

11.2 SNOWY VALLEYS EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY PROJECT GENERAL UPDATE - ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment 1 - Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park - Communications and Engagement Plan

Project Communications and Engagement Plan



**SNOWY VALLEYS EMERGENCY
EVACUATION CENTRE AND
MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY**

**PROJECT COMMUNICATION
AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

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Project Communications and Engagement Plan

SUMMARY

This project specific Communications and Engagement Plan is established for the proposed Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park

Background

Council at its workshop on 6 June 2024, and ordinary meeting on 20 June 2024 considered a comprehensive report on the options regarding the project, considering the constraints and opportunities, and unanimously resolved M134/24 that:

1. Cease the current "reject and negotiate" process for the Tumut Multi-Purpose Centre as resolved by Council at its 14 December 2023 meeting.
2. Consider the options analysis for the three (3) alternate site options for the Tumut Multi-Purpose Centre as outlined in this report.
3. Adopt the Richmond Street site opposite the Tumut Bowling Club (unused bowling greens) as the preferred site option for further feasibility and Geotech investigation.
4. Resolves to take over the land as Crown Lands manager which is known as Lot1/81 DP759004, No. 312513 at the corner of Russel and Robertson Streets, Tumut that is currently leased by Crown Lands to the Tumut Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd.

Project Objectives

The outcomes of this project will be:

1. A purpose-built evacuation centre and multipurpose facility to cater for multiple indoor sports, the size of two basketball courts to accommodate local, regional and state sporting competitions as well as a facility to host conferences, local school and community events.
2. Local employment outcomes, including apprenticeships and indigenous employment opportunities, through the building and construction of the facility.
3. Local employment outcomes, through the ongoing management of the facility.
4. An increase in community wellbeing and cohesion through the provision of an indoor sporting facility equipped with a large stadium, changerooms, amenities and spectator seats with disability access, where sport can be played and watched 12 months of the year, in any climate.
5. Natural disaster readiness for the community, where many people can shelter in the facility and access emergency services.

Request for Tender - Detailed Design

SVC prepared tender documents and released it to market on 24th September 2024.

The purpose of this consultancy brief and tender is to engage a suitably qualified consultant team to prepare documentation for the Tumut Emergency Evacuation and Multipurpose Facility.

The consultant team will be required to:

1. Undertake investigations, consultation, and design development of the current concept
2. Prepare all documentation and lodgment of a Development Application
3. Prepare all required documentation for both a Construction Certificate and a Construction Tender
4. Provide Design Services during construction.

The tenderers must demonstrate how they will resource the project to meet the time schedule as follows:

Detailed Design

Detailed Design tender closes 25 October 2024

Council meeting determination on 21 November 2024

Engagement and kick off meeting 27 November 2024

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Phase 1 – Investigations, stakeholder consultation, design development of the current concept (27/11/24 to 14/1/25)
Phase 2 – DA Documentation (15/1/25 to 28/2/25)
Phase 3 – Planning Approvals (3/3/25 to 17/4/25)
Phase 4 – CC and Construction Tender Documentation (3/3/25 to 25/4/25).
Note that this is to be undertaken concurrently whilst planning approvals are being sought.

Construction

Release Request for Tender to market on 30 April 2025
Construction Tender closes on 28 May 2025
Council meeting determination on 19 June 2025
Engagement and site possession 25 June 2025
Construction period 12 months to 25 June 2026
Handover and grant acquittal by SVC before 30 June 2026

Community Consultation

It is essential that effective stakeholder consultation is undertaken to ensure that viewpoints and opinions are identified, recorded, and addressed in a structured manner. It will be up to the design tenderer to provide a clear and transparent vision of the project to stakeholders, including providing artist impressions for community consultation.

External Stakeholder communication will be managed by SVC's Communications Representative to ensure that briefings are provided, and feedback sought prior to and during the development of the design.

There are residential properties that immediately adjoin the site in Russell and Richmond Streets. The MPC would generate amenity, noise, traffic and parking impacts to these residential streets. A traffic and road safety audit, and an acoustic study, is a requirement of the designer and certainly required as part of a Development Application for the site.

SVC has been on a communication journey, which has informed the previous design work, including this site. **Further comprehensive details are provided as Previous Communications.**

It should be noted that 3 specific and direct letterbox drop notifications have been sent to neighbouring properties indicating Council's intention at Richmond Park.

Community Working Group

A community working group first met in August 2022 after resolution at Aug 2022 Council meeting.

Tumut Basketball reps – Jason Bevan, David Rosetta and Dwayne Murray, RFS rep Donna Martin, maintain an ongoing key interest in the project and are key stakeholders who need to be consulted and kept informed on progress. A new group may be established following the 2024 local government elections, but that is yet to be determined.

The project is reported within Council's dedicated capital works reporting system, where the Executive team and elected Councilors are provided monthly project updates.





The key project stakeholders have already been identified along with their roles and responsibilities on the project, it will be imperative to accommodate community input into the design process. SVC will assist to facilitate forums, with the tenderer to prepare presentation resources as deemed necessary.

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PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

SVC has been on a communication journey, which has informed the previous design work.

Key activities:

- 23/09/2024 – Letterbox drop – Richmond Park Site Update Geotechnical
- 27/06/2024 - Letterbox drop – Richmond Park Site  [20240627 - Letterbox drop - Richmond Park - Multipurpose Centre Site Location.pdf](#)
- 8/3/2023 – Pop-up in the main street for residents to view concept designs
 - 20230302 - Facebook Post - Pop-up Information.JPG
- 23/11/2022 – Feedback from user group – Lockeridge Park design -  [20221123 - User group feedback and SVC recommendations - Multipurpose Centre.xlsx](#)
- 7/9/2022 – Site walk around with user group - <https://www.facebook.com/SnowyValleysC/posts/pfbid0QZXDwGqzmYV1vxUvu7v87gowH9hMuGUCAqLSEnjvQvTiuHMNNZb3kfzUEJ45HFptl>
- 31/08/2022 – Letter box drop – Richmond Park and Lockeridge Park -  [20220831 - Letter to residents with map.pdf](#)
- Feb 2022 – User group feedback from the Bull Paddock design-  [20220511 - User Group Feedback.docx](#)

