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FEMALE AMENITIES BLOCK AT TUMUT BULL PADDOCK RESERVE

Council will soon begin constructing new female change rooms and amenities at Tumut's Bull Paddock Recreation Reserve.

The new facility will have both visitor and home change rooms and shower facilities for female teams, provide storage, an umpire's room, and all abilities amenities.

These great new facilities will support the enjoyment, accessibility, and inclusivity for the over 8,000 people who use the Bull Paddock Reserve and will help increase the levels of female participation in local sports - including Tumut Eagles Football Club, Tumut Rugby Union Club, Tumut Little Athletics, Tumut Cricket Club, Tumut Oz tag, Tumut AFL and the primary and high schools who attend the schools athletics carnivals each year.

Council has received grant funding towards the project from Stronger Country Communities Fund R4 (SCCF4) and The Office of Sport Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program.



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM OPENING SOON

Local non-profit organisations and community groups are invited to apply for grant funding under our annual Community Grants program which opens for applications on Monday 26 June 2023.

Over recent years, the scheme has supported locals to design and deliver popular events and create services and programs to better connect our communities.



COUNCILLOR COLUMN – DEPUTY MAYOR TRINA THOMSON

I, along with Mayor Ian Chaffey and Cr Sam Hughes recently attended the 2023 Regional Forum, National General Assembly, and the first Australian Council for Local Government in over a decade held in Canberra.

There are 537 Local Government areas across Australia with over 55% of those rural/remote or regional. Ours was a relatively short trip to our National's capital, many others travelled thousands of kilometres to participate with over 1000 delegates in attendance.

Four full days of speakers, panels, keynote speakers, presentations, politicians, exhibits, and networking focused on issues such as housing, climate and energy, funding and grants, health, education, natural disasters, and community wellbeing.

Issues included the Future of Local Government, Cyber Security, and a very passionate panel on "A Conversation About the Voice".

The panel of four stated that First Nations people want to be part of the solution not seen as the problem and the first step is to have a voice, so truth-telling occurs and then a treaty. Another comment made was that in 2023 we can't correct what happened in the past but we can create a better future.

Over 140 motions including one from SVC seeking legislation to ensure face-to-face options for financial transactions in rural Australia were dealt with.

The Prime Minister, Opposition Leader, Governor General, and a long list of Ministers and Shadow Ministers, including our member Kristy McBain MP, were generous with their time attending over the four days sharing information and taking questions from delegates.

It was Governor General, The Hon David Hurley AC, in his opening address who said (of local government) "You are where you look people in the eye about issues, there is nowhere to hide".

We are also the level of government that struggles to finance not only the needs but the wants of communities across almost 9,000 sq kms with restricted funds. Snowy Valleys Council in 2023 can't correct issues from the past but with support from the community we can work to create a better future.

FUNDING SOUGHT FOR NEW FOOTPATHS

Council has agreed to apply for Federal Government funding under the Local Road Community Infrastructure Grants to construct new footpaths around Tumut and Tumbarumba that will help pedestrian connectivity and make walking or riding a bike to school easier and safer.

Council's annual footpath budget currently maintains over 99kms of footpaths across the region including the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail and any new paths are prioritised on safety and usage.

An application for a road renewal project on Boundary Street, at the intersection of Waratah Street in Tumut's industrial area to rehabilitate a high-trafficked section of the road will also be undertaken.

Projects that funding will be applied for are:



INCONTINENCE BINS TRIAL IN PUBLIC TOILETS

Council is breaking new ground by trialling sanitary bins for incontinence products in male public toilets in Wynyard St Tumut, Apex Park Adelong and Pioneer St Batlow.

It's reported that 1.34 million boys and men across Australia have incontinence issues and the trial is in response to community requests to enable men to dispose of pads and other incontinence products easily, safely and with dignity.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COLOUR FUN



Book your spot today to join us for the 2023 Snowy Valleys Colour Explosion Fun Run on Thursday 13 July, at Bila Park Tumut.

This free family-friendly 1.5km un-timed event sees participants, or "Colour Runners", doused from head to toe in different coloured powder whilst passing colour stations throughout the course.

Run, walk, skip, or even hop at your own pace around the easy, flat course across Bila and Pioneer Parks encountering obstacles and getting sprayed with powdered colour.

54 Reasons will be supporting the event, supplying a free BBQ and additional kid's activities

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Congratulations to students Brianna McAuliffe, Brooklyn Hotham, and Tiniti Hussell who were recipients of this year's \$3,500 Snowy Valleys Council Scholarships through Charles Sturt University.

The scholarship allows students the freedom to concentrate on their studies without worrying about the associated costs – such as textbooks, computers, additional tutoring, and other resources that may be required to help them achieve their study goals.

Cr James Hayes pictured with Brooklyn Hotham and Tiniti Hussell unfortunately Brianna McAuliffe could not attend the ceremony.

