

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Senior Citizens honoured

Two high performing local volunteers were honoured on Saturday as the Joint 2016 Bega Valley Shire Senior Citizens of the Year. Mayor Michael Britten announced that Brian Richards of Bega and Eileen Cameron of Eden had been nominated for their contributions to their communities when he presented the awards at the Golden Gig, the centrepiece of Council's Seniors Festival activities to honour our older citizens.

Mr Richards spent 62 years on the Bega Tennis Club which included three terms as president and 35 years as treasurer, many of them doubling with his role as secretary. He relaunched the night competition in 1973 and ran it continuously for 41 years until his retirement last year. He coached on Saturday mornings for the same period. He also grew the Easter competition to a major annual event for the club to a point where 250 to 300 players were contributing \$200,000 into the Bega economy at its peak.

Mrs Cameron has been a strong advocate for the rights of her Eden community for many years. On a daily basis, she is the link between the local St Vincent de Paul Society and people in need, providing food, fuel and or vouchers. She is available at any time, day or night and never lets down a person in crisis. Mrs Cameron is also a member of the Social Justice Advocacy Group and a volunteer with the Eden Killer Whale Museum.

More than 200 people from across the Shire attended a free community luncheon, the Golden Gig, in the new

Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre – a first visit for many of the seniors who were very impressed by the new facility.

Photograph: Seniors of the Year Eileen Cameron and Brian Richards.



Info about flora reserves

A community information day at Tanja Hall will be held on Saturday, 23 April, to let people know about the new flora reserves, fire management, koala surveys and monitoring and volunteering opportunities in the area and how they will be managed.

Staff from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage are hoping to inspire a new group of volunteers to assist with the koala monitoring that is happening in the area.

There will be information and displays from 9am to 1pm and survey volunteering will be covered from 1pm to 4pm. For more information or to register your interest, phone Debbie Hunt on 0421 172667 or email her at debbie.hunt@environment.nsw.gov.au

Jobs with Council

- Certified Supervisor - Eden Childcare Centre. The successful applicant will have strong theoretical knowledge of how children grow and learn with demonstrated practical skills for implementing an approved curriculum combined with strong team leadership skills and the ability to effectively mentor and supervisor the reflective practices of others in the workplace. Applications close on 17 April.
- Lifeguard (Part Time). This position operates on a 7 day rotating roster and you may be required to work at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre, Eden Pool and Bemboka Pool. Responsibility includes ensure the routine operation and maintenance of pool equipment; undertaking the necessary repairs in accordance with directions; provide lifeguard duties; provide a high standard of customer service to pool users. Applications close on 28 April at 5pm

Full position descriptions and selection criteria on Council's website. Address the selection criteria and send by email to recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au or post to address below.

Tenders

- Preparation of a remediation plan for old Bermagui landfill site. Close on 20 April, 12pm
- Community information on fluoridation of BVSC water supplies. Close on 4 May, 12pm.
- Brothers in Arms Memorial. Close on 11 May, 12pm.

Visit our e-Tendering Portal at www.tenderlink.com/begavalley

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Apply for a Clubs Grant

Local organisations that want to make a difference in their communities are encouraged to apply for funds through the ClubGRANTS Program. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for projects that improve community wellbeing and address social issues in the Bega Valley Shire. ClubGRANTS is a shared State Government and club industry program, funded by a gaming machine tax rebate to those registered clubs with gaming machine profits in excess of \$1 million. The local clubs involved are Bermagui Country Club, Club Bega, Club Sapphire, Eden Fishermen's Recreation Club, Merimbula RSL, Pambula Merimbula Golf Club, Tathra Beach Bowling Club and Tura Beach Country Club. More information and application forms can be found at www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au or you can call Anne Cleverley on 6499 2367. Applications close on 3 May.

Aquatic Centre maintenance

The two pools at Sapphire Aquatic Centre will be closed from Saturday, 2 July to Sunday 17 July for maintenance and repairs to both the 25 metre pool and the multipurpose pool. During that time the gym, land-based group fitness classes and the child minding room will remain open. The annual shutdown usually occurs during the April school holidays but this year it has been pushed back to the July holidays when fewer people use the pools. Works will include the refurbishment of the 25 metre pool liner with a fiberglass laminate coating and modifications to the stainless steel rails on both pools.

Tertiary scholarships awarded

Six students from the Bega Valley Shire will have a helping hand with their studies, thanks to the latest round of Council's Tertiary Scholarships. A total of \$5000 was awarded to the students during a presentation at the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre on Wednesday. Recipients are Emily Ferencz from Lochiel who is studying a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care through TAFE Illawarra; Carl Angove from Buckajo who has just signed up for an apprenticeship in Engineering and Trailer Making through TAFE Illawarra; Jessica Ford from Wolumla who is studying a Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathology)/ Bachelor of Forensic Bio Technology by distance education through Charles Sturt University; Marny Cummings from Merimbula who is studying a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Wollongong; Hollie Russell from Merimbula who is studying a Masters in Teaching (Primary) at the University of Wollongong; Priya Benjamin from Bega who is studying a Bachelor of Business Administration through the Australian National University.



Photograph: Tertiary Scholarship recipients, Carl Angove, Priya Benjamin, Emily Ferencz, Hollie Russell and Marny Cummings.

Questacon coming for Innovation Week

Questacon is coming to the Bega library as part of the Regional Innovation Week in the Bega Valley Shire that runs from 27 April to 3 May. The Questacon Maker Project will offer free walk-up workshops between 3pm and 9pm on Thursday 28 April as well as two scheduled 90 minute workshops on the same day.

The walk-up workshops will be interactive and hands-on using technology and engineering themes to suit a wide audience including children whereas the scheduled workshops are aimed at people aged from 12 years to adults. The scheduled workshops are free and will offer an in-depth focus on robotics and 3D design and printing. One workshop will start at 4.30pm and the second at 6.30pm, both at Bega library.

Places are limited to 20 people for each scheduled workshop. To book your place, register online at questaconbega2016.eventbrite.com.au or phone Bega library on 6499 2127.

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