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# Merimbula Flood Study

With the assistance of a grant from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's Floodplain Risk Management Grant Program, Council is in the progress of completing the Merimbula Flood Study with the assistance of consultants, Cardno.

Stage 1, involving community consultation, data review and survey of flood marks was completed October 2015.

The information from the community survey has been used to set up and calibrate the computer model simulations that represent existing conditions.

Simulations for tidal and catchment flooding events of various frequency are being developed and tested and should be complete after Easter.

Assessment of climate change impacts, flood risks and emergency response issues will follow thereafter.

The project is running on time and the draft report findings and recommendations will be publicly exhibited for community comment when finalised.



# **Have Your Say**

Have Your Say on the use of plastic shopping bags within the Bega Valley Shire or tell us your thoughts on a waste app - never forget your bin day again. You can also help name the new library in Tura Beach!

If you would like to Have Your Say on these issues go to our website and click on 'Have Your Say' or visit one of our libraries and tell us what you think.

#### Jobs available at Council

- Civil Assets Manager.
  Applications close 5pm 29 February.
- Customer Service Officer.
  Applications close 5pm 3 March.

Go to Positions Vacant on Council's website.

# Receive notices by email

Make the switch to receive your rates and water notices by email for convenience and availability. It is environmentally friendly and cost effective for Council with potential to reduce postage expenses.

You can view a copy of your notices by logging into your account online which also saves you on Council reprint fees. Sign up to receive your notices anywhere, anytime. Simply visit www.begavalley.formsport.com.au to register.

The next rates or water notice will then conveniently be delivered to your nominated email address. All follow up reminder notices are forwarded to your postal address.

# **Asset GPS Survey project**

Council is updating its mapping by verifying the location of its water. sewer and drainage assets using a high-accuracy GPS device. The project started last year with the capture of assets in road reserves. Nearly 13,000 assets out of an approximate total of 20,000 have been captured to date. Most of the outstanding assets lie within the back yards of private property. Pambula area was completed in January 2016. Currently, the project is focussing on Berrambool and Mirador and should be completed this month. During March, the project will focus on Tura Beach and Merimbula. Residents will receive a letter advising when access will be required.

# Floodplain Focus Group

Expressions of interest are called for community representatives to be a part of Council's Floodplain Risk Management Focus Group. The Focus Group comprises Council staff, Councillors, State agency representatives, consultants and community representatives. Community representatives from the Merimbula/Pambula and Eden/Towamba areas are needed. Contact Gary Louie on 02 6499 2222 for further details and to register your interest. Expressions of interest close 4.30pm Thursday 24 March 2016.