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Mayor's Column, Cllr Pam Kensit – 31 January 2024

Last week we celebrated Australia Day in both Gunning and Crookwell, I would like to congratulate all our Australia Day winners and thank them for their contributions to this Shire.

It was great to see that so many people come together to celebrate being part of the community and show their appreciation of those who continue to add value to the community.

I would also like to thank our Australia Day Ambassador Jay Allen OAM 'The Melanoma Man' for sharing his story and raising awareness of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers.

I'd also like to thank all our volunteers and council staff for their hard work, events like Australia Day don't just happen by themselves.

I am delighted to launch the 'Towards 2042' Community Strategic Plan (CSP) consultation, which will assist in shaping the future of our community.

Every four years, each New South Wales Council must work with their community to develop a Community Strategic Plan to document the community's aspirations and priorities. Having a Community Strategic Plan ensures that our council planning is based on a sound understanding of the community's expectations around priorities.

Council is inviting the community to participate in Towards 2042 consultation by completing the survey on Council's Have Your Say Page.

We are keen to understand from the community's perspective where we are now, where we want to be in the future, how we will get there, and how we will know we've been successful.

Over the next six weeks, we encourage all residents to share their aspirations and priorities for the future.

It's your chance to share what you, your friends, family and the wider community might need to grow and thrive as we move towards 2042.

You can complete a short survey which is available on-line on Council's website throughout February 2024 and has a deadline of 15 March 2024. Also, the survey is available to complete in hard copy at Council's libraries and Administration offices.

Towards 2042 asks the local community some key questions so that we can review our Community Strategic Plan and makes sure it is an accurate representation of our future.

For more details on key dates and other relevant information please visit Council's 'Have Your Say' website.

I look forward to hearing your ideas so we can document a future vision that respects our unique local area and lifestyle.

The Towards 2042 Project is led by the Canberra Regional Joint Organisation (CRJO) with the following councils participating: Bega Valley Shire Council, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Hilltops Council, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Snowy Valleys Council, Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Wingecarribee Shire Council, and Yass Valley Council.