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Trial of reduced operating hours for Tallangatta and Corryong Transfer Stations.

The past few years have been quite difficult for Towong Shire Council as the Commonwealth and State Governments have made decisions that have had a profound impact on the operations of all Councils, particularly the small rural Councils.

The freeze on the indexation of Commonwealth grants has meant \$658,000 less in funding for Towong over a three year period (equivalent to a 13% rate increase across the municipality) and the introduction of rate capping by the State government has also impacted significantly on our operations.

To look at sustainable ways to reduce operating costs, Council have surveyed the usage trends at both the Tallangatta and Corryong transfer stations over the past 18 months and as a result, Council resolved to trial reduced operating hours at both transfer stations over the 2016 spring/summer months and reassess hours of operation after that time.

The proposed operating times from mid October are as follows:

Tallangatta transfer station – Thursday 10.00am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 12.00 noon – 4.00pm

Corryong transfer station – Thursday 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Sunday 12 noon – 4.00pm

Residents can dispose of their bulky waste free of charge by presenting their waste disposal vouchers, issued with rates notices, at the upcoming hardwaste and greenwaste collections or at the waste disposal facilities in Corryong, Tallangatta or Wodonga. Up to one cubic metre, equivalent to a 6x4 trailer, can be disposed of at no cost with each voucher.