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TARADALE ROAD WORKS UPDATE

The Taradale Road reconstruction project has been completed. This involved rebuilding a 990-metre stretch of road, extending from the bridge over the Tarcutta Creek to Blueberry Farm Road intersection. Works included culvert widening, pavement stabilisation, overlay, and a two-coat seal.



Other road works happening around the region include:

- Yaven Creek Road improvement project - works almost complete on the final segment
- Currawong Road widening – starting next week
- Brungle Creek Bridge #3 replacement – bridge has been installed and work underway on approaches (below)



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BUBBLE GAMES

Fun for all ages | Free BBQ lunch

Enjoy lots of outdoor games, friendly competition, and more.

- **Tumut Bull Paddock**
Thurs 18 Apr 9am to 3pm
- **Tumbarumba Sportsground**
Fri 19 Apr 9am to 3pm

No bookings required. Just turn up on the day for all the bubble games fun.



COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR SAM HUGHES

For this column, I've gone back through the last month of appointments I have kept. Sitting here writing this with perspective shows the variety of events and meetings this role as councillor finds you in, not counting the countless emails, phone calls and side-of-the-street conversations (maybe a few also from across the street..).

The 100-year anniversary of the Batlow show was held on the 23rd of March. With almost double the attendees through the gates, it was another great success with the show committee once again punching well above their weight. Including, once again arguably the best produce display in the region.

An in-person presentation on Financial Assistance Grants by the local Government Grants Commission was held this month. Covering the function of the commission and its new guiding principles and mythology. The FAG grants are an integral part of running a sustainable rural council in modern Australia. The current method of calculating has over time resulted in progressively allocating the FAG in advance and at the same time diminished in size.

David Younger is a Disaster Recovery and Preparedness Consultant and presented in both Tumbarumba and Tumut for the Community Foundation on the common recovery challenges. He discussed emotional preparedness, differences in the effects of quick mental trauma and drawn-out mental trauma on the personal level and community level. More than four years after the horrific Black Summer fires, David guided conversation on the many ways grief manifests and how rebuilding can occur in a community and individuals.

Council strives to support annual events that enhance the liveability of the local area in many ways big and small. These include subsidising traffic control, grounds and amenities maintenance, and promotional support including waving costs for signage and clean-up. If you are planning a local event, please get in touch with council staff early.

POOL SURVEY RESULTS

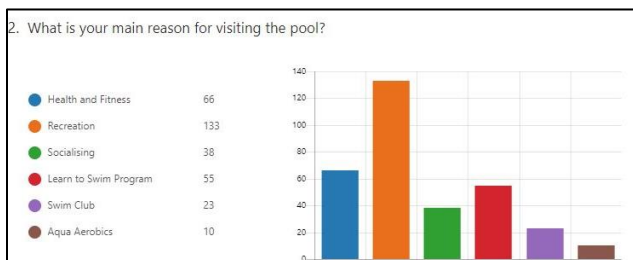
Thanks to everyone who took our Pool Survey letting us know about your experiences using the pools this Summer.

We ran a short survey during Feb and March asking pool goers to rate their experiences and satisfaction with their local pool.

We had over 200 responses with feedback from users mostly positive, highlighting comfortable water temperatures, thanks to the new solar and blanket temperature control systems, and the free pool parties as standouts.

Over 60% of pool users visited their local pool more than twice a week and more than half of the people surveyed said that recreation was their main reason for visiting with health and fitness coming in as the second most popular reason.

Many people also provided us with constructive feedback on how things could be further improved including a more cohesive ticketing system, extending the pool season, and longer pool hours.



UPCOMING POOL MAINTENANCE UPGRADES

Planning is currently underway for upcoming pool maintenance upgrades, including a new disabled access ramp for the Tumbarumba pool, a new backwash system for the Batlow pool, and necessary grouting maintenance works and a new backwash system for the Tumut pool.

These upcoming works are funded through the Federal Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program and should be concluded prior to the next pool season.



The Tumbarumba Pool will soon have an access ramp like this one at the Tumut pool.

EXCITING UPDATES ON OUR NEW COMPOSTING FACILITY

Construction of our new, high-tech composting facility at Gilmore is gaining momentum. Here’s what we’ve been up to lately:

- Finished the culvert and creek crossing
- Completed site excavation, including stripping and compacting
- Constructed and lined the compost run-off dam
- Installed the power supply transformer
- Poured the slab for our storage shed and Gross Pollution Trap (GPT)

Next up we’ll be building the storage shed, installing the required weather station, and assembling the Modular Aerated Floor (MAF) Composting system.



Above: Concrete box works for GPT. The GPT is designed to capture debris and pollutants before they enter the compost run-off dam.

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