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Council to trial new hours for the Tallangatta Library

Towong Shire Council will trial new opening hours at the Tallangatta Library from Monday 4 December 2017. The library will stay open later on Thursday evenings (until 7pm) and will be open on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. To manage the increased costs of operation, the library will close on Mondays. The trial will be conducted for a six month period.

Extensive community feedback has indicated that there was a need to offer alternative hours for people unable to access the library during regular business hours.

In particular, the community survey that was conducted earlier in 2017 revealed that:

- 89% of respondents supported Saturday opening hours, with 61% of these wanting to see it open from 10am to 1pm
- 50% of respondents supported opening into the evening with mixed views on which day of the week this should occur
- 68% of survey respondents supported closing the library on Mondays to accommodate the cost of the trial.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr Aaron Scales said the decision was a direct response to the community's wishes and input.

"We had a great response to the survey and we have listened to community members' views," he said.

"This is the community's library and we're really happy to explore options to ensure that our residents get the most value from it. We'll trial these hours for the next six months and evaluate whether it is something that should be implemented permanently."

As of Monday 4 December 2017 Council will trial the following operating hours for the Tallangatta Library:

Monday -	Closed	Saturday -	10am to 1pm
Tuesday -	9am to 5pm	Sunday -	Closed
Wednesday -	9am to 5pm		
Thursday -	9am to 7pm		
Friday -	9am to 5pm		

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