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ROAD WORKS – WHAT'S HAPPENING

Our teams are working on various projects around our region, including:

- Ellerslie Rd - Resheeting
- Yaven Creek Rd - Drain clearing
- Wee Jasper Rd - Maintenance grading, scrubbing & tree work
- Khancoban - Footpath replacement
- Munderoo Road & Indi North Road - Culvert replacements
- Tooma Road & Batlow Road - Pothole patching (Below on Tooma Rd)



COUNCILLOR COLUMN CR JAMES HAYES

As Council elections loom I am reminded of the words of Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." Although written 165 years ago the sentiment remains the same and in my view sums up much of my time as a Councillor.

There is nothing more gratifying than helping an individual or an organisation achieve their goal through Councillor assistance. In the same light advocating for the community to improve amenity and/or facilities.

In my time there have been many and varied successes, I think back to the early days of the Youth Council, those young leaders ushered in FM 96.3, held concerts such as Launchpad and brought short film making to the community. Tracks and trails, including rail trail, sculpture trail, creek, wetland and river walks as well as the wellness trail. Public Infrastructure, incredible investments in our community including new hospitals, Ambulance stations and major improvements to caravan parks and swimming pools. Roads - Yaven Creek Road is now fully sealed, Grahamstown Road has seen major improvement and to have \$40 million allocated to the Brindabella Road after years of pressure is wonderful. Achievements such as these are the best times.

Unfortunately, there are also the worst times, where you can't help a resident or ratepayer, when something you believe in passionately gets voted down, when a grant is unsuccessful, or government funding is cut.

But the absolute worst is the published personal attacks in the press and social media, I've been called "gutless" and "Leading from the rear" and all manner of defamatory slurs by the keyboard warriors in the local press.

All this hardly sounds encouraging, but being a Councillor has been some of the best times of my life, I am proud of the successes of Council, and I have been privileged to meet and work successfully with some truly wonderful people. So, if you're driven, skilled and not too perturbed by negative comments I highly recommend you consider standing for Council.

BECOME A COUNCILLOR

If you are passionate about your local community and thinking about becoming a councillor check out the Office of Local Government's interactive online training tool to learn about what it takes.

Local elections happen on Sat 14 Sept



BEHIND THE SCENES – WASTEWATER TEAM

Our dedicated wastewater team manages seven wastewater treatment plants and 16 pump stations across the Snowy Valleys.

A lot goes into maintaining our plants and it's not only about daily testing and removing pollutants.

Other important tasks include:

- Maintaining pumps and equipment
- Data entry for EPA reporting and plant monitoring
- Grounds maintenance
- Monitoring water quality for reuse schemes



Above: Solar panels at the Tumut plant are being cleaned to ensure they operate at peak efficiency to support our green initiatives.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES

Make a difference by recycling and responsibly disposing of your waste.

Bring your old gas bottles, fire extinguishers, paint, fluoro lights, car and household batteries, motor oils, and smoke detectors to Community Recycling Centres at the Tumut and Tumbarumba Resource Recovery Centres to be recycled or safely disposed of.

Best of all, it's completely FREE to drop off these items!



SCULPTURES COME TO TUMUT

A special community celebration will be held on Friday 28 June to welcome Tumut to the Snowy Valleys Sculpture Trail.

Council has approved public placement for a series of sculptures in Tumut which have been sponsored by Snowy Hydro.

The official opening will be held on Friday 28 June at 3.30pm on Wynyard Street, Tumut between the Local Pizzeria and the Coffee Pedlar. All Welcome!



Image: Tetsuro Yamasaki, 'Metamorphosis - inside out (Cube)', Snowy Valleys Sculpture Trail at Tumut. Courtesy of Grant Hardwick.

TUMBARUBMA SPORTS STADIUM

Tumbarumba Sports Stadium's new insulated roof is now complete including the reinstatement of the existing solar panels.

Next up - demolishing the current flooring to make way for a revitalised wooden surface complete with expert sealing and clear markings.



NAIDOC WEEK FLAG-RAISING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR 2024 NAIDOC WEEK EVENTS

Tumut - Tuesday 9 July at 10am
Flag Raising, Welcome to Country and NAIDOC Address outside Council Offices on Capper Street, followed by Smoking Ceremony and Morning Tea at Riverside Café

Tumbarumba – Wednesday 10 July at 10am
Flag Raising, Welcome to Country, NAIDOC Address and Smoking Ceremony outside Council Offices on Bridge Street, followed by Yarn and Brunch at Tumbarumba RSL Hall



