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TOWARDS 2042

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

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ATTEND A WORKSHOP

Come along and share your ideas in person.

Thanks to everyone who joined us in Tumut,

Tumbarumba, and Batlow. Our final three workshops are being held in:

- **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

Our current Community Strategic Plan was endorsed 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.

Your inspiring ideas are our future.

LOTS ON FOR SENIORS DURING MARCH

- Wed 13 – Snowy Valleys Senior's Expo– Free entry – bookings essential call 02 6948 9161
- Thurs 14 – Grandparents Story Time at the Tumut Library
- Tues 19 – Brain Games at the Tumbarumba Library
- Wed 20 – Brain Games at the Tumut Library
- Thurs 21 – Seniors Day Out to Yesteryear Plantations – Only \$10pp – bookings essential call 02 6948 9161



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COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR HANSIE AMOUR

The start of this new year (an election year) brings with it tough decisions for council.

The financial position is possibly the biggest one considering that we are on a journey of considering the de-amalgamation and the still outstanding major projects like the aerodrome and evacuation/multipurpose centre.

As we come to terms with our financials and the cost of de-amalgamation it becomes harder and harder and so far, the minister has not budged from his stance that despite the pre-election promises they will not pay.

Yesterday, Mayor Ian Chaffey, Deputy Mayor Trina Thomson, and IGM Steven Pinnuck had a meeting in Tumut with the Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig to discuss the government's demerger pathway. I was pleased to then join them and other councillors for more conversations over lunch.

Despite the above, the workshops for our updated Community Strategic Plan - Toward 2042 are going forward, ratepayers are attending and having their say, and for that we are thankful. The staff are working extremely hard organising and running these events with all the optimism to bring about healthy discussion.



They are also, despite the uncertainty, putting all effort into our Seniors Week events, and the Careers Expo that will be held in Tumbarumba this year.

Working closely with the Tumbarumba people at Tumbafest last weekend was just amazing, and I must say as a business owner in Tumut, the visitors that the event attracted to our region made a huge difference to the trade even in Tumut. Hopefully, Adelong, Batlow, and Talbingo noticed the benefit also. It does our Snowy Valleys region proud.

ROAD WORKS UPDATE

- Reseal works have finished this week on Batlow Rd, Waterfall Farm Rd and Coppabella Rd.
- Maintenance grading has been completed at Sharps Creek Rd, Maginnitys Gap Rd, Munderoo North Rd and Back Arragons Rd.
- Targeted pavement rehabilitation works happening on Greenhills Rd.
- Works have commenced on the final section of the Yaven Creek Rd rehabilitation.
- Targeted pavement rehabilitation works are underway this week on Old Tumberumba Rd (pictured).
- Maintenance grading on roads around Brungle and Glenroy – coming up.



EOI CALLED FOR SVC BATLOW CIDER RAIL TRAIL STEERING COMMITTEE

We are seeking expressions of interest from community members who would like to be appointed as independent external members to Council's Batlow Cider Rail Trail Steering Committee.

The Committee's primary goal is to drive the Batlow Cider Rail Trail project forward and provide governance and oversight to meet the project criteria and adhere to the NSW Government's Rail Trails Framework.

The Committee will meet at least three times per year in Tumut or online and its membership will include elected Council representatives, specialised Council and community representatives, and guest experts who may be invited when needed for specialist advice and insights on rail trail impacts.

Everyone is welcome to apply via our website or ask for an application form at our customer service counters. Applications close at 5pm on Tuesday 19 March 2024.

TUMUT RE-USE SHOP REOPENS

The Tumut Re-Use Shop at the Gilmore Resource Recovery Centre has reopened following a hiatus and is ready to take donations.

The shop was temporarily closed back in 2022 to make way for the expansion of the Return and Earn Depot.

Donations of household furniture in good condition like tables, lounges, chairs, and wardrobes are very welcome. Smaller items including gently used footballs, gym weights, golf clubs and tennis rackets will also be accepted.

The shop space now has a smaller footprint so at this stage, previously accepted items like cutlery, books and loose clothing cannot be donated.

The shop will also not accept mattresses, electricals (anything with a cord), battery-operated items, items that are broken, torn, stained or mouldy, have missing pieces or parts, or are otherwise damaged or unsanitary.



SPECIAL RATE VARIATION FEEDBACK

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is seeking community feedback on Council's Special Rate Variation application.

To help IPART's assessment of Council's application, they are asking for your views about the affordability of the proposed rate increases, community awareness of the proposed changes, and councils' cost management.

Council has requested increases to the ordinary rate income of 12.5% in 2024/2025 (including the rate peg), 12.5% in 2025/2026 (including the rate peg) and 12.5% in 2026/2027 (including the rate peg).

To make a submission to IPART visit their website at www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions close on Monday 18 March 2024.