - we will now truly be a destination for all," Cr McBain said.

## Bottle filling station available for loan

To promote the drinking of water, the use of water bottles and the avoidance of single-use plastic bottles, Council's Water and Sewerage Services have purchased a Water Bottle Filling Station for use by both Council and community groups.



The unit is simple to use and set up, with connection via garden hose to a garden tap through conventional snap-lock fittings.

The unit will be available on a short term loan basis from October 2018.

Interested parties can ring Council on 6499 2222 to book the unit for a maximum period of three calendar days for their event.

Stored in a wheeled, zippered canvas bag, training on the unit's assembly and use will be provided at the time of pick up from Council.

**"Carlson is a gifted and accomplished comedian - an absolute must-see."**  
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Bega Valley

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This show may contain strong coarse language and is not recommended for children under the age of 16 years.

## News from the town teams

### Shade sails installed

Shade sails have been installed above the bench seats in Carp Street Bega.

The sails complete a project that also included new timber bench slats and the painting of the structure.



Due to the nature of the work it will be necessary for the facility to be closed on occasions throughout the project.



### Line marking in Bega

Line marking has been undertaken outside the Sapphire Marketplace to improve parking movements.

A heat treated thermoplastic material is bonded to the existing bitumen to improve the longevity of the lines.

To those who continually sneak into this area from Zingel Place just don't - it is one way!



### Toilet block upgrade

The Merimbula Boat Ramp toilet block is getting a makeover over the coming weeks.

New signage and timber screening will be installed and a cement render will be applied to the old brickwork.

# Step outside your reality

The community is being encouraged to step outside of their daily reality and into a space of play when they visit the Bega Valley Regional Gallery's current exhibition 'South/East Interference Volume I – ROSIE DEACON'.

One of the most sought-after installation artists exhibited in Australia today, Rosie Deacon, describes her work as resembling large-scale, fictional geographies, inhabited by handmade sculptures and exploring states of humanity, feelings of belonging and realms of the absurd.

BVRG Director, Iain Dawson, said having grown up in the central west town of Nyngan, Rosie developed a strong love of Australiana, in no small part due to her mum's tapestries and dad's Aussie pub paraphernalia.

"These aesthetic building blocks, filtered through the lens of a contemporary art practice, and with a good measure of tourist strip kitsch, has resulted in Rosie becoming extremely successful," Mr Dawson said.

"We are excited that this exhibition has enabled Rosie to get back to her regional roots and

it promises to be a colourful celebration of humanity.

"Interestingly the exhibition features the repurposing of materials such as synthetic eyelashes together with things like acrylic paint, expanding foam, glittery stickers and clay.

"The use of everyday 'junk' and easily accessible materials results in creations that blur the lines between contemporary art, craft and jewellery practise.

"The exhibition is based on Rosie's self-described personal obsession with animal-imagery that she makes horrifyingly unfamiliar, by transforming its natural inhabitants into a spectacularly camp pastiche of faux fur and perennial pride," Mr Dawson said.

'South/East Interference Volume I – ROSIE DEACON' runs through until 20 October.

For more information visit <https://gallery.begavalley.nsw.gov.au>

The BVRG is open 10:00am - 4:00pm from Mondays to Saturdays.



Visitors are encouraged to step out of their daily reality when they step into Rosie Deacon's exhibition at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery.

## Heritage assistance

Assistance to conserve and promote the Shire's heritage places is currently available through Bega Valley Shire Council's Local Heritage Assistance Fund.

Money from the fund is available to individuals, organisations and community groups to help conserve heritage items in small grants of up to \$5,000 (excluding GST) on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Eligible projects may involve the repair, maintenance or reinstatement of missing items on heritage buildings, and can range from structural work through to painting.

Owners of heritage items in the Shire are encouraged to apply, with applications



closing on Sunday 30 September.

All applications will be assessed on merit and the funding allocated at the discretion of Council.

For more information and to apply online visit [www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/grants).

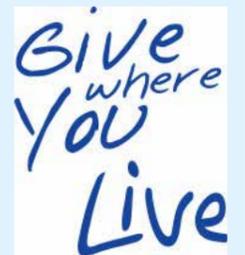
## Mumbulla Grants available

Council is thrilled to be once again partnering with the Mumbulla Foundation to support the wonderful work of our local community groups and organisations.

The Mumbulla Foundation Community Grants Program supports multiple groups each year that are focussed on improving the collective economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing of those living in the Bega Valley.

The 2018 round is now open until 30 September.

For more information on the Community Grants Program visit the Mumbulla Foundation website at <http://mumbulla.org.au/grants>.



