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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2022 were presented to the Council by the External Auditor at the November Council Meeting.

The Auditor outlined that Council's overall operating result from continuing operations for 2021/22 was a deficit of \$5.97 million.

The net operating result when excluding capital grants and contributions was a deficit of \$19.72 million, largely due to depreciation expense as a result of a revaluation of water and sewer assets required every five years.

The financial statements are included in council's 2021/22 Annual Report which is the yearly report to the community documenting activities and finances over the previous year.

The Annual Report describes how the organisation has met its annual objectives and priorities.

During the year, the low supply of materials and workers as a result of COVID-19 interfered with how we delivered work and some services.

Despite these obstacles council was able to deliver 103 (87%) actions and initiatives identified in the 2021/22 Operational Plan and rolled over a further 12 (10%) initiatives to be delivered this financial year.

We delivered a \$63.8 million Capital Works Program, collected 1,596 tonnes of recyclable waste, awarded \$116,236 in community grant funding, determined 193 Development Applications, delivered 190 Library programs, registered 287 pets, and engaged with 162,003 viewers via social media, just to name a few.

Copies of the 2021/22 Annual Report including the Audited Financial Statements are available via council's website, Libraries and Customer Service Counters.

LOCAL FOGO CHAMPION

Come on Snowy Valleys, let's get our scrap sorted!

Fogo Champion, Cate loves using her green-lid FOGO bin for all her kitchen scraps. "Sometimes I find that in spite of careful planning I have left over food. I never worry now because I know it will be recycled into a valuable product."

"Another bonus is that by being diverted from landfill it is not producing methane gas adding unnecessary amounts of methane to the atmosphere," Cate said.

Cate's FOGO tip - Let your neighbours know if you are going away so that they can make use of your green bin. By sharing we not only build good relationships with our neighbours, but we also ensure that all green waste goes into recycling.



COUNCILLOR COLUMN

In this Councillor Column I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge some fine contributions by a number of people.

Firstly, I note that Brenda Kirkby is leaving SVC to take up a position at Charles Sturt University. Brenda's role at Council was in part to provide support to Councillors across many aspects of our roles. Her attention to detail and organisational skills will be missed and I am sure all of my Council Colleagues will join me in wishing Brenda all the best in her new role.

I had the pleasure of attending the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Tumut 3 power station at Talbingo on the 5 November. This occasion was very well represented and it was interesting to see the quality of the installation 50 years after commissioning. The day also included the official opening of the new boat ramp facility at the Talbingo Dam. I would also like to extend particular congratulations to the young men representing the Tumut Clontarf Foundation at the event. Their presentation and maturity is a credit to all concerned.

Speaking of young people setting a great example, I must also commend the pupils of the local Tumbarumba and Rosewood schools for the way they helped organise and officiate at the Remembrance Day ceremony on Thursday at the Tumbarumba Cenotaph. Along with the members of the RSL Sub-Branch a very fitting commemoration was observed and it certainly spoke to me that we have some very capable young people within our ranks to be the future leaders.

On Friday 4 November I attended an afternoon tea to acknowledge a number of staff from the Tumbarumba Hospital who have retired in recent times. In some cases, over 40 years of service to the community. Well done and thank you.

I would like draw to the attention of rural landowners the recent release of the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map. The Snowy Valleys Local Government Area is one of 11 council areas that the Department of Planning and Environment has released the draft mapping for. Given that there has been issues with vegetation clearing in recent times I would commend land owners to familiarise themselves with this mapping tool as it will indicate the various categories of land that are subject to regulations on clearing. The below link will take you to the Departments information on the map.

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/biodiversity/native-vegetation-regulatory-map>

Cr Brent Livermore

SNOWY VALLEYS TRACKS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

The Snowy Valleys Tracks and Trails Masterplan is an aspirational plan – a vision of what our region’s tracks and trails network could look like in the long term, boosting tourism and local recreation opportunities.

As part of the plan, five priority new development projects have been identified. Each project includes a trail concept plan, high level costings, a business case, and a review of environmental factors to assist in obtaining funding to complete the work.

View the full Draft Master Plan via the website.

