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COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR MICK IVILL

71st Tumut Rotary Club Change Over Dinner. I was an invited guest of my wife Susan who is a Tumut Rotarian.

The evening began with a welcome address from the outgoing President, Steve Jenkins (pictured right) who shared

some of the clubs' achievements over the past year, one of the most inspiring is the Trio bikes which enables folks with mobility limitations the enjoyment of getting outdoors and enjoying all that Tumut has to offer.

Following the President address, it was time for the official changeover ceremony. The outgoing president handed over the Rotary chains to the incoming president symbolising the transfer of leadership and responsibility. The incoming president delivered a heartfelt speech, outlining their vision and goals for the upcoming year. The theme for the following year is "The Magic of Rotary".

The evening finished with some awards to individuals who excelled in the year previous in their service to Rotary and the community.

A great night acknowledging the incredible work Rotary do for our Tumut community.



ANNUAL PLANS ADOPTED

Our 2024/25 Operational Plan, Operating Budget and Fees & Charges have been adopted.

The Operational Plan has 169 actions and a \$41.6 million Capital Works program with over \$5.7 million allocated to local roads and bridges.

Rates will increase by 5% in 2024/25, the maximum allowed by IPART, and Hall hiring fees have been reduced, providing more flexibility for commercial and community groups.



NAIDOC WEEK EVENTS IN THE SNOWY VALLEYS

Snowy Valleys Council will join with Elders from the Brungle Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council (BTLALC) and the Ngarigo Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation (NTKNIC) in marking NAIDOC week 2024 at flag-raising ceremonies in Tumut and Tumbarumba.

• Tumut - Tues 9 July at 10am

Flag Raising, Welcome to Country and NAIDOC Address outside Council Offices followed by Smoking Ceremony and Morning Tea at Riverside Café

• Tumbarumba – Wed 10 July at 10am

Flag Raising, Welcome to Country, NAIDOC Address and Smoking Ceremony outside Council Offices, followed by Yarn and Brunch and children's activities at Tumbarumba RSL Hall

A range of other activities are also being held throughout the week including a bush tucker walk, artefacts talk and free art workshops.

NAIDOC Week is a national celebration that occurs in July each year. This year's theme is Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud.

The theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



NEW PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR CARAVAN PARKS

A suite of new marketing materials promoting the Batlow Caravan Park and the Tumbarumba Caravan Park have recently been launched.

They include promotional brochures and an update to the park's websites.

New professional photos of the two parks will also be used as part of a broader marketing campaign to increase occupancy and tourist trade



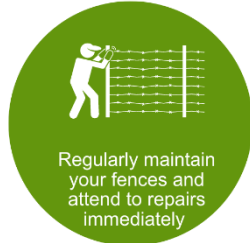
LIVESTOCK ON ROADS

A reminder for stock owners to check fencing and ensure that livestock is contained on your property to aid in community safety.

Council has had a spike in livestock on-road complaints recently with several after-hour and weekend call-outs.

If you are an owner of livestock, you have a responsibility to ensure your stock do not stray onto public roads.

If your livestock stray and contribute to a motor vehicle accident, you may be charged with a criminal offence.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

These Winter School Holidays, the Snowy Valleys area is packed with free and affordable activities. The response to NSW Government funded free workshops has been fantastic, with some already sold out. However, there are still spots available for the White Card training in Tumut and First Aid training in Tumbarumba.

There's also a bunch of activities hosted by local groups and businesses. Plus, you can join in on NAIDOC Week events and find lots of fun school holiday activities at our libraries!

Visit our website for all the details

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