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HANDY RATES INFORMATION

If you hold a current Pensioner Concession Card or Department of Veterans Affairs Card issued by the Commonwealth Government, you can apply for a rates rebate.

Council also has a Hardship Policy in place to provide an avenue for relief to those ratepayers who are experiencing genuine financial difficulties in paying their rates and charges. Arrangements can be made with Council to help make your payments more manageable.

Please phone Council for assistance with the Pensioner Council Rates Rebate Application form or to discuss your individual circumstances during business hours on 1300 275 782 (1300 ASK SVC). Don't forget, if you have an email address, opt in to receive your rates and water notices as soon as they are issued via email. Register online at www.svc.nsw.gov.au/Rates

SCRAPPY COLOURING WINNERS



Thanks to all the little environmental warriors who entered our Scrap Together Colouring Competition.

The design featured food scraps, including fish and meat bones, fruit and veggie scraps and cheese – all things that go in the green-lid FOGO bin.

Six winners were drawn randomly and four kindergarten students from McAuley Catholic Central School were thrilled to receive their book prizes this week.

Congratulations to our other winners Ana Proos and Nevaeh Dean.



Ella Forsyth, Ella Johnson, Ella Mildren and Jayden Spicer. Top: some of our fabulous entries

COUNCILLOR COLUMN

The past twelve months has been a time of mixed experiences with many wonderful opportunities and also ongoing frustrations that have no quick fix to resolve going forward.

I'm actively involved in my elected role and as I've said on many occasions, popular decisions are easy to make but it's the right decisions that often people don't agree with they take greater courage.

Through discussions and working with members of the community, it appears the multi-purpose/ evacuation centre will finally be built, I urge the community to work to develop a business case to manage the facility to ensure it's accessible to those who want to use it as well as be available as an evacuation centre when needed.

Much of what the current Council has been dealing with have been decisions and projects of the previous council. It's clear the financial position of Snowy Valleys Council is going to take a lot of work and some difficult decisions over the next couple of years to get back on track.

As a new year approaches, it's time to reset expectations and to focus on what our communities need and being realistic about the wants.

We live in one of the most amazing and beautiful parts of the world. We have incredibly talented and generous people who live, work, play and volunteer here and despite all the difficulties we have much to be grateful for.

Please take the time to speak with us (councillors), discuss the issues important to you, remembering it's not always possible to be all things to all people.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, be safe and be involved in your community in 2023.



~ Deputy Mayor, Councillor Trina Thomson

PROJECT UPDATE – SVC POOL UPGRADES

Tumut youngsters will be excited to hear that the new splash play zone and learn-to-swim pool will be opening next week.

The splash play zone features a giant water dumping Sea Silhouette Turtle, a gentler water spurting Frog and a swirling floating Bobble.



Tumut Pool – Splash Play Zone

Upgrade works at the Batlow Pool are in the final stages. The learn-to-swim pool and splash zone is finished, and the plant room fit out is nearing completion.

The new shade structure has been constructed and solar panels will be installed on the structure's roof to help regulate water temperatures.

A disabled access ramp into the 25m lap pool has been installed and the pool is almost ready to be filled with water.

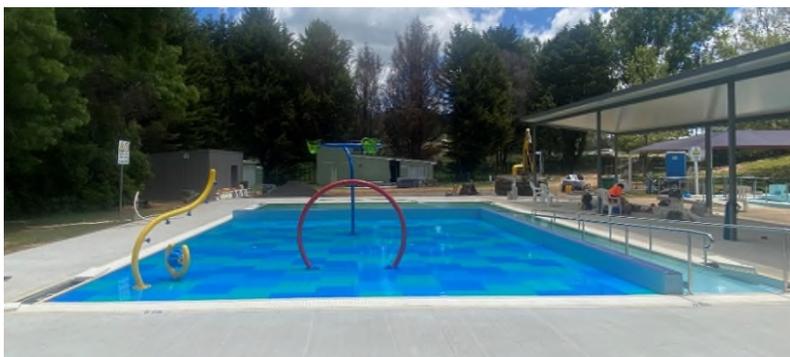
The new amenities buildings have been installed at Batlow and Khancoban and we are working hard to commission the buildings to open both pools before Christmas. Keep an eye on our socials for opening dates.

Stage 2 of the Khancoban project will take place after the swimming season and will see the old amenities building demolished and replaced with a new shade structure. Solar panels will be installed on the structure's roof to help regulate water temperatures.



Above: Disabled access ramp into Batlow's 25m pool. Below Batlow's Splash Play Zone.

These projects have been funded under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, co-funded by the Australian and NSW governments.



EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS

Take advantage of longer opening hours at our pools from Saturday 17 December until 30 January 2023.

Adelong and Tumut pools will be open daily from 10am – 6:30pm and our other pools will open from 12 noon to 6.30pm.

We've also extended entry hours for swipecard users who can now enjoy their evening swim until 8pm every day.

Beat the heat at one of our sensational pools this holiday season. Remember entry is free!

SVC POOLS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS
 CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

OPEN 7 DAYS

Adelong & Tumut
 10.00am - 6.30pm

Batlow, Khancoban & Tumbarumba
 12.00pm - 6.30pm

AFTER HOURS SWIPECARD ACCESS
 Monday - Friday 6.00am - 8.00pm
 Saturday - Sunday 7.00am to 8.00pm

YAVEN CREEK ROAD PROJECT

The \$900,000 funded Yaven Creek Road upgrade project is complete.

The project included culvert replacement, road realignment, road widening and pavement reconstruction of 1.58km section of road at the area adjacent to the Snowy Mountains Highway.

The project came in under budget and the remaining funds will be used for heavy patching failed sections along Yaven Creek Road over the next few months.

