

Civic Centre opening

Great news, the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre will open on Australia Day this year!

Australia Day celebrations will start at 11am on Tuesday 26 January and include entertainment and tours of the new building.

Family fun in Littleton Gardens including a free sausage sizzle will also be available.

Member for Bega and Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Hon. Andrew Constance MP and our Australia Day Ambassador, Dick Smith AC, will join us for this exciting event and take part in the official Australia Day Ceremony.

Tours of the new building will be between 1pm and 3.30pm.

Following the opening, Bega Valley Shire Council's first Council meeting of the year will be held at the Civic Centre, in the new chambers on Wednesday 3 February at the usual time of 2pm.

The agenda is available from 5pm on the Thursday prior to the meeting on our website.



Have Your Say

Have Your Say on Draft Masterplans for Bega and Pambula sporting complexes, Coastal Accessibility Projects and Bega Indoor Sports Stadium.

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

Current positions available at BVSC:

- Early Childhood Educator (Certificate III) Contract Part Time. Applications close, 5pm 18 January.
- Early Childhood Educator (Certificate III) Full Time. Applications close, 5pm 18 January.
- Casual Early Childhood Educators (Certificate III). Applications close, 5pm 26 January.

Go to Positions Vacant on Council's website.

Bega Valley Regional Gallery

THE SHIRL - National Youth Portrait Prize exhibition runs from 18 December 2015 until 30 January 2016.

Inaugural \$10,000 acquisitive prize sponsored by Peter Hannan and International Art Services.

Tertiary Scholarships now open

The Bega Valley Tertiary Scholarship is now open. If you are under 25 years of age, studying full-time at TAFE or University and could benefit from some financial assistance with your studies, then go to the Youth Tertiary Scholarships page on our website!

Applications close 14 March 2016.

Coastal Accessibility Projects Survey

Council is working with planning consultants to develop masterplans for the Bruce Steer Pool area in Bermagui, Short Point in Merimbula and the Pambula Surf Club precinct with a view to them becoming more inclusive and accessible recreational spaces.

To participate in the survey and for more information, go to Council's website, click on the Have Your Say tab and follow the links.

Crofton Weed rust fungus

Council vegetation officers have been involved in the CSIRO release program of a new biological control agent for Crofton weed, the rust fungus. Crofton weed is a class 3 weed in the Bega Valley Shire which means the plant must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed. It establishes in areas along moist creeks and drainage beds under the shelter of trees, choking water flows and impeding on native vegetation. The weed is poisonous to horses, causing serious respiratory damage that can cause death. The rust fungus infects young leaves and stems and has great potential to reduce reproduction and spread of the weed. Infected weeds will be used to spread the rust to other problem areas in the Shire.