

Friday 5 February 2016

Litter reduction proposal

The New South Wales Government is seeking public comment regarding a proposed Container Deposit Scheme.

The Government released a discussion paper on 19 December and is inviting community input on what a CDS should look like. CDS's use incentives to encourage the community to return empty drink containers to specific collection sites. CDS's are a way to reward environmentally responsible behaviour, reduce drink container litter and increase recycling. In general, consumers cover the cost of the scheme in the price of the drink when purchasing it. In this regard, CDS's are based on the "polluter

pays" principle, shifting waste management and litter collection costs away from local councils and land managers and on to consumers. According to the national Litter Index, drink containers make up 44 per cent of the volume of litter in NSW and are most prevalent (by number) on highways (39%), at industrial sites (23%) and in car parks (15%). Members of the community can download the discussion paper and make comment on what they believe a CDS in NSW should look like by visiting the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) website at www.epa.nsw.gov.au and searching for "Container Deposit Scheme". Submissions close on 26 February.

PUBLIC NOTICES



**West Wyalong Gold
2016 TRIATHLON**

Sunday 3 April 2016
Holland Park Pool,
Kurrajong Street, West Wyalong

Enter online at www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au
Events to suit all ages and abilities

The CB Engineering Enticer
1.5km run/10km ride/200m swim/1.5km run

The L & R Group Junior
700m run/5km ride/100m swim/700m run

The Evolution Sprint
3km run/20km ride/400m swim/3km run

*** EXCELLENT PRIZES ON OFFER ***

Payments and forms must be received on or before Friday 25 March 2016 for the early bird special

For further information about the event please contact Rebecca McDonnell at Bland Shire Council on 02 6972 2266, visit Council's website at www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au or like "Bland Shire Council" on Facebook

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
DA2015/0148	177 Railway Road, West Wyalong	Removal of four (4) trees and the lopping of one (1) tree	21/1/2016

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 5pm, Monday to Friday), at Bland Shire Council Offices, Shire Street, West Wyalong.

Ray Smith, General Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The State Government is seeking public comment on its NSW Container Deposit Scheme discussion paper.

Container Deposit Schemes (CDS) use incentives to encourage the community to return empty drink containers to specific collection sites.

In 2014-2015, drink containers made up 44 per cent of the volume of litter in NSW and were most prevalent on highways.

The discussion paper explores the key elements that will shape the design of the CDS in NSW and presents two possible models.

Members of the community can download the discussion paper and make comment on what they believe a CDS in NSW should look like at the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) website at www.epa.nsw.gov.au and searching for "Container Deposit Scheme".

All submissions must be received by 26 February.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Bland Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from any Bland Shire based not-for-profit community groups and organisations who may wish to provide catering for one or both of the following events:

- The West Wyalong Gold Triathlon, Sunday 3 April from approximately 8:00am – 1:00pm.

Groups and/or organisations would be required to provide all cooking equipment and food/beverages with profits from sales remaining with the group or organisation. Registrations for the event will commence at 8:00am with the presentation expected to conclude by approximately 1:00pm.

- The Reg Rathey VC Memorial Unveiling, Saturday 9 April from approximately 10:00am – 1:00pm

Groups and/or organisations would be required to provide all cooking equipment and catering for this event and would be paid a fee for their service, to be negotiated with Council.

* Please note power will not be available onsite at either event

Please forward your expression of interest to:

Community Development Officer, Bland Shire Council PO Box 21, West Wyalong NSW 2671 or email Council at council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au

For further information contact Council's Community Development Officer Rebecca McDonnell on 6972 2266.

Expressions of interest close on Friday 19 February.

LIBRARY NOTICES

Bland Shire Library Dates to Remember

8-11 February - Library Lovers Week

Simply by visiting the Library during this week patrons will be entered into a draw to win a prize

Lucky Book Prize to be drawn on 12 February just in time for Valentines Day

9 February - Knit & Knatter from 2pm

11 February - Storytime resumes from 10am

12 February - Pals of the Pen Writers Group from 10.30am & Finale Party for the Summer Reading Club from 4pm

16 February - Needle & Thread Session from 2pm

If you are interested in embroidery, cross-stitch or similar handicraft you are welcome - group meets fortnightly

19 February - Baby Bounce from 10.30am

For more information please phone Bland Shire Library on 6979 0272

Storytime is back!!

Will commence 11 February - For preschool age children

Every Thursday from 10am – 11am @ Library

Parents are asked to bring a piece of fruit for morning tea

Storytelling, song, music, dance, games and craft

For further information contact the Library on 6979 0272



Office Hours: 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday

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

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