Links to media releases relating to the project:

Note: This is what we said about the Richmond Park site back in Oct 2022 - *The Richmond Park site was ruled out after investigations identified it would require relocation of existing infrastructure and a change of land use and management to proceed. (note this was an old position held by SVC, and Richmond Park is now the site for the project)*

- 2 July 2021 - <https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Council-Welcomes-Stage-Two-Bushfire-Local-Economic-Recovery-Funding>
- 23 February 2022 - <https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Council-Begins-Next-Phase-of-Consultation-on-Indoor-Sports-Stadium-Project>
- 25 May 2022 - <https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Alternative-Site-Investigations-for-Evac-Multi-Purpose-Centre>
- 12 August 2022 - <https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Alternate-Site-for-Tumut-EvacMultipurpose-Centre-on-Council-Agenda>
- 31 August 2022 - <https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Evacuation-Multipurpose-Centre-Working-Group-Formed>
- 26 October 2022 - <https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Location-Approved-for-Evacuation-and-Multi-Purpose-Centre>
- 02 March 2023 - <https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Come-along-to-see-the-concept-designs-for-the-Multi-purpose-Centre>

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- 30 March 2023 - <https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Tenders-Called-for-Multipurpose-Centre>
- 03 July 2024 - <https://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Council-To-Investigate-Richmond-Park-Site-For-Multipurpose-Centre>

SVC also has a project page. Material through the design phase will need to be provided to keep this page up to date.

Community Working Group

First met in August 2022 after resolution at Aug 2022 Council meeting.

The original group was made up of:

- Jason Bevan – Tumut basketball
- David Rosetta
- Donna Martin - RFS
- Aaron Taylor
- Brungle- Tumut Local Land Council – Sue Bulger
- SVC Staff – John Osland, Glen McGrath, Trudy Crawford
- Mayor / Councillors – Ian Chaffey, Hansie Armour and Brent Livermore

Tumut Basketball reps – Jason Bevan and Dwayne Murray, RFS rep Donna Martin, maintain an ongoing key interest in the project and are key stakeholders who need to be consulted and kept informed on progress.

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PLANNED COMMUNICATIONSIntroduction

At least two forms of consultation are to be conducted to ensure alignment with Councils Community Engagement Strategy 2017 and Principles. The principles reflect SVC commitment to open and transparent communication between SVC and the community to achieve the best project outcomes.

The IAP2 framework activities of Inform and Consult are ideally suited for this project in its current execution stage.

Consultation enables 2-way communication designed to obtain feedback on ideas and alternatives to inform decision making. Techniques used to achieve this level of engagement could include comment/feedback forms, drop-in sessions, online surveys, public exhibitions and meetings. Keeping the community informed could utilise techniques such as SVC regular newsletters, social media, webpage, email lists, and letterbox drops.

There would appear to be 3 distinct groups for interactions:

- Direct project stakeholders, i.e, "Community Working Group"
- Local Residents
- The wider SVC Community

Initial activities:

27/06/2024 - Letterbox drop – Richmond Park Site  [20240627 - Letterbox drop - Richmond Park - Multipurpose Centre Site Location.pdf](#)

23/09/2024 – Letterbox drop – Richmond Park Site Update Geotechnical

Design Tender

Appointment of Design Tender by Council Resolution on 21 November 2024.

Notification by newsletter, social media and website.

Phase 1 – Investigations, stakeholder consultation, design development of the current concept (27/11/24 to 14/1/25):

Community Session Stage 1 - The aim is to identify common themes for the Architect to consider and develop a list of opportunities for the project.

A face-to-face community drop-in session to be held at Richmond Park where community members and local residents may meet with a representative of the Architect prior to the development of the design. (Early December 2024).

A community online survey through Council's "Have your Say" portal (December – open for 2 weeks).

A face-to-face meeting with the Community Working Group (Early December 2024)

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Phase 2 – DA Documentation (15/1/25 to 28/2/25):

A councillor Workshop will be held (late Jan/early Feb) to review the developed concept design, and subsequently refer a report at the Ordinary February Meeting to proceed with a Development Application and present that concept to the community. Council Resolution.

Notification by newsletter, social media and website.

Community Session Stage 2 - The aim is to present the developed concept design and provide the Architect any feedback prior to finalising a development application.

A face-to-face community drop-in session to be held at Richmond Park where community members and local residents may meet with a representative of the Architect to review the developed concept design. (Early February 2025).

A face-to-face meeting with the Community Working Group (Early February 2025)

Phase 3 – Planning Approvals (3/3/25 to 17/4/25):

Once the Development Application with all associated supporting documentation is submitted by the Head Consultant through the NSW Planning Portal, the SVC planning department will be undertaking an assessment and exhibition process. This will trigger advertising and neighbour notifications through their processes.

As the project is over \$5 million capital investment value, the proposal is Regional Development, which is therefore considered by the Southern Regional Planning Panel (SRPP) and will be subject to a public meeting and determination through their processes.

The outcome of the Planning Approvals process will be subject notifications by others.

The community will be invited to make submissions during the DA notification / exhibition phase. All submissions received are reviewed by the SRPP as part of the assessment / determination process.

Should a planning approval be granted then the project will continue as planned.

Early Works – Relocation of Playground

Notification by newsletter, social media and website.

Phase 4 – CC and Construction Tender Documentation (3/3/25 to 25/4/25):

Working Group -The aim is to review the technical specifications of fixtures and finishes for inclusion within the construction tender documentation.

A face-to-face meeting with the Community Working Group (target 14 April 2025)

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Appointment of Construction Tender by Council on 19 June 2025.

Notification by newsletter, social media and website.

Phase 5 – Construction (25/6/25 to 25/5/26):

Monthly Progress Updates.

Notification by newsletter, social media and website.

