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## YAVEN CREEK ROAD WORKS

Road reconstruction works are underway on two sections of Yaven Creek Road, a 4.2km stretch at the northern end and 3km at the southern end.

The works include pavement strengthening and widening to make the road stronger and smoother and create safer conditions for all users.

This will also allow the route to carry heavier vehicles, improving functionality for local agriculture and timber industries.

Construction is expected to be completed mid-next year subject to good weather conditions.

All road safety measures are in place and motorists are advised to drive safely.

The project is funded by the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads Fund.



## TUMUT RIVERWALK SOLAR LIGHTS

Evening strolls along the Tumut Riverwalk are now a whole lot brighter and safer!

Thanks to the installation of 32 new solar lights, the Riverwalk is now lit up from the racecourse to the Riverglade Caravan Park.

Eight lights were installed along the path through Bila Park and Rotary Pioneer Park in 2020 with the latest editions part of the Rotary Pioneer Park upgrade project, funded by the NSW Govt's Public Spaces Legacy Program.



## COUNCILLOR COLUMN – DEPUTY MAYOR TRINA THOMSON

The end of year is an ideal time to reflect and look towards the coming year and consider challenges and opportunities that we all will have.

Recently I attended 'Abilities Unleashed' at the Tumut Boys Club, an event that promoted participation in a range of sports and dance by those who live with the challenges of various disabilities every day.

The joy and excitement of participants and the enthusiasm and support of facilitators, teachers and carers was the perfect example of why Council's Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group (DIARG) is so vital.

Council has the same financial challenges as other businesses and individuals, and I believe one of the greatest challenges is to ensure equity throughout SVC.

This is difficult when taking into consideration Council's limited resources to provide essential services. I know how unpopular the proposed SRV is and genuinely thank all who have participated in the community engagement.

Grant money comes with ongoing costs; consideration must be made of the true cost and overall benefits to the community before Council accepts it.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Batlow on the official opening of the BRiC. The former admin building of the old cannery has been fully renovated and is now the official residence of the Club. An outstanding project that will be an invaluable resource for their wider community and a wonderful legacy to those who delivered it.

I encourage members of the community to work with Council to develop and deliver programs that aim for equity for all in the Snowy Valleys.

Special thanks to the staff of SVC for their ongoing support and commitment to the community they work and live in. Please know you are valued and appreciated.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Festive Season and look forward to working with the community in 2024.

## LET'S TALK SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

Council is investigating a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to achieve financial sustainability.

Two permanent SRV options are being considered –

- 18% over two consecutive years (39.24% cumulated);
- 12.5% over three consecutive years (42.38% cumulated).

Over the last few months, we have presented the options and information on how council is working towards becoming financially sustainable at Community Pop-ups and Community Meetings held across the region.

More information including the presentation pack presented at the community meetings, a Rates Calculator, Quick Survey, and Feedback Forms are also available on our website.

The survey and feedback form will close at 5pm on Friday 15 December 2023 – so get in now to have your say.



## OPEN SPACES – WORKS AROUND THE REGION

With over 740 hectares of open spaces and gardens including 25 playgrounds, 10 cemeteries and 8 sporting fields our outdoor teams are always busy.

Some current activities include:

- Stump grinding
- Tree planting and pruning
- Aerodrome mowing and inspections
- Routine summer mowing on ovals, parks and town entries
- Ground preparations and line marking for athletics and cricket
- Cemetery mowing and gardening



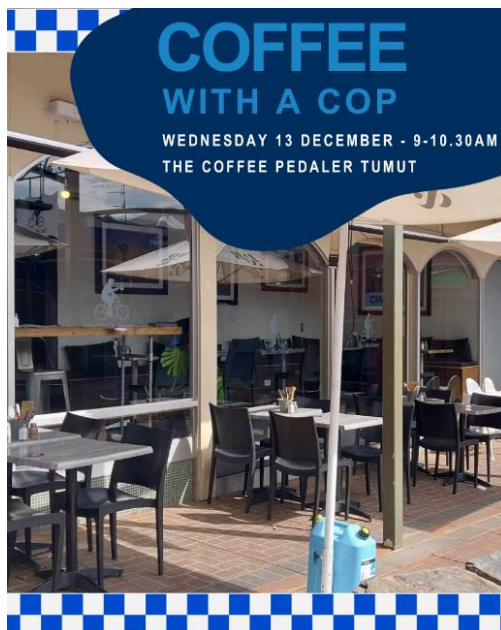
Tree pruning at Riverglade Caravan Park (pictured)

## COFFEE WITH A COP IN TUMUT

Free coffee for motorcyclists!

Break up your ride and drop into The Coffee Pedaler Tumut on Wednesday 13 December from 9am.

Chat to local Police and road safety representatives about road conditions and any concerns you might have on our roads.



## CHRISTMAS OPERATING HOURS

We will be closing our offices, libraries and some other services during the Christmas and New Year period.

- All SVC Offices and Libraries will close at midday (12pm) on Friday 22 December and re-open from Monday 8 January 2024.
- Pools will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day – check with your local pool for all the details.
- Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and all public holidays
- Kerbside bin pickup will be as normal schedule

If you have a request during this time, you can use our online services request portal via our website.

