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COUNCIL COMPLETES 2020 REGIONAL MEETING TOUR

23 November 2020

Last week our Walcha Mayor, fellow Councillors and Executive team journeyed around the Shire for the 2020 Regional Meetings tour. The regional meetings are a critically important part of Council's community engagement calendar. The team was grateful for the hospitality and warmth received from community members last Tuesday and Wednesday at "Europambela", Ingleba Hall, Council Chambers, Yarrowitch Hall, "Brockley Park", Nowendoc Hall and Woolbrook Sportsground.

The meetings are a great opportunity to get up and close with your elected members and council staff to talk about what is important to community overall and each specific area. Common topics raised included road condition, culverts, sighting distances, public safety and weed control.

Walcha Mayor Cllr Eric Noakes said, "Both days were extremely valuable. Thank you to all that attended and shared your feedback and ideas. Special thanks to all of our hosts for your warm hospitality and delicious home cooked treats. The regional meeting tour is one of the highlights for us as councilors and council staff."

"It was also a great opportunity to personally share the exciting news about Walcha's off creek storage project being allocated up to \$9million in the State Government's budget announcement. The news of this last week gives our critical project the boost and support it needed and it remains our top priority to deliver."

Council staff spoke about work completed in each area, the feedback and action plan from our past survey results report, as well as acknowledging the unprecedented era of grant funding. At approximately \$28million, the current program of grant funding alone is almost three times the size of council's normal operating budget. There is still more capacity to secure additional funding for future bridge replacement projects, to ensure Council can deliver on our objective to remove load limits on our structures.

For interviews phone Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes on 0428 774 504.

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Regional Meetings 2020 – Councillors, Staff, Hosts and Guests at “Brockley Park”

