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BATLOW PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Batlow's Memorial Park Playground now has brand-new edging, softfall for safer play, and a new spinning Rotanet that promises endless fun. New shelters with picnic table settings are set to be installed in the coming months.



WHERE DO OLD BATTERIES GO?

Batteries are one of the leading causes of fires in waste trucks. Recycle them for free, but not in your bins.



- ✓ SVC Resource Recovery Centres
- ✓ Library Community Recycling Stations
- ✓ Local Supermarkets

CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLOR

Drop in for an informal chat with Councillors about local issues that matter to you. Upcoming dates:

- Thursday 10 July – Health Centre, Brungle 10am – 11am
- Thursday 24 July – Talbingo Shopping Centre 10am – 11am

Check out all the dates and venues on our website: svc.nsw.gov.au/cuppa



COUNCILLOR COLUMN – CR HUGH PACKARD



The Mayor and I recently attended a Local Government Regional Issues Conference in Sydney. There were many interesting "take-aways" from this event, including the NSW Minister for Local Government stating publicly that the forced amalgamations which occurred under the previous Government, and which saw the creation of

Snowy Valleys Council, were a mistake, and that the legislation and supporting regulations to enable de-mergers had now been put in place by the current Government.

Given that SVC has already submitted our required feasibility reports, my guess is that it is highly likely we will be the first merged LGA in NSW to be given the green light to hold a referendum on the question of whether to demerge or to remain as SVC. The holding of this referendum will not be cheap, but it will be an unquestionable and practical example of democracy in action for the voters of the current SVC area.

The other important, interesting, and complex issue I came away from the conference thinking about is the intersection and moving boundaries between the Council Zoning, Flood and Bushfire Risk, Insurability and Mortgage-ability of increasingly large areas of the State, and beyond.

I was fortunate to have informal discussions with the Mayors of both Lismore and Eurobodalla and gained some insights into the daunting challenges natural disasters are presenting to their communities. SVC has not been without our share of bushfires and floods and there are certainly houses and other structures within our LGA built on flood prone or bushfire risk land, that now could be deemed to be uninsurable and hence almost un-mortgageable if they came up for sale.

Whilst not downplaying the challenges in our LGA, the situation here is not as widespread nor as seemingly impossible to resolve as in places like Lismore, due in part to the decision in the very early days of Tumut as a settlement to move the town off flood prone land to higher ground. In more recent times, zoning, flood studies, flood prediction tools and better understanding of bushfire behaviour and risk has assisted Council in making determinations on where new dwellings will or will not be approved for construction. Given the increasing severity and frequency of natural disasters, and their increasingly compounding negative impacts on a number of fronts, this will doubtless be an ongoing area of endeavour and change by SVC, the NSW Government, the Federal Government, insurers and lenders alike.

TUMUT AERODROME UPGRADES

The upgrades to the Tumut Aerodrome are progressing well. Drainage around the runways and taxiways is done and grading on the main runway and aprons is nearing completion. A temporary finish to the main runway is set for later this month, and the final sealing works to the main runway, aprons and taxiways will be applied in spring when the warmer weather returns.



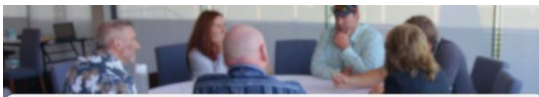
Project enhancements include:

- Extended runway
- Improved performance/payload for emergency services
- Strengthened and widened pavement (for Code 2 aircraft)
- Permanent pilot-activated lighting for night operations
- Longer southern parallel taxiway to boost efficiency

Funded by the NSW Government and the Commonwealth Government's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund

DISASTER READINESS FORUM

All Hands On Deck is a practical session all about spontaneous volunteering and how to help safely and effectively before, during or after a disaster.



ALL HANDS ON DECK: DISASTER READINESS FORUM FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Be ready to help when it matters most.

Tumut
Thursday 24 July
12pm - 4pm

Ournie
Friday 25 July
12pm - 4pm

Catering provided
Chance to win 2 x \$50 universal gift cards at each workshop
Register via: bit.ly/sponovols - drop-ins welcome



No experience needed.

Just a heart for your community.

- Tumut 24 July
- Ournie 25 July

Register today.
All Welcome!



Supporting Spontaneous
Volunteers Program - a NSW
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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

The kids are invited to stay active and warm these winter school holidays with free boxing, fitness, dance and yoga classes.

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



TUMUT ODOUR CONCERNS

Some Tumut residents have recently reported an unpleasant odour in the Gilmore area. The EPA has traced the source to a privately operated waste facility and is currently working with the owners to address the issue.

All council-run waste facilities, including the Tumut Resource Recovery Centre, fully comply with EPA standards. There have been no odour concerns linked to any council sites.

People with any queries regarding the odour issue are encouraged to contact the EPA on their 24-hour Environment Line 131 555 or email info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

