

Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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Hotel Australasia

Council has resolved to buy Eden's Hotel Australasia to restore and preserve the heritage value of the site. Mayor Michael Britten said it is important to understand that there will be a considerable time before the Eden community sees any change to the hotel's famous façade as most of the early work will be happening behind the scenes. A conservative estimate places the cost of purchase and restoration at around \$2 million and Councillors resolved to allocate \$1 million for the purchase and securing of the building and to continue discussions with the community on fundraising for the heritage restoration.

Carpenters Bridge closure

Work on Carpenters Bridge on Polacks Flat Road, Bemboka, has been extended until 12 March due to the wet weather that delayed the start of the programmed bridge pier and deck replacement works. No traffic access will be permitted and a detour via Snowy Mountains Highway will be available during this time. For more information phone Brett Hansford on 0428 612 372.

Painting returns to Bega for exhibition

A painting to be exhibited in the coming Flora Australis exhibition at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery has history in the area, says Gallery curator Iain Dawson. A painting titled 'Snapdragons' by New Zealand born, Australian-educated painter Elioth Gruner was part of a travelling exhibition from the Art Gallery of NSW in 1953. If you have memories of attending the exhibition 63 years ago

Iain would love to hear from you. "I do hope at least one person who saw the 1953 exhibition will contact me," he said. Flora Australis will be opened on Friday 11 March at 6pm and everyone is welcome.

Changing addresses

Council is working on improving property and site addressing within the Shire. A complete formal address is becoming increasingly important and will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of delivery for emergency services, mail, goods and government and utility services. As a result of this program, some addresses throughout the Shire will need to change.

If your address needs to be changed the owner will receive a letter from Council informing them of their new address. It is important that property owners and tenants adhere to any changes and advise all relevant authorities such as the post office, bank, phone companies, insurance agencies and electricity providers of the new address. For more information phone Council on 6499 2222.

Library survey

With the new library and community facility at Tura Beach now under construction, Council is seeking comments and feedback from the community to better understand current library use patterns, accessibility needs and the most appropriate transport options to link with the new facility. Have your say through an online survey on our website, www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au > Have Your Say > Consultations. The survey is open until Friday 11 March.

Jobs with Council

- **Design Officer.** We are seeking a Design Officer with demonstrated experience working with a professional civil design team as well as developed skills in survey and civil design, in particular computer aided programs. Applications close on 10 March at 5pm.
- **Director of Transport and Utilities.** This roll reports directly to the General Manager and will provide strategic technical engineering advice to the organisation. Applications close at 5pm on 14 March.
- **Room Leader.** Bandara Children's Services are looking for a person with strong theoretical knowledge of how children grow and learn with demonstrated practical skills for implementing an approved curriculum. Applications close at 5pm on 10 March.
- **Cadet Engineer.** To be successful in this role you will have a demonstrated interest in civil engineering and the desire to complete a six year tertiary level cadetship. You will have a sound level of written and verbal communication skills with the ability to relate to staff and the public on various levels. Applications close at 5pm on 14 March.

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.

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

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PO Box 492, BEGA NSW 2550.

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Beach Street foreshore work

The Beach Street, Merimbula foreshore parking is closed until Thursday 24 March so that works from the war memorial to the eastern end can be completed. The work is to construct kerb and drainage and renew the road surface. The area will be under traffic control when required and detours will be in place when necessary. For more information phone James Downes on 0428 260 996.

Pambula Hospital

Good news for people in the southern part of the shire. Pambula Hospital will continue to operate, providing complementary hospital services in conjunction with the new South East Regional Hospital which is due to open next month. There will be 12 overnight inpatient beds at Pambula and patients will continue to be cared for by doctors, nurses and allied health professionals. Emergency care will be provided but in a different format. Pathology and pharmacy services will continue. Consulting rooms for visiting specialists will be developed and there will be improved space for hospital volunteers and users, such as a family or quiet room.

Road works in Merimbula, South Pambula and Bega

Sealing works will be carried out on Shire roads this weekend. In Monaro Street, Merimbula, from Merimbula Fire Station to Tantawangalo Street on Friday 4 March between 6am to 3pm. Mt Darragh Road, South Pambula on Friday 4 March from 2pm to 6pm and on Saturday 5 March from 6am to 3pm.

In Bega sealing works will commence on Saturday 5 March from 2pm to 6pm and Sunday 6 March from 7am to 5pm in Parker Street from Coles' entrance to Upper Street and in Carp Street from Parker Street to East Street.

Intermittent road closures can be expected and no on street parking will be permitted during these times.

Bermagui cycleway

Work to construct the new Bermagui cycleway will run from Thursday 10 March to Thursday 24 March. The 2.5 x 180 metre concrete shared pathway will run from Wharf Road to Saltwater carpark. This project is funded by Council and the RMS under the Active Transport Program. The area will be fenced off during construction.

Bermagui library hosts two events

Bega Valley Shire Library is supporting the 2016 Sculpture on the Edge festival in Bermagui by hosting Jimmy Rix's Artist Talk on Saturday 5 March and the popular symposium on Sunday 6 March. Jimmy Rix is a prize-winning, professional sculptor who has been exhibiting his work in Australia and Ireland since 1995. This year's Sunday symposium will focus on local Aboriginal art with a theme of 'Thinking Art, Culture and Healing'. Book online for both events at begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au or ring Bermagui library on 6499 2411. The events are part of the annual Sculpture on the Edge festival running from 5 to 14 March. The festival incorporates an outdoor exhibition of large sculptural works on the Bermagui Headland and at Dickinson Park as well as an indoor exhibition of smaller works

What's on

Local events calendar

Spread the word about your coming event by advertising on the Local Events Calendar on our Council website.

With more use by the community it can become a comprehensive list of activities in your local area.

These are the events listed so far for March.

There are some obvious omissions, such as Four Winds, Sculpture on the Edge and International Women's Day. With your help we can make it a better calendar.

- Monday 7 March: Jellat RFB March general meeting
- Thursday 10 March: ArtinPlace themed art exhibition - Beside the Sea - opening at the Bermagui Surf Club. Exhibition begins at 10am on 11 March.
- Thursday 10 March: Sapphire Coast Rock 'n' Rodders Dance Festival, an all-day event featuring the Hotrod Show and Shine and afternoon dance workshops at Club Sapphire Merimbula.
- Friday 11 March: Flora Australis: Australian artists and the floral still life exhibition opens at the Bega Valley Regional Gallery, Bega, at 6pm and runs to Saturday, 11 June at noon. Entry is free.

Tenders

- Merimbula CBD bypass - Street lighting and power asset relocation. Tenders close at noon on 16 March.
- Gravel re-sheeting program in the 2014 flood response. Tenders close at noon on 6 April.

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