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BRINDABELLA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The 10km stretch of Brindabella Rd between the Goodradigbee River and Piccadilly Circus (ACT border) is now wider and safer than ever.

Work has focused on improving safety for users by widening the road and improving steep edges and road shoulders.

In places, the road has been widened by up to four metres and the excavated material has been used to form safety barriers to prevent steep drop-offs.

The full project is on track to be finished by the end of the year with final road resealing works planned for December.

These \$3,000,000 safety improvements were funded by the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads Fund.

Photo: The same section of Brindabella Rd – top photo before and bottom photo after widening works.



CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS



Photo: Cr Hayes with Triniti Hussell one of the 2023 scholarship recipients.

Applications are now open for the 2024 Snowy Valleys Council Scholarship through Charles Sturt University.

In this round two successful applicants will each receive \$5,000 to assist with university costs. Eligible students must have completed Years 11 and 12 in the Snowy Valleys region and be living or have a parent residing in the area.

To apply online visit our website, applications close 5 February 2024.

COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR JAMES HAYES

Last week Crs Armour, Hughes, and I attended a two-day course provided by the Australian Institute of Company Directors covering Governance Essentials for Local Government. This was a great opportunity to hear from experts and liaise with other councillors from across our region.

Cr Hughes and I travelled to Canberra via the Brindabella Rd, I am elated with the extent and calibre of construction to date, our contractors and staff have excelled on this project.

It is encouraging indeed to see years of advocacy for this project reaping rewards. (The Brindabella Rd albeit vastly improved still has 40 kms of unsealed section and is not suitable for caravans, sports cars, or the fainthearted)

More good news from the NSW Govt and Office of Local Government with a \$1 million severe weather and flood grant received following flooding in November 2022.

Some of the projects this funding will go towards include Tumbarumba creek walk betterment, Adelong Main St design, Adelong Creek riparian works and a community event in Khancoban. Special thanks to SVC staff and Local member Joe McGirr for assisting.

I was able to visit Sculpture by the Sea in Bondi and grateful for the opportunity to highlight the Snowy Valley Sculpture Trail during an interview with Simon Marney on ABC Saturday morning radio.

I also accompanied Keld Moseholm's family and other artists to the announcement of Snowy Hydro's funding of the Snowy Valleys Sculpture Trail and Education program at Adelong.

More good news for locals with the reopening of the Adelong Swinging Bridge after several years, thanks to John D'Allesandro and Fiona Matthews who have worked so hard to make this a reality.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS - SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

To continue to deliver the current expected and necessary services and achieve financial sustainability, Council is exploring opportunities to implement a new Special Rate Variation (SRV) to make sure services can be delivered into the future. Another SRV alone will not be sufficient to ensure Council's financial sustainability and a range of other initiatives will also need to be implemented.

Join Councillors and Senior Staff at a Community Meeting to learn more about the SRV options and how council is working towards becoming financially sustainable.

Each meeting will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

- Tuesday 28 November – Tumbarumba RSL Hall
- Wednesday 29 November – Tumut Montreal Community Theatre
- Tuesday 5 December – Batlow Literary Institute



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Visit our website to take the quick Online Survey and use the Rates Calculator.

ROAD WORKS – WEE JASPER RD

Road repair works are in progress on a 400-metre stretch of Wee Jasper Road including the intersection of Wee Jasper Road and Brungle Road.

The areas will be gravelled and resealed to fix defects in the road surface and provide safer travelling.

The work will take 3-4 weeks, depending on favourable weather conditions, and drivers should exercise caution during this period.

Funding is provided through the NSW Government's Regional and Local Road Repair Program.



NATURE FUN AT PIONEER PARK



Youngsters have been loving the new nature play areas and cool playground equipment at Tumut's Rotary Pioneer Park. Spinning orb, trampoline, and slide - there's something for everyone!

Recent improvements include carpark upgrades with clearing, concrete edging, bollard installation, and sealing. We've also been busy installing timber seating and plantings.

The final phase includes the installation of a footbridge connecting the two carparks and solar lighting along the Riverwalk, ensuring your safety from the racecourse to Riverglade Caravan Park.

Funded under the NSW Government's Public Spaces Legacy Program.



GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Get involved in some treasure-hunting fun across two weekends in November - 11-12 & 18-19.

There are already over 15 sales registered in the Snowy Valleys with more coming on board every day, so you're sure to find a bargain or two.

Shopping at a garage sale is a simple action we can all take to reuse and reduce waste to landfill.

www.garagesaletrail.com.au/svc

