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# Council's Giving Tree

BVSC has provided a Giving Tree for donations to families requiring support this Christmas period.

Many families across the Bega Valley Shire rely on support from community organisations throughout the year to help them make ends meet.

The Giving Tree will be in the Council's main foyer in Zingel Place, until Monday 21 December.

Members of the community are encouraged to drop off unwrapped, non-perishable items that can be donated prior to Christmas Day.

Council is committed to supporting families who need assistance and those community organisations that provide it.

Council's Goodwill Committee will distribute the donated items before Christmas Day. For further information contact Council on 6499 2222.



#### **Have Your Say**

Have Your Say on Bemboka and Merimbula Planning Proposals and the Draft Masterplans for Bega and Pambula sporting complexes.

If you would like to Have Your Say on these issues go to our website and click on 'Have Your Say' or visit one of our libraries and tell us what you think.

#### Jobs

Current positions available at BVSC:

- Senior Design Officer. Applications close, 5pm 18 December.
- Water & Sewerage Mechanical & Electrical Engineer. Applications close, 5pm 23 December.
- Indigenous Early Childhood Educator. Applications close, 5pm 7 January.

Go to Positions Vacant on Council's website.

#### **Bega Valley Regional Gallery**

THE SHIRL - National Youth Portrait Prize exhibition runs from 18 December 2015 until 30 January 2016. Inaugural \$10,000 acquisitive prize sponsored by Peter Hannan and International Art Services. Opening night, Friday 18 December 6pm. Free event, all welcome.

# School holidays at your library

Summer Reading Club starts Monday 4 January at all libraries with special launch parties throughout the week, weekly prize draws and a chance to win an iPad mini. School holiday activities will run across all libraries between 4-22 January. Pick up a schedule at your local library or book online at www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.

# Holiday opening hours

Council offices, libraries and the Bega Valley Regional Gallery will close at 3pm on Thursday 24 December and reopen as per normal hours from Monday 4 January 2016.

Waste services will operate as usual, with the exception of Christmas Day when all waste collection sites will be closed.

All Pools and Children's Services operating times can be viewed on Council's website.

For emergencies and urgent enquiries only call 6499 2222 during the holiday period.

# Rates & Water Notices

Receive your notices by email! Sign up to receive your notices anywhere, anytime, simply visit www.begavalley.formsport.com.au Your next notice will be sent to your nominated email address.

#### Pambula Beach observation platform

A new observation platform is being built at Pambula Beach to improve views of the beach and main swimming area.

Community consultation for the reserve master planning will get under way before Christmas with online surveys available for people to provide their thoughts and ideas.