

# From the Mayor's desk ...

It has been wonderful to see the large number of community focused major events being held in the Bland Shire recently.

In the last three weeks alone, Council has co-ordinated the unveiling of the Reg Rattey VC Memorial, Seniors Week, hosted an overnight visit from riders and officials on the Pollie Pedal including former Prime Minister Tony Abbott, successfully staged the inaugural West Wyalong triathlon and held a community concert from acclaimed singer/songwriter Fred Smith.

During the same period, the West Wyalong Harness Racing Club staged a highly successful Carnival of Cups harness racing meeting and the West Wyalong Bowling Club held a successful Easter carnival while various other local community groups and organisations held events and gatherings which attracted and entertained locals and visitors.

The Australian Stock Horse Society Riverina Branch Show and Campdraft will be held at the West Wyalong Showground this weekend while the weekend of 29 April-1

May shapes as a huge three days in the Bland Shire.

Business West Wyalong will host the return of Ladies Day Out on 29-30 April and have some exciting things planned throughout the two days and nights. It is great to see local businesses pulling together to stimulate economic activity and Council is pleased to be able to support them in a variety of ways including administrative assistance and by helping to facilitate a significant event grant through the Southern Phone Grants Program.

The West Wyalong Services and Citizens Club will host the West Wyalong golf pro-am on Saturday and Sunday 30 April and 1 May with a large number of professional and amateur golfers expected to converge on West Wyalong to take part in the event. Meanwhile, the inaugural Weethalle Rodeo and Gymkhana will be held on the grounds of the Weethalle Showground on 30 April. Congratulations to the committees and hard working individuals who have driven each of these events. Council is pleased to support both the pro-am and rodeo through the

provision of a Strengthening Communities grant.

It is important to recognise the critical role of volunteers in each of these initiatives. From a Council point of view, as Mayor I am proud to see and hear about the large number of staff who volunteered their time on weekends and out of hours to assist at events such as the triathlon and Reg Rattey VC Memorial unveiling. It shows the commitment and passion Council staff has for this community.

From a community point of view, I am proud to stand among you. It is inspiring to see the hard work and dedication community groups and organisations put into running events and activities to benefit the community and demonstrates what the Bland Shire is all about.

National Volunteer Week is approaching next month and is an opportunity for us all to say thank you to the people in our community who volunteer their time to make the Bland Shire a better place to live.

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I was pleased to have the opportunity to speak to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott while he was in West Wyalong last week with the Pollie Pedal.

Mr Abbott was kind enough to ask what the major issues facing the Bland Shire were and we were quick to take advantage of the opportunity to strongly reinforce our ongoing campaign for more and fairer roads funding from the State and Federal Government for rural Councils like ours.

Council will continue to lobby and campaign strongly for better and fairer road funding until this community gets the financial support it deserves.

- CR NEIL POKONEY, MAYOR



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### ANZAC Day Landfill Hours

#### West Wyalong Landfill

- ANZAC Day 25 April 2016 - CLOSED

#### Ungarie Landfill

- ANZAC Day 25 April 2016 - CLOSED

### IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK

Bland Shire Council has impounded approximately 300 sheep from the Wamboyne Road area (approximately 5 km from Ungarie Road) in accordance with the *Impounding Act 1993*.

To claim these sheep proof of ownership is to be provided to Council.

The payment of impounding, sustenance and transport fees will be required to be made prior to the animals being released from the pound facility.

If the animals are not claimed by 26 April 2016, Council will make arrangements for the disposal of the animals by either tender or public auction.

For further information please contact Council's Development Services Department on 69722266.

## Youth Week 2016



### NRMA DRIVING LESSONS

**When:** Thursday 21 April  
Contact Council for in vehicle coaching session times  
**Where:** Bland Shire Council Chambers  
**Cost:** \$80



### SOCCER CLINIC

**When:** Wednesday 20 April  
9am - 3pm  
**Where:** Ron Crowe Oval  
**Age:** 8 - 12 years  
**Cost:** FREE

### MOBILE ROCK CLIMBING WALL



**When:** Friday 22 April  
11am - 3pm  
**Where:** Target Car park  
**Age:** All Ages  
**Cost:** FREE

### Local Government Act 1993

### Proposed Closure of Streets

#### Anzac Day March Monday 25 April

Notice is hereby given that the Council intends to close the following streets in Wyalong and West Wyalong for the Anzac Day marches during the times indicated:

#### Wyalong - 8.30am to 9.30am

- Neeld Street (Newell Highway) from West of the Ampol Truckstop to Mallee Street
- Slee Street from Gilbert Street to Neeld Street

#### West Wyalong - 10am to 11.30am

- Main Street (Newell Highway) from Golden Street to Operator Street
- Monash Street from Main Street to laneway north of Gladstone Street

General Manager, Bland Shire Council

### Planned Power Outage by Essential Energy

#### What's happening?

Essential Energy has scheduled a program of maintenance work at the Temora zone substation and adjoining high voltage powerline to ensure the ongoing safety, reliability and sustainability of the local electricity network.

Specialist technicians will carry out maintenance at the zone substation including upgrading network switching equipment, while local field employees will use the opportunity to complete general maintenance on the main high voltage powerline between Temora and West Wyalong.

A planned power outage will be necessary **between 12.30am and 6.30am on Sunday, 1 May 2016** to enable crews to safely access the local electricity network.

#### Who will be affected?

The planned power outage will affect customers in Ardlethan, Aria Park, Barmedman, Beckom, Combaning, Mirrool, Tallimba, Ungarie, Weethalle, West Wyalong and Wyalong.

Essential Energy has scheduled the power outage between **12.30am and 6.30am**, conditions permitting, to minimise inconvenience to local businesses and the wider community.

The power outage will affect approximately 4,400 customers.

**For more information please contact the Essential Energy 24 hour Customer Contact team on 13 20 80**

### IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK

Bland Shire Council has impounded approximately 400 sheep from the Cattles Lane, Merringreen Road area of Calleen in accordance with the *Impounding Act 1993*.

To claim these sheep proof of ownership is to be provided to Council.

The payment of impounding, sustenance and transport fees will be required to be made prior to the animals being released from the pound facility.

If the animals are not claimed by 22 April 2016, Council will make arrangement for the disposal of the animals by either tender or public auction.

For further information please contact Council's Development Services Department on 6972 2266.

Office Hours: 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday

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