As required, **specific Local Resident Letterbox Drops** on construction activities that may affect amenity (noise, traffic)

Prepared by Phil McMurray – Major Projects Manager 14 October 2024

Attachment 2 - Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park - Communications Action Plan**Multipurpose Centre - Communications and Engagement Action Plan**

Timeline	Project Stage	Key Messages	Comms activities	Date for Comms
24 Sept 24	Site investigation – Geotechnical testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council awards contract for the geotechnical testing of Richmond Park. - Notification contractors will begin drilling boreholes and taking samples at the site to assess the ground's geotechnical and environmental properties - Noise level similar to a lawn mower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter box drop to nearby residents - Social Media - Community Newsletter - Website - Meeting with Stakeholder Group 	Completed 23-25 Sept 2024
24-25 Sept 24	Design Tender Stage – released to market on 24/09 – closes 25/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tenders for the design of the Tumut Multipurpose Centre are now open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website 	Completed 25 Sept 24
14 Nov 24	November Council meeting notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two reports will be presented to Council at the November meeting: one in the open session providing a project update, and another in a confidential session to award a contract for the design of the Tumut Multipurpose Centre. For more details, please refer to the Council agenda on our website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website - Socials – meeting notice including MPC update report 	14 Nov 24
21 Nov 24	November Council Meeting Outcome - Report to award design tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November Council meeting outcome - Project next steps - Coming up – opportunity to meet the Architect at drop-in session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Media Release 	25 Nov 24

Multipurpose Centre - Communications and Engagement Action Plan



Timeline	Project Stage	Key Messages	Comms activities	Date for Comms
	Phase 1			
Nov 24 – Jan 25	Phase 1 – Investigations Community consultation Pop-up, development of the current concept	Community Session at Richmond Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The aim is to identify common themes for the Architect to consider and develop a list of opportunities for the project. - Come and meet the architect and learn about the project - Ask questions, tell us your concerns - Key issues like noise and parking will be addressed - DA process explained - Project timeline - Email addresses collected from the community session and online survey will be used for project update newsletters, reducing the need for future mailbox drops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacted residents will be notified first via a letter box drop - Social Media - Newspaper Advertising - Website - Online Survey 	Early Dec 24
Nov 24 – Jan 25	Phase 1 – Investigations Separate meeting with Stakeholder Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet the Architect - Ask questions - Raise concerns - Highlight preferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email invitation to stakeholder group 	Early Dec 24

Multipurpose Centre - Communications and Engagement Action Plan



Timeline	Project Stage	Key Messages	Comms activities	Date for Comms
	Phase 2			
Late Jan / Early Feb 2025	Concept Design - DA Documentation	- Councillor workshop – review concept design		Late Jan / Early Feb 2025
Early Feb 25	Concept Design - Community consultation Pop-up, development of the current concept	Community Session at Richmond Park - The aim is to present the developed concept design and provide the Architect any feedback prior to finalising a development application.	- Project Newsletter - Social Media - Newspaper Advertising - Website - Online Survey -	Early Feb 25
Early Feb 25	Concept Design - Separate meeting with Stakeholder Group	- The aim is to present the developed concept design and provide the Architect with any feedback prior to finalising a development application.	- Email invitation to stakeholder group	Early Feb 25
Feb or March 25	Feb or March 25 – Proceed with a DA and notify the community	- February Council meeting outcome (Councillors have endorsed the concept design to proceed to the DA stage) - DA process explained - Project timeline	- Media Release - Project newsletter - Social Media - Website	Feb or March 25
	Phase 3			
March/April 25	Planning Approvals	- The Head Consultant (Architect) submits the Development Application, along with all supporting documents, through the NSW Planning Portal.	Share comms re/ DA advertising to inform community how they can participate in the process via - Social media - Project newsletter	March/April 25

Multipurpose Centre - Communications and Engagement Action Plan



Timeline	Project Stage	Key Messages	Comms activities	Date for Comms
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SVC's planning department will assess the application and conduct an exhibition process, including advertising and notifying neighbours. 		
March/April 25	SRPP determination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As the project exceeds \$5 million in capital investment, it qualifies as Regional Development, to be reviewed by the Southern Regional Planning Panel (SRPP). - This will involve a public meeting and a decision made by the SRPP. - All submissions received are reviewed by the SRPP as part of the assessment / determination process. - Notifications regarding the outcome of the Planning Approval process will be handled by other parties. - If planning approval is granted, the project will proceed as planned. 	Share comms from SRPP re/ public meeting via <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social media - Project newsletter 	March/April 25
	Phase 4			
March/April 25 TBC	Phase 4 – CC and Construction Tender Documentation Note that this is to be undertaken concurrently whilst planning approvals are being sought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stakeholder Group consultation - The aim is to review the technical specifications of fixtures and finishes for inclusion within the construction tender documentation. 	A face-to-face meeting with the Stakeholder Group via <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email invitation 	April 25

Multipurpose Centre - Communications and Engagement Action Plan



Timeline	Project Stage	Key Messages	Comms activities	Date for Comms
June 25 TBC	Council meeting Appointment of Construction Tender by Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council meeting outcome - Next steps - Project timeline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project newsletter - Social Media - Website 	June 25
	Phase 5			
July 25 –June 26 TBC	Phase 5 – Construction Progress Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular updates will be communicated via the project newsletter - To be fleshed out closer to construction date with key milestones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project newsletter - Social Media - Website 	July 25 –June 26 TBC

Attachment 3 - Submission - Stakeholder Working Group - Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park

Snowy Valleys Council
Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

9 November 2024

Dear Sir

SUBMISSION REGARDING MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE / EVACUATION FACILITY

We are writing to ask that this letter, and the accompanying letters of support, be included in the business paper for the meeting 21 November 2024. We understand the councillors will receive updated information during the Ordinary Meeting 21 November 2024 post the closure of the public tender process on 25 October 2024.

Basic overview of the project to date

- July 21. Funded by NSW Government and the Commonwealth Government's Local Economic Recovery Fund.
- Aug 22. SVC councillors voted to form a working group/community user group to assist council to locate suitable locations
- Sept 22. SVC councillors resolved two locations. Lockeridge Park and, if that location could not proceed, Richmond Park
- June 24. SVC councillors confirmed the resolution to progress at Richmond Park and further resolved to take over the lease of that land from Crown Lands.
- Oct 24. Tenders closed

We also understand that councillors will be receiving a petition from others who do not support this project in the Richmond Street location and seek to be included in that process as supporting the project in the Richmond Street location to ensure construction is commenced prior to June 2024.

