

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Scholarship for Jenny

Jenny Walker of Bega has won the Bega Valley Shire Council's Young Women's Scholarship, part of the Shire's International Women's Day (IWD) celebrations.

Jenny, 23, has been an active member of the Bega Branch of St Johns Ambulance for eight years and has aspired to become a paramedic for as long as she can remember. She is presently working part-time and has committed to her lifelong dream to become a paramedic.

Jenny aims to undertake a Certificate IV qualification which will lead into a Bachelor of Paramedical Studies. In five years she wants to be a fully qualified paramedic servicing the local Bega community and she hopes that in 10 years she will have advanced to being a paramedic with some managerial responsibilities.



Jenny Walker is congratulated by Deputy Mayor Liz Seckold.

Film festival for seniors

The Bega Valley Shire Library will host the Young at Heart Film Festival to celebrate Seniors Week during the first week of April. This is the only film festival in the world catering for the young at heart over 60 year olds with all the films showcasing older actors in lead roles.

The festival is free for seniors across the Shire in a partnership between the Library and with Bega Valley Meals on Wheels Plus and, to add to the movie atmosphere, Meals on Wheels Plus will provide free choc tops, jaffas and popcorn, plus some healthy food options.

The short films – Venice, Death in Bloom, Sweat, Nulla Nulla, Goodnight Sweetheart, Harvey's Dream, Imagination Game and The Wonderful - range from drama to black comedy and screenings are captioned for the hearing impaired.

Young at Heart film screenings will be held at The Toussaint Centre, 101-103 Bega Street, Bega, on Monday 4 April from 1pm to 3pm; Bermagui Library on Tuesday 5 April from 1pm to 3pm; Merimbula Library Portal on Wednesday 6 April from 2pm to 3.30pm; and at Eden Library on Friday 8 April from 1pm to 3pm. Bookings are limited so you are advised to book early by phoning 6499 2127.

Important visitors

Mayor Michael Britten will host a formal dinner for the Sister City delegation from Littleton, Colorado, on Thursday, 31 March, in the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre. The 15 member delegation will arrive in the Shire on 25 March to be hosted by members of the Bega-Littleton Citizens' Exchange Committee so if you meet any of them during their brief stay be sure to make them welcome.

The Sister City relationship was formalised in 1961 making Bega and Littleton the first Australian and US Sister Cities.

Jobs with Council

- **Early Childhood Educator Trainees (Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander).** Council has two vacancies for enthusiastic and motivated individuals to undertake the role of Trainee Early Childhood Educator with Eden Preschool. Applications close Thursday 24 March at 5pm.
- **Early Childhood Educators.** There are also two vacancies for people to do Early Childhood Educator Certificate III with Eden Childcare Centre. Both are part time positions, one for 14 hours a week and one for 21 hours a week. Applications close Monday 28 March 2016 at 5pm.
- **Certified Supervisor - Eden Childcare Centre.** The successful applicant will have strong theoretical knowledge of how children grow and learn with demonstrated practical skills for implementing an approved curriculum combined with strong team leadership skills and the ability to effectively mentor and supervise the reflective practices of others in the workplace.

Full position descriptions and selection criteria can be found on Council's website.

Address the selection criteria and send by email to recruitment@begavalley.nsw.gov.au or post to the address below.

Tenders

- Gravel re-sheeting Program for 2014 flood response. Tenders close on 6 April at noon.

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

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

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Please send all correspondence to PO Box 492, BEGA NSW 2550.

To view exhibition documents visit us at our Bega office in Zingel Place or one of our libraries: Bermagui - Bunga Street, Eden - Cnr Mitchell & Imlay Streets, Merimbula - 103 Main Street.



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The relationship grew from a friendship forged by two newspaper editors on opposite sides of the world. Walter Bruce Annabel, known to everyone as "Curly", was the owner-editor of the Bega District News throughout the 1950s and 60s.

In 1954 he won a prestigious award from the Australian Country Press Association and decided to celebrate with his community by holding a public screening of a film he had borrowed from the American Embassy. Produced by the US Information Agency, the film was titled "Small Town Editor" and featured the editor of the Littleton Independent, Houstoun Waring, covering the news and producing his paper in rural America.

Curly Annabel was so struck by the similarities between Littleton and its newspaper and his own Bega community and newspaper that he wrote to Hous Waring in December 1954 and followed up with a visit to the Waring home the following year.

The Bega-Littleton Citizens Exchange was established to foster visits between the two communities, with a Littleton delegation visiting the Bega Valley on the first and sixth years of the decade and a Bega delegation visiting Littleton on the third and eighth years of the decade.

Plastic pollution

A family trivia night will be held this Saturday, 19 March, at Merimbula's Club Sapphire to raise awareness about plastic pollution in our oceans.

Host Anthony Hill, a Coffs Harbour surfer, will bring his love of the ocean

and 21 years' experience of hosting events to the night with fantastic prizes, raffles and trivia questions for the whole family. Entry is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 15.

For more information or to become involved phone Council's Waste Services team on 6499 2222.

Bega playground opening

The redeveloped playground in Bega Park will be officially opened by Mayor Michael Britten with an Easter egg hunt for children next Thursday, 24 March at 11am. The new playground, with a focus on being widely accessible, provides an added amenity to the town.

More good news for parents and kids is that work on the Touched by Olivia playground at Ford Park in Merimbula is nearly complete. The final piece of equipment, the centrepiece spinner, was installed this week and landscaping works will get underway. Areas of rubber softfall are expected to be laid by specialist contractors commencing 21 March, weather permitting.

We are hoping to have the all-abilities playground open for locals and visitors to give it a go over the Easter weekend. Installing the shade structures is the last element of the project and is scheduled for early April. For safety reason this will mean the temporary closure of the playground for a couple of days. The grand opening is planned for Friday 15 April at 11.30am and you are all invited!

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Swimming season

The seasonal closing date for the outdoor pools in the Shire is coming up. The last day the outdoor pools will be open is Easter Monday, 28 March, except Cobargo Pool which will remain open until Sunday 3 April. All pools will be closed Good Friday.

Modified hours of opening on Easter Monday are Bega 10am to 3pm; Bemboka 2pm to 6pm; Candelo 10am to 3pm; Eden 10am to 6pm; and Cobargo 6am to 9am and 10am to 6pm; then normal hours until 3 April. The Sapphire Aquatic Centre will be open from 10am to 5pm.

Community information session

Council will host a community information session to provide information and answer questions about our Quarterly Budget Review Statement that was presented at the Council meeting on February 24 and the half-yearly update on the Delivery and Operational Plan as presented to Council March 16.

The session will be held on Wednesday, 30 March, at 5.30pm in the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre and everyone is welcome. For more information phone Rebecca Bogie on 6499 2150.



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