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# STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND

## Huge funding boost for Shire

Local children, sporting groups and our hardworking volunteers will be the major beneficiaries of \$1.79 million in funding under round two of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

The Member for Bega, Andrew Constance was joined by Bega Valley Shire Council Mayor, Cr Kristy McBain, in making the announcement last Friday that will see seven key projects come to life – these include upgrades to our halls, playgrounds and sporting facilities.

Mr Constance said that upgrading our community assets is vital across rural and regional areas.

"We have some fantastic projects across the Bega Valley that Council are now funded to complete, with the direct benefit flowing to residents right across the Shire.

"The Stronger Country Communities fund is all about supporting regional community projects across the Bega Valley and beyond," Mr Constance said.

Cr McBain said this funding announcement is absolutely fantastic news for our community and it will allow us (Council) the opportunity to undertake some great projects that will benefit so many.

"It is funding and projects like these that make a real difference in bringing people together and support the great work done by volunteers and our valued community groups across our Shire.

"I would like to thank our staff who have worked tirelessly to put these project applications together and our local member, Andrew Constance, who has been instrumental in seeing them funded," Cr McBain said.

This announcement follows on from the \$974,677 allocated for other local community facilities under round one in March.



*The Member for Bega Andrew Constance and BVSC Mayor Cr Kristy McBain announced a new accessible playground for Bermagui has been funded via Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund.*

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, John Barilaro, said the roll out of the second round of projects takes Stronger Country Communities funding to \$300 million.

"The \$300 million Stronger Country Communities Fund is part of the NSW Government's \$1.6 billion Regional Growth Fund that is employing local tradies, putting local suppliers to work and providing the right environment to operate regional businesses," he said.

More information on all the funded projects are contained in the stories in this feature.

### Stronger Country Communities Funding Summary

- **Barclay Street Sportsgrounds**  
- \$653,948
- **Bermagui All-Abilities Playground**  
- \$376,507
- **Tura Headland Accessible Nature Trail**  
- \$200,000
- **Community Halls**  
- \$182,955
  - Wyndham
  - Rocky Hall
  - Brogo
  - Tarraganda
  - Candelo
- **Lawrence Park Upgrade**  
- \$140,000
- **Bega Park Amenities and Barbecue**  
- \$126,296
- **Wolumla Recreation Ground Amenities**  
- \$110,690

## Accessible nature trail

Those with mobility limitations can look forward to accessing stunning coastal views in a natural setting at the Tura Beach reserves.

Last week's announcement of \$200,000 from the Stronger Country Communities Fund along with a further \$102,000 commitment from Council will see the sites transformed.

The project will include the construction of a 1.6km track, the refurbishment of the beach access stairs and new viewing areas along the Tura Head track.

The creation of emergency vehicle access to the top of both sets of beach stairs will also be a much-needed addition.

A recent community survey found that track upgrades will meet



*Views like this will soon be available to people with mobility limitations at the Tura Beach reserves.*

community expectations and will be well used by the growing number of young families and retirees in Tura Beach.

Nature based activities are a key attraction for visitors and a large part of the appeal of living in the area.

It is anticipated that the use of the tracks will significantly increase following the upgrades as a wider range of community members, including the elderly and those with limited mobility, will have better access to the reserves.

## New playground for Bermi

Bermagui will soon have a new all-abilities playground thanks to \$376,507 from the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

The development of the nature-based play area for children and adolescents will include the installation of rocker items, a climbable pirate ship, swing set, flying fox, carousel, parkour circuit, a slide, as well as edging and a soft fall surface.

Bermagui is a rapidly growing community with various programs already in existence to support young people and people with disabilities.

Several community sporting groups, local children and visitors will benefit from this play space as it will provide adventure, excitement and fun.

Encouraging active play among children has many benefits, such as staying active, developing

resilience and emotional well-being, enhancing learning and social interaction.

It also helps the development of a child's gross motor skills.

Conveniently located in a safe location next to existing recreational facilities (skatepark, toilets and picnic settings), this all-inclusive playground will service the community and in particular, the needs of people that require specific facilities due to their physical capacity.

Friday's announcements also included \$126,296 for the construction of amenities and a sheltered barbecue area at Bega Park.

Upon completion these important additions to the park will mean that picnics, children's birthday parties and other get togethers can be enjoyed and users will be able to stay longer.

# STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND

## Kicking goals for our local clubs

Three of the Shire's sporting facilities are set for major upgrades thanks to significant funding allocations in round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

The Barclay Street Complex in Eden was the big winner, with \$897,102 (\$653,948 in grant money and further \$225,154 allocated by Council) to be spent on bringing the site up to modern standards.