Please find attached letters of support. We have provided a summary below.

<u>Letters of Support from</u>	<u>Number of members/employees</u>	
	ACTUAL as quoted	Estimated
Brungle Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council (BTLALC)		50
Crawfords Glass (2 letters/singed by two owners)	17	
Elders	19	
Emilie Rossington	1	
Tumut MTB	26	
Chris Russell	1	
A Murray and Sons	20	
B NSW		

Club Tumut		2066
McAuley Catholic College Tumut	560	
Snowy Valleys Heros		10
Tumut Public School		378
Tumut Toyota	23	
Tumut Golf Club	1200	
Business Snowy Valleys		50
Roddy Insurance	5	
Snowy Valeeys Support Services	1	
St Josephs School Adelong		164
St Patricks School Gundagai		116
Adelong Community Enterprises (ACE)		10
Adelong Services and Citizens Bowling Club		150
Visy	344	
Tumut Building Supplies		6
Tumut Community Pre School	161	
Tumut Junior Cricket		40
Tumut Soccer Club		50
Weir Racing	6	
Whisk & Dish		15
	2384	3105
Actual	2384	
Estimates	<u>3105</u>	
Number of employees/members of those writing		
LOS	5489	

We have approached other organisations that gave indicative support but could not provide a Letter of Support in time to submit to SVC for this deadline, due to the need to engage with members of their groups at a formal meeting, and there being no opportunity for those letters to be completed in time for this submission.

Some organisations that we spoke to have chosen to submit directly to SVC and we ask that those Letters of Support are added to these Letters of Support.

We also want to express our concerns that delaying this project for any reason could see the funding withdrawn. We have had this opportunity for more than 3 years and already extensions have been granted and any further delays, including considering a different location, could see this opportunity lost to our communities.

We are all members of the working group/community user group.

Yours faithfully,



Dwayne Murray



Jason Beavan



David Rosetta



Donna Martin

Attachment 4 - Letters of Support - Snowy Valleys Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility at Richmond Park

8 November 2024

Snowy Valleys Council

76 Capper Street

TUMUT 2720

Dear Sir

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT.

I am writing to support our Tumut members to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at Richmond Park Tumut. The project was approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022. BNSW has been involved in the stakeholder engagement process with the council and sees no reason as to why this project would not proceed as planned.

We understand a variation of the funding agreement is required and we are happy to assist with this as there are many projects in the same boat due to the time lapsed and cost escalation.

Tumut Basketball Association provides a much-needed service to the local community and have 700 playing members both children and adults. The facility will further act as a multisport venue and as such house not only basketball but other sports and community events.

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Basketball NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout New South Wales and their connections to land, sea and community in which we gather, meet and play. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



As such the facility will provide Tumut and surrounding areas a venue that will generate positive social, economic and safety outcomes for its community.

Basketball is the fastest growing sport in Australia and the second biggest team sport behind only football (soccer). The growth is continuing and sole reason for not being able to further realise the popularity of the sport is the lack of indoor spaces to play.

Basketball is also the #1 sport in Sporting Schools in NSW which again supports the need for the development of more indoor spaces for children to play. Further to this Tumut's consistent participation rate in Basketball is twice the average of the rest of NSW based on its population.

Basketball NSW in way of support can provide an experienced technical resource into the planning of the project. He is currently working on several other projects in NSW and may assist council in working through the challenges and obstacles to progress this project in a timely manner.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Nordstrom", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Maria Nordstrom

Chief Executive Officer



FOR A BETTER WORLD

MEMORANDUM

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TUMUT 2720

From: Johan Stoltz

Date: 1 November 2024

Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

Dear Sir

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the Richmond Park Tumut location. This location was approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

Visy Pulp and Paper has a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the local region and having appropriate facilities in our communities is important to Visy and our team members.

Visy employees around 344 people on site at Tumut including permanent labour hire contractors (PHE/DME) who are Tumut based.

We rely on our local communities being strong and viable to attract staff and their families to live in Snowy Valleys Council area and having modern and appropriate facilities available to families is a key factor when employees make decisions around where to base their families.

Visy also relies on the local timber industry for inputs and that provides further employment in the forestry and harvesting/transport sectors.

Having a dedicated Evacuation Facility during times of emergency enhances the amenity of living in our local communities and provides a quick and appropriate response to fire, flood, and other emergencies. Local resources are especially important to Visy's continued success and having a stand-up ready and viable Evacuation Centre supports our industry.

I am aware this project has been funded a long time ago and would like to see this project progress now to avoid potential loss of funding. This facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Regards,

Johan Stoltz
General Manager – VPP Tumut



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2nd November 2024

Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper St
Tumut NSW 2720

Dear Sir

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

The bushfires of 2019/2020 demonstrated the need for a fit for purpose facility to cater for the needs of our community in a time of crisis and should this opportunity be missed it will be at great detriment to the region.

The facility will deliver a range of positive outcomes for the community, enhancing social engagements and offering a range other sporting, cultural and economic events that will benefit all the region.

My business employs 20 people directly and this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes for generations to come.

Yours faithfully



Dwayne Murray
Director

WATER • WASTE • GAS **WE MAKE IT HAPPEN**



Brungle/Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council

55 Merivale Street, Tumut NSW 2720

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PO BOX 684 Tumut NSW 2720

Email btllalc@bigpond.net.au

31 October 2024

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Brungle/Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council fully supports the proposal for a Multi Purpose/Evacuation Centre to be constructed in Tumut.

This facility will benefit the entire Snowy Valleys Community and will be an invaluable asset.

If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 69474518.

