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MEC COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Approximately 150 community members attended Council's Multipurpose and Evacuation Centre (MEC) Project Concept Design Presentations this week, demonstrating strong interest in the project.

Acting General Manager Steven Pinnuck said the community was engaged and broadly supportive of the designs, with attendees offering constructive feedback to further refine the plans.

"I'd like to thank those who attended and encourage everyone to review the plans on our website and provide feedback," he said

Feedback remains open until midnight on Sunday, 16 February. A summary of community input will be presented alongside the Draft Concept Design at the Council Meeting on 20 February 2025.

For all the information

<https://yourvoice.svc.nsw.gov.au/multipurpose-centre>

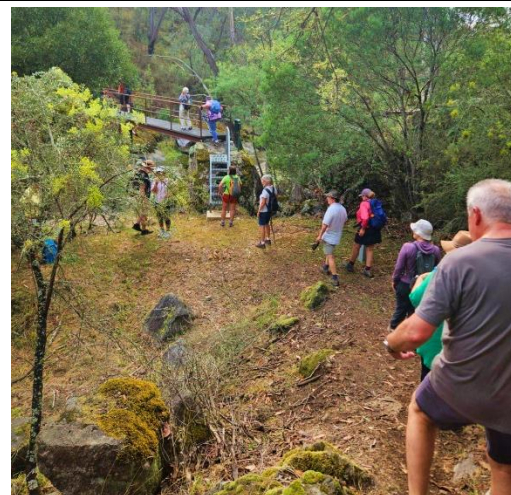


Community members at the 4pm Concept Design Session on Tuesday.

TUMBATREK

Around 150 walkers took on this year's challenging but rewarding 12.4km Tumbatrek along the scenic Hume and Hovell Track through Boganderya Nature Reserve, led by the Hon Michael McCormack, Councillors, and local business and community members, it was a great day on the trail!

Photo thanks to Mayor Ham, walkers enjoying the trek.



COUNCILLOR COLUMN – DEPUTY MAYOR HUGH PACKARD

Despite Council and Councillors being in the usual state of semi recess during the Christmas - January period, this has not meant that nothing of interest and note has been happening. Of special interest has been the recent announcement by the Federal Minister Jason Clare of the success of the funding submission to establish and run a Tertiary Study Hub called the SNOWY VALLEYS COUNTRY UNIVERSITY CENTRE. This centre will, in the first instance, be based in Tumut, but will have a strategic commitment to establish "mini-hubs" in other centres within the SVC area.

Support of, and advocacy for such a centre has been a part of the SVC Advocacy Plan for the last 5 years and throughout this time various Councillors and Council Senior Staff have worked with other interested community members and an external specialist (generously supported by the Pratt Foundation) to pull together the detailed funding submission, which ultimately has been successful. Only 10 CUCs were funded in this round, from 44 submissions from towns and rural areas right across Australia.

So what is a CUC? The CUC model enables anyone to access almost any Tertiary course by online learning, without having to leave their home or community. A CUC provides high end internet, academic and administrative support, association with a learning community of likeminded students, and a quite supportive physical location in which to study. In each case where they have been established they have quickly become popular and well utilised and have quickly achieved their goal of encouraging and enabling students to learn where they live.

Where will it be? SVC have already resolved to lease part of the old Shire Council building on the corner of Wynyard and Capper Streets to the SVCUC. This is perfect location and with modifications and updates the building will be very suitable for this purpose. The modifications will also provide benefits to other lessees within the building. Cont. page 2

BATLOW POOL REOPENS WITH EXTENDED HOURS

The Batlow Pool reopened to the public on Wednesday 5 February, following an unplanned closure due to a broken pump.

To make up for the lost days in January, the pool will follow its regular back-to-school opening hours but with an additional day each week for the remainder of the season.

Additionally, the pool season has been extended by two weeks beyond the original closure date of 9 March, providing extra value for season pass holders and after-hours cardholders.

The pool's Inflatable Fun Day has also been rescheduled and will now run this Saturday 15 February from 1pm to 3pm (pool opens at noon).

Regular pool entry fees apply, and the Batlow Amateur Swimming Club will be providing tasty treats.



ADELONG CREEK WALK UPGRADES

Three flood-prone sections of the Adelong Creek Walk have been upgraded with durable concrete, ensuring longer-lasting strength and better flood protection!

Two sections are at the Adelong Caravan Park end, and the third is about halfway to the Adelong Falls.

This project was funded by the NSW Severe Weather and Flood Grant from the NSW Office of Local Government.



BRINDABELLA ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

Significant upgrades to Brindabella Road are a step closer with important preparatory geotechnical and survey works now underway.

In November 2024 Council appointed Rigore Engineering Services to undertake road survey and design of the 10.6km section of the Brindabella road from the intersection of the Goodradigbee River Bridge to the NSW/ACT State border.

The 10.6km section of road has recently been upgraded and widened and is currently unsealed.

As part of the survey and design works the consultants will prepare a detailed design for a "sealed" roadway on this 10.6Km section.

The Federal Government has pledged \$37.4M to upgrade Brindabella Road. This investment will support upgrades to a 10.6-kilometre section of the road from the Brindabella Valley to the ACT border.



Signs have been erected along the road promoting the upcoming project works

COUNCILLOR COLUMN – DEPUTY MAYOR HUGH PACKARD – Cont.

When will it open? Work on the modifying and equipping the building will start in earnest early in the new financial year, and it is intended that the first staff person will be recruited soon after this, and the first students will commence studies through the SVCUC in early 2026.

Who will run the SVCUC? It will employ staff who will be overseen by a voluntary board of directors and will not in any way be run by SVC as their role was solely to advocate for it being established.

Who is paying for the set-up costs? Three generous sponsors/donors have committed to contributing all the funds needed to set the SVCUC up. Their joint support has been invaluable in securing the ongoing Government funding.

Hugh Packard - Deputy Mayor