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## FOOTPATH UPGRADES UNDERWAY IN TUMBARUMBA

We're working on improving safety and access in a couple of high-traffic spots around town.

- ✓ The Parade, between Hammonds Lane and Lauder Street (below).



- ✓ Outside the RSL Hall on Winton Street (below).



## ZERO WASTE TIP OF THE WEEK

Your recycling doesn't have to be spotless.

Just give bottles a quick rinse and scrape out any leftover food.

It's sorted by hand, so a little effort goes a long way!

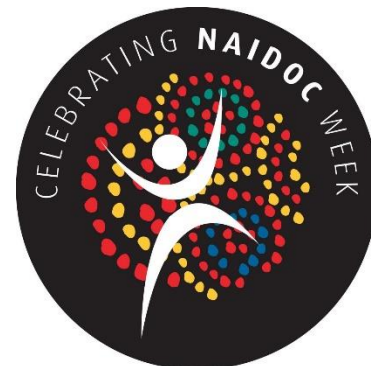


## CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

Council will mark NAIDOC Week 2025 with community flag-raising ceremonies in partnership with local Aboriginal organisations.

Join us in Tumut on Tuesday 8 July at 10am and in Tumbarumba on Wednesday 9 July, with both events featuring a Flag Raising, Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, and NAIDOC address.

Morning teas will follow; all are welcome to attend.



## COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR GRANT HARDWICK

The recent snowfall in and around Batlow, as reported by 7NEWS, has brought both scenic beauty and operational considerations to the forefront of mind. While it has drawn attention to the distinct character of our region in winter, it also underscores the importance of ensuring roads and critical infrastructure remain safe and accessible throughout the season.



On Monday 1 July, the Festival of the Falling Leaf held its Annual General Meeting to commence planning for the 2026 event. The following individuals were appointed to key roles:

Executive Positions: Chairperson: Jordan Maki-Richards, Treasurer: Lyndal Cass, Secretary: Hillary Wilde, Public Officer: Roger Williams

Committee Appointments: Publicity and Promotions Coordinators: Kate Howarth and Grant Hardwick, Comedy Gala Coordinator: Michael Cichocki, Entertainment Coordinators: Sam Phillips and Grant Hardwick, Volunteer Coordinator: Grace Hooper, Parade Coordinator: Pete Jones, Traffic Management: Jordan Maki-Richards, Stallholder Coordination: Karly Fynn/Turnstyle Events, Sponsorship Coordinator: Clara Packard

Congratulations to all involved for stepping into these positions. The Festival remains a cornerstone event for our community, and its ongoing success relies on the dedication of volunteers and local support.

Meanwhile, Council continues to prioritise winter readiness and the delivery of essential services. I remain focused on advocating for long-term investment in road and infrastructure improvements across the region.

If you would like to discuss any local concerns or require assistance with Council matters, please feel free to contact me directly.

## MEC GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

Snowy Valleys Council has welcomed the decision by the Southern Region Planning Panel to grant approval for the Multipurpose and Evacuation Centre.

The decision follows a public meeting in June and the submission of further information by Council.

With consent now in place, Council will release the construction tender, with plans to appoint a contractor at the August Council Meeting and begin construction in spring.

Early works, including relocating the Richmond Park playground towards Capper Street, will start in the coming weeks.

Council appreciates the community feedback received throughout the planning process and acknowledges the valuable input of the local working group.

Mayor Julia Ham said the centre will be a flexible, welcoming space that supports a variety of community needs while strengthening the region's emergency preparedness.



## NEW FOOT BRIDGE IN STOCKWELL GARDENS

A worn-out timber footbridge in Tumut's Stockwell Gardens has recently been replaced with a new steel structure, making it safer, sturdier, and built to stand the test of time.



## WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN



Kids are invited to stay active and warm these winter school holidays with free boxing, fitness, dance and yoga classes starting from 7 July.

Council is partnering with local fitness businesses to provide free classes for ages 5 – 18 years.

Off Grid Fitness, Champ Fitness, Blue Bird Healing and Dance with Charlee will be hosting a range of classes to suit all abilities.

- Action-packed sessions
- Designed for all fitness levels
- No experience needed
- Focus on coordination, agility & endurance
- Positive, energetic coaching teams
- Indoor venues – perfect for winter weather

Kids can also dive into some creative fun at our Libraries, including superhero adventures, magical fairy doors, beaded snowflakes and more, perfect for a slower-paced indoor activity.

Visit our website for all the booking details  
[www.svc.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays-Winter2025](http://www.svc.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays-Winter2025)

## DISABILITY INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

### Join our Disability Inclusion Working Group

- Be heard by your Council • Be your own Advocate
- Contribute to improving accessibility and inclusion in the Snowy Valleys

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