Kind regards

Coral Bulger
CEO



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5th November 2024

Mr Steven Pinnuck
Interim General Manager
Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
Tumut, NSW 2720

cc. SVC Councillors

Dear Mr Pinnuck,

Letter of support for the construction of the Multi-purpose Centre and Evacuation Facility in Tumut

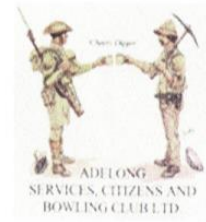
Adelong Community Enterprises operates the Adelong Licensed Post Office on behalf of the community of Adelong. It recognises the benefits to the Adelong and wider communities of having the Multi-purpose Centre and Evacuation Centre built at Richmond Park and hopes the Council will commence construction as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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William O'Connell
President

ADELONG SERVICES, CITIZENS AND BOWLING CLUB LIMITED



5th November 2024

Mr Steven Pinnuck
Interim General Manager
Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
Tumut, NSW 2720

cc. SVC Councillors

Dear Mr Pinnuck,

Letter of support for commencement of construction of the Multi-purpose Centre and Evacuation Facility at Richmond Park in Tumut

I am writing on behalf of our Club to request that the Snowy Valleys Council commences construction of the funded Multi-purpose Centre and Evacuation Facility, that was approved by Councillors at its ordinary meeting in September 2022.

The Adelong Services and Citizens and Bowling Club recognises the social, economic and safety benefits of the facility to the people of Adelong and district, and trusts that the Council will immediately commence building works.

Yours sincerely,

Julian Roche
President

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Business Snowy Valleys
PO Box 715
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7th November 2024

Subject: **Letter of Support for the Multi-Purpose Centre/Evacuation Facility**

To whom it may concern,

The Business Snowy Valleys committee would like to express our support for the Multi-Purpose Centre/Evacuation Facility in the Snowy Valleys Council region.

It has been brought to our attention that there is a risk of losing the funding allocated by the Department of Regional NSW for the project. We believe this facility will be an asset to the region and a valuable resource for the community.

Please consider our letter of support for progressing this project to a 'work in progress' as this would be a lost opportunity for the community if the funding is cancelled.

Business Snowy Valleys have previously advocated and made representations to council in support of the project to ensure that the building benefits our wider community and council as an economically viable and multi-use asset.

Should anyone from council, the Department of Regional NSW or the project working group wish to speak with Business Snowy Valleys further on this matter we would be happy to arrange a meeting.

Kind regards,

Business Snowy Valleys Committee

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hannah", followed by a horizontal line.

Michael Hannah
President

Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

4th November 2024

Dear Sir,

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to express my strong support for the construction of the Evacuation Multi-Purpose Facility at Richmond Park, Tumut, a project that received approval from the Snowy Valleys Councillors during the ordinary meeting held in September 2022. This facility represents a critical development for the community, ensuring enhanced safety, resilience, and well-being during times of crisis.

The Tumut Valley Canoe Club, which comprises 30 active members and participants, views this facility as a significant asset that will foster social connectivity and community spirit. The multipurpose nature of the centre will not only provide a haven during emergencies but will also serve as a venue for various community activities, gatherings, and events that bring residents together, strengthening local bonds.

The proposed centre will deliver a range of positive outcomes for Tumut and its surrounding areas. Firstly, it will serve as an essential evacuation point during natural disasters such as floods or bushfires, providing a secure and equipped space for residents to seek shelter. Given the region's vulnerability to extreme weather events, having a designated evacuation hub will greatly enhance public safety and preparedness.

Additionally, the facility is expected to boost local economic activity. By hosting events, meetings, and recreational programs, it will attract visitors and participants, fostering economic growth through increased foot traffic to local businesses and services. The presence of such a versatile space will enable the community to organize more significant events and activities, positioning Tumut as a hub for social, cultural, and sporting engagements.

In conclusion, the Evacuation Multi-Purpose Facility at Richmond Park is a forward-thinking initiative that aligns with the needs and aspirations of the Tumut community. It promises to deliver multifaceted benefits—social, economic, and safety-related—which will strengthen the region's resilience and quality of life. I wholeheartedly support this project and urge its timely completion for the welfare of all community members.

Yours faithfully,



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October 31, 2024

Letter of Support – Proposed Multipurpose Sports and Evacuation Centre

Dear Snowy Valleys Councillors

I write this letter to express Club Tumut's strong support for the proposed Multi-Purpose Sport and Emergency Evacuation Centre.

In June this year, Club Tumut has taken steps to surrender its Crown Lands Lease of fifty-four (54) years in Russel St Tumut. This Lease is now under the control of the Snowy Valleys Council for the purpose of being the preferred "common scene" site for the Multipurpose centre.

We at Club Tumut feel that a Multi Purposes Sport and Evacuation facility is well over due and would be a major asset to local community, all sporting groups and associations that would utilize it.

Personally, I grew up in Tumut and also raised a family who love their sport and over the years have travelled across NSW in the pursuit of my kid's sport including Rugby League, Basketball, Cricket, Tennis and Netball and can honestly say that Tumut is so far behind when it comes to sporting facilities and infrastructure.

It seems that the proposed development isn't the issue here, but the location?

There's an old saying, "you can't please everybody all the time", but you could please the majority in this case moving forward and appease the minority through prior planning, traffic management, acoustics and design and construct a facility the community can be proud of.

It would be extremely disappointing to let such an opportunity pass the community by through lack of vision for the future and Council division and would certainly cast a vote of no confidence over the Snowy Valleys Council moving forward.

Regards



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Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

November 10, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities in completing the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut, approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting in September 2022.

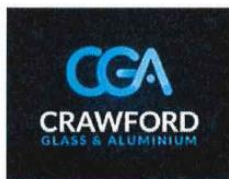
I am a local resident and a parent involved in my local community organisations, and I believe this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours faithfully,

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Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

1st November 2024

Dear Sir

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

My business employs 17 people directly and this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours faithfully

Signed

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Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

1st November 2024

Dear Sir

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

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My business employs 17 people directly and this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours faithfully

Signed

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Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

4th November 2024

Dear Sir

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY
PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councilors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

My business employs 19 people directly over three sites and this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

This facility is needed in the Town of Tumut and has been going on too long.

Yours faithfully

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Emilie Rossington

6 Quinn st

Tumut 2720

Dear Snowy Valley Councillors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed construction of a multipurpose centre in Tumut. This facility would not only serve as a valuable resource for local sporting groups but, more importantly, would provide a critical evacuation centre for our community during emergencies.

