

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Community engagement gets people talking

People in the Shire's towns and villages are getting behind Council's biggest community consultation with more than a thousand surveys completed in the first two weeks. The Understanding our Place survey is the first stage of revising the Council's Community Strategic Plan. We are trying to establish our communities' aspirations, outlining the hopes, priorities and values of local people.



Photo: Wonboyn residents work with Council on the Community Strategic Plan.

Council's General Manager, Leanne Barnes, said the level of interest shown at markets, drop-in sessions and on our website pointed to a genuine desire in people to stop and think about the Shire over the next 23 years.

"The engagement will continue until May 31 so please come to one of the sessions or go to Council's website to complete the online survey now," Ms Barnes said.

There is more to come beyond this first step, including targeted consultations with community groups and a customer satisfaction survey. The revised Community Strategic Plan will be considered by Councillors in 2017. For information on local listening posts and drop in sessions or to do the Understanding our Place survey go to Have Your Say on our website.

Mogareeka car park renewal

Renewal of the Mogareeka car park will start on Monday May 16, with some weekday closures needed to get the job done safely and the area open to the community again as soon as possible. This is the final stage of works connected to the upgrade of the boat ramp. The car park will be closed between Wednesday 18 May and Friday 20 May and between Monday 23 May to Wednesday 25 May. For more information in relation phone Jason Heffernan on 0434 350 816.

Pambula Beach access

Council is trialling a modular assisted access path at Pambula Beach to enable people with limited mobility to get across the soft sand to the firmer sand at the high water mark. Once on the firm sand a whole range of recreation activities becomes possible. Walks, fishing, picnics, sand castles with kids and access to the water all become more possible. We are interested in feedback so let us know what you think on the Have Your Say page on Council's website.

Jobs with Council

- **Children's Services Coordinator.** This is a key leadership role overseeing the programs, teams and nominated supervisors of Council's four long-day care centres and preschools. Close on 19 May at 5pm.
- **Paediatric Speech Pathologist.** This is a 28 hours per week until 30 June 2018. It is a unique career opportunity to develop sought-after skills in supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged clients, working with Aboriginal children and families, and rural service delivery. Close on 22 May at 5pm.
- **NDIS Project Officer.** We are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated individual to become the Project Officer assisting the Ageing and Disability team to prepare for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). This is a fixed term, part-time position for 14 hours a week until 31 March 2017. Close on 22 May at 5pm.

Full position descriptions and selection criteria on Council's website. Address the selection criteria and send by email to recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au or post to address below.

Tenders

- Tenders for the rehabilitation and restoration of sewer manhole structures will close at noon on 1 June.
- Tenders for abutment remediation works on Government Road Bridge, Palestine Creek, Eden, close at noon on 8 June.

Visit our e-Tendering Portal at www.tenderlink.com/begavalley

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Road resurfacing in Merimbula

Road resurfacing works in Merimbula will start next week in the following areas:

Lake Street between the Main Street and Wyebo Street intersections from Monday, 16 May to Friday, 20 May; Market Street between the Short Street and Fishpen Road intersections from Thursday, 19 May to Sunday, 22 May; and the entire length of Beach Street from Monday, 23 May to Friday, 27 May. The work will be done between 6am and 3pm and intermittent road closures will be necessary with some delays expected. Detours will also be in place and no on-street parking will be permitted during works. For more information phone James Downes on 0428 260 996.

Find out about opening lakes

Council will run a series of community information sessions this month to explain its policies and procedures for managing intermittently closing and opening lakes or lagoon (ICOLL) entrances throughout the Shire. There has been a comprehensive review of environmental factors and summary policies developed for seven of the shires ICOLLs - Wallaga Lake, Cuttagee Lake, Bega River, Wallagoot Lake, Back Lake, Curalo Lagoon and Wonboyn Lake.

Anyone interested in learning more about these policies can attend an information session at the following locations: Bega River and Wallagoot (session 1) on 16 May from 2pm to 6pm at the Tathra Surf Club; Curalo Lagoon on 17 May from 2pm to 6pm at the Eden Library; Back Lake and

Wallagoot (session 2) on 18 May from 2pm to 6pm at Bega Valley Regional Training Centre, Merimbula (formerly the Auswide building); Wonboyn Lake on 19 May from 3pm to 6pm at the Wonboyn Fire Shed; and Wallaga Lake and Cuttagee Lake on 20 May from 2.30pm to 6.30pm at the Bermagui Library.

They will be run as drop in sessions so booking is not required. For more information phone Council on 6499 2222.

Simultaneous Storytime

Children of all ages are invited to grab their favourite hat and go along to the National Simultaneous Storytime in their local library on Wednesday 25 May.

National Simultaneous Storytime will start locally from 10.30am with other stories about hats. The main story, 'I Got This Hat' by Jol and Kate Temple, will be read at 11am sharp followed by a craft session at the libraries in Bermagui, Bega and Eden and the Merimbula library portal. The Bermagui library will open especially for the event.

Community cost of tree damage

The cost of replacing 48 trees that were vandalised in Bega last weekend will run into thousands of dollars at the expense of other Council projects and services. Council's General Manager, Leanne Barnes, said the maintenance budget for the remainder of the year will need revising to determine what can be deferred or reduced in order to free up about \$50,000 required for the repairs.

Anyone with information about the vandalism at Littleton Gardens and the Bega Sportsground is asked to phone Bega Police on 6492 9999.

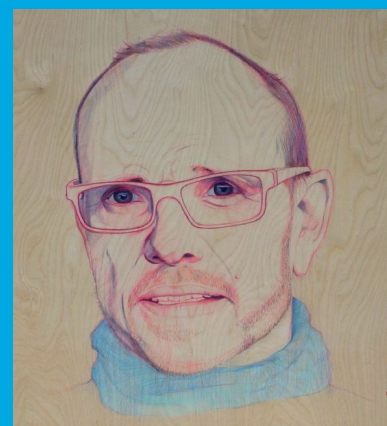
Shirley Hannan portrait finalists

The finalists for the 2016 Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award in the Bega Valley Regional Gallery have been chosen by a special selection panel comprising the prize's benefactor, Peter Hannan, local printmaker Heather Burness and Ivy Hill Gallery director Carolyn Killen and was headed up by Barry Keldoulis, the CEO of Sydney Contemporary, Australia's only international art fair.

Gallery curator, Iain Dawson, said all panellists were impressed with the quality of entries in this year's prize, which were up 55 per cent in entry numbers on the 2014 exhibition.

Details of the 23 finalists will be online on the Gallery's new website early next week.

The 10th biennial Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award will be judged by Dr Christopher Chapman, the senior curator of the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra, on Friday, 17 June, and will be announced in the Bega Valley Regional Gallery that evening. The exhibition will run until 20 August.



Matt Chun's portrait of the late Andrew Sayers is a finalist.

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