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OVER 23,000 TONNES OF GREEN WASTE CLEARED



A total of 23,025 tonnes of bushfire destroyed trees have been cleared from roadsides and public spaces across the Snowy Valleys under the NSW Government's EPA Bushfire-generated Green Waste program.

Council selected 350km of high-traffic roads and popular recreation areas for the program including Paddy's River Falls, Weemala Lookout, Miles Franklin Drive, Tooma Road and Back Kunama Road. Priority was also given to fire trails accessed by emergency services.

All trees removed under this program were inspected by qualified arborists and ecologists. We also engaged with neighbouring properties and left habitat trees and hollows for the local wildlife.

Grant conditions prevent Council from selling the material as it may affect our local businesses. Council engaged local contractors through an Expressions of Interest to process and re-use materials from the clean-up.

HEAVY PATCHING WORKS

Our road crews are hard at it, doing refurbishment and heavy patching works on local roads around the region.

Upcoming scheduled works include Tumbarumba Road north-west of Rosewood and Masons Hill Road.

Batlow Road at the Tumbarumba end was finished last week.

Please look out for roadwork signage in your area and thanks for your patience as this important work is undertaken.



COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR BRENT LIVERMORE

With the coming of cold weather at this time of year, it is timely to remind residents about the importance of making sure you have working smoke alarms in your homes. Alarms have test buttons to check operation and battery-type alarms should have new batteries fitted every twelve months.

There are a number of important documents currently on exhibition and all residents are urged to take time to review these and provide feedback.

- The Integrated Planning and Reporting suite of documents contains details of the council's forward plans for Operations over the next twelve months, the Delivery Program over the next four years, and the Long Term Financial Plan for the next ten years. These documents identify the precarious financial position of the council and also contain options for potential additional Special Rate Variations (SRVs) over the next few years.
- The Draft Companion Animals Policy has created a great deal of controversy. Unfortunately, there is some commentary on social media indicating that Council has adopted this policy already. This is not correct, and a number of the assumptions being relayed in the community are also not correct. The Draft Policy is on exhibition to give the community the opportunity to provide feedback and express any concerns they have. Once that has been done Council will consider all submissions and make any changes thought necessary before any policy is adopted.

The final report from Professor Joseph Drew setting out the possible business case for a De-Amalgamation of the council is also now available on the council website.

Again, residents are urged to have a look at Professor Drew's report and also review his findings in conjunction with the IP&R documents to gain a full understanding of the current position with regard to financial sustainability.

TALK TO US TODAY ABOUT INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING 2023-2024

Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents provide important details about funding priorities, budget forecasts, and what Council will deliver. The draft combined Delivery Program and 2023-24 Operational Plan is Council's response to the aspirations contained in the Community Strategic Plan - Toward 2042, and describes Council's commitment to the community during its term of office. Also included in the IP&R suite of documents is the draft Fees & Charges schedule, draft Revenue Policy and the draft Long Term Financial Plan.

