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Wonboyne Lake boat ramp

The Wonboyn Lake boat ramp and jetty reconstruction project reached a major milestone this month when two 23 tonne pre-cast boat ramp slabs were craned into place. Construction work on the project began on 2 February 2015, and is on schedule to be completed in time for the Easter-April school holidays. The project includes enlargement of the launching area, a new boat ramp, new floating finger pontoon and access improvements, sealing works and lighting. A fish cleaning table has also been manufactured and kindly donated by a member of the Wonboyn community.

Council's finances

Anyone interested in learning more about Council's Quarterly Financial Review Statements is invited to an open public session next week in Bega. Council's Chief Financial Officer, Lucas Scarpin, will be there to explain the details of its financial position and progress against this current year's operational plan. The session will be held in Council chambers on Thursday, 5 March, at 5.30pm. Lucas will present and explain the financial review and then senior staff and Councillors will take questions from the floor. Council's half yearly progress against its adopted Operational Plan will also be presented by the Community Strategic Planning Coordinator.

Seniors Week writing workshops

Are you interested in free writing workshops to explore creative writing? South East Arts and Council are supporting workshops for seniors as part of National Seniors Week

activities. Local author, poet and playwright, Diana Harley, will run workshops at both the Bega and Eden libraries, using a variety of simple and fun writing exercises to prompt the writing process. The 'Wielding the Pen' workshop will be held in Bega Library on Wednesday, 18 March, from 10am to 12.30pm and in the Eden Library on Thursday, 19 March, from 10am to 12.30pm. Bookings are essential, phone Bega library on 6499 2127 and Eden library on 6499 2453. The workshops are free with writing materials and refreshments provided. And watch this spot for information on other Seniors Week activities!

... and for young people

In the lead up to Youth Week 2015, the Bega Valley Regional Gallery will host a youth workshop presented by the Australian Film, Television, Radio School, AFTRS. The workshop is designed for young people aged 16 to 25 years and aims to give them skills to shoot a short film using an iPad and edit it on the iPad using iMovie. The course will focus on practical skills, and will cover idea generation, planning, shooting coverage and the use of music and sound. It will be held on Friday, 27 March, from 9am to 5pm at the Bega Youth Space in Gipps Street. There is a strict limit on places and bookings are essential. The workshop costs \$25 and iPads will be available for use on the day. This could be your introduction to the 2015 South East Arts YOOF TUBE competition that is open to people aged 12 to 20 years in the Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Bombala, Snowy River and Cooma-Monaro Shires. YOOF Tube details will be launched next month.

Jobs with Council

Information & communications technology trainee

We are looking for an enthusiastic person who is interest in the information and communications technology industry and is able to complete additional studies, attend necessary workplace training and learn on the job. Applications close 6 March 2015.

Mechanical Trades Team Leader

Council's water and sewerage services section is seeking an experienced person to head the mechanical trades team. This handson role. 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 20 March 2015.

Customer contact officer (casual)

We are seeking a highly motivated and customer-focused person to join our team. Applicants should be enthusiastic, motivated and enjoy working with people, face to face or on the phone to assist people in the community and promote a positive image of Council. Applications close 6 March 2015.

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.

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Invisible sculptures?

Bega Valley Regional Gallery will begin a series of interactive digital sculptures across the Shire thanks to Council, dLux MediaArts and Sculpture on the Edge. From this weekend, viewers using smartphones or tablets will be able to interact with specially created artworks that are only visible through your device. The exhibition will start in Bermagui within Sculpture on the Edge from 28 February to 6 March; in Bega's Littleton Gardens and on the bank of the Bega River in Bridge Street from 7 to 13 March; in Merimbula's Ford Park from 14 to 20 March; and on Eden's Lake Curalo Boardwalk from 21 to 27 March. Volunteers will be on site to guide you through the process of seeing these 'hidden' works and will have tablets to lend people who don't have smart phones or tablets.

Home sustainability kit

Council's libraries are offering members a Home Sustainability Kit that was developed as part of the Sustaining Our Towns project. The kit contains all you need to assess your home and a stepby-step guide to make your home and garden more sustainable. It can help you examine your water and energy usage and develop an action plan for your home. Each kit contains a home sustainability guide, a power usage meter, a compass and infrared thermometer. Sustaining Our Towns has also donated to the library a range of sustainability books and DVDs for adults and children as supplementary reading. Two kits and two copies of the books and DVDs are available for loan at each of our branch libraries.



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. EOIs close on 20 March 2015 at 4pm. For information go to: http://is.gd/CivicCentreEOI

A Word from Waste

Customers visiting our waste facilities are reminded to keep children and animals safely in their vehicles at all times. Cars, utes and trucks are constantly entering and leaving our facilities and it only takes a second for a child or pet to run into trouble. Staff do their best to control traffic flow at all times, but we are busy and may not see your child or pet dash out. Please also be aware of the dangers of leaving children and pets in hot cars. Following these simple rules in tip safety will ensure all our customers have a risk free, enjoyable visit each and every time!

Road works

Merimbula residents and visitors are alerted that works in preparation for construction of a roundabout on Merimbula Drive will continue on 4 and 5 March 2015. The works will involve the replacement of one electrical pole and the removal of two others.

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