

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Faster internet speeds

Good news for more than 500 premises in the Bega Valley Shire that NBN Co is activating its fixed wireless network in the region, offering internet speeds more than twice as fast as city-based ADSL connections. The fixed wireless network utilises advanced 4G technology to deliver speeds of up to 50 megabits per second, enabling multiple high definition videos to be streamed at one time. Potential customers can see the areas served by NBN Co's fixed wireless service at www.nbnco.com.au/maps and can order a new service by contacting a retail service provider. A list of providers is available on the NBN Co website at www.nbnco.com.au/connect-home-or-business/check-your-address/choose-a-provider.html

Cybersafety class is on Tuesday

You can learn the basics of internet security, the things that can potentially go wrong and the simple steps to avoid them at a free Cybersafety workshop in the Bega Library next Tuesday, 11 August from 10.30am to 12.30pm. You need to have basic skills on the operation of computers. Phone the Library on 6499 2243.

1 Million Women

Bega woman Dorte Planert has established a local branch of the 1 Million Women movement of women and girls taking on climate change through the way they live. She has organised the inaugural meeting 1MW South Coast Hub with a brainstorming session next Wednesday, 12 August, in Club Bega from 6.30pm to 9pm. The guest speaker will be the founder of

Clean Energy for Eternity, Dr Matthew Nott, who believes we should all be taking personal action to combat climate change.

Gipps Street carpark

Work will begin next week on the upgrade of the Gipps Street carpark in Bega to create an extra 29 car spaces. The main carpark will close for three days, from Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 August, while the centre island is removed. The western section of the carpark will remain open for the duration of the works and affected businesses have been informed. Call Council on 6499 2222 for more information.

Sink hole in Merimbula

A large sink hole that developed in the road on Kiama Place, Merimbula, on Monday has been filled in but traffic hazard signs notifying motorists of the need to drive carefully will remain in place until the fill has settled and road repaired. For more information please contact Council on 6499 2222.

Merimbula roundabout in place

Merimbula road users will notice that the new roundabout on the intersection of Merimbula Drive and Reid Street is now operational. The centre island was put in place on Tuesday along with signs indicating changed traffic conditions. Works are continuing on the intersection, with filling of the centre island still required. The roundabout marks a significant step towards the completion of the Merimbula bypass. For more information on the roundabout and bypass call 6499 2222.

Jobs with Council

- Water and Sewerage Services Team Member (Eden). Applications close on 14 August at 5pm.
- Early Childhood Educator, Certified Supervisor. Applications close on 18 August at 5pm.
- Health and Building Admin Specialist. Applications close on 18 August at 5pm.
- Identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Educator. Applications close on 19 August 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.

Doing business with Council

- Pambula River Mouth Improvements. Close at noon on 12 August.

All Council tendering information and tenders are received through the e-tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com.au/begavalley

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Ride to Work

Council is encouraging you to join National Ride to Work Day on Wednesday 14 October. You can register now at <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au> and start training for the ride to work. If you would like to be able to ride safely between Bega and Tathra you can join the Facebook page Bega to Tathra - Safe Ride and connect with like-minded people to make it happen. This group supports Council's plan for safe bike access.

Learn to swim classes

There will be some changes to learn to swim classes at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre from Tuesday, 11 August. With the resignation of the programs coordinator, all student enrolments will be done through the Aquatic Centre's front office and student assessments and grading will be managed by the learn to swim staff. All learn to swim enquiries should be directed to the front office staff on 6494 3100 or email lwebb@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

A gathering of Grants

The Grant clan is planning a reunion in Wyndham over the October long weekend with a program that includes a meet and greet in the Wyndham Hall on the Saturday and displays in the Wyndham School, the Uniting Church, the Hall, the store and the Robbie Burns Hotel. Anyone with photographs or documents relevant to the Grants should copy them and send to Nancy Grant, PO Box 145, Pambula 2249 or email pjncgrant@msn.com

For dinner that night you can book with the Robbie Burns and the Wyndham Shop and then wander along to a Scottish ball in the Hall. Sunday will start with a Service at the Uniting Church followed by visits to Wyndham Cemetery and a dedication service for Henry Grant's Grave.

During the afternoon there will be displays at the school, hall, church, store and the Robbie Burns Hotel. Monday will be for farewells, exchanging addresses and packing up. For further information email haylockmaree@netspace.net.au or phone 0419 578 412.

Funds for public reserves

Some good news from Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, about an investment of more than \$185,000 to support the development, maintenance and improvement of public reserves across the Shire.

The reserves are looked after by volunteers who help care for facilities such as public halls, parks and reserves, swimming pools and sportsgrounds. Mr Constance said public reserves provide social and economic focal points for the region's communities by providing halls for meetings and social activities, sportsgrounds, showgrounds, holiday parks, state parks, heritage sites, nature reserves, walking tracks, and recreational reserves. Here are the details:

- \$22,499 to the Pambula Recreation Reserve Trust.
- \$32,500 to the Old Bega Hospital Reserve Trust.
- \$9,900 to the Tathra Forest Wildlife Reserve Trust.
- \$6,350 to the Rocky Hall Community Centre Trust.
- \$5,165 for Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Reserve Trust.
- \$35,200 to the Bemboka Showground Trust.
- \$22,000 to the Bega Showground Trust.
- \$20,479 to the Cobargo Showground Trust.
- \$24,707 to Bermagui Flora And Fauna Reserve Trust.



Bermagui Flora And Fauna Reserve has been funded to control weeds such as Bridal Creeper, Blackberries and Willows.

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