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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM OPEN

Local non-profit organisations and community groups are invited to apply for grant funding under our annual Community Grants program.

Over recent years, the scheme has supported locals to design and deliver popular events and create services and programs to better connect our communities.

Two programs are currently open for applications:

- Community Strengthening Grants – up to \$10,000
- Capital Sports and Recreation Grants – up to \$10,000

Successful community strengthening projects funded in 2022 included new High Jump Mats for Tumbarumba Little Athletics, See Me Hear Me Theatre's Planet Man production, and an outdoor cubby hut for the Tumut Schools as Community Centres.

The Adelong Golf Club received funds through the Capital Sports and Recreation Grants for clubhouse upgrades as did the Tumut Netball Assoc to cover costs of LED light replacements.

Applications for the 2023 round will be accepted until Monday 31 July 2023.



Pictured:
New
outdoor
playhouse
for Tumut
Schools as
Community
Centre

WORKS UNDERWAY ACROSS THE REGION

Our teams are out and about working and delivering on a range of projects including:

- Gravel resheeting on River Road
- Drainage works on Tooma Road
- HV cable installation for Tumut's new Fairway Drive Estate
- Brindabella Road – widening works 90% complete. Work will recommence in Spring.

Pictured: An icy day on Brindabella Road in late June



HAPPY NAIDOC WEEK 2023

This year's theme is – 'For Our Elders' - recognising the important role that elders have played, and continue to play, and how they hold a prominent place in our communities and families.



Thank you to everyone who braved the conditions and joined with our local Elders from the Brungle-Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Ngarigo Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation.

We had a great time celebrating with Welcome to Country, flag raising, smoking ceremonies and morning tea in Tumut on Tuesday and Tumbarumba on Wednesday.



Pictured left:
Tumut Flag
Raising and
above
Tumbarumba
Smoking
Ceremony

PROGRESS FOR LOCAL ORGANICS PROCESSING FACILITY

Significant progress has been made on plans to construct an organics processing facility for the Snowy Valleys. The new purpose-built facility, to be located south of the Tumut Resource Recovery Centre in Gilmore on the Snowy Mountains Highway, will enable Snowy Valleys Council to locally process and repurpose organic waste generated by the community.

Site preparation activities are ongoing, including electrical upgrades, procurement of road works materials and culverts, and equipment deliveries. The next phase will involve tendering for the civil construction works for the mobile aerated floor composting process, bringing the facility one step closer to fruition.

The NSW Environmental Trust, in partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Authority, awarded council a grant of \$946,924 to support the construction of an organics processing facility to support the FOGO kerbside collection service that Council launched in August 2021.



REVIEW OF DRAFT COMPANION ANIMAL POLICY

We received more than 100 submissions from passionate animal lovers during the May public exhibition of the draft companion and non-companion animal policy.

The proposed limit of three dogs per household received predominantly negative feedback. There was also much concern about proposed controls relating to animals like chickens, roosters, pigeons, guinea pigs, rabbits, and bird aviaries.

The possible introduction of a cat curfew had its admirers and detractors and was also strongly debated.

Staff are now taking the time to review all the submissions and work is underway in establishing a more simplified version of the policy informed by the community's feedback.

Any updated policy will again be publicly exhibited following the Council's endorsement.

A revised and simplified policy is planned to be presented to the Council at their September 2023 Council meeting.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2023/24

Council adopted its new 2023/24 Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) suite of documents last week with a \$47.3M budgeted program of Capital Works and Major Projects including:

- Tumut Multipurpose Centre
- Upgrades to the Tumut Aerodrome
- FOGO Composting Facility
- New Water Treatment Plant at Khancoban and upgrades at Brungle and Tumut
- Raw Water Storage upgrades at Batlow and Tumbarumba
- Major Upgrades to Brindabella Road and Yaven Creek Road

Here's an example of some of the capital projects council has delivered over the last 12 months.



Batlow Pool Upgrades – new learn to swim and splash play area and new amenities. Completed May 2023



Upgrade of 1.56km of Yaven Creek Road adjacent to Snowy Mountains Highway. Completed December 2022



Bombowlee Road and Bridge upgrade. Completed July 2022



New amenities at the popular Bull Paddock Youth Precinct Completed August 2022

CLARIFICATION ON CCTV CAMERAS AND TUBE COUNTERS IN TALBINGO

We understand that there have been concerns raised regarding the CCTV cameras and traffic tube counters recently installed in Talbingo.

Council staff investigated this matter and can confirm that the installations were made by the developer for the Talbingo Master Plan. It's part of their commitments to update their Traffic Report for the development currently before the Southern Regional Planning Panel (SRPP).

The cameras are securely mounted on Essential Energy Light Poles, which are not part of Council infrastructure.

