

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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#### HALF-YEARLY HIGHLIGHTS



**Tumut Pool Stage 2 upgraded was completed** with a new learn to swim and splash play area



Council adopts Snowy Valleys first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

**Council awarded 13 Projects** through the Strengthening Grants to the value of \$60,000

Expansion completed to double the capacity of the automated NSW Return and Earn container deposits in Tumut

New Ournie Hall officially opened in December 2022

332 Planning Certificates and 55 Residential Development applications were determined

**Council awarded 6 Projects** through the Capital Sports Grant to the value of \$40,000

CRJO collaboration with Green Caffeen rolled out in the Snowy Valleys cafes with Snowy Valleys being one of Green Caffeens most successful campaigns to date

New bridge in Batlow's Reedy Creek completed

The well-known Col Daniel suspension bridge located near Tumbarumba (connection for the Hume and Hovell) was replaced

The \$900,000 funded Yaven Creek Road upgrade project completed

**\$17.4M funding from** Federal Member for Eden-Monaro for Brindabella Road announced

#### DRAFT TUMUT AERODROME MASTERPLAN

Aerodrome users and community members are invited to view the Draft Tumut Aerodrome Master Plan on council's website and provide feedback during the plan's public exhibition period.

The draft master plan includes the Stage 2 Aerodrome Improvements project, the NSW RFS Fire Control Centre and the needs of the Forestry Corporation, and recognises the aerodrome's importance as emergency infrastructure over a 20-year period. Submissions close on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2023.



#### **COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR HANSIE AMOUR**



What a start to a new year!!! So much has happened. We have celebrated Australia Day and welcomed 34 new Australians to our community. Welcome to you all and congratulations to all the recipients of the many awards. We have seen the unveiling of more sculptures at Tumbarumba, the Tumbatrek Dinner, and the Tumbatrek walk.

Our RegenArt exhibitions in Adelong, Batlow, and

Talbingo are all such credit to the organisers. This past weekend we celebrated Tumbafest.

We officially opened our helipad at the new Tumut Hospital. A new ambulance station and we are ready to receive 5 units that will assure accommodation for new recruits and staff. How good is that!

The Helipad that Tumut Rotary Club many years ago funded through community fundraising and also physically build had to be removed to make place for the new buildings ...... The local LHAC lobbied hard and was promised it would be replaced and the new betterment policy applied. It feels so good to say the NSW Government kept its word!

I also want to welcome our new Director Community & Corporate Jessica Quilty born in Tumut and returned to fill this important position. Welcome back Jessica!

Welcome also to Parthiv Parekh our new Finance Office, hoping to work with him and our new GM Ken Gouldthorp to get better outcomes for our finances.

The most urgent matter now is for Dr Joseph Drew and his team from Newcastle University to complete his document review to complete the Merger Business Case. It is important that this is done ASAP so that our beautiful Shire can go forward. That our staffs have security of tenure and stability in the workplace. It will be one of the hardest things to complete.

I am serious when I say to all our ratepayers, all of the SVC, please have your voices heard.... listen to the facts that professor Drew will put out there ....!!!

If you are not sure how, please contact the SVC front desk or one of your councillors. We are supposed to be the conduit for you and the Council itself.... Use us.

Good things have happened; difficult days ahead but I am sure we can get the SVC steaming ahead with the team we have be it de-amalgamated or remaining as is.

#### MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE

Over the past six months, Council has been working with a designer and a community working group to develop a concept design for the upcoming Tumut Multi-purpose Centre.

In October 2022 following input from the working group, Councillors approved the open space site at Lockeridge Park, on Simpson Street opposite the Tumut Hospital, as the location of the new Multipurpose Centre due to its favourable geotechnical analysis, and the potential for further expansion.

Tenders will soon be invited for the design and construction of the facility and concept designs have been developed as a guide for tenderers.

The final detailed design for the facility is subject to alteration as Council considers tender bids.

Councillors will consider awarding the contract at their April or May 2023 Council Meeting and then construction will begin without delay.

Community members are invited to view the project's concept design and speak with staff about the project at a pop-up information session to be held in the Tumut main street on Wednesday 8 March.





## **POP-UP INFORMATION SESSION**

### COME ALONG TO SEE THE CONCEPT DESIGNS FOR THE MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE

- Wednesday 8 March
- Wynyard Street Tumut outside Harvey Norman
- From 3:30pm to 5:00pm