

Khancoban

JOTTINGS

JUNE
2026



Community Garden

Thank you to all members of the community who participated in providing feedback for the Community Garden with the recent survey. KUVA is currently working through the suggestions and ideas, and will keep you informed in this matter. We appreciated the time and effort of all who offered these ideas.

Nature Walk

Our grant with Snowy Hydro has been successful. This grant will enable the continued improvements to the Nature Walk. These include the installation of some 1.95m high with 7500mm sides tree guards around some existing and some newly propagated plants, offering protection against deer and other large browsing animals and will be readily visible to people working in the area, thereby reducing potential for future accidental damage.

To encourage and enable less active residents and visitors, older people, parents with younger children to use the walk, an additional seat will be placed part way along the walk.

Providing directional signage will help people find their way to the walk. It is envisaged and hoped the addition of wayfinding signage will increase walk patronage and use.

Good news with bronze plaques now installed along the nature walk identifying a number of native and endemic tree varieties.

Mobile Library

Unfortunately, the mobile library which has been visiting Khancoban will cease in July. There will be an outreach service for people wanting Library books, magazines and other items.

KUVA Meetings

KUVA monthly meetings are now held on the first Monday of the month, starting at 5:30pm. These are open meeting and all interested person are welcome to attend.



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Council Advances De-Amalgamation Process Following Key Decisions

Snowy Valleys Council has formally endorsed a range of measures to progress the de-amalgamation project following extensive discussion at last Thursday's Ordinary Council Meeting.

The endorsed actions establish the governance, financial planning and community engagement framework that will guide the next stage of the project as Council works toward a proposed proclamation date of 1 July 2028.

Among the key resolutions adopted by Council was approval to seek up to \$5 million in State Government funding to support de-amalgamation costs and the engagement of specialist consultants to update the project's Financial Sustainability Plan, including assessment of potential Special Rate Variation scenarios.

Council also resolved to formally incorporate de-amalgamation activities into its Integrated Planning and Reporting documents to ensure the project is reflected in Council's strategic and operational planning.

Mayor Julia Ham said the meeting represented an important milestone in progressing the work required to deliver the community's referendum decision.

"Councillors engaged in a very thorough and considered discussion on the report," Mayor Ham said.

"There was robust debate around several aspects of the process, which is both expected and important given the scale and significance of de-amalgamation for our communities."

Councillors also endorsed the establishment of a De-amalgamation Steering Committee with voting membership to include all Councillors, along with community representatives from both the Northern and Southern areas of the Snowy Valleys Local Government Area.

Chief Transition Officer Nicole Jenkins said the adopted resolutions would help provide structure, transparency and opportunities for ongoing community involvement.

"The outcomes achieved provide a strong foundation for the next phase of the project as we move into the implementation phase," said Ms Jenkins.

An Expression of Interest process will now be undertaken to appoint community representatives to both the Steering Committee and a new De-amalgamation Community Panel, which will support consultation and engagement activities throughout the project.

Council also agreed to seek community feedback on the possible retention of the Snowy Valleys Council brand for one of the newly constituted council areas, recognising the potential cost efficiencies associated with retaining the existing brand identity.

"It is critical that the community remains informed and involved in shaping the future arrangements for the two proposed councils," confirmed Ms Jenkins.

The Transition to De-amalgamation project will continue to be progressed in consultation with the NSW Office of Local Government, with further reports to be presented to Council as additional project milestones are reached.

To follow along with the de-amalgamation project, visit Council's De-amalgamation Information webpage at yourvoice.svc.nsw.gov.au.



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CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE:

Deadline for articles and ads for the July 2026 issue :

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Please email through to: khancoban.ctc@bigpond.com

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WEATHER APRIL 2026



Minimum Temperature:

Lowest: 0.5° (19th)

Highest: 16.7° (10th)

Average: 6.9°

Maximum Temperature:

Lowest: 15.3° (6th)

Highest: 12.4° (2nd)

Average: 22.1°

Rainfall

Highest : 22.2mm (10th)

Total : 30.0mm

MAY 2026

Minimum Temperature:

Lowest: 0.8° (22nd)

Highest: 12.7° (4th)

Average: 5.9°

Maximum Temperature:

Lowest: 8.9° (7th)

Highest: 24.9° (1st)

Average: 17.7°

Rainfall

Highest : 44.0mm (4th)