The revitalisation project will include the construction of a new clubhouse building, the installation of new field lighting, the construction of a mobile grandstand and improvements to the network of paths and car parks.

The site is home to the town's Aussie Rules, Cricket and Soccer clubs and the upgrades will enable the groups to promote greater



Players, club representatives and supporters are celebrating the huge funding announcement for Eden's Barclay Street Complex that will result in a new clubhouse building, new field lighting and seating and improvements to the network of paths and car parks.

participation and to diversify their player base by encouraging more community members to become involved.

Tathra's Lawrence Park will also become a far more user friendly site, with the field lighting to be upgraded via the installation of new

poles and the outdated halogen lamps to be replaced with energy efficient LED light.

The \$267,524 project will also include the replacement and relocation of the existing playground to a safer and more accessible location.

A \$110,690 upgrade of the amenities building at the Wolumla Recreation Ground will include the renewal and extension of an awning, refurbishment of the change rooms and toilets, construction of a new shared storage shed and the installation of a new ceiling lining in the open area.

## Putting the heat into kitchens

With work now underway on upgrades to four of our community kitchens that were funded under round 1 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund, Council is thrilled to confirm further success in round 2.

The announcement last week by the Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, of a further \$182,955 in funding means that the volunteers and users of the halls in Brogo, Candelo, Rocky Hall, Tarraganda and Wyndham will also soon enjoy modern facilities.

The planned upgrades will include replacing old joinery and benches with full stainless steel benches; and the installation of double sinks and

hand basins, new flooring, fridges and ovens.

Council's Cemeteries and Halls Officer, Karen Terwin, said that upgraded kitchens promise to attract a broader range of hirers and users and increase the scope of these vital community spaces.

"Small food producers in these areas will also be able to safely and legally produce foods for sale at local markets and for wholefood organisations, providing new employment opportunities and growth within the region," Ms Terwin said.

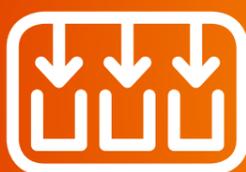
"Not-for-profit community groups could also potentially provide further services to those in need."



The installation of a new kitchen is underway at the Pambula Hall.

New members are always welcome to join the various community hall committees across the Shire.

For more information on Council's community halls, contact Karen Terwin on 6499 2222.



## Community Recycling Centres

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# Council Meeting wrap up

## Hotel Australasia

### Expressions of Interest

A call for expressions of interest (EOI) from people or groups that are interested in purchasing the Hotel Australasia from Council will be considered together with the marketing plans provided by local real estate agents.

Details on how to lodge an EOI will be available on Council's website and advertised in the local media this week.

EOI's can include public/private partnerships

Closes: 17 October 2018

### Sportsground Fees

Council endorsed for Public Exhibition the S355 General Sportsground Committee's recommendation to adopt the 2018/19 Local Sports Club User Group fees/charges.

These will be trialled as an individual rate for each registered player - \$20/season for an adult and \$10/season for a junior with the clubs to be invoiced.

### Pambula Sporting Complex

The Pambula Sporting Complex Master Plan will be revised to identify the provision of Squash Courts/Multi-use space at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre.

Council also confirmed its in-principle support for the Merimbula Basketball and Netball proposal as a key element of the Pambula Sporting Complex Master Plan and will include the project as a campus to be located at Ford Park.

### Bermagui Projects

Projects to install disabled parking in Bunga Street; design and construct an all-abilities playground; and reseal Lamont Street from the intersection of Bunga Street to the bridge with appropriate line marking will be delivered in the Bermagui township following appropriate consultation and engagement and prior to the finalisation of a new CBD design plan.

### NRL Trial Match

Council will support a proposed NRL Trial match in February by providing appropriate financial and human resources to assist with the staging of the game at the Bega Recreation Ground.

### Wallaga Lake Koori Village

Council has accepted the role of Principal Contractor to the Department of Industry – Water, for the provision of Water and Sewerage Services to the Wallaga Lake Koori Community (WLKV), for a five year period commencing on 1 October 2018.

For the full agenda & minutes visit <http://begavalley.infocouncil.biz>

## Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 October  
@ 2pm

Council Chambers, Biamanga Room,  
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Centre, Bega

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## Make pool safety a priority

Council is urging pool owners to make safety a priority.

Owners of any swimming pools or spas capable of holding 30cm or more of water (including those that are portable and inflatable) are legally required to register them on the NSW Swimming Pool Register – this can be done for free at [www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au](http://www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au).

