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BUSHFIRE FENCECYCLE COLLECTIONS COMPLETE



Council received funding under the NSW Environment Protection Authority's FenceCycle program to help bushfire-impacted property owners safely get rid of burnt fencing materials.

42 properties in the Snowy Valleys registered for the free collection service during the February to April 2022 registration period.

Council's waste partner Valmar completed collections from rural landholders around the Snowy Valleys, from Ournie in the south to Ellerslie in the north.

Collected materials were sent to a recycling facility in Sydney and out of the 60 tonnes of burnt material collected, 55.9 tonnes were able to be recycled.

The project also included the construction of storage bays at the Adelong, Batlow and Tumbarumba Resource Recovery Centres.

The bays provided a safe sorting area for the burnt fencing material and will be used as designated storage areas in future disaster events.

COMMUNITY FORUMS SVC DEMERGER CONSIDERATION – BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT

Community members are invited to attend a community forum where report author and project lead, Professor Joseph Drew of the University of Newcastle will present the draft findings, answer community questions, and gather individual feedback to help inform the final business case.

This is your opportunity to hear the evidence and have your say.

All welcome.

- **Thursday 27 April – 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Tumut Montreal Community Theatre**
- **Friday 28 April – 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Tumbarumba RSL Hall**

COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR SAM HUGHES

Funding has been granted to develop a Strategic Plan for the Hume and Hovell Track. Opportunities for the community and tourism operators to be involved will be rolled out this month. This is timely, as NSW Forests launched their Tourism Masterplan last month and SVC has just finished its Tracks and Trails Masterplan, where the Hume and Hovell Track's potential to link the Snowy Valley towns features prominently.

I attended the Tumut Annual Art Show, which enjoyed a great turnout and once again attracted a strong, capable field of entries that put this year's judges through their paces.

The SVC 2023 Careers Expo was held at the Tumbarumba Stadium and Showground. I was lucky enough to be involved, manning the desk as part of the Council's team. The expo facilitated the engagement between local industries and high school students regarding career opportunities. It was also an opportunity to have conversations around Council's youth policies and engagement looking forward.

With a substantial rebuilding of 70-year-old culverts, Forestry's Yellowin Access Road re-opened in time for the Easter long weekend. For the first time in over nine months, visitors and residents are able to access the western foreshore of Lake Blowering. The re-opening has also restored movement between Batlow and Talbingo, with some of the most spectacular country Snowy Valleys has to offer, whilst making a great day out loop through Tumut. This also adds an important third evacuation option for both townships.

I took part in the latest Resilient Towns meeting for Batlow. This time the workshop focused on how we can be ready for the first 72 hours of an emergency that threatens the community. We explored the practical and pragmatic steps to take and realised once again the importance of building preparedness plans that will be effective and last the test of time.

- Sam



OPEN SPACES WORKS SCHEDULE

With 740 hectares of open space and gardens to look after, including 25 playgrounds, 10 cemeteries, and 8 sporting fields, our teams never quite know what the day will bring.

These are just some of the open space maintenance works on council's Autumn program:

- Preparing for the Bullants Gala Day at the Bull Paddock in Tumut
- School athletics carnival preparations in Batlow, Tumbarumba, and Tumut
- Cricket pitch cover installation at the Tumbarumba Sportsground
- Preparations for ANZAC Day ceremonies in Adelong, Batlow, Tumbarumba, and Tumut
- Track maintenance at the Adelong Falls
- Banner pole repair work in Batlow
- Tree trimming at Rosewood Cemetery
- Weed spraying at Tumut Wetlands
- Bridge safety repairs in Stockwell Gardens and McFarlanes Park in Tumut



Photo: Extra footpath cleaning is also happening in the Tumut CBD to manage seasonal plane tree fruit drop

CAREERS EXPO A HIT WITH STUDENTS

Local youth employment opportunities and pathways were the topics of conversation when 220 high school students from Tumbarumba, Tumut, Batlow, and Gundagai came together at the 2023 Snowy Valleys Careers Expo.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Feedback was very positive, including the wide range and variety of exhibitors and how well-run the event was.



DOGS THAT ROAM NEED TO GO HOME

Unaccompanied roaming dog complaints are on the rise across the region, and we are urging dog owners to please be responsible.

If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to ensure it is microchipped, secure on your premises and not roaming around town.

Also, always keep your dogs on a leash when out walking. This reduces unwanted and stressful dog interactions and keeps dogs safe and under control.

The rules of dog ownership are pretty simple:

- Microchip and register your dog
- Always walk your dog on a lead
- Clean up after your dog
- Ensure that it has a safe, secure environment to live in

If you do need to report a stray or roaming dog, use our online animal request portal at www.svc.nsw.gov.au/animal-request

Photo: Our Ranger/Biosecurity Officers, Josh and Rodney



AROUND THE GROUNDS

Line-marking and prepping is getting underway at our sports ovals and grounds for the Winter sports season including Rugby Union, Soccer, Minor League, Hockey, and Australian Rules.

