

# Small investment pays dividends

The local community is reaping the rewards of a shrewd \$2 investment from Bland Shire Council more than a decade ago.

Bland Shire Council purchased two \$1 shares in 2002 to become one of 41 Local Government shareholders in the regionally based Southern Phone company and last year collected a dividend of \$29,852.92 as well as overseeing the distribution of \$25,000 in grant funding to the Bland Shire community through the Southern Phone Grants Scheme.

The dividend calculation is based on 20 per cent of the dividend pool being split equitably among the 41 shareholders while the remaining 80 per cent is based on Southern Phone revenues generated in each Council area.

There are currently 89 Southern Phone customers in the Bland Shire who helped Council achieve the record dividend in 2013-2014.

Another significant contribution from Southern Phone into the Bland Shire community is through the newly created Southern Phone Grants Scheme which saw much needed funding

provided for the repainting of the Barmedman Community Centre (\$8000), establishment of an outdoor barbecue area at the West Wyalong Bowling Club (\$3000), purchase of equipment



to the Mirrool tennis shed (\$2000), a security upgrade at the Barmedman Mineral Pool

(\$2000) and the purchase of signage for the West Wyalong markets (\$5000).

Southern Phone have committed to a second round of the grants program in the Bland Shire community later in 2015 and is confident of continuing to grow their customer base to achieve another significant dividend for Local Government shareholders.

Southern Phone was formed in 2002 to deliver more affordable telecommunications services to the bush and has grown to become the second largest provider of fixed line services (after Telstra) and the third largest mobile phone provider (after Telstra and Optus) in regional Australia. All profits are returned to the community.

The company is based in Moruya and employs over 135 staff. Southern Phone has twice won the Roy Morgan customer satisfaction award.

**SOUTHERN** Phone chairman **Bill Hilzinger** presented cheques worth **\$25,000** to representatives from six community groups at a recent presentation at the Bland Shire Council Chambers.

### POSITION VACANT

| Position                     | Closing Date         | Salary Range    |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Manager Development Services | Friday April 10 2015 | Circa \$100,000 |

To apply for a vacancy at Bland Shire Council please apply electronically and complete the online application form. A Position Description, Information Package and further information about Bland Shire is available on Council's website [www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au) or from Human Resources, 10 Shire Street, West Wyalong.

**For your application to be considered you must:**

Adequately address the selection criteria listed in the position description. Failure to do so will result in your application not being considered. You should list each selection criteria separately and then describe how your skills, qualifications and experience allow you to fulfil each requirement.

### MEETING NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held during April 2015 in the Council Chambers, Shire Street West Wyalong:

**Ordinary Council Meeting – Tuesday April 21 commencing at 6.30pm**

Business Papers may be inspected at Council's Office and in the Library for the Ordinary Council meeting from Friday 17 April 2015. A copy of the Business Paper will also be available on Council's website - [www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

**Extra Ordinary Council Meeting – Tuesday April 28 commencing at 6.30pm**

Business Papers may be inspected at Council's Office and in the Library for the Ordinary Council meeting from Friday 24 April 2015. A copy of the Business Paper will also be available on Council's website - [www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

The Council Meetings are open to the public and members of the public are invited to address the Council on any Local Government issue. Persons interested in addressing Council during the Public Forum Session are to be in the meeting room 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting and must convey to the General Manager their wish to address the Council and of the particular issue before the meeting begins. Each address is to be for a maximum of three (3) minutes in length with the total time allowed for the Public Forum session being fifteen (15) minutes. Refer to Council's website for a full copy of the Public Forum Guidelines.

### School Holiday Activity



## Sweet Science

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Bland Shire Library on Thursday April 16th

10.30am -12noon - 7 years+ - \$8 per participant

Bookings essential 02 69790272 - [library@blandshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

### BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 101 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* that Bland Shire Council has consented to the following development applications, modification of development consents and complying development certificates:

| Application No | Address  | Development   | Date of Consent |
|----------------|--|---|-----------------|
| DA/2015/074    | Lot B, DP 355837<br>82 Church Street, West Wyalong     | Storage shed  | 14/3/2015       |
| DA/2015/076    | Lot 9, DP 752342                                       | Land use – Camping Ground                                 | 17/3/2015       |
| DA/2015/078    | Lot 1025, DP 753135<br>123 Railway Road, West Wyalong  | Additions to a community building                         | 2/3/2015        |
| DA/2015/081    | Lot 1, DP 303903<br>132 Main Street, West Wyalong      | Extension of liquor licence trading hours                 | 31/3/2015       |
| DA/2015/082    | Lot 433, DP 1102123                                    | Subdivision [creation of an additional lot]               | 30/3/2015       |
| DA/2015/084    | Lot 425, DP 753135                                     | Removal of two (2) trees                                  | 17/3/2015       |
| DA/2015/087    | Lot 21, DP 1181205<br>15 Park Street, West Wyalong     | Removal of one (1) tree                                   | 30/3/2015       |
| DA/2015/088    | Lot 412, DP 514495<br>7 Court Street, West Wyalong     | Removal of two (2) trees                                  | 30/3/2015       |
| MOD/2015/001   | Lot 11, DP 1103472<br>45 Dumaresq Street, West Wyalong | Modification of DA/2015/041 consent to staged development | 25/3/2015       |
| DA /2015/090   | Lot 16, Section 35, DP 759123                          | Removal of one (1) tree                                   | 19/3/2015       |

The abovementioned development consents, consents as modified and complying development certificates are available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours (8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday), at Bland Shire Council Offices, Shire Street, West Wyalong.

Ray Smith **General Manager**

**Office Hours: 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday**

**Library Hours: 10am-5pm Monday to Friday & 8.30am - 12noon Saturday**

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**Goldenfields Water 1800 800 917, Fire 000**