Pools must be completely surrounded by a compliant pool fence with a self-closing and self-latching gate, while spas may be fitted with a child-resistant lockable lid.

Pools and spas that hold 2000 litres of water or more may also need development consent from Council.

Council's Environmental Health and Building Coordinator, Jonathon Pyke, said that with an average of 15 children aged 0-4 dying from drowning in pools every year in Australia, vigilance is essential.

"Regularly checking the effectiveness of pool fences and gates, actively supervising children around the water and never propping pool gates open are just some of the commonsense yet important measures that all owners should take," Mr Pyke said.

"The 'Kids Alive – Do the Five' water safety program <https://kidsalive.com.au>

com.au spells out the five key steps that ensure safety is maximised.

"As we all know drowning happens quickly and silently and distractions like answering the phone, attending to another child, or ducking inside to grab something can have tragic consequences.

"Swimming lessons are great, but they are no substitute for active supervision and a pool fence in good working order.

"Self-assessment checklists to assist with the compliance of your pool fencing are available on the NSW Swimming Pool Register, alternatively you can arrange for a Council officer to inspect your pool or spa by phoning (02) 6499 2222.

"A Council inspection costs \$150 and if your pool or spa is found to be compliant, you will be issued with a Certificate of Compliance," Mr Pyke said.

More information on pool safety is available on Council's website at [https://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/cp\\_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-KBK-72-66-37](https://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-KBK-72-66-37); the Royal Lifesaving Australia website at <https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/families/at-home/home-pool-safety>; and the NSW Swimming Pool Register website at [www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au](http://www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au)

Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre

Zingel Place, Bega

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Visit our website to book a space or see what's on!





# Tathra & District Recovery

## Message from the Salvos

Have you been impacted by either of the recent Bega Valley bushfires?

At The Salvation Army we believe that no one should have to 'go it' alone. When the emergency is over, we don't pull out. We step up our services to reflect the needs of the community, and we'll stand along-side you through the long haul of recovery.

Our emergency support workers will provide immediate assistance with cash and goods - no long forms to fill out or waiting periods. When disaster strikes we know you need the help, fast.

But our support is long-term, meaning years, not months.

Our focus is not just on the reconstruction of physical infrastructure, but on the restoration of your physical, emotional, environmental and economic well-being.

The Salvation Army Bega can provide trained financial counsellors, caseworkers and chaplains as well as local people for community support projects.

We have a financial counsellor (Kathryn Swinton 0435 963 472) on standby to provide assistance by appointment for those experiencing financial difficulty or who are feeling overwhelmed by the myriad of financial considerations following the total loss of property.

Our Doorways Caseworker, Anne Horsburgh, is available to support to those experiencing difficulty with practical day to day activities or who are feeling overwhelmed by their circumstances.

She is available for general community consultation or to take clients for individual casework – please call Anne on 0456 266 400 to arrange an appointment.

Sometimes a cuppa and a chat is all you need some days - we've got that covered too!

Fire affected residents can access cash grants and donated goods by contacting Deb Parsons on 0412 024 668 or emailing [bega.corps@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:bega.corps@ae.salvationarmy.org).

Residents can also drop in to our SalvosConnect community centre on Thursday mornings from 9:30am - 12:00pm at 170 Auckland Street Bega.



## Tathra & District Recovery

### Community Meetings

Bega Valley Shire Council is committed to supporting Tathra, Reedy Swamp and Vimy Ridge residents through the bushfire recovery. Based on your feedback we will continue to hold monthly meetings to keep you up to date, answer your questions and share information.

All impacted residents are invited to attend.

#### Meetings will be held monthly

6pm - 7pm @ Tathra Public School Hall

- ✓ 12 July
- ✓ 9 August
- ✓ 6 September
- 4 October
- 1 November
- 13 December



### Tathra & District Fire Recovery Support Service 6499 2475

#### Storytime & Craft: Happy Holiday Hands

Children's stories will focus on growth, determination and resilience with a fabulous hands-on craft.

**When:** Friday 5th October 10.30am-11.30am **Cost:** Free **Age:** 2-7

**Where:** Conference Room, Tathra Beach House Apartments

**Booking:** Limited to 10 people!

Book online at [begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au](http://begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au)

#### Craft Workshop: 3D Printer Pens

3D pens are so much fun... they can be tricky too. Are you up for the challenge?

**When:** Friday 5th October 12.00pm- 1.30pm **Cost:** Free **Age:** 7-12

**Where:** Conference Room, Tathra Beach House Apartments

**Booking:** Limited to 6 people!

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