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NEW FOOTPATH WORKS

Construction of the new Herbert Street footpath is underway linking to the existing footpaths on Lambie Street and Bogong Place adjacent to the Tumut High School.

Works are scheduled to be completed this week. Crews will then move to the Franklin School boundary to extend the existing footpath on Forest Street and up and along Blowering Road finishing opposite Lockeridge Drive.

Pedestrians and motorists are reminded to take care around the construction site. Temporary pedestrian access is signposted.

These prioritised safety upgrade projects are funded under the Australian Government's Local Road Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.



ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED

Here's a small snapshot of the diverse range of activities undertaken from July 2022 to June 2023:

- \$27.8 million Capital Works Program delivered
- 156 Development Applications determined
- 46 aging sewer ventilation shafts replaced
- 10km of Brindabella Road widened and improved
- 23,025 tonnes of bushfire-destroyed trees cleared
- 61,297 visitors hosted at our Libraries
- 3,801 rural pipe culverts maintained
- 72 Burials and 18 Reservations facilitated
- 60 new permanent beds installed at the Batlow Caravan Park



COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR SAM HUGHES

Last month councillors and staff had the opportunity to play host to members of Wagga Wagga City Council.

The occasion was to showcase and brainstorm with leaders of our neighbouring council the opportunities available for extending the successful Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail into Wagga Wagga.

I travelled to Canberra recently to take part in an Essential Governance for Councillors Training Program presented by the Australian Institute of Company Directors through the Canberra Regional Join Organisation.

This gave opportunities to ground-test mindsets, gain advice on parameters and paint in some landscapes of the future and the past of rural councils and of being a rural councillor.

I joined a convoy to Lobs Hole to see the future sites of key Items of the nation-building project in our council area.

Having the opportunity to discuss the project and its works with the group of people holding key positions was beneficial. In this format time was available to discuss in depth the technical nuances and take the time to unpack the questions that needed to be asked and share perspectives that describe positions taken.

I also had the opportunity to be present at the quarterly community meetings in Batlow where community groups come together to share updates on their projects, discuss opportunities and issues for the town and clear the air where needed.

There are more than enough callings to get involved, and I can't say I've taken every chance to act as a councillor for the community and that's why there is more than one of us.

But each month opportunities like these come past for councillors. Together, the wide vision these opportunities afford an active councillor cannot be understated.

It's a truly unique position to be supported by your community in this way and one not to be taken lightly.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS - SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

To continue to deliver the current expected and necessary services and achieve financial sustainability, Council is exploring opportunities to implement a new permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV) to make sure services can be delivered into the future. Another SRV alone will not be sufficient to ensure Council's financial sustainability and a range of other initiatives will also need to be implemented.

Join Councillors and Senior Staff at a Community Meeting to learn more about the SRV options and how council is working towards becoming financially sustainable.

Each meeting will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

- Tuesday 28 November – Tumbarumba RSL Hall
- Wednesday 29 November – Tumut Montreal Community Theatre
- Tuesday 5 December – Batlow Literary Institute



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Visit our website to take the quick Online Survey and use the Rates Calculator.

MOTORCYCLISTS ENJOY COFFEE WITH A COP

Over 50 motorcyclists from as far away as QLD broke their journey in Khancoban on the way to the Phillip Island GP. They enjoyed free coffee and a chat about road safety with local law enforcement officers, Council's road safety officer, and NSW Road Safety representatives. It was great to see so much support for the Coffee with a Cop event which was targeting motorcyclist fatigue.

Thanks to the team at the Pickled Parrot Providore for providing the coffee.



CAREERS TALK WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

We recently hosted 15 high school students from Tumut High School, McAuley Catholic Central School, and Gundagai High School for a day of learning and career chats.

The students had the opportunity to explore the various traineeship, cadetship, and apprenticeship opportunities offered by Council.

They also received insights from Ross, one of our mechanics who shared his experiences of completing an apprenticeship with Council that kick-started his career.

Included in the day was an industry tour of the Tumut Wastewater Plant, where they learned firsthand about the role and responsibilities of a council water/wastewater officer as well as gaining an understanding of how Council manages the town's water and wastewater.



2024 ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM

Eight entry-level roles are currently available across a range of council functions including GIS & Assets, Health & Safety, Customer Service, Water & Wastewater, Childcare, Parks & Gardens, and Growth & Development.

Applications close on Sunday 3 December 2023.