Total : 63.6mm

*Sourced from bom

Monday Night Games

Khancoban Community Hall

High School Students— Adults

Gold Coin Donation

New players \$5 one-off registration

For more information contact Christine Christesen

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. – Proverbs 17:22

Hello Khancoban Community,

One of the things that I have loved since moving to this community is seeing the deer hunting sub-culture that exists. I've been enthusiastically hovering around wanting to be a part of it and try cooking some venison. I was able to purchase some backstrap and mincemeat from Kosciusko Wild Venison in Jindy to do some trialling. I had a great suggestion from local Jack who mentioned searing it in a hot pan, then glazing the pan with something like wine and breaking some lovely cherries down and serving with sweet potato mash or celeriac. And then I had a thought. I've been wanting to try and do some more cooking with the black garlic from Freedom Glen Natural Foods in Tumbarumba now they are back in stock. Could I bring that into the sauce instead? After quite a bit of googling, I couldn't find what I wanted, so I tried something novel. I asked Chat GPT to create a recipe and this is what I have shared with you below. With the change of season, there follows a change of local produce available. Local apples from Batlow are now coming through, and I thought I would share my mother-in-law's apple tea cake to celebrate. Every time we visit, we come away with a plate wrapped in a kitchen towel and a fresh cake peeking out from underneath.

Small amount of summer produce still in garden includes: rockmelons, kale, chillies, tomatoes, silver beet, cucumbers, rhubarb, zucchinis (green and yellow), thyme, sage, and oregano.

Warmly,
Monique

Venison Backstrap with Black Garlic Butter by ChatGPT

Makes 2-3 serves

Ingredients:

1 venison backstrap (trimmed)	1 tsp Dijon mustard
Salt + freshly cracked pepper	Splash red wine or balsamic vinegar
1-2 tbsp neutral oil (or butter)	Fresh thyme or rosemary
4-6 cloves black garlic	Optional: a little honey or maple syrup
2 tbsp butter	

Instructions:

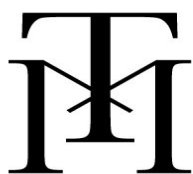
Bring venison to out 30 minutes prior to cooking to get to room temperature. **Pat** dry and season generously. **Heat** pan till very hot, add oil, then venison. **Sear** all sides (including ends) until browned, lower heat. **Add** butter and herbs. **Baste** for a couple of minutes. **Rest** for at least 10 minutes. **Keep** same pan to make sauce. **Mash** black garlic into a paste. **Add** garlic and splash of red wine or balsamic into medium heat pan and reduce slightly. **Stir** in butter and mustard. **Add** honey or maple syrup if want it a bit sweeter. **Serve** with creamy mash, roasted carrots or beetroots and pan cooked mushrooms.

Apple Teacake by Anneke

60g butter	1 cup self-raising flour
½ cup sugar	½ cup milk
1 egg	1 apple
1 tsp vanilla	Some cinnamon and sugar

Instructions

Set oven to 180 degrees Celsius (or 170 degrees Celsius for fan forced). **Cream** butter and sugar. **Add** egg, vanilla, flour and milk. **Mix** together and put batter in round cake tin. **Thinly** slice apples. **Arrange** on top of batter. **Sprinkle** with cinnamon and sugar. **Can** add lemon juice and melted butter on top. **Bake** 40-45min.



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Community Invited to Have Their Say on Future Council Branding

As part of its de-amalgamation process, Snowy Valleys Council is seeking community input, via an online survey, on future council branding and naming arrangements.

One option under consideration is retaining the existing Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) brand for one of the new councils, which could reduce the costs associated with a full rebrand during de-amalgamation.

Chief Transition Officer Nicole Jenkins said community feedback would play an important role in informing the Council's decision-making.

"Council understands that branding is about more than logos and signage, it's also about identity, connection and representing the character of each community," Ms Jenkins said.

"We know there are differing views across the community, and this survey provides an opportunity for residents to share what is most important to them as we progress de-amalgamation."

Potential savings could include reduced expenditure on:

- Council signage
- Vehicle decals and uniforms
- Stationery and forms
- Website redevelopment
- Marketing and communication materials
- Re-drafting of leases, licences, policies etc
- Other operational branding changes

Ms Jenkins said reducing establishment costs where possible could also help minimise future financial impacts on the community.

"Council intends to apply for NSW Government funding assistance to support de-amalgamation, however if sufficient funding is not secured, some costs may need to be funded through borrowing," she said. "Furthermore, costs would be shared as a cost of de-amalgamation, so there is no savings advantage to one Council over another."

"Reducing costs where practical may help lower the amount required to be borrowed and reduce the potential size of any future Special Rate Variation needed to repay those costs."

Ms Jenkins also emphasised that if the SVC brand were retained for one council, the second council area would still undergo a community consultation process regarding its future name and branding.