As a member of the community for over 30 years, I have witnessed firsthand the importance of having safe and accessible spaces for our community, particularly in times of crisis. The recent challenges faced by our region have underscored the need for a reliable evacuation point that can accommodate our residents during emergencies, such as floods, bushfires, or other unforeseen events.

Currently, our sporting resources in Tumut are significantly ill-equipped compared to those in other small country towns. Many of our facilities are outdated and lack the necessary amenities to support the diverse range of activities our community wishes to engage in. The development of a new multipurpose centre would not only elevate our sporting capabilities but also foster a greater sense of community and pride among our residents, particularly our youth.

A multipurpose centre would not only enhance the sporting opportunities available to our students and community members but also serve as a beacon of safety and support in challenging times. The ability to gather in a well-equipped, centrally located facility can significantly improve our community's resilience and response to disasters.

I urge the council to prioritise this initiative and consider the long-term benefits it will provide, not just for sporting activities but as a vital asset for emergency preparedness and community cohesion.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to the positive impact this multipurpose centre will have on Tumut.

Warm regards,

Emilie Rossington



McAuley Catholic College Tumut

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

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76 Capper Street

TUMUT 2720

4 November 2024

Dear Sir

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT


I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

McAuley Catholic College has a student population of over 500 students and over 60 staff. The construction of the Multi-Purpose Facility will not only benefit our students, families but also the wider Tumut community immensely. A significant portion of the student body at McAuley Catholic College participates in indoor sports such as basketball and netball, to which the proposed MPC will be such a valuable community asset.

This year, the College has seen several teams qualify and attend NSW CCC Basketball State Championships, in both the Secondary and Primary school. Having a facility such as the proposed MPC, will further enable opportunities for students to continue to develop their talents and participation in sports and be active.

Having a facility such as this, also allows the potential for Tumut to host larger sporting, cultural and community events, which will have positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours faithfully


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4th November 2024

Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

Dear Sir/Madam,

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

It is my belief that this decision is in the best interests of the community and will see a substantial asset being made available for a multitude of uses, to various sporting and community organisations.

As a parent of two active sportspeople who have represented several sports which has seen us regularly travel interstate and beyond for their events, it is clear that that the quality of facilities in our town is of a very poor standard.

The participants of the local basketball competitions operate under the use of a one court facility dating back to the 1960's, which has been well cared for but is no longer 'fit for use'.

My business employs 5 people directly and this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

The time for council's action after extended procrastination is here.

Yours sincerely,

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Dan Roddy
Managing Director

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SNOWY VALLEYS HEROES INC**ACNC REGISTERED CHARITY**

Inc: 2300160 – ABN 30 460 750 299

31 October 2024

Mr Jason Beavan,
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Dear Jason,

It is with pleasure that on behalf of the Snowy Valleys Heroes team we offer support to the building of a multi-Purpose complex in Tumut.

We are aware of the trauma caused to families during and after the occurrence of bushfires, floods and other disasters.

A facility such as this is vital to Tumut and surrounding towns to provide a sheltered and secure space in times of natural disasters.

We look forward to continuing support for you and this very important project.



Regards

Zita M Vafiopoulous
Chairperson - Snowy Valleys Heroes Inc

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Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

3rd November 2024

Dear Sir

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY
PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express wholehearted support for the proposed Evacuation Multi-Purpose Facility at Richmond Park, Tumut.

As the owner of Snowy Valleys Support Services, I have seen firsthand the importance of accessible evacuation centre for our vulnerable clients, aged 5-98, with complex medical issues. The Dunns Road fire underscored this need, as our Talbingo clients had to evacuate to Wagga Wagga for 14 days.

This facility will significantly enhance the social, economic, and safety outcomes for our community. As a local employer of four residents, I believe it is vital for ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing of both my clients and staff during floods, fires, or natural disasters.

- Social Benefits: A communal space for events, activities, and connection

- Economic Benefits: Local economic stimulation, and increased community engagement

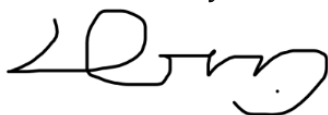
- Safety Benefits: A dedicated emergency evacuation centre, ensuring the well-being of residents

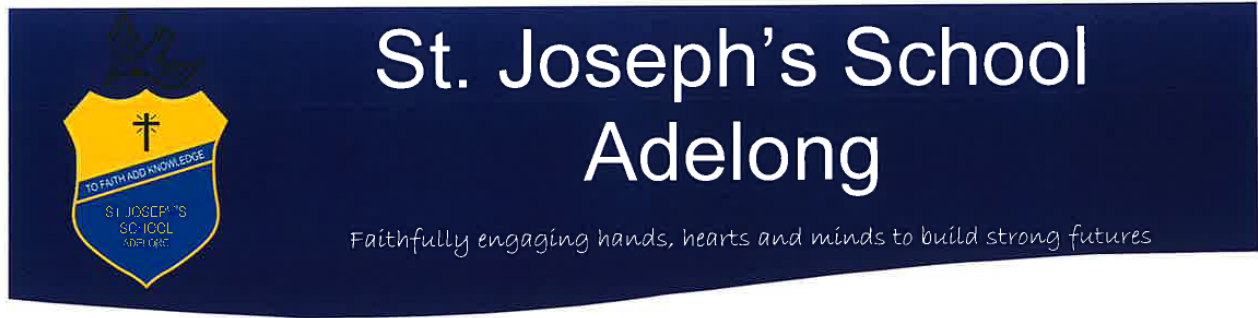
Foster Community Identity: Create sporting clubs reflective of the community

- Break Down Social Barriers: Embrace diverse skills and values, contributing to positive physical and mental health

- Provide Opportunities: Offer a safe and inclusive support network for community members to learn new skills

Yours sincerely





Thursday 1 November 2024

Dear Sir

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

The bushfires of 2019/20 had a direct impact on the majority of families from St Joseph's with many suffering significant loss – land, equipment, sheds, stock and houses. During this traumatic time families were evacuated to Wagga or made the difficult decision to evacuate long distances to their nearest family members. Having an evacuation centre located in Tumut would mean that families would be able to stay together and have a safe place to evacuate locally.

