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What's happening

As a MACCAT member take a moment to get up to date with what's happening around the area...

Merimbula \$20 – 20th with MNW

How's this for unbeatable value! MACCAT have teamed up with Merimbula News Weekly for the “\$20 on the 20th” promotion.

There'll be a buzz around Merimbula's retail precinct on Saturday 20th June....watch the News Weekly in coming weeks for more. In conjunction with the promotion, advertising space will be available, in the News Weekly, for as low as \$20.....**Yes, you read it correctly, advertising space starting at an unbelievably low \$20!!!!!!**

Give them a call on 6495 3323. We haven't seen prices like that since the introduction of decimal currency (for those of you old enough to remember).....

Merimbula Business Awards Are Coming...

Stay tuned for more on the **MACCAT Merimbula Business Awards...**

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Wilderness Walk

MACCAT will be looking for likeminded persons to become members of the steering committee to set in motion this exciting project – a “Walking Trail” initially from Merimbula to Eden with the view to extending this walk from Bermagui to Lakes Entrance in Victoria. Contact Don Smith – 0414 211 044 or 6495 1121 for further information.

Fishpen Rock wall

This project is almost complete with the area looking so much better. Congratulations to the BVSC team for a job well done. Waiting for completion is the fence around the old slipway. Visitors can now safely walk from the Causeway Bridge to the slipway, off the road, with seats and stopping points along the way.



Old



New

Next -

The next project to be completed will be the retaining fence at the Wharf Restaurant & Aquarium. Proposals are well in hand and BVSC consultant David Buckley has advised that final estimates are only a short distance away.

All jobs to be completed by September this year as a part of the Federal Government's \$1Million dollars plus injection into our shire for Regional Local Community Infrastructure Projects.

29th Jazz Festival 2009.



The weather was kind to the organising committee this year and an appreciative audience watched a shortened parade on Saturday June 6th

Thanks to MACCAT, buskers performing in preselected areas during Jazz Festival were not "moved on" by Bega Valley Shire officials.



Fun for all the family.

The parade had a good audience turnout.



Flags

The flags have been taken down for the winter months and will be returned to the top of the masts as soon as practicable. MACCAT appreciate the sponsorship of the Merimbula RSL to brighten our causeway over the past six months.

New flags and new designs are currently being considered.

29th Jazz Festival 2009 - Continued

Judges had a very hard decision to make regarding the quality of the dressed windows for Jazz Weekend with an honourable mention to Sails Real Estate.

Window Competition Winners were:-

Everything Earthy & The Lolly Shop

Thanks to all participating stores - some great windows
Thanks also to sponsors – **Retravision & Camera House**

Pyramid Power

Solar Power Energy Report

**DID YOU KNOW THE
MERIMBULA FIRE STATION
HAS SOLAR POWER?**

[Not a MACCAT initiative]



Power's Grid Connect program

MACCAT was the sponsor in Merimbula for Pambula business, Pyramid Power's Grid Connect program to have solar panels installed on local residences. The government is providing up to \$9000 subsidy to households who took up the offer.

Despite the shock announcement from the Federal Government on 9 June 2009 at 10am regarding the early closure of the Solar Homes and Communities Program at midnight on 10 June 2009, Pyramid Power managed to process and submit all application received by them in accordance with the Government's new closing time. This was a fantastic effort by Pyramid Power and at this stage it is looking good for all applications to be approved and for the local group to get a Community System at the Berrambool Sporting Complex.

History of the Bega Valley Shire Business Forum

The **BVSBF** (Bega Valley Shire Business Forum) had its beginnings out of a meeting held in Bega on 9th May 2000 comprising the Chambers of Commerce, Bega Valley Shire Council, Bega Business Enterprise Centre, Australian Capital Region Community Development, Sapphire Coast Tourism and South East Area Consultative Committee.

John Dedman welcomed participants to the meeting and explained the suggestion for such discussion arose as a result of a meeting with the Batemans Bay committee. Eurobodalla Shire had formed a Business Development board to give a united voice to funding and other proposals for the Shire.

In August 2000 the participants decided the formal name of the new group would be Bega Valley Shire Business Forum as an incorporated, not for profit Test Page body. The election of the first Office Bearers was taken at the October 2000 meeting. Robert Hayson (Bega) elected as President, Scott Waterson (Tathra) Vice President, Janette Neilson (Bermagui) Secretary, Helen Stafford (Cobargo) Treasurer, Public Officer Laurie Delle Vergin (Merimbula).

The Forum currently represents over 600 businesses of the Bega Valley through the various Chambers of Commerce and Business Groups within the Shire. The Forum is unique in what it does for the business community and has received several accolades from the NSW Business Chamber. After hosting the Regional Roundtable last November Lee Christian from the State Chamber said that it was "the best" of the roundtables she had ever been involved in. She had praise for the way all our Chambers here work closely together and congratulated Robert Hayson and the Forum on the job they do.

The Forum has been sought out by other regions wanting to set up similar forums. It is amazing what a business community can do when they work together. Why not come along to one of our meetings in the near future.

Further information can be obtained from the President Robert Hayson on 6492 5533

Website: www.thebegavalley.org.au/12427.html



Wally Carbonari – Absent from this picture

MEMBERSHIP:

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Take Merimbula Forward.

Richard Mikolajczyk, MACCAT's new membership registrar is quoted as saying – "I don't know why your business is not a member of MACCAT - now is the time to join as the next few years will be critical to Merimbula's future." Contact me now and I will ensure you get a membership application form.

MACCAT's 2009 Executive Committee

Don Smith	(Admirals Lodge)	President
Richard Mikolajczyk	(The Party Shop)	Vice President
John Ford	(Camera House)	Secretary
Diane Harrison	(Waterview Luxury Apartments)	Treasurer
Barb Aggenbach	(Video Ezy)	Committee Member
Wally Carbonari	(Retravision)	Committee Member
Greg Knight	(Capri Apartments)	Committee Member
Dawn Ramsey	(Sapphire Waters Motor Inn)	Committee Member
Keith Williams	(The Palms Apartments)	Committee Member



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- We are always open to suggestions.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GAZETTED MEETINGS FOR 2009 - 2010

Members Meetings

1. 26th May 2009 – Special General/ Members Meeting - Rescheduled to 17th June 2009 – Constitution changes
2. 26th August 2009 – General Members Meeting
3. 24th November 2009 – General Members Meeting
4. 30th March 2010 – AGM

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- PLACE: CLUB SAPPHIRE MERIMBULA
- TIME: 7.00PM – DATE **TBA**
- REASON: MERIMBULA BUSINESS AWARDS
- DRESS: BLACK TIE

- PLACE: FORD OVAL
- TIME: 4.00PM – 12 MIDNIGHT
- MUSIC ON THE GREEN – FROM 4PM
- FIREWORKS NYE – 9PM & 12 MIDNIGHT

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