

SENIORS FORUM

TUMUT

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who attended the Tumut Seniors Forum on Wednesday 19 February 2020. This summary provides an overview of the discussions at the forum.



WHAT YOU TOLD US

Services and infrastructure needed for the community to thrive

Attendees were asked 'What services and infrastructure are needed for the community to thrive'. The following themes emerged in responses:

Jobs

- Need for more local jobs for young people and partners of Visy workers, which can result in people moving elsewhere

Transport

- Need for more transport options for people once they lose their licence
 - Red tape makes it difficult to use Council's community transport to drive other community members around town
- Community transport and taxis present in Tumut but harder to find transport to travel out of town

Health

- Residential aged care is now servicing people with higher needs, which puts greater pressure on staff while overall budget for aged care packages and residential care appears to have stayed the same
- Level and range of services at hospital: overall decline in services over recent years and lack of continuity of care due to "a lot of coming and going"

Snowy Hydro

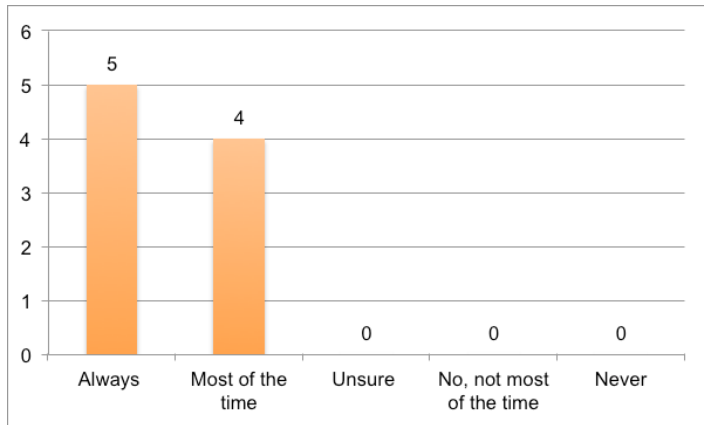
- Won't bring huge employment but could benefit community and have "spinoff for local area"

Fire recovery

- Need to fund jobs for planting softwoods and need more areas for plantations, however pines can only grow in specific locations
- Concern over impact of forestry on environment

A safe and supported community

Do you feel supported and safe in your community?



ALL ATTENDEES STATED THEY FELT SAFE 'ALWAYS' OR 'MOST OF THE TIME' IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

Attendees were then asked 'What does a safe and supported community look like'.

Four areas were raised in relation to this topic:

1. Police presence

- Good during the day but possibly need more resources overnight
- Discussion over the reasoning behind timing of breath testing and the location of speed cameras

2. Education

- Good education and apprenticeship opportunities available locally, with some teachers providing high levels of support for students in need
- Problems can be prevented before they emerge
- Call for greater funding for education across the State

3. 'Bush common' area: can attract anti-social behaviour

4. National Park: need to control feral animals to preserve National Park

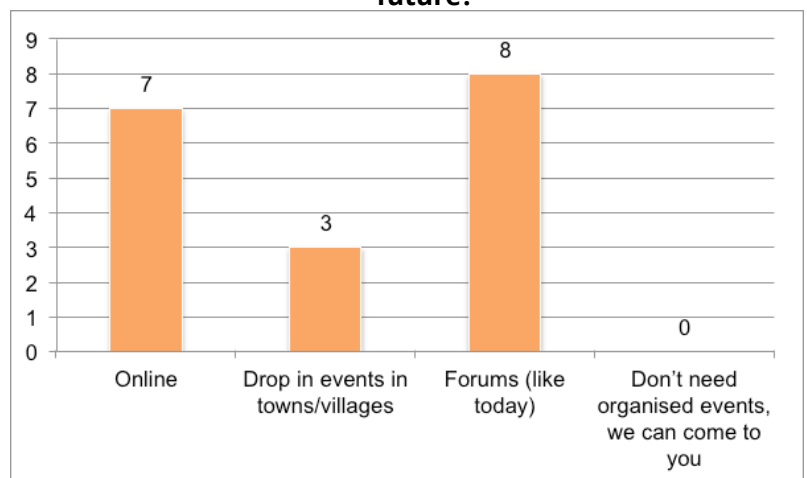
Thank you again for your feedback, which provides details on a number of issues that I can raise with different government services. I will provide an update to you in six months outlining the areas where initiatives have been developed based on your feedback.

Most people said they would like to provide feedback in the future at forums and online. A few people would also like to see drop in events continued. Planning has begun for a followup events and you will be sent details as they are confirmed.

Online surveys will be developed as topics emerge that are open for feedback and will be available at joemcgirr.com.au/your-say.

NEXT STEPS

How do you want to provide feedback to Dr Joe in the future?



Regional Seniors Travel Card is now available. Visit www.service.nsw.gov.au or you local Service NSW office (2 Fox St, Wagga Wagga) to apply. I look forward to hearing your feedback on this initiative.

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