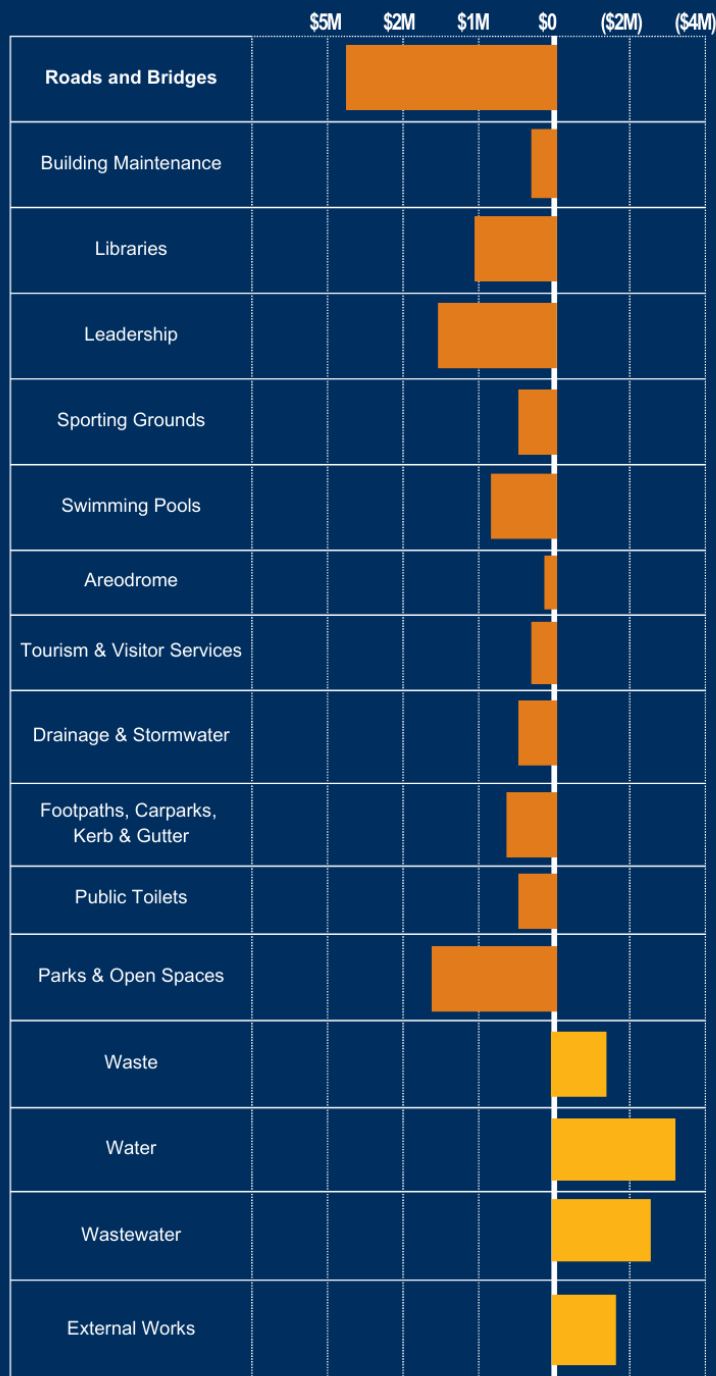
TO VIEW ALL THE DRAFT DOCUMENTS AND MAKE A SUBMISSION VISIT WWW.SVC.NSW.GOV.AU/PUBLIC-EXHIBITION

SERVICE AREAS

Council's Operational Plan is divided into Service Areas identifying the allocated budget, staff resources, projects and key actions required to deliver each service.

Some services areas are listed below with their net cost to deliver. You can find out what is included in all Service Areas from page 15 of the draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan.

2023-2024 NET COST TO DELIVER

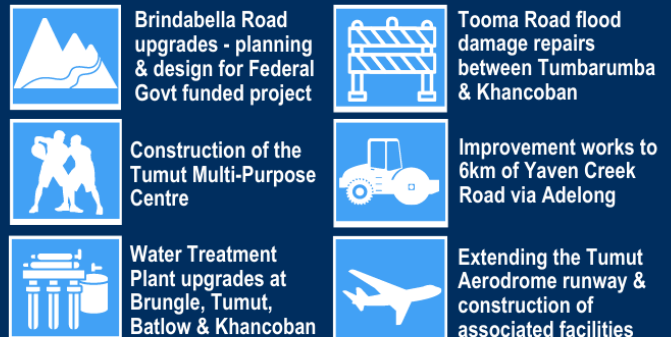


CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Council has proposed a \$47.3M Capital Works budgeted program for 2023-24. View the whole program from page 73 of the combined Draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan.



Major Projects in this year's Capital Budget include:



CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERED

Here's just an example of some of the capital projects Council has delivered over the past 12 months.



Batlow Pool Upgrades – new learn to swim and splash play area and new amenities. Completed May 2023



Upgrade of 1.56km of Yaven Creek Road adjacent to Snowy Mountains Highway. Completed December 2022



Bombowlee Road and Bridge upgrade. Completed July 2022



New amenities at the popular Bull Paddock Youth Precinct Completed August 2022