

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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It's on for young...

Bandara Vacation Care

Have some fun, arts and crafts, excursions and more at Bandara Child Care Centre's vacation care program at the Bega Valley Public School from Tuesday April 7 to Friday, April 17, from 8am to 5.30pm (closing at 5pm on Friday, April 17). Phone Bandara on 6492 4360 for information about bookings and programs.

Eden Preschool windfall

Staff and parents of children at Eden Pre-School Kindergarten are delighted to receive news of a \$5,000 grant from the State Government. Member for Bega Andrew Constance delivered the news this week. Eden Pre-School Director, Lynn Bray says she and her educators are already planning some exciting things for the children attending Eden Preschool.

... and not so young

Golden Gig

The highlight of Seniors' Week in the Shire is the Golden Gig which is always packed with loads of entertainment and information that will leave you inspired. Seniors' Week celebrations are designed to thank, celebrate and recognise seniors for the role they play and the contributions they make to the community.

This year the Golden Gig will be held at Club Sapphire, in Merimbula on Tuesday, March 17 (that's also St Patrick's Day) from 11am to 2pm. There will be a catered light lunch provided with afternoon tea including scones to keep you going for the rest of the

day. The highlight of the day will be the naming of the Shire's Senior of the Year by Mayor Michael Britten.

There will be live music by Margie and Tony Fullerton, joined by vocalist Colleen Spillane. Singing and performances from Lumen Christi's Drama class, a short one character play, 'Border Patrol' written and directed by Dave Stocker and performed by Liz Brennan, Eden Seniors Singing Group, talented young local singer Liam McManan and performances from the Footprint Theatre.

There is a bus service available for pick up to the event and for drop off after. The bus timetable can be found on the Council's website www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au. Tickets are available but be quick as they are limited. For ticket bookings and more information, phone council on 6499 2222.

Gallery art trail

Friends of the Bega Valley Regional Gallery will host a special event for Seniors' Week - an art gallery tour throughout the Shire, led by gallery curator Iain Dawson. The self-drive tour on Thursday, March 19, will begin in Pambula and participants are encouraged to meet at different galleries throughout the day where they will hear exclusive talks from artists and gallery owners about the current exhibitions. Morning tea, a light lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at different venues throughout the day - all free of charge and exclusive to seniors.

Galleries participating include Art Essence Gallery Pambula at 9.30am,

Jobs with Council

Mechanical Trades Team Leader

Council's water and sewerage services section is seeking an experienced people to head the mechanical trades team. This hands-on role involves the co-ordination and delivery of mechanical services to Council's water and sewerage infrastructure. Applicants will possess trade qualifications as a mechanical fitter-machinist, or equivalent, and a minimum of five years recent experience in water and sewage industry mechanical servicing and supervision. Applications close on 20 March at 4.30pm.

Educational leader

An excellent opportunity has become available for a full-time Educational Leader to join the Children's Services team at Bandara in Bega to share in the leadership responsibilities. Applications close on 13 March 2015 at 5pm.

Indigenous early childhood educator (Certificate III)

Council is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous early childhood educator to join our Children's Services Team in the Bandara Children's Services centre in Bega. Applications close. Applications close on Friday 13 March 2015 at 5pm.

Position descriptions are available from our website or by phoning Council.

When applying address the selection criteria in your application and send to:
Email: recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au
Post: The General Manager, Bega Valley Shire Council, PO Box 492, Bega NSW 2550. Fax: 6499 2200.

Applications received after closing time won't be considered.

Call: 02 6499 2222 Fax: 02 6499 2200 Email: council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au Web: www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au

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Berenguer Gallery at 10am, Tathra Wharf at 11am for morning tea and artist talk at Locavore, Narek Gallery in Tanja at noon and Ivy Hill Gallery in Tanja at 12.30 for light lunch. The tour will conclude with afternoon tea at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery in Bega from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

For a full itinerary of the day and to book your free place on the tour, go to the gallery's Facebook page www.facebook.com/begavalleyregionalgallery or phone 6400 2187.



Photograph: An interior shot of Narek Gallery in Tanja which will be visited as part of the seniors' trail.

... around the shire

Community groups and Council are hosting healthy activities everywhere from Bermagui, Bega, Merimbula and Eden to celebrate Seniors' Week from March 14 to 22.

Eden Access Centre will be hosting a 'Young at Heart' film festival session at the Eden The Fishermen's Club on Wednesday, March 11 as a pre-cursor to the Young at Heart Seniors Film Festival on Wednesday March 18 in the Bermagui Library and on Thursday in Bega. There will be a creative writing workshop in Bega on Wednesday and

Eden on Thursday; and open day at the Merimbula Men's Shed on Wednesday and Eden Men's Shed on Thursday; the launch of the Craaft Connection in Eden on Wednesday; a U3A picnic day lunch at Tathra on Wednesday; the gallery trail on Thursday; lunches in Bermagui and Bega on Friday. Seniors Week Calendar of Events are available on council's website www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au or phone Council on 6499 2222.

Airport trees

Minor delays can be expected over the weekend while eight trees are removed from the Merimbula airport, the work in the airport carpark will start today (Friday, March 6) and end on Sunday March 8. Road control measures will be in place today when branches overhanging Arthur Kaine Drive are removed. The mature eucalypt trees were assessed by an independent arborist who confirmed that they were unsafe, for more information phone Council on 6499 2222.

Pool season

The public outdoor pools will close for the season on March 29. This affects Bega, Bemboka, Candelo, Cobargo and Eden Memorial Pools. The Sapphire Aquatic Centre at Pambula remains open throughout the year.

Merimbula wall rocks

Works on the new rock wall along Beach Street in Merimbula will include a ramp suitable for wheelchair access from the new path to the water; an extended set of steps that will double as terrace seating right to the lake edge; a new lakeside pathway, landscaped parkland and park furniture. The existing fitness stations may need to be removed and reinstalled

Expressions of Interest

Council is seeking expressions of interest from qualified organisations for venue management of the new Bega Civic Centre, scheduled to be opened later this year. The tender closes on 20 March, 2015, at 4pm.

Tenders

Council is seeking tenders to design and construct the Telstra Building extension in Minyama Parade, Bega. Tenders close on March 25 at noon. All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-Tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley



later to prevent damage during construction. The seawall works will lead on to road works planned for June that will include redefining parking areas to provide useable parking spaces and improvement of stormwater quality entering the lake.

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