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Input welcome on Library Hours

Council is seeking input from residents and library users about their preferred opening times for the Tallangatta Library.

The library currently operates Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm but recent feedback indicates that there is a need to offer alternative hours for people unable to access the library during regular business hours.

In response Council is considering different options that would see the opening hours of the facility altered to accommodate Saturdays and/or evenings. Residents can also choose to maintain the status quo.

Residents and library users are being urged to complete a survey on the opening hours and the survey result will inform Council's decision on future opening hours. To complete the survey, visit www.towong.vic.gov.au/libraryhours. Hard copies are also available from the Tallangatta Library, the Council Offices in Towong Street, the Tallