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FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS

Council's fourth quarter achievements were presented at the August council meeting. Some highlights from the Quarter - 1 April to 30 June 2023 - included:

- A narrow section of hilly terrain along Brungle Road was widened and upgraded to improve driver safety.
- A section of the Tumut Riverwalk was widened to enable better accessibility for walkers, cyclists and mobility vehicles.
- 90% of the safety improvement works on Brindabella Road between the Goodradigbee River and Piccadilly Circus were completed.
- 60 tonnes of burnt fencing material was collected under the NDE Environment Protection Authority's FenceCycle Program.
- 20 residential DAs, 34 CCs, and 117 Planning Certificates were processed through our development and planning department.
- Over 1,200 residents used their waste vouchers helping us to sort and reduce waste to landfill.



Heavy Patching on Batlow & Tumbarumba Roads was also undertaken during quarter four.

BRUNGLE SCHOOL VISIT – ZERO WASTE

Our Resource Recovery Officer joined in at the recent Brungle Public School's NAIDOC Children's Expo, sharing essential knowledge with students on how to become eco-warriors by sorting waste into the right Recycling, FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) and Landfill kerbside bins.



COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR SAM HUGHES

One of the reasons I enjoy being a councillor in a place like the Snowy Valleys is how immediate the councillors can be with the community.

Being called upon to support the Library and information week reminded me of this facet of the role.

It may be a surprise for many to know that the library service is not core business for a council. Furthermore, in fact, the community through the council makes a net annual commitment of about \$1m for our 4 libraries and mobile outreach programs.

I could not imagine a society without libraries so when the Batlow Librarian stopped me as I was making my way from the newspaper corner to the Lego room with my coffee and flippantly ask me if I would be a guest reader next week for the preschool story time at the library, I jumped at the opportunity (I think they were happy, surprised and a little miffed I wasn't harder to get on board).

So, there I was, as the Librarian tactfully failed to mention the theme this week was to be "sleepy time" and my props included a set of mary-poppins-like full pyjamas and a Paddington bear under my arm.

A few weeks ago we councillors debated the costs and benefits of the librarians and all other core and non core programs we do for the community as part of the Delivery program and operational plan.

And today I am sitting opposite where I sat as a parent a few short years ago with my child watching adults making fools of themselves for the benefit of the children.

Children who will grow up remembering these trips to the local library and find them, like I did and do as a safe centre of the community for all those who search. - Sam

LET'S TALK LIBRARIES

Share your thoughts and feedback and help shape the future of our libraries. Take our Library Survey and tell us about your library experience – current and past library members welcome. Not a member? Join today, membership is free. www.svc.nsw.gov.au/library-survey

ROTARY PIONEER PARK UPGRADES CONTINUE

Upgrade works at Rotary Pioneer Park in Tumut have progressed following the installation of the new amenities building.

Walking paths from the amenities building to the carparks have now been constructed and connection works to commission the amenities building are underway.

Other works completed to date include the inclusion of nature play spaces, concrete edging around the playground areas, the rework of walking paths, installation of two new pedestrian bridges, new timber platform seating, bollards around the Elm Drive carpark, and clean-up of the banks around the pond.

Works still to come include solar lighting along the Riverwalk from Pioneer through Bila Park to the entrance of Riverglade Caravan Park, installation of new play equipment, and a new pedestrian bridge between the two Elm Drive carparks, as well as carpark sealing.



TENDERS FOR PANEL OF PREFERRED SUPPLIERS

Council is currently inviting tenders for Safety Barrier, Line Marking, Traffic Control, Concrete, and Tree Services as part of our Panel of Preferred Suppliers.

The new panel of preferred suppliers agreement will run for a 3-year period commencing 1st October 2023.

Businesses that were on the 2020-2023 panel and wish to continue will need to lodge a new application.

The tender documents are available from the TenderLink website www.tenderlink.com/snowyvalleys



STORYTIME WITH COUNCILLORS

During celebrations for Local Government Week, our Councillors helped to shine a spotlight on our Libraries by participating in local story times.

The Councillors spent time with local children reading books and joining in with singing and rhyming. Everyone had a great time.



Cr Sam Hughes at Batlow; Cr Hansie Armour in Adelong; Cr Brent Livernmore in Tumbarumba and Deputy Mayor Trina Thomson at the Tumut Library.

JOIN OUR TEAM

Are you or is someone you know looking for a new career challenge?

We are currently seeking qualified people for the following roles:

- Team Member Town Services (Trade) Tumut
- Utilities & Trade Waste Technical Officer
- Sewer Treatment Plant Primary Operator Tumut
- Team Leader Water & Wastewater
- Pool Supervisors - Adelong, Batlow, Tumbarumba and Tumut
- Coordinator Governance
- Team Member Asset Maintenance Weed Control (North)