

# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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## All abilities playground

After almost two years of fundraising and planning, the first sod has been turned in the upgrade to the playground at Merimbula's Ford Park. The existing play area will be given an exciting facelift and named Livvi's Place, making it the region's first playground that is inclusive and accessible for all people, including those with disabilities, in wheelchairs or with other mobility aids.



The upgrade has been a long term project for Bega Valley Shire Council, following consultation in 2012 that highlighted the need for more inclusive facilities in the Shire. Livvi's Place is the result of a unique partnership between a national charity, Touched by Olivia, the Rotary Club of Merimbula and Council. The Foundation helped to inform park design and assisted Council with raising funds to build the park. Council contributed about \$200,000 towards the cost of building the park and the Touched by Olivia Foundation raising about \$100,000 through working with corporate sponsors and local groups. A number of local community groups and organisations have been key supporters of the playground from the start, particularly the Rotary Club of Merimbula.

The tender for supply and installation of play equipment is underway, construction drawings and documents for landscape works are being finalised and will be put out for tender in the coming weeks. Construction on the upgrade to Ford Park playground is scheduled to commence in August- September 2015.

*Photograph from left: BVSC Leisure and Recreation Projects Engineer - Richard Cunningham, Primary Club representative - Graeme Fowler, Merimbula Rotary President - John Ferguson, Member for Bega - Andrew Constance, Touched By Olivia Foundation representative - Bec Ho, Cr Kristy McBain with Max McBain and Cr Sharon Tapscott.*

## Jobs with Council

- **Insurance/Risk Officer.**  
We are seeking a motivated individual with an advanced knowledge of Insurance and Risk Management with strong communication, analytical and investigative skills. Our Insurance/Risk Officer's position undertakes the investigation and management of insurance claims and administers Council's insurance portfolio. Applications close Friday 26 June 2015 at 5.00pm.

- **Risk/Internal Audit Coordinator.**  
We are seeking someone with a knowledge of Enterprise Risk Management principles and practices who has strong communication, analytical and investigative skills. This position also coordinates Council's internal audit function and provides secretariat support to Council's Internal Audit Committee and the role of Local Emergency Management Officer. Applications close Friday 26 June 2015 at 5.00pm.

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](mailto:recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au)
- Post: The General Manager, Bega Valley Shire Council, PO Box 492, Bega NSW 2550.
- Fax: 6499 2200.

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## Coastal Zone plan on exhibition

Council has developed a Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan for Pambula Lake Estuary, a highly valued and scenic estuary. The plan identifies all the values and threats of Pambula Lake and suggests short, medium and long term actions for the estuaries management.

The aim is to have a long term strategic vision for the estuary and catchment, and to have achievable goals which can lead to the better estuary management and overall estuary health.

The draft plan will be on public exhibition until Tuesday 2 July and copies are available from the Bega Valley Shire Council head office, the four shire libraries and on our website. To comment on the plan go to [www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or you can post your submission to our Bega office.

## Eden hotel DA refused

Council has rejected an application from the owner of the Hotel Australasia in Eden to amend his development application to allow staged development of the site.

Great Southern Developments Pty Ltd, applied to modify an earlier development consent that was issued by the Land and Environment Court of NSW for the demolition of the Hotel Australasia and construction of a retail development.

The modification sought approval to stage the works with Stage 1 being the demolition works and Stage 2 the construction and operation of the retail development.

Under the existing consent the applicant is required to pay the Section 94 car parking contribution of \$453,100 to Council prior to any work commencing.

The proposed staged modification would have resulted in the developer having no obligation to pay the Section 94 commitment prior to any demolition works commencing.

Mayor Michael Britten said the proposed staging was not in the public interest, and it posed a significant risk to the future growth of a town currently experiencing positive change through the Eden Port project and CBD improvements.

## Medallion nominations

A reminder that nominations are open for a Shire award that recognises the selfless commitment to community by local volunteers.

The Bega Valley Shire Medallion is an annual award that acknowledges the outstanding work of unsung volunteers across our community.

We have literally hundreds of people in our towns and villages who are giving up their time to help others in the community and the shire medallion enables us to recognise that work and to say thank you to our volunteers.

So if you know someone who deserves recognition for their contribution, nominate him or her now – be it a friend, neighbour, family member or just someone you admire.

Official nomination forms are available from our website [www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or by phoning Tamara Whiting on 6499 2222. Nominations close on 10 July.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to well-known and admired Eden identity Nev Cowgill who was acknowledged in this week's Queen's Birthday Honours with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for many years of service to the Eden community including ambulance driving, the Eden Marine Rescue and Coastal Patrol, Scouts and Sea Scouts, SES, ESSC and the RSL, Twofold Bay Yacht Club and the Eden Foreshore Committee.

Also honoured was former Federal Member for Eden Monaro, Gary Nairn, who received the Officer of the Order of Australia (OA) for distinguished service to the Parliament of Australia, to the communities of NSW and the NT, to surveying and spatial science, and to disability support groups. Gary was our MP from 1996 to 2007.

## Doing business with Council

Supply and Installation of Playground Equipment at Ford Park Merimbula and Bega Park, Bega. Close 12pm, 17 June.

Construction of Central Waste Facility Landfill Cell 2. Close 12pm, 17 June.

Construction tender for Bega Civic Centre, Council Chamber fit-out. Close 12pm, 8 July.

All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-tendering portal at [www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley](http://www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley)

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