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COUNCILLOR COLUMN



As a first time Councillor I don't believe anyone could have prepared me for the commitment and time it takes to do real justice to this job.

I am enjoying the journey though, and while it has been a huge learning curve the last month has confirmed for me how important the knowledge within our community is and your genuine willingness to share it for the best outcomes.

The recent input offered on projects like the Goldfields and Rotary Pioneer Park upgrades, as well as the proposed Sport/Evacuation Centre have generated genuine discussion where Councillors and staff listened and made some suitable changes.

We need to consult to get the right outcomes for all residents, tapping into the information and knowledge out there in the community.

I encourage every resident to have your say, your opinion is important even if we don't always agree, because together we can make a difference.

Cr Johanna (Hansie) Armour

TUMUT EVACUATION/MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE UPDATE

A passionate group of community members have met with Councillors and staff to discuss site options for the Tumut Multipurpose Facility following Council's decision to discard any consideration of land at the Tumut Sale Yards.

Two new locations have been proposed in the vicinity of Richmond Street, and council staff are now investigating with a further report due to be presented to the Councillors in September.

Council has also written to Member for Wagga Wagga Dr Joe McGirr MP and Member for Albury Justin Clancy MP requesting their assistance in securing an extension for the grant funding.

NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IN REEDY CREEK PARK



The new bridge in Batlow's Reedy Creek Park is a welcome sight for locals. The park was significantly damaged by the Black Summer Bushfires and works to clear and rehabilitate the park have been ongoing.

The updated walking bridge is made from steel construction with a fibreglass reinforced plastic decking, making it very robust and low maintenance. Finishing works, including the concrete connector paths will be completed soon.

Batlow residents have also volunteered their time and energy in helping to rehabilitate the park, including working bees and tree planting days hosted in partnership with Murrumbidgee Landcare and the Batlow Rotary Club.

Council received funding of \$70,000 under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding – Phase Two Bushfire Resilience and Recovery Fund (BCRRF) to replace the walking bridge and remove bushfire damaged vegetation.

ALPINE WAY SAFETY PATROL

Our Road Maintenance teams are kept busy all year round keeping our roads as safe as possible, and none more so than our Khancoban team who do daily patrols of the Alpine Way, on behalf of TNSW, ensuring the road is clear of rock falls, land slips, fallen trees and snow during the ski season.

With the winter closure of the Cabramurra to Khancoban Road and the recent major landslide on Elliot Way, it is essential work to keep the Alpine way clear, as the only alternative passage across the mountains is a long one via Tumut and the Snowy Mountains Highway.

The Alpine Way is also a scenic and popular tourism route, and a vital transport link for commuters between the Upper Murray and Snowy Monaro regions.



A recent small land slip on the Alpine Way.

NEW AMENITIES FOR LOCAL PARKS

Following consultation with a group of avid park users, locations for the new amenities blocks planned for Tumut's Rotary Pioneer Park and Tumberumba's Goldfields Park have been approved.

The Rotary Pioneer Park facilities will be located near the western carpark on Elm Drive adjacent to the picnic shelters, while the Goldfields' new amenities will replace the existing building.

The new buildings will be prefabricated styles constructed off-site, providing savings that will be invested back into park improvements.

Negotiations with potential contractors is underway and the project completion date has been extended until June 2023.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Ian Chaffey appreciates the opportunity to attend community meetings and activities when he can. Here are some he attended over the past two weeks:

- Tumut Evacuation/Multipurpose Center Working Group meeting
- Informal meeting with local landholders re the Batlow/Tumut Rail Trail
- SVC Community Grants Assessment Panel meeting

To invite the Mayor to your community meeting email ichaffey@svc.nsw.gov.au

GETTING OUR SCRAP SORTED

In just one year, we've diverted 1,200 tonnes of food and organics from going to landfill. That's equivalent to the weight of three Boeing 747 jets!

Our ambitious goal is to get all the food that is still being sent to landfill diverted to the green FOGO bin, helping to reduce carbon emissions and the negative impact on the environment.

As a community we are making a big difference, so let's keep putting all our food scraps in the green-lid bin.

New Waste Collection Calendar

While we think the SVC Waste App is the best way to check your bin collection schedule, hard copy calendars are available for pick up at our customer service counters and all resource recovery centres.

