

PUBLIC NOTICES

**West Wyalong Holland Park Pool will open THIS Saturday 3 October 2015**

Operating hours, admission charges and more information is available at



[www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

**The Ungarie Pool will be opening on Thursday 15 October 2015**

**PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONE**

Pursuant to Sections 644 & 644A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council proposes to establish an alcohol free zone that includes the following locations (refer to table below). It is proposed that the alcohol free zone will operate for a period of four (4) years.

LOCALITY	DESCRIPTION
Wyalong	Neeld Street (between Mallee Street and Slee Street)
West Wyalong	Main Street (between Ungarie Road and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Grenfell Street (between Main Street and Barnado Street)
West Wyalong	White Tank Lane (between Grenfell Street and Church Street)
West Wyalong	Barnado Street (between Grenfell Street and Church Street)
West Wyalong	Water Street (between White Tank Lane and Shire Street)
West Wyalong	Shire Lane (Between Water Street and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Church Street (Between North Street and Shire Street)
West Wyalong	Court Lane (Between Church Street and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Star Lane (Between Main Street and Court Street)
West Wyalong	Stribley Lane (Between Main Street and Court Lane)
West Wyalong	Operator Street (Between Gladstone Lane and Court Street)
West Wyalong	Soudens Lane (Between Church Street and Gladstone Lane)
West Wyalong	Gladstone Lane (Between Church Street and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Gladstone Street (Between Church Street and Monash Street)
West Wyalong	Monash Street (Between Main Street and Grenfell Street)
West Wyalong	North Street (Between Church Street and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Club Lane (Between Monash Street and Church Street)
West Wyalong	Shire Street (Between Water Street and Church Street)
West Wyalong	Court Street (Between Church Street and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Water Street Carpark
West Wyalong	Barnado Street Carpark

A copy of the proposal may be inspected at the Bland Shire Council offices, Shire Street, West Wyalong, during ordinary office hours (8:30am to 5:00pm) Monday to Friday or online at [www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

Council invites representations and objections from persons and groups within the area in relation to the proposal by 7 October 2015.

Any enquiries regarding the proposal should be directed to Council's Development Services Department on 69722266.

**Roads Funding Proposal - Special Rate Variation**

Bland Shire Council is currently seeking feedback from the community on a proposal to improve our local road network through a special rate variation.

Council is proposing a special rate variation (SRV) of 10 per cent per year for the next five years over and above the rate pegging limit (2.4 per cent in 2015-16) set by the State Government.

The proposal will raise an estimated cumulative \$11,254,898 over the next five years, including an additional \$614,835 in 2016-2017 and an extra \$4.12 million per year by 2020-2021 which will be spent exclusively on the local road network.

Council is experiencing a growing gap between the cost of providing services and facilities and the available funding to meet those costs.

Faced with the task of maintaining the second longest road network of any Council in NSW (3237 kilometres), frozen Federal grant funding and a long term "cap" set by the State Government - known as rate pegging - on Council's ability to increase income from rates to keep pace with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Council is underfunded to be able to meet service levels or community expectations on rural roads in particular.

The SRV will enable Council to meet service levels on all roads.

Prior to formally considering making any formal application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), Council has put forward two options for the community to consider in relation to an SRV.

**Option 1** proposes a rates increase above the rate pegging limit of 10 per cent per year over five years to improve the local road network. This would enable Council services to be maintained and current road infrastructure renewed to a satisfactory level and maintained in that condition. This increase includes the estimated 2.5 per cent rate peg.

**Option 2** is to increase rates only by the rate pegging limit set by the State Government each year (approximately 2.5 per cent) which will result in a reduction in service levels and deterioration of Council and community assets.

More detailed information about the proposal is available in the "Options to Improve Our Road Network" guide which will be posted to every ratepayer in the Bland Shire and is currently available at Council's Shire Street offices and for download at Council's website at [www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au).

Community members are invited to make a submission in writing to Council regarding the proposal. Written submissions should be signed and addressed to The General Manager, Bland Shire Council, PO Box 21, West Wyalong, NSW, 2671. Submissions close at 4pm on 12 November 2015.

All feedback from the community relating to the SRV proposal will be presented to Council for consideration before it formally considers whether to apply to IPART for a SRV in December.

Any enquiries regarding the proposal should be directed to Council during business hours on 69722266.



**MAGPIE ALERT!**

Bland Shire Council wishes to advise that there have been reports of magpies swooping in the vicinity of the Monash Street park (corner of Monash and Park Street).

If magpies are swooping in other areas please report to Bland Shire Council on 6972 2266 so signs can be erected to warn the public.

**MEETING NOTICE**

**BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

**Ordinary Council Meeting – Tuesday 20 October commencing at 6.30pm**

Business Papers may be inspected at Council's Office and in the Library for the Ordinary Council meeting from Friday 16 October 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.

**Bland Shire Council would like to advise that due to the public holiday the West Wyalong and Ungarie Landfill will be closed on Monday 5 October 2015**

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)

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