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Mumbulla grants

The deadline for applications for Mumbulla Foundation grants is approaching on 17 September at 5pm. More than \$70,000 worth of community grants are available to community organisations, schools, charities, volunteers and individuals who make a contribution to life in the Bega Valley Shire. Council is an equal partner with the Mumbulla Foundation to fund the grants to small groups for local social, environmental and cultural activities.

Last year there were 36 Mumbulla Foundation grants ranging from \$700 to \$7,500 and included a trip to Sydney for a group of primary school students; construction of an outdoor area at a pre-school; rescue equipment for the Bega District VRA; and tools for the Eden and Merimbula Men's Sheds. For information about eligibility and how to apply, go to www.mumbulla.org.au and find the Grants page.

Bushfire danger period

THE NSW Rural Fire Service has delayed the start of the statutory bush fire danger period across the Far South Coast area due to recent significant rainfall.

Traditionally, the bush fire danger period begins on 1 September on the Far South Coast.

However, fire permits are not yet required for the Bega Valley Shire due to continued benign weather conditions and a significant increase in fuel moisture content. The bush fire danger period for the Bega Valley Shire for 2015 will begin on 1 October.

NSW RFS Superintendent John Cullen said landholders are encouraged to take advantage of the milder conditions and use the opportunity to ensure their properties are well prepared for summer.

"Every resident should have a bushfire survival plan and make sure every member of their household knows what to do in the event of a fire," he said.

Totems and rock monument

The Aboriginal totems and rock monument outside Council's Bega offices have been moved and carefully stored during the Littleton Gardens landscaping works. Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Graham Moore, has been working with the Local Aboriginal Lands Councils to ensure that the Aboriginal totems and the rock monument are appropriately stored and returned following works.

The decision was made to prevent possible damage while works are carried out. The totems and rock were put in place as part of the first Memorandum of Understanding between the Aboriginal Community and Bega Valley Shire Council in 2001.

Bega Tathra Safe Ride

Next week is NSW Bike Week and people wanting to discuss a way forward for the Bega to Tathra Safe Ride are invited to attend a meeting at the Bega Valley Shire Council chambers on Thursday 17th September at 2:30pm. The meeting is to build on the initial public awareness and identify specific roles and tasks that can help progress the plan.

Jobs with Council

- Finance Cadet. We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to undertake the role of Finance Cadet. Applications close at 5pm on 14 September.
- Road Naming Projects Officer. The successful applicant will have well developed interpersonal skills with the ability to build working relationships with stakeholders, interpret legislation, prioritise commitments and work independently as required. Applications close at 5pm on 14 September.
- Casual Lifeguards & Pool Attendant (Contract). These are Contract Casual positions commencing 03/10/2015 ending 27/03/2016. Applications close at 5pm on 15 September.
- Ranger. This person will promote public safety, a positive Council image and protect and enhance the environment through targeted environmental initiatives. Applications close at 5pm on 16 September.
- Revenue Officer. This is a full time job and includes administration of rates/charges, water billing and accounts receivable. Applications close at 5pm on 25 September.

Position descriptions are available from our website or by phoning Council. When applying, address the selection criteria in your application and send by email to recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au or post to the address below.

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South Coast Field Days

The South Coast Field Days this year are on this weekend, 12 and 13 September, at the Bega Showgrounds running under the motto of "Sustainable Land Use and Living". Food author and ABC/SBS news reader Indira Naidoo will headline the speakers' tent with many other inspirational speakers. There will also be a local hand-made fashion parade, interactive discussion panels, local live music, bio-char making demonstrations and much more. Check out www.southcoastfielddays.com.au for a full rundown of what is on over the two days.

Assisting with Suicide Risk workshop

Assisting Families is a group of workshops designed to help families, friends and carers of people with mental illness. Families and friends can build on their knowledge, skills and find the most up to date information relevant to carers.

These workshops value the experience of carers and families, are delivered in a relaxed atmosphere and can be a great place to enjoy support from others in similar situations.

The Assisting with Suicide Risk module aims to build on your skills and confidence to have a conversation with your loved-one about suicide and self-harm; to help you to identify warning signs and to reach out for help and support. It will also give families and carers the opportunity to explore the impact of the caring role on themselves and their own wellbeing.

The workshops will be held in Bermagui on Wednesday 14 October from 10am to 12.30pm and in Bega on Monday 26 October from 6pm to 8.30pm. Call Mary Henry at Carer Assist Moruya on 4474 0900 for more information or to make a booking. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. You do not need to be on a Centrelink carer's payment to attend these workshops

Merimbula library on the move

As part of the transition towards the new library in Tura Beach, the Merimbula library will close from 19 September, with a 'pop up' service offering library access during the construction period. Council was given 30 days' notice to move from the current location by the property owner who wishes to redevelop the site.

With the Tura Beach library in development, Council is exploring options to maintain a library service for the community that allows for public access to some library amenities until the Tura Beach library is functional. The project time for the new library is estimated to take 16 weeks, starting in November, so it is expected to be completed by March 2016.

Meanwhile a pop up library portal service that would allow access to the library catalogue and an ability to reserve and pick up library items is under consideration. Additionally, the library portal will allow for newspaper and magazine access, free Wi-Fi, computer access including scanning, and an area for reading and studying. For more information phone Bega Valley Shire Council on 6499 2222.

Doing business with Council

- Tenders are invited for construction of timber footbridges and a gravel pathway at Lake Curalo, Eden. Tenders close at noon on 23 September.
- Tenders are invited for the fit-out and external works of the Tura Beach Library. Tenders close at noon on 20 September.
- Tenders are invited for cleaning Bega Valley Shire Council buildings. Tenders close on 29 September.

All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley

Where's William?

Little William Tyrrell disappeared from his grandmother's home on the NSW mid-north coast on 12 September 2014 and his family is launching a public appeal to mark that awful anniversary. "We need your help to find him. He could be anywhere. The police believe William could still be alive," they say. If you have seen William or have any information relating to his disappearance, please contact Crime Stoppers now on 1800 333 000 or crimestoppers.com.au



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