

Bega Valley Shire Council

village newsletter

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Wonboyn Lake Boat Ramp & Jetty Reconstruction Project

Works on the Wonboyn Lake Boat Ramp & Jetty Reconstruction Project will commence on Monday 2 February 2015. The old boat ramp and timber jetty will be replaced with a precast concrete boat ramp and floating pontoon jetty.

The launching area and carpark will also be upgraded as part of the project. A temporary boat ramp will still provide access to Wonboyn Lake, however the construction contractor's equipment and materials will reduce the available carparking area, during the construction period.

Construction will occur during February and March 2015, with the new facility to be completed in time for Easter / April School Holidays.

Extended Lifeguard service

Lifeguard services at Tathra will be extended to the end of February thanks to the Tathra Chamber of Commerce and a Southern Phones Mayoral Grant funded from its annual dividend.

Bega Valley Shire Council funds the service at eight locations across the Shire during the school holidays until the end of January. This initiative is being championed by the Tathra Chamber of Commerce as a way of encouraging increased visitation during the February period, particularly targeting families who have children not yet at school. This year's dividend of more than \$196,000 came with a \$25,000 bonus from Southern

Phone that is being offered to local community groups through the Southern Phones Mayoral Grant. The lifesaving service will operate Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and be staffed by two professionally trained and qualified lifeguards in Australian Lifeguard Services branded uniforms.

Thankyou, thankyou!

A very very big thank you to the kind person who found and returned the Candelo Transfer Stations cash float on Saturday 17th Jan.

Learn to Swim

Term 1 is just around the corner and we are now taking enrolments for our Learn to Swim programs at Eden Memorial Pool, Bemboka Pool and Sapphire Aquatic Centre. To register your child please contact the Aquatic Programs Coordinator Katrina on 0428 658 416.

Youth Week Grants 2015

Council has allocated grants to seven recipients, all with great activities that will make the local Youth Week events the best ever in 2015!

Successful groups included Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre "Snorkel Survey"; Edgy Art Inc/ Sculpture on the Edge "Make it Your Own"; Sapphire Coast Rotaract "Amazing Race"; fLing Physical Theatre Inc "Fresh Moves for Youth Week"; South Coast Skate Club "Skate Comp and BBQ"; Women's Resource Centre (WRC) "Creative Art Workshops" and Spiral Gallery "Ceramic Postcard Workshop".

Jobs with Council

Lifeguard

We are seeking a highly motivated and experienced person to assist in the day to day operations of the Sapphire Aquatic Centre. This is a permanent part-time, 25 hour per week position.

Applications close on January 26 at 5pm.

Learn to Swim Instructor (Casual Pool)

We are seeking qualified and experienced people to conduct swimming classes on a casual basis at Council's Aquatic Facilities (Sapphire Aquatic Centre, Eden Memorial Pool and Bemboka Pool).

Applications close on January 30 at 5pm.

Email your application to recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au before closing time or post your application to The General Manager, Bega Valley Shire Council, PO Box 492, Bega NSW 2550 or fax to 6499 2200.

Address the selection criteria in the position description, this can be obtained by phoning 6499 2222 or downloading from our website.

Applications received after closing time won't be considered.

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Australia Day around the Shire

Bega

Communities around the Bega Valley Shire will be celebrating Australia Day on Monday, January 26 in a variety of ways and with a variety of activities.

The official Shire celebration will be held at Littleton Gardens in Bega with the wet weather venue if needed in the Bega Showground in Upper Street Bega.

A free breakfast in the park will be available from 7.30am with the official ceremony starting at 8.30am hosted by Deputy Mayor Liz Seckold with Andrew Gray of South East Arts as the master of ceremonies.

Along with the presentation of Bega Valley Shire Citizens awards to Marie Smith of Bega and Janita Fernandez of Merimbula and Young Citizens of the Year Awards as to Imogen Pittolo of Bega and Kalidevi Samuels-Connell of Pericoe.

There will also be a citizenship ceremony where 10 people will become Australian citizens.

There will be an address from Australia Day Ambassador, Olympic swimming medallist Mark Tonelli and then the presentation of the Bega Chamber of Commerce and Industry Community Citizen of the Year awards with entertainment by Brittany Meers and Jake Whyman.

At 10am Ambassador Mark will judge the "Thongathon: What makes you and Aussie Fan?" competition with Bega Valley Art Gallery curator, Iain Dawson.

Bermagui

The Bermagui Seaside Fair Committee will feature Australia Day again this year for its 'Umbrellas of Bermagui' project launched last year. Bermagui businesses have purchased 20 x 3m shade umbrellas and 20 very accomplished artists are decorating them with amazing designs.

The committee plans to auction each umbrella at the Seaside Fair on March 14 to raise money for local preschools. The Umbrellas of Bermagui will on display from 10.30am on Australia Day on the lawns in front of the Bermagui Country Club, accompanied by a sausage sizzle. Australia Day Ambassador for the Bega Valley Shire, Mark Tonelli, will also attend.

Merimbula

The Merimbula Rotary Club will host a ceremony in Rotary Park, which gets underway with a gold coin donation breakfast from 7am. The Sapphire Coast Concert Band will perform at 7.30am and there will be a static display of historical Australian cars by the Sapphire Coast Historical Vehicle Club with the official ceremony commencing at 8.30am.

This will include community service award presentations, as well as addresses by Mayor Michael Britten and Merimbula Australia Day Ambassador, Alexandra Seddon from Potoroo Palace.



Pambula Beach

The Sapphire Aquatic Centre and the with the Pambula Swim Club will host a sausage sizzle and meet and greet with Australia Day Ambassador, Olympic medallist Mark Tonelli, in a pre-Australia Day function from 1.45pm on Sunday, January 25. Members of public will also be invited to attend and gold coin donations to the Swimming Club would be appreciated. Mark will speak about his swimming achievements.

Cobargo

Official program starts at noon, but a sausage sizzle and get together will kick off the day from 11am onwards. The official program will include the announcement of the Cobargo and District Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year and an Australia Day address from the shire's Mayor Michael Britten after the Merimbula ceremony. The new school captains of Cobargo and Quaama Public Schools will make their first speeches in their new roles and after the formalities there will be more refreshments.

Eden

The annual Australia Day business house cricket challenge will be hosted by the Eden Cricket Club and this year will introduce the new six-a-side format with six innings and every player bowling an over. Entry per team is \$50 and the winning side will have the chance to nominate a charity to receive the donations raised on the day. Teams must include at least one female player and runs scored by the ladies and under-14s will be doubled. The day will kick off at 10.30am at the Eden Cricket Ground.

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