

A message from the Mayor

Welcome to Bland Shire Council's new approach to advertising

We are aware of the importance of good communication with the community and are committed to improvement.

Each week this page will highlight and promote the activities of Council as well as feature the latest Council notices, consultations and announcements. We will also email this page to existing members of Council's community email list and anyone who wishes to be included. People who wish to be added to the email list can contact Council with their details.

Utilising technology and to further ensure our news and information is easily accessible to everyone with an interest in Council both within the Shire and those ratepayers who reside outside the Shire, Council will also make the page available on its website www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au -every week. Please take time to read the various articles and notices, make yourself aware of upcoming meetings, events and

Council initiatives as well as the various plans, policies and concepts Council regularly put out to the community for public comment.

As always, Council welcomes constructive feedback or suggestions in regards to any of its operations. Our General Manager, Ray Smith, has an open door policy and an appointment can be arranged by phoning Council on 6972 2266.

Cr Neil Pokoney
Bland Shire Mayor



Seniors Week celebrations

Senior residents of the Bland Shire have until Monday to secure their place at the upcoming annual seniors luncheon and screening of the feature length documentary "When the Queen Comes to Town".

A capacity crowd of 250 people are expected to attend the always popular seniors luncheon at the West Wyalong Services and Citizens Club on Sunday, March 22.

Bookings are essential for the free luncheon, which will also include entertainment by Peter Hartwig and the presentation of Seniors Week awards, by phoning Bland Shire Council on 6972 2266 by no later than 5pm next Monday, March 9.

Seniors Week celebrations in the Bland Shire

will commence in royal fashion on Monday, March 16 with a free screening of the feature length documentary "When the Queen Came to Town".

Narrated by the King of Australian television, Bert Newton, "When the Queen Came to Town" recounts the euphoria surrounding Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Australia in 1954. People in attendance will enjoy a high tea fit for a Queen during intermission.

Bookings for the 2pm movie screening and high tea are available by phoning Bland Shire Council on 6972 2266 before 5pm on Monday, March 9.

A free bus is available from Ungarie and Barmedman provided there are sufficient numbers.

Road Network Forums continue

Bland Shire Council will hold the final two of four Road Network Forums in Weethalle and Mirrool next week.

Forums were held in West Wyalong on Wednesday night and Ungarie on Thursday night where senior staff explained Council's roads hierarchy and roads funding model and the challenges associated with maintaining one of the largest road networks in inland New South Wales.

Meanwhile, members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns.

Forums will be held next week at the Rural Fire Service Training Rooms in Weethalle on Wednesday, March 11 at 6pm and at the Mirrool Hotel at 6pm on Thursday night, March 12. For further enquiries please phone Bland Shire Council on 6972 2266.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole (VETACW) – Tuesday 10th March commencing at 6.00pm

The agenda may be inspected at Council's Office and in the Library for the VETACW meeting from Friday 6th March 2015. A copy will also be available on Council's website www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Committee on any relevant issue at the commencement of the meeting during the Public Forum session. Refer to Council's website for a full copy of the VETACW Public Forum Guidelines.

Ordinary Council Meeting

– Tuesday 17th March commencing at 6.30pm

Business Papers may be inspected at Council's Office and in the Library for the Ordinary Council meeting from Friday 13th March 2015. A copy of the Business Paper will also be available on Council's website - www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

The Council Meeting is 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 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.

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/2015/065	Lot 4, Section 19, DP758055 20-22 De Boos Street, Barmedman	Additions to existing garages	10-02-2015
DA/2015/072	Lot 13, Section 31, DP759123 25 Conway Street, Wyalong	Front boundary fence	03-02-2015
DA/2015/073	Lot 579, DP753135 91 Rose Lane West Wyalong	Secondary dwelling including a new garage & carport	10-02-2015
DA/2015/075	Lot 16, DP1078541 4 Old Hospital Road, West Wyalong	Storage shed	19-02-2015
DA/2015/077	Lot 4, DP20479 26 Fleece Street, West Wyalong	Carport	27-02-2015
DA/2015/079	Adjacent to Lot 170, DP 132794 147 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath - "A" frame advertising sign (three year approval)	20-02-2015
DA/2015/083	Adjacent to Lots 9 & 10, Section 1, DP 759123 64 Neeld Street, Wyalong	Use of footpath - "A" frame advertising sign (three year approval)	27-02-2015

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