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UPCOMING EVENTS

We are proud to host and sponsor a range of events and activities across the region.

Here's just a sample of what's coming up:

- 24-25 February – Tumbafest
- 1-3 March – Tumbarumba Camp Draft
- 1 March – Tumut Show
- 8 March – International Women's Week Dinner
- 9 March – Adelong Show
- 13 March – Snowy Valleys Seniors Expo
- 16 March – Tumbarumba Show
- 16 March – Tumut Blues, Brews & BBQs
- 20 March – Snowy Valleys Careers Expo
- 21 March – Seniors Day Out
Yesteryear Plantations
- 23 March – Batlow Show

COUNCIL GROUNDS HOST LOCAL RUGBY LEAGUE COMP

The Pub 9's rugby league competition is back on the road this season, and things kicked off at the Batlow Showground last Friday evening. Our Batlow Team did a fantastic job getting the ground in shape for the event. It's great to see Council grounds being used for the competition, with Tumbarumba and Adelong up next.



COUNCILLOR COLUMN – DEPUTY MAYOR TRINA THOMSON

Christmas, New Year and Australia Day are now memories as Council heads towards a critical stage in budget preparation and engaging with the community to develop a range of essential documents.

I'd like to extend congratulations to all Australia Day award recipients, especially to the SVC Citizen Noel Berry from Talbingo and Jnr Citizen Amelia Murray from Tumbarumba. Both were up against exceptional nominees from across Snowy Valleys Council.

Mayor Ian Chaffey and I will be regularly speaking on Sounds of the Mountains to give frank comments in relation to aspects of Council we, the representatives, feel are important.

Sections of the community have expressed their concerns about the lack of genuine consultation, but please be assured that for me personally I would much prefer people to talk to me than about me, to achieve honest communication.

As councillors, the community has access to our contact details, and I will always endeavour to return calls and messages at appropriate times.

Snowy Valleys Council has many challenges ahead, not just over the remainder of this current term, but in the coming years irrespective of the demerger outcomes, either way as one or two councils, things will be testing.

I can assure ratepayers the decision to apply for an SRV was by no means an easy one, but from the information available to us at this time, in my opinion is critical.

That's not to say that as a council, we won't continue to look for appropriate ways to save across the organisation.

I have made the point previously, popular decisions are easy to make, the right decisions are much harder and rarely popular.

I implore all residents and ratepayers to make the most of every opportunity to have a voice at the upcoming public sessions and speak with councillors when needed.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK DINNER

March 8th 2024, 7pm

Join us for an intimate dinner celebrating International Women's Week at Courasby Wines. Tickets include las to and from the venue, 3 course, meal and a drink on arrival.





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Scan the QR code for tickets



YOUR INSPIRING IDEAS ARE OUR FUTURE

We're reviewing the Snowy Valleys Community Strategic Plan and want to hear from you about your ideas and priorities for our future.

Our current Community Strategic Plan was adopted in 2021 and over the coming weeks, we encourage all residents to review the plan, tell us if anything has changed, and share your aspirations and priorities for the future.

It's easy to give your feedback either by completing the online survey and/or attending one of the upcoming community workshops.



TAKE THE SURVEY

www.svc.nsw.gov.au/towards-2042



ATTEND A WORKSHOP

Come along and share your ideas in person.

- **Tumut** - Tuesday 20 Feb –Riverina Highlands Building - 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- **Tumbarumba** - Thursday 22 Feb - Tumbarumba RSL Hall - 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- **Batlow** - Tuesday 27 Feb – Batlow Library Meeting Room - 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- **Khancoban** - Thursday 29 Feb – Khancoban Hall Foyer – 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- **Talbingo** - Tuesday 5 Mar – Talbingo Country Club – 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- **Adelong** - Thursday 7 Mar – Adelong S&C Club – 6.00pm to 7.30pm

TUMBATREK 2024

This year's Tumbatrek took walkers on an epic 13km trek through the Bago State Forest along the Hume and Hovell Track.

Around 150 people joined the walk this year including Member for Eden Manaro Kristy McBain who led the trek, as well as Justin Clancy MP, the Hon Michael McCormack and the Hon Jenny Aichinson MP.



YAVEN CREEK ROAD WORKS

A stretch of Yaven Creek Road, at the Snowy Mountains Highway end, has recently been improved.



Before
(above)
and after
works.

The next focus will be an approx 4km section at the Southern end, expected to be finished by May 2024.

Works include road reconstruction efforts to address surface wear and pavement issues.

These safety enhancement efforts will improve the road conditions and ensure its ongoing suitability for agricultural and forestry use.

The Yaven Creek Road improvement project is funded by the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads Fund.

JOIN OUR REFERENCE GROUP

Do you know anyone who would be interested in helping us to improve accessibility and inclusion in the region?

We are seeking

expressions of interest from people wanting to join our Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group to advise Council on ways to improve accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities.

If you are someone who lives with a disability, are a carer of someone living with a disability or work in the disability sector, we encourage you to apply.

Join our Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group

- Be heard by your Council
- Become a leader in your community
- Be your own advocate
- Contribute to improving accessibility and inclusion in the Snowy Valleys

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