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COUNCILLOR COLUMN – MAYOR IAN CHAFFEY

Your Council will be considering a number of issues over the next couple of months. One that has generated considerable interest is the Companion Animals Policy. Submissions closed on the 5th of June and council received 137 responses, unsurprisingly not all of them were supportive. Council will take all your comments on board before the final policy is adopted consistent with the companion animals act 1998.

We will also be adopting the budget for the 2023\24 year on the 29th of June. Council's long term financial projections are cause for concern and will need a strong hand to control expenditure in the future.

Professor Drew's business case on the de-amalgamation proposal will also be considered at the June meeting to determine the way forward without delay, the demerger issue has been unresolved for too long.

The ongoing matter of the evacuation centre/basketball stadium is one step closer to conclusion with tenders for the construction being considered as I write. We will consult with all those interested parties before a decision is made!

Ian Chaffey.

BRUNGLE ROAD BLACK SPOT UPGRADES – FINISHED

Safety upgrades to a narrow section of hilly terrain along Brungle Road between Wee Jasper Road and Cockatoo Road are now complete.

Three tight corners have been widened, safety barriers and signs installed, and stormwater drainage improved.

The \$680,614 project was funded by Federal Government's Black Spot Program.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS

Are you interested in knowing what projects are funded next year? What about changes to fees and charges? Do you want to know more about the draft budget for 2022/23?

It's all laid out in our IP&R documents that are currently out on public exhibition. Submissions close Sunday 18 June 2023.



Did you know our Draft Operational Plan is divided into 36 Service Areas?

Each Service Area includes a proposed budget, staff resources, projects, and key actions required to deliver the service.



Council has also proposed a \$47.3M Capital Works budgeted program for 2023-24.

ROAD 'SAFETY SIGNAGE' PROJECT ENHANCES DRIVER SAFETY ON BATLOW AND JINGELLIC ROADS

Council is working on a significant road safety project for Transport NSW, installing around 750 signs, including corner chevron markers and speed advisory signs, to provide crucial guidance to drivers and effectively warn of sharp bends.

The installation of these signs will greatly assist drivers in navigating the roads, reducing the risk of accidents and promoting overall safety.

Our team has already completed the Tumut to Batlow leg of the Batlow Road and is progressing towards Tumbarumba. An additional crew is working on the Jingellic Road, covering the stretch from Tumbarumba to Jingellic.



COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES

Make a difference by recycling and responsibly disposing of your waste.

Bring your old gas bottles, fire extinguishers, paint, fluoro lights, car and household batteries, motor oils, and smoke detectors to Community Recycling Centres at the Tumut and Tumbarumba Resource Recovery Centres to be recycled or safely disposed of.

Best of all, it's completely FREE to drop off these items!



WEIGHBRIDGE INSTALLATION IN BATLOW AND KHANCOBAN

New weighbridges are currently being delivered to our Resource Recovery Centres (RRC) in Batlow and Khancoban. The Adelong and Tumut RRCs are also set to receive new weighbridges in the coming weeks.

The weighbridges will help to measure future waste and recycling and allow more effective waste tracking and management.

These changes are all part of a bigger project to upgrade infrastructure at the Adelong, Batlow, Khancoban, and Tumbarumba RRCs to improve environmental sustainability and provide better usability for residents.

The project is jointly funded under the NSW Government's EPA Bushfire Recovery Program and the Bushfire-generated Green Waste Grants, and the new weighbridge for the Tumut RRC is funded by council's waste reserve.



EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Are you planning to host a local event or program between 1 September 2023 and 30 June 2024?

If your event aims to benefit residents and groups within the Snowy Valleys, you could be eligible for financial support from Council.

To qualify events must be delivered during the specified period, inside the Snowy Valleys Local Government Area.

Organisers can apply for support by submitting an Event Sponsorship Application Form which you can find on our website under *grants-scholarship-sponsorship*.

The 2023-2024 sponsorship round closes on Friday 30 June so there's still time to apply.