## Bega Valley Shire Council

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### **Economic summit**

More than 100 delegates attended the inaugural Bega Valley Economic Summit last week and its impact will be felt across the community as the region builds on the potential of the Port of Eden development, Merimbula Airport expansion and international flights at Canberra Airport. It was organised by Council which is aiming to help grow a diverse, vibrant, resilient and balanced economy for the

future.

Members of the Eden,
Merimbula, Bega and
Bermagui Chambers of
Commerce played an active
role on the Summit floor,
making the most of the high
calibre speakers who threw
their support behind the
event and the region.

Council's general manager,

Leanne Barnes, said the Summit gave great impetus to Council's Economic Development Strategy. "People have formed networks out of this and have committed themselves to working together on common goals," she said. "For example, one group led by former Eden Marine High School principal Paul Morris is developing links between education and employment. Council is here to support that and keep the momentum going."

Photo: Jenny Robb, Dixie Fitzclarence and Councillor Kristy Mcbain at the summit.

### Aldi investigates Merimbula outlet

BVSC has executed a Deed of Agreement with RomFam Investments for the acquisition of the Councilowned former library site on Main St, Merimbula with an Aldi store as the anchor tenant for the development that would follow any sale. The two blocks were offered for sale by tender with no offers received, leaving BVSC free to negotiate with any potential purchaser. The agreement gives the company up to 12 months to conduct its due diligence and they have indicated they are looking forward to working with the Merimbula business community to ensure the benefits of having Aldi in the region are shared.

### **Sapphire Coast Science Festival**

Locals can celebrate National Science Week 2016 with a variety of fun activities for all ages at the Sapphire Coast Science Festival, which runs from Saturday August 13 through to Sunday August 21. The week begins with a celebration at the new Tura Marrang Library and Community Centre where you are invited to share the launch of a new app and recording platform for the Atlas of Life. The festival will include the Best of Scinema at the Pambula Merimbula Golf Club; Panboola Frogwatch, science experiments and activities for visitors of all ages throughout the week. Enjoy a guided walk on the first section of the Bundian

### Jobs with Council

- Works primary labourer (town team). Applications close
   Tuesday 9 August at 5pm.
- Team leader specialist (bridges).
   Applications close Tuesday 9
   August at 5pm.
- Works team members 3
   positions. Applications close
   Tuesday 9 August at 5pm.
- Water and sewer assets coordinator. Applications close Tuesday 9 August at 5pm.
- Lifeguards-pool attendants two positions. Applications close Sunday 14 August 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**

 Quotations are sought for a review of Council's communications. Quotations close at noon on 17 August.

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

Way Story Trail, and you will be able to test your trivia knowledge at the RSPCA trivia night. There will be a drone and quadcopter demonstrations and a bang at the STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) expo. The festival will close on Sunday 21 August when everyone can enjoy the shows presented by the wonderful, explosive Dr Graham, the Science show-off, in the Gulaga foyer of the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre. For more information and bookings visit http://www.atlasoflife. org.au/sapphire-coast-sciencefestival-2016

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#### Clubs fund community projects

More than \$98,000 was provided to 37 community organisations in the Shire this week from Bega Valley Clubs Grants. Club Grants is a statewide initiative that recognises clubs' significant financial support for projects and services that contribute to the wellbeing of their communities.

Clubs that earn more than \$1 million annually in gaming machine revenue provide funding for community projects and services, and in turn receive dollar-for-dollar gaming tax deductions. Each year through Club Grants, clubs across NSW provide support to tens of thousands of local community organisations, sporting groups, and charities that make a difference in their local areas.

Over the last 13 years Bega Valley Club Grants have contributed close to \$1.2 million to the local community. The clubs involved are the Eden Fishermen's Recreation Club, Merimbula RSL, Tura Beach Country Club, Club Bega Pambula Merimbula Golf Club Tathra Beach Bowling Club Bermagui Country Club and Club Sapphire Merimbula. Council administers the project.

### **Clubs Grants recipients are:**

Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME mentee transport and mentor development); Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation (respite and education for Bega Valley children living in families affected by mental illness); Bega Senior Citizens (bus outing to Burnima House, Bombala: Bega Valley Autism Lab; Bega Valley Suicide Prevention Action

Network; Bermagui Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism (outdoor fitness equipment; Bermagui Historical Society (framing and preservation of an 1888 Bermaguee town map; Bowelcare Australia (BowelCare annual screening kits for Bega Valley Shire); Cobargo Preschool (outdoor play enrichment);

DefenceCare (enhancing the wellbeing of ADF veterans and their families); Eden Rural Fire Service (VHF radios); Far South Coast Family Support Services –program for disadvantaged mothers/carers and young children); Imlay House Auxiliary (Nicospray decontamination machine); Lara Jean Association (Movie Mayhem at The Picture Showman for local special needs children); Lyndon - Wandarma Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service (summer hip hop workshops); Marine Rescue NSW Merimbula (pontoon extension); Men of League Foundation (The Advantage Line program);

Men's Shed at Merimbula (testing and tagging all hand-held electronic tools); Merimbula Big Game and Lakes Angling Club (safety gate for Merimbula jetty); Montreal Goldfield Management Committee (signage for guided tours); Nardy House (entertainment-recreational area); Pambula Community Bike Show

(Bega Valley Motorcycle Expo monies); Panorama RSL Day Club (weekly transport to venue and outings); Pearls Place (Christmas provisions and operational support); Police Citizens Youth Clubs (Nations of Origin- 7s Rugby League under 16 boys and girls from the Yuin Nation); Quaama Rural Fire Brigade (outstation communications); Road Safety Education Ltd (RYDA road safety education program); Sapphire Coast Historical Vehicle Club (youth mentoring program);

Southern Women's Group (women's woodwork classes); St Vincent de Paul Society Bega (Christmas hampers) St Vincent De Paul Society Merimbula (Christmas project); The Disability Trust (Kangaroo Run project); The Disability Trust (Eagles netball team uniforms); University of the Third Age Bermagui (data projector for educational purposes); Wallaga Lake Bermagui Men's Shed (dust extraction system); Workplace Learning South Coast (apprenticeships and traineeships info session); Wyndham Primary P and C (shade sails over the lunch tables).

#### The NBN experience

More than 50 Bega Valley Shire residents and businesses were among the first in Australia to trial NBN's Sky Muster satellite service last week. The custom-made NBN Sky Muster truck is fitted with large touchscreens and a portable satellite antenna that allow people to get onto the NBN network either via a Wi-Fi hotspot powered by NBN's Sky Muster satellite service or by physically getting onto the internet on the truck's touchscreens. The truck visited Bega and Eden as part of the Bega Valley Economic Summit and many visitors were keen to check their addresses and find out when the NBN was available.

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