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## SOUTHERN NSW DROUGHT SUMMIT

The Snowy Valleys region remains drought-affected despite some recent rains, and Mayor Julia Ham is working with Mayors from other drought-affected regions to host an online Drought Summit on Monday, 4 August at 12noon.

Farmers, landowners and other stakeholders whose livelihoods are directly impacted by drought are encouraged to attend the summit to help raise the profile of what's occurring.

The summit is designed as a catalyst for unified action and knowledge exchange, with a primary focus on the current drought and building long-term resilience across regions.

Register for the event via our website or use the QR code.

[www.svc.nsw.gov.au/drought-summit](http://www.svc.nsw.gov.au/drought-summit)



## Southern NSW Drought Summit

Date: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Time: 12 noon

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Five Councils. One Voice: Advocating for our Communities

Register in advance for this meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register?BfYxwclOICqgBqB28xUcYA>



## TENDER RELEASED FOR MULTIPURPOSE AND EVACUATION CENTRE

The formal Construction Tender for the Multipurpose and Evacuation Centre has now been released, and an onsite tender meeting was held earlier this week.

The project recently received official planning approval from the Southern Region Planning Panel, marking a significant milestone.



## COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR JAMES HAYES

Recent rain has raised the hopes of our rural community who have endured a very difficult season. There has been some pasture growth, and it is encouraging to see commodity prices holding up, on the flip side fodder prices have increased dramatically. As a Council and as Councillors we need to be continually lobbying for transport assistance for fodder and agistment of stock.

I recently attended the National General Assembly in Canberra, where Councils from across Australia met. Attending conferences such as this gives councillors the opportunity to meet fellow Councillors and staff from across Australia and its territories and listen to their issue, the solutions and gather ideas. We also take the opportunity to lobby for positive outcomes for our community such as the Brindabella road, improvements to Education facilities and economic development for the Region.

There are many developments and operations that have raised community ire recently, including the MEC, Tumut Airport expansion and the ongoing issues at the private landfill in Gilmore. I would encourage concerned residents to remain respectful and contact the responsible agencies, such as the EPA or Council, to lodge concerns rather than social media rants or do both if you must.

Great to see the Snowy Valleys Country University Centre moving ahead so quickly. A centre manager has been appointed, renovations are set to begin and hopefully students will be able to access this exceptional resource before the end of the calendar year. Thanks to Cr Packard who has taken charge of this valuable project.

## VISY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Interested community members are encouraged to come along to the Visy Community Consultative Meetings. Held Bi-monthly they update the community on Visy Tumut activities and environmental performance and it's an opportunity to ask questions in relation to Visy's operations.

Everyone is welcome. The next meeting will be held in the first week of August. Meeting details are published in the local paper.

## WINTER ROAD WORKS

Here's a snapshot of what our outdoor teams have been up to recently:

- Road salting to help manage ice and snow
- Re-sheeting at Rivercrest Road, River Road, Waterfall Farm Road and Matthews Road
- Drainage and corridor works on Lacmalac Road, Black Range Road and Red Hill Road
- Footpath replacement works on Winton Street
- Footpath, Kerb and Gutter replacement works on The Parade



Crews salting roads impacted by ice and snow

## CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLOR

Drop in for an informal chat with Councillors about local issues that matter to you.

Upcoming Dates:

- Wednesday 23 July – Brungle Health Centre, 10am – 11am
- Thursday 24 July – Talbingo Shopping Centre 10am – 11am



Check out all the dates and venues on our website: [svc.nsw.gov.au/cuppa](https://svc.nsw.gov.au/cuppa)

## NEW RAMP FOR TUMBARUMBA POOL

The new disability access ramp at the Tumbarumba Pool is now complete ready for the upcoming Summer season



## NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

It was fantastic to see so many people celebrating NAIDOC Week 2025 at our annual flag-raising ceremonies with the theme “The next generation – Strength, Vision, Legacy”

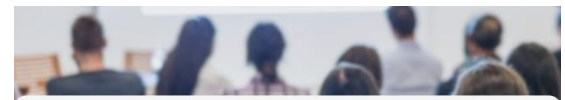
In Tumut and Tumbarumba, we enjoyed heartfelt Welcome to Country, smoking ceremonies and NAIDOC addresses before the raising of the Australian and Indigenous flags. Everyone then enjoyed delicious morning teas.



## DISASTER READINESS FORUM

If you've ever thought, “How can I help in a disaster?” then this workshop is for you.

[Register today](#)



### ALL HANDS ON DECK: DISASTER READINESS FORUM FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Be ready to help when it matters most.

**Tumut**  
Thursday 24 July  
12pm - 4pm

**Ournie**  
Friday 25 July  
12pm - 4pm

Catering provided  
Chance to win 2 x \$50 universal gift cards at each workshop  
Register via: [bit.ly/sponvols](https://bit.ly/sponvols) - drop-ins welcome



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