Many of the students at St Joseph's will also benefit from the facility by being able to participate in sports such as basketball at the facility.

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Beavan

Principal

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Snowy Valleys Council

76 Capper Street

TUMUT 2720

1 November 2024

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED
AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

Families from our St Patrick's School community have children that use this facility on a regular basis to participate in sports in the Tumut competition. An evacuation centre would also provide reassurance that a designated safety area was available for community members in the event another catastrophic bushfire came to this area. The Evacuation/Multi-purpose facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Baron

Principal



**Tumut Basketball Association Inc**

7th November 2024

Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

Dear Sir,

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park, Tumut, approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

Tumut Basketball, the biggest active sporting group in Tumut, currently has 700 current playing members who will significantly benefit from the facility. The facility will allow more children to experience the health and social benefit of playing a team sport, as well as allowing more adults to play sport at more reasonable hours than currently offered. Over the last 4 years Tumut Basketball has had significant success both in the representative basketball in the Southern Junior League as well as PSSA basketball competition with most recently, both primary schools winning the state championship title in boys and girls' teams respectively. We are currently achieving great success with only one court, imagine if the children could train during the week.

We have been using our current stadium for 50 years, 7 days a week with no further room to grow the sport. Currently domestic teams cannot train as there is no availability. Representative teams are required to train Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. Games go until 10pm most nights.

For the sake of growth and continued success, Tumut Basketball need this facility. If we are to lose this opportunity, it would be the current and future generations who will be disadvantaged.

Yours faithfully,

Stephanie James
Tumut Basketball Association

Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720
6th November 2024



Dear Sir,

Subject: Support for the Evacuation Multi-Purpose Facility at Richmond Park, Tumut

I am writing to express my strong support for the **Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre** to be built at **Richmond Park** in Tumut. As a local business owner, I know how important it is for our community to have the facilities and infrastructure we need to thrive and grow.

The **\$13.7 million** in funding from the **NSW** and **Commonwealth Governments** is a great step toward ensuring Tumut has the capacity to meet the challenges of both daily life and emergency situations. This facility will not only serve as a **evacuation centre** in times of need **sports and community hub**—a vital resource for our growing community.

Tumut, like many regional areas, needs to keep pace with the infrastructure of larger cities and surrounding councils. It's important we have the same opportunities for safety, recreation, and development. This new centre will provide both economic and social benefits and help future-proof our community for the long term.

I believe this facility is a crucial part of Tumut's future, and I wholeheartedly support its progress. Please count on my continued support for the development of this important project.

Yours faithfully,

Brendan Kell

Director

Tumut Building Supplies

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Snowy Valleys Council

76 Capper Street

TUMUT 2720

4th November 2024

Dear Sir

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT

I am writing to support the community funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

Tumut Community Preschool directly employs 21 people and enrolls on average 140 children each year, this facility will provide our community, children and families with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

The latest (2021) Australian Early Development Census Community (AEDC) Profile for Tumut NSW has highlighted that children in our area are assessed as experiencing an increasing risk and vulnerability in the developmental domain of physical health and wellbeing. The multipurpose centre located in Richmond Street is within walking distance of the Preschool and this will provide increased access for children to engage in physical readiness for school, physical independence and gross and fine motor skills.

Yours faithfully

Tess Herring

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The General Manager

Snowy Valleys Council

76 Capper Street

TUMUT 2720

November 1st 2024

Dear Stephen

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

On behalf of the Tumut Golf Club, we write to support the proposal to construct the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting held in September 2022.

The Golf Club is a valuable community and sporting facility and more such facilities for positive social, economic and safety outcomes for the community as a whole are needed.

The Golf Club membership of over 1200, includes a wide cross section of our community and any additional facilities, particularly of a multi purpose nature, would be of great benefit to many of our members.

We urge Council to take positive and decisive action to realise the opportunity for our district to have access to a valuable community asset.

Yours Faithfully

Peter Linnegar

President

Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

Tumut Junior Cricket Club
1st November 2024

Dear Sir

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

The Tumut Junior Cricket Association has over fifty participants and this facility will provide those participants and the whole community with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

The building of this facility in Tumut is well overdue. Having travelled extensively in New South Wales and Victoria to numerous towns for sport events I see how this facility is desperately needed. It will enhance the sporting experience of our sporting public, provide opportunities to bring people to Tumut as well as being used as an emergency centre if and when the time comes.

Yours faithfully

Signed



Name: James Butt

Role: President of Tumut Junior Cricket Association.

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Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

5th November 2024

Dear Sir

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

Tumut Mountain Bike Club (Tumut MTB) has 14 active members, 12 inactive members and in The Tumut MTB 3 hour race has attracted as many as 144 participants in 2014 decreasing to 60 in 2024. Participants travel from all over NSW, ACT and VIC to Tumut to ride. This facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours faithfully

Signed



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TUMUT NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

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President: Mrs Tracey Gorman
Secretary: Mrs Tash Wells
Treasurer: Mrs Liz Crampton

Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
TUMUT 2720

Friday 1st November 2024

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT

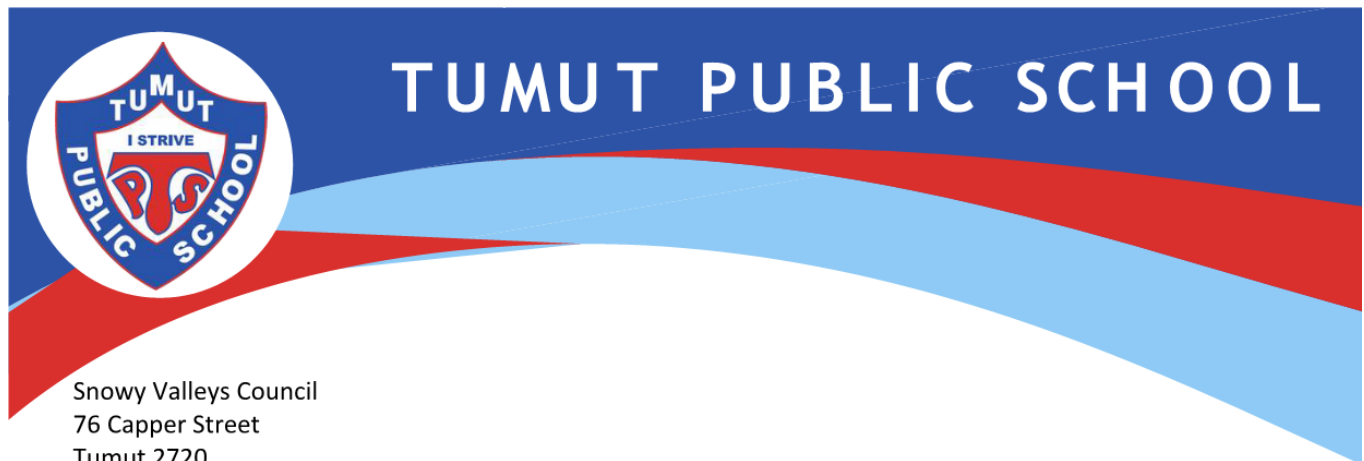
To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our support for the completion of the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at Richmond Park, Tumut, as approved by the Snowy Valleys Council during the ordinary meeting in September 2022.

The Tumut Netball Association endorses this initiative, recognising that this facility will bring significant social, economic, and safety benefits to communities across the Snowy Valleys district.

Yours faithfully,
Natasha Wells

Secretary
Tumut Netball Association
tumutnetball@hotmail.com



Snowy Valleys Council
76 Capper Street
Tumut 2720

Letter of Support for the Evacuation Multi-Purpose Facility proposed to be constructed at Richmond Park Tumut

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022. As a representative of Tumut Public School, I believe this facility will significantly benefit our students and the broader community in numerous ways.

Physical activity plays a crucial role in the development of children and adolescents, promoting not only physical health but also mental well-being, social skills, and academic performance. A multi-purpose facility would provide our students with access to various athletic programs and facilities, enabling them to engage in sports they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.

The multi-purpose facility could serve as a hub for extracurricular activities, fostering teamwork and leadership skills while encouraging a healthy lifestyle. Additionally, it could host events and competitions that bring together students from different schools, creating a sense of camaraderie and community spirit, such as the recent NSW PSSA basketball tournaments our local public schools have recently both won.

Moreover, a multi-purpose sports facility would be beneficial beyond school hours. It would offer a safe and accessible space for families and community members to participate in physical activities, wellness programs, and recreational leagues, thereby strengthening community ties and enhancing overall quality of life.

In supporting the development of this multi-purpose facility, we are not only investing in our students' futures but also in the well-being of our entire community. We believe that such a facility aligns with our commitment to fostering a holistic educational environment. Thank you for considering this important initiative. We look forward to seeing the positive impact a multi-purpose facility will have on our students and the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Alice Vigors
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2nd November 2024

Dear Sir

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.


Tumut Eagles Football Club is built on a large, young group of community members and this facility Will provide us with a fantastic alternative for training during the season as well as an opportunity for us to expand our game during the offseason. We also recognise this facility will be great for the whole community with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours faithfully

Lachlan Anderson

Tumut Eagles FC President

Signed



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5th November, 2024

Dear Sir

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

Our business employs 23 people directly and this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours faithfully

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Tim O'Malley
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4th November 2024

Dear Sir

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities to complete the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting September 2022.

My business employs 6 people directly and this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

OR

The (name of organisation or group) has members/participants and this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours faithfully

Signed



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November 10, 2024

To whom it may concern,

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EVACUATION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROPOSED TO BE
CONSTRUCTED AT RICHMOND PARK TUMUT**

I am writing to support our communities in completing the funded Evacuation Multi-Purpose Centre at the location in Richmond Park Tumut, approved by Snowy Valleys Councillors at the ordinary meeting in September 2022.

My business, Whisk and Dish, located at 66 Russell Street, Tumut, employs eight people directly, and this facility will provide our communities with positive social, economic and safety outcomes.

Yours faithfully,

Melissa Hayward

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Attachment 5 - Letter of Support from Dr Joe McGirr - BLERF – SVC

Dr Joe McGirr MP

Independent Member for Wagga Wagga



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23 September 2024

To whom it may concern

Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) have been advised that their Tumut Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility grant funding is at risk and they are seeking a 12-month extension of time request to complete construction, which I support.

The grant funding of \$13.8M was received from the State and Federal Government Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF) and was established specifically to assist communities heavily impacted by the bushfires of 2019/2020 in their recovery and future resilience.

The outcomes of this project will be:

1. A purpose-built evacuation centre and multipurpose facility with two basketball courts to accommodate local, regional and state sporting competitions as well as a facility to host conferences, local school and community events.
2. Local employment outcomes, including apprenticeships and indigenous employment opportunities, through the building and construction of the facility.
3. Local employment outcomes, through the ongoing management of the facility.
4. An increase in community wellbeing and cohesion through the provision of an indoor sporting facility equipped with two first class basketball/netball courts, changerooms, amenities and spectator seats with disability access, where sport can be played and watched 12 months of the year, in any climate.
5. Natural disaster readiness for the community, 1000 people can shelter in the facility and access emergency services. This is critical infrastructure that is not presently available in the Snowy Valleys LGA.

SVC has been working consistently to deliver this project which has included significant investment in site identification and design development over the past three years. Unfortunately, delays have occurred that were out of Councils control due to unforeseen geotechnical challenges and associated budget impacts uncovered at alternate sites considered by Council.

SVC has a dedicated full time contracted experienced Project Manager, and NSW Public Works Advisory are overseeing the project through regular Project Control

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Group meetings held with the funding body. The Project is being managed under a quality Project Management Framework. Programming and feasibility for the new site at Richmond Park has already been undertaken and will see the project delivered through to completion by 30 June 2026.

I support SVC's request for a 12-month funding extension. This project will provide essential sporting, community and disaster evacuation facilities for Tumut and surrounds.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Joe McGirr, MP
Member for Wagga Wagga