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COUNCILLOR COLUMN

Saturday was a big day; Tooma shone with the Three bridges markets. Over a thousand people attended. It was a terrific way to show off two of the new Sculptures from the Snowy Valleys Sculptures Trail.



I was able to stand on a stall with SVC's Martin Canteros-Paz and discuss the FOGO recycling plan. SVC is working towards Zero Waste.

I attended the Glenroy Pioneer Women's Hut AGM. It has a small committee of dedicated members and would appreciate some more.

Tumbarumba Rotary celebrated 60 years. President, Julie Giddings, presided over the evening with fond memories of lasting projects for our community.

I love living where I do. Watching the area grow and prosper with community led projects. Thank you to all who work hard to make our area vibrant.

- Cr Julia Ham

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BRINDABELLA ROAD

A commitment of \$17.4 million for upgrades to Brindabella Road was made as part of the Government's 2022-23 Federal Budget.

The funding is for safety upgrades to a dangerous section of Brindabella Road from Brindabella Valley to the ACT border. The upgrade will help to improve safety for all road users and a safer, quicker route between Canberra and the Snowy Valleys will help bring more visitors to the region, injecting more tourist dollars into the local economy.

Council looks forward to receiving further information about the funding so we can proceed with project planning and providing more details to the community.

BULL PADDOCK SURFACE UPGRADE

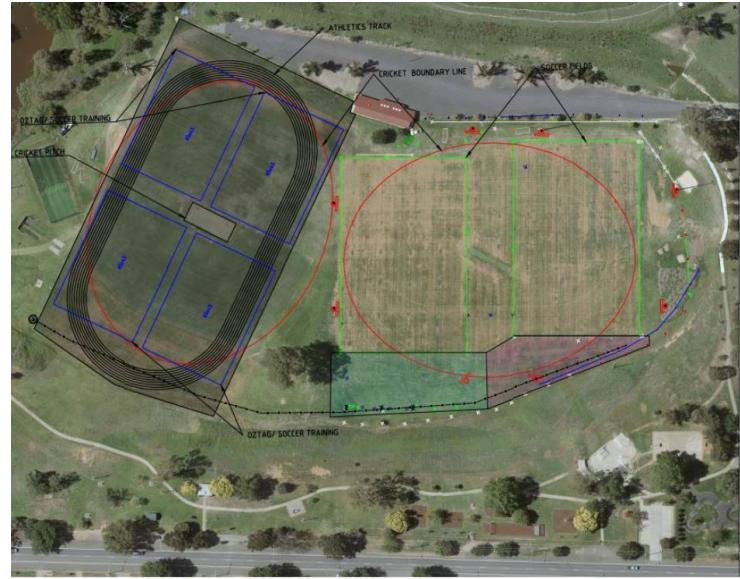
The northern fields of Tumut's Bull Paddock will be closed until the end of the year for upgrade works.

The grant funded project will improve the ground's drainage and install automatic

irrigation. As a result, user groups will have improved usage of the oval during wet weather and better surface conditions from increased watering coverage during drier seasons.

A significant portion of the southern end of the Bull Paddock was successfully upgraded in 2019, which has enabled the southern fields to remain open during wet weather and users have benefitted from the enhancements.

This stage of the project also includes upgrades to the remainder of the southern fields at the shot-put circle end, to improve the playing surface. The Bull Paddock will also soon boast new female change room facilities, including separate change rooms and showers for visitors and home teams, plus storage and umpire's rooms.



FLOOD DAMAGE TO PUBLIC SPACES

While flood waters have started to recede many of our open space areas that have been inundated with flood water remain closed.

We're asking everyone to please stay out of the following areas to give our crews time to clear potentially hazardous mud and fallen trees and to give the sodden ground time to rejuvenate.

- Rotary Pioneer Park, Tumut
- Bila Park, Tumut
- Tumut River Walk
- Tumut Wetlands
- The Lions Junction Park , Tumut
- Adelong Falls Walk
- Jones Bridge Campground, Blowering
- Henry Angel Campground, Burra



Signage is in place for areas that have been inundated with floodwater as they may contain debris and a higher risk from fallen trees.

We are working hard to clean up hazards for reopening.

DEMERGER UPDATE

Snowy Valleys Council Mayor Ian Chaffey met last week with the Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman to seek clarification on the process for a council demerger.

"We had a good discussion and Minister Tuckerman has indicated a way forward," Cr Chaffey said.

"The issue was clarified that a new business case must be prepared by Snowy Valleys Council.

"Council has resolved on this course of action, and we will now begin the business case development process."

KHANCOBAN ROAD RENAMING

The western end of Mitchell Avenue Khancoban, between Scott St and Scammel St has been officially renamed Clews Road.

The renaming rectified addressing issues for a small number of properties that was impacting on the ability of emergency responders, utility providers and delivery services to provide timely service.

The name change does not impact on the shopping centre.

As a result of community feedback, Clews Road selected as the new name and given approval by the Geographic Naming Board.

Major Clews was a Senior Surveyor for the Snowy Mountains Authority and was in charge of surveying the Snowy Mountains from 1950 to 1958.



IN THE COMMUNITY

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

- Snowy Hydro Tumut 3's 50th birthday celebrations
- Rail Trail Safety Inspection with representatives of the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail Steering Committee
- Royal Far West morning tea to celebrate the last visit of the "Healthy Kids Bus Stop" in the LGA
- Official Opening – Tumut Hospital
- Transgrid Community "Drop In" Sessions – Tumbarumba

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