

Vacation Care Program

A fun school holiday program for children which includes arts, crafts, excursions and more! At the Bega Valley Public School, Tuesday 5 July to Friday 15 July from 8am - 5.30pm (closes at 5pm on Friday 15 July). Please phone Bandara 6492 4360 for information about bookings and programs.

Tura Marrang Library and Community Centre now open!

The new library and community centre in Tura Beach officially opened on the weekend! Residents and visitors now get a full range of library services, including free WiFi and computer access, a variety of reading and study spaces, kids' and youth zones and current newspapers and magazines. Come along and see this amazing place for yourself!

Bega Valley Economic Summit

The Economic Summit will be held at the recently opened Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre on 28 and 29 July. For more information, the full program and to register, visit Council's website.

Thank you!

We would like to thank our community for the huge response to the 'Understanding Our Place' engagement project, with over 1,500 surveys completed in April and May.

We are now reviewing the feedback received and preparing stage 2 of the Community Strategic Plan 2040 consultation.

Partners in the future

Bega Valley and Eurobodalla Shire Councils are pushing into the future side by side, signing a Memorandum of Understanding that formalises a partnership that has been developing over the last two years.

The MoU is not a legal document but is the foundation of a partnership built on good faith and a desire to see the community better and more efficiently served.



Since 2013 the two councils have collaborated on works connected to aquatic centres and planning regulations and shared advice around domestic violence policy in the workplace.

Bega Valley Shire Mayor Michael Britten and Eurobodalla Shire Mayor Lindsay Brown said while both organisations have a strong, independent future it made common sense to share information and resources as a way of cementing long term financial sustainability.

September's Local Government election is an early example of the MoU at work, with the planning, implementation and cost of the ballot and induction programs being shared across both organisations, saving ratepayers around \$25,000.

Shirley Hannan Portrait Award

Sydney artist Sally Robinson has won the \$50,000 2016 Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award as well as the 'mailroom' prize with an acrylic on canvas of Ella Rubeli. The exhibition will run until Saturday 20 August and remember entry is always free!

Aquatic Centre Closed

Due to storm damage, the Sapphire Aquatic Centre, including the gym and child minding room, has been closed until Monday 18 July.

The roof and ceiling of the centre sustained damage during the recent storms and a decision has been made to close the centre until the damage has been fully assessed and repaired. The centre was due to close on 2 July for its annual maintenance period.

For more information call Council on 6499 2222 or email info@sapphireaquatic.com.au

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