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## CHRISTMAS OPERATING HOURS

We wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

Our offices, libraries, and some other services will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period.

- All SVC Offices will close at midday (noon) on Friday 22 December and re-open at 8.30am on Monday 8 January 2024.
- Libraries will close at midday (noon) on Friday 22 December and re-open from Monday 8 January 2024 regular hours.
- Pools will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & and New Year's Day otherwise will open as per normal school holiday hours – check your local pool for details.
- Resource Recovery Centres will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and all public holidays, otherwise open as per normal hours.
- Kerbside bin pickups will be as normal schedule.

To connect with our on-call Duty Officer for out-of-hours urgent council assistance call 1300 275 782 (1300 ASK SVC).

## CHRISTMAS OPERATING HOURS

Council Offices and Libraries will close at 12pm on Friday 22 December and re-open on Monday 8 January 2024.

Resource Recovery Centres will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and all Public Holidays.

Kerbside Bin collections will continue as per normal schedule.

Swimming Pools will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

We wish you a safe and happy Festive Season

## NEW CITIZENS WELCOMED

Congratulations to our eight newest Australian citizens who took their citizenship oaths on Thursday in front of councillors, family and friends. Francis Adeniran and Glen Taniveke from Tumarumba and Tumut's Allona Rivera and Du Preez family – Willem, Sonica, Jessica, Joshua and Clara-Belle.

We wish them all the very best.



## COUNCILLOR COLUMN – MAYOR IAN CHAFFEY

As 2023 draws to an end Council has decided to proceed with a preferred option for the expansion of the Tumut airstrip. The agreed option is achievable with the funds provided and will improve the firefighting capacity of the Rural Fire Service whilst also making provision for potential further development when and if further funds become available.

In light of additional funding being made available a decision has also been made to proceed with the construction of the Tumut Multi Purpose Centre and to establish a Liaison Committee to consider how the facility will be managed in the future. The construction will need to be well managed to ensure the maximum benefit flow from the funds provided.

I believe the new year will require Council to make some hard decisions, particularly around the demerger issue and a Special Rate Variation submission to IPART. Council's financial position is still cause for concern and work is still needed to reign in costs and get better value for our dollar in what is a very challenging time.

Your Council has been active in assisting with the development of a funding application for the establishment of a Country University Centre in the old Tumut Council Offices. The commitment of those involved to bring this application about has been amazing, it shows what people with passion can achieve in a short period. The CUC will have its own Board separate from council to operate the facility if the application is successful.

At the final meeting for the year, council voted to proceed with an application for the funding of the Batlow to Wybalena Cider Trail. If successful, this will be a significant development in the tourism experience in Batlow and the wider Snowy Valleys community.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome into the Snowy Valleys community eight new Australians who took the Pledge on the 14th of December. It is a great honour to be part of that ceremony. Congratulations.

As we come to that part of the year where good tidings should prevail, we as a nation have much to be thankful for, if we can in any way give someone a hand up let us do so.

I would like to thank the people of SVC who have contributed so much to advancing our community over the last year, it is personally and on behalf of Council much appreciated.

To everybody have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and let 2024 bring a better outcome for all. Ian Chaffey



2023 SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS



New footpaths constructed around Tumut to help make walking or riding to school easier and safer.  
Funded by a NSW Government Local Road Community Infrastructure Grant.



New main street rubbish bins in Adelong reflect the town's gold mining history with a pick and shovel design.



Council volunteers were celebrated with morning teas in recognition of the valuable contribution they make in our community.



The 10km stretch of Brindabella Road between the Goodradigbee River and Piccadilly Circus is now wider and safer.  
Funded by the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads Fund.



New accessible amenities for Goldfields Park Tumbarumba raised above the flood level.  
Funded by the NSW Government's Public Spaces Legacy Program



A 1.4km stretch of Tooma Road near Paddys River Falls Rd intersection is now stronger, smoother and safer for users.  
Funded under the NSW Government's Regional and Local Road Repair Program.



An additional 60 permanent beds are now available at the Batlow Caravan Park to support the local Horticultural and Forestry industries.  
Funded by a NSW Government Bushfire Industry Grant.



Local processing of food and garden organics (FOGO) will soon get a boost with construction of the Gilmore Organics Processing Facility getting underway this year.  
Funded by the NSW Environmental Trust, in partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

SUMMER FUN IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

# SUMMER POOL PARTIES

FREE INFLATABLES

FREE ENTRY ALL DAY  
FREE BBQ LUNCH - 12-2PM

At all SVC Pools in January & February 2024

- Tumut - 6 January
- Adelong - 13 January
- Tumbarumba - 20 January
- Khancoban - 28 January
- Batlow - 3 February

Funded by the Department of Regional NSW's Regional Youth Holiday Break Program.