

# Bega Valley Shire Council village newsletter

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## Villages: the heart of the Shire

*A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, Cr KRISTY MCBAIN*

Two years ago we launched our Village Newsletter to keep in touch with people living in the Shire's villages and localities. Since then the newsletter, now celebrating its 100th edition, has been a big hit in villages from Wonboyn to Brogo and beyond.

Improving communications in our villages recognises their cultural and historical significance, and points out that villages, no matter how small, each contribute to the economic development of the area. Villages are gateways to the Shire, or attractive destinations in their own right that help tourism to thrive. They are home to productive farms and innovative agriculture which, along with tourism, gives us two major Shire industries.

With the rollout of improved broadband and mobile phone coverage either delivered or on its way, we are also seeing villages becoming viable and affordable places to operate small and online businesses.

There is so much going on in our villages, and we hope this newsletter helps to keep you informed about what Council is doing in your area.



## Village life photo competition!

*WIN A \$500 CAMERA AND A SHIRE WIDE POOL PASS*

To celebrate the 100th edition of our Village Newsletter we are running a ripper of a competition to show off the beauty and life in the Shire's villages and localities.

It's simple to take part, and the winner will walk away with a Canon digital SLR camera worth \$500. All you need to do is head out with your camera or phone and take photos of life in your area.

This might be an atmospheric sunrise, your village at work, someone arriving for their morning paper on horseback or a friendly farmer at work in the fields.

You can send as many entries as you like - the more the merrier - and entering the competition is FREE! For the runner up we will also be giving away a Shire wide family pool pass which allows you to swim at any Council run swimming pool.

To enter, just send your beautiful photos along with your name and where the photo was taken to [communications@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communications@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or drop off a disk or USB stick to our Bega office. Entries close on 25 November. Good luck and happy snapping, and look out for some of our favourites on our Facebook page!

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*special edition!*

### Fairs, fetes & shows

#### December

- Merimbula and Eden New Years Eve Fireworks

#### January

- Bega Show Jumping Cup
- Pambula Agricultural Show
- Candelo Agricultural Show
- Tathra Wharf to Waves
- Australia Day celebrations

#### February

- Cobargo Agricultural Show
- Bega Far South Coast Show

#### March

- Bermagui Sea side Fair
- Sculpture Bermagui
- Bemboka Agricultural Show
- EAT Merimbula

#### April

- ANZAC Day

#### May

- National Sorry Day

#### June

- Merimbula Jazz Festival
- Tathra Mountain Bike Enduro

If we've left something out be sure to get in touch and let us know and we'll post it in our newsletter!

Or visit our website and include your event on our Local Events Calendar.

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## Sign up to your VN!

If you like our Village Newsletter but you only ever get to see it in the window of your local shop or on a village hall noticeboard, help is at hand! You can now sign up to receive the fortnightly newsletter on our [website](#).

## Hall committees

Join other community members to help keep these important community assets alive by lending a hand at your local hall. We are especially looking for nominations from the Pambula, Towamba and Brogo communities. For more information and to nominate visit the Volunteering page on our website or call 6499 2299.

## Village hall spotlight

Here's some well deserved time in the spotlight for the ever popular Murrah Hall, near Bermagui.

The hall is fairly small, but it has a big heart and a great reputation for hosting memorable events, including concerts, dances, singing, samba nights, drama group events and sports.

It was opened in 1903 with a sports day, concert and ball, and saved from being pulled down in the 1970s by members of the Bermagui Theatre Workshop who went on to revitalise the hall.

The community is rightfully proud of the hall that offers a great space for local events. For booking details go to our website.

## Works schedule from our works depot

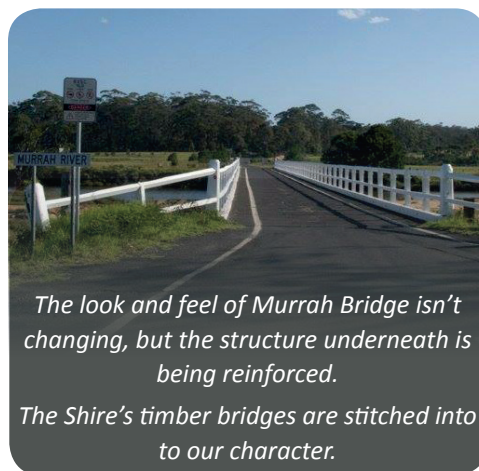
Works to repair Tathra Wharf following June's East Coast Low are progressing well and are on track to be finished for the holiday season, the Wharf remains open via the western side.

The current grading schedule for the unsealed roads is ongoing and can be accessed by contacting Council's Contact Centre on 6499 2222.

The Vegetation Team is currently working on removing a large amount of fallen debris from recent gale force winds.

With the fires season in mind, work has commenced on Asset Protection Zone slashing in conjunction with Council's sealed road slashing program.

Works are progressing in the Palmer Street Carpark, Merimbula. To continue to the next stage of the project, Palmer Lane from Monaro Street to Park Street will be closed to all traffic on Thursday,



*The look and feel of Murrah Bridge isn't changing, but the structure underneath is being reinforced.*

*The Shire's timber bridges are stitched into to our character.*

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## New jobs portal

Applying for a job with Council is about to become a whole lot easier with the introduction of our new E-recruit system in mid October. Watch this space for more details. In the mean time, check out our website for details of all the latest job vacancies.

13 October and between Monday, 17 October and Friday, 21 October from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Detours will be in place via Monaro Street and Market Street. Access to the Palmer Street carpark will be either via Park Street or Kyeamba and Wonga Streets.

The Bridge Team is carrying out concreting repair works at the Murrah Bridge which is on the Bermagui to Tathra Road. The work involves replacing timber piers with concrete piers. On Tuesday, 18 October Council will be required to close the bridge for 35 minute intervals from 10.00am through to 3.00pm.

Upgrades to Rotary Park Eden will be carried out soon including the replacement of 2 tables and landscaping works to make the area wheelchair accessible.

Council will be placing bollards at Beach Street, Merimbula to protect recently grassed areas.

The toilets have been reopened at Bruce Steer Pool, Bermagui, after recent vandalism, they are ready for summer!

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