The broader tourism region would also continue to be known as the Snowy Valleys, with Visit Snowy Valleys branding and destination marketing remaining unchanged.

Community members are encouraged to review the Frequently Asked Questions available on Council's website and complete the online survey at yourvoice.svc.nsw.gov.au

The survey closes on Wednesday, 17 June 2026.

Survey results will be presented to Council along with an officer's recommendation for consideration by elected Councillors.

Following strong community support for de-amalgamation in the November 2025 referendum, Snowy Valleys Council continues to work toward reinstating two separate councils based on the former Tumut Shire and Tumbarumba Shire local government areas by 1 July 2028.



Placenames of the region: The non-existent *Mt Selwyn*

by 'Homonymus'

On January 2, 1861, Alfred William Howitt named a mountain in Victoria, *Mount Selwyn* after Alfred Richard Cecil Selwyn. The mountain is in the Victorian Alps on the Great Dividing Range, and is located in the Alpine National Park. It is close to Mount Hotham, approximately 30 kilometres from Dinner Plain, and 35 kilometres from Bright. Howitt was a geologist, anthropologist, writer and explorer. He was also leader of the expedition which found the Burke and Wills expedition. Alfred Selwyn was a geological surveyor, director of the Geological Survey of Victoria, and later director of the Geological Survey of Canada. He had accompanied Howitt on some of his expeditions.

Closer to home, Selwyn's name can also be found in the Kosciuszko National Park, designating a county, a parish, and a location (the *Selwyn Snow Resort*, near Three Mile Dam on Link Road). As the road sign indicates, there also seems to be a *Mount Selwyn* there. This is of course associated with the snow/ski resort. This label is in fact incorrect, for the NSW gazetteer of placenames does not have a *Mount Selwyn*. The placename is therefore very much fantasy and therefore unofficial.



Khancoban Public School

Our year 4/5 students travelled to Albury for the annual Grip Leadership Conference. The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS.

The session included presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games, and entertainment.

A couple of weeks ago, our students enjoyed an unforgettable camp experience filled with exciting and educational activities alongside students from other small schools including Rosewood, Talbingo, Humula and Walwa.

Over two action-packed days, students participated in a wide variety of sessions, including:

- Healthy Harold
- Hands-on STEM learning
- Interactive workshops with Snowy Hydro
- First aid training
- Billy cart making
- Singing, dancing, and much more

The camp provided the perfect balance of fun, learning, and adventure. It gave students the opportunity to build confidence, strengthen friendships, and deepen their understanding of the world around them. From teamwork challenges to creative activities, the experience was filled with memorable moments that will stay with them for years to come.



KHANCOBAN GOLF

Thanks to all who continue to work for and support our club, we appreciate all you do.

With wet weather on the way, a reminder to take care around the course and keep carts to the sides 5th fairway before the gully, and out of the gully on the 7th. Please be careful of all other areas.

Membership : Membership will become due in July, with forms coming out later this month. For those thinking about joining, now is the perfect time to consider either an affiliated or a social membership.

Competition times are:

Tuesday / Thursday : 12:30 for 1:00 start

Saturday: 9:30am for 10:00am start

Green fees are \$20 for 9 holes, 18 holes or practise. \$5 for Juniors

For enquiries please contact

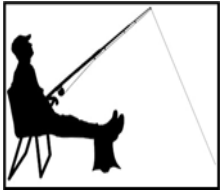
Sam 0400 598 729 or

Sean 0497 802 274

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Two guys are up on the green on the 7th hole and look over at nearby lake where they see two guys fishing in a boat. One golfer to the other: "Look at those idiots, fishing in the rain!"



KHANCOBAN ANGLING CLUB



Fish of the Month

A catch up on the results as we have missed them in the past couple of months. Remember to log your catch (or no catch) into the collection centre QR codes to go into the monthly draw for a \$50 voucher. Congratulations to these winners.

March: Tom Butler

April: Josh Neale

May: Tony McCallum

Wood Raffle:

Tickets will be on sale soon in our wood raffle. \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Be in it for your chance to win a 6x4 trailer load of wood.

Presentation Night / End of Season Function:

This year, in collaboration with The Alpine Inn, Khancoban we are holding a Christmas In July night. Set down for Saturday 25th July come dressed in your Christmas garb and enjoy a great evening. Fancy dress is encouraged with prizes being awarded, along with a lucky door prize. Live entertainment will be supplied by Bobby Mouat and Wendy Wild. Ham and Turkey raffles on the night Nibbles from 5:30 onwards. Booking to be made at The Alpine Inn. Don't miss a night of great fun, and great entertainment.

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