

FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

# A special community celebration

**Saturday 9 April 2016 will be a most exciting and significant day for the Bland Shire community.**

It will be the day that the bronze statue commemorating the heroic action of our very own Victoria Cross recipient, Reg Rattey VC, is officially unveiled.

A long and distinguished list of dignitaries is expected to be in attendance to join the local community in marking the occasion. At the top of the invited list of dignitaries will be Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove.

The life size bronze statue will be a dignified memorial to Reg Rattey VC which will seek to capture the dynamic action of the events that earned him the VC award.

The Reg Rattey VC monument will be a permanent reminder of Mr Rattey's heroic actions and a cherished part of the Bland Shire landscape for generations to come. We look forward to the occasion.

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The Bland Shire library has been a hive of activity this week with Childrens Book Week celebrations in full swing. It has

been heartening to hear positive feedback regarding Council now being part of the Regional Library service.

More than 500 infants and primary students from West Wyalong, Wyalong and Ungarie as well as an enthusiastic group from the Bland Preschool have visited the library this week to take part in a series of engaging Book Week activities.

Entries from this year's Book Week competition are currently on display in the library and are a testament to the creativity and talents of our local children.

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It was great to see such a large turnout at the recent community ice forum organised by Bland Shire Council. It was a pro-active approach from Council to a problem which has devastated some of our neighbouring communities and is fast becoming a national crisis.

The terrific turnout showed just how much people within the Bland Shire care about staying informed as well as about each other. It was also great to see such a large turnout of young people at the

forum. Following the success of the forum, Council is working with partner agencies on a number of follow up activities.

Congratulations to our hard working Council staff and community partners for working together to create such a strong community focussed program.

For support or referral to specialist services for drug and alcohol issues

please phone AccessLine on 1800 800 944 (free call)

**Cr Neil Pokoney**

Bland Shire Mayor



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Local Government Act 1993 Proposed Road Closure

Notice is hereby given that Council intends to close Old Hospital Road, West Wyalong, at the Railway crossing near the southern end on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September 2015 between the hours of 7.00am and 11.00pm on both days, during the West Wyalong Show.

Access to the Showground from Old Hospital Road will be restricted to pedestrian traffic only, however legal parking in Old Hospital Road will be permitted. All vehicle access across the railway to the showground will be via Church Street, Maitland Street, Railway Road and/or the Newell Highway.

A temporary 50km/hr speed zone will operate on the By-Pass Road, from 90m east of Bellarwi Road to 90m east of Railway Road on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September 2015 between the hours of 7.00am and 11.00pm on both days.

The speed zone will be signposted to standard and will be enforced.

Vehicle entry to the showground will be via the new gate to the west of the main gate and via Echo lane and Duffs Road on the eastern side of the showground. Entry fees for vehicles accessing off the By-Pass road will be approx 70m inside the gateway to avoid queuing on the By-Pass Road.

Pedestrian access to the showground will be via the Main Gateway directly opposite Old Hospital Road.

Parking area will be provided on the northern side of the By-Pass Road in the vicinity of the Main gates between a temporary fence (bollards & mesh) and the railway line, with vehicle access to this area at each end of this fencing, two points along it approx 70m apart and the Old Hospital Road intersection.

It is requested for your own and your families safety that no vehicles be parked on the road side of this temporary fencing or the southern side of the By-Pass Road along the showground boundary.

The General Manager  
Bland Shire Council

## MEETING NOTICES

### BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL NOTICE OF MEETING

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

#### Ordinary Council Meeting – Tuesday 15 September commencing at 6.30pm

Business Papers may be inspected at Council's Office and in the Library for the Ordinary Council meeting from Friday 11 September 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Bland Shire Council Road Condition Report

All unsealed roads within the Bland Shire Council area have been closed to vehicles over three (3) tonne until 10.00am Monday 31 August 2015, when the situation will be reviewed. School buses, Emergency Services and Council road repair plant are exempted, subject to normal risk assessment by individual operators.

Local traffic under three (3) tonne need to carry out own risk assessment prior to travel and extreme caution should be taken at all times when travelling on any open roads within the Shire.

Council regrets any inconvenience caused by this decision but the preservation of our road asset is of prime concern.

Further information can be provided by phoning Council's Engineering Services Department on (02) 69722266. For updates after hours or on weekends, please phone 0418 402350, or visit [www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

Will Marsh  
Director Assets & Engineering Services

### Expression of Interest

#### Trade rates and Plant Hire Rates

Contract No: 2016/01

Bland Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from all Trades for work and all Plant Hire Rates to be carried out within the 2015-2016 financial year.

The submissions must state the trade or plant name, the name of the company or main trades' person and include an hourly rate, which will be a fixed rate to 30 June 2016.

In submitting the Expression of Interest, the following is assumed to have been agreed:

- Services will only occur if the contractor is a Bland Shire Council "Compliant Contractor" in relation to WHS Insurances and Induction.
- That quotes based on the submitted rates will be issued within a week of request by Bland Shire Council
- That, if the quotes based on the rates are accepted, the work will commence within three weeks of the accepted date
- The works will be completed within a reasonable time frame

Expressions of Interest close at 3pm 31 August 2015

Tradespersons and Plant Hire companies can register their details online at [www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

The online form can be accessed from the home page or through your council/council information/tenders and EO's

Written or emailed Expressions of Interest will also be received up until the deadline. Councils email address is [council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

Further information can be obtained by contacting Donna Smith, Contracts, Compliance and WHS Officer on 02 6972 2266

Office Hours: 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday

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

Phone: 026972 2266 Email: [council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS - Council 0418 402 350,

Goldenfields Water 1800 800 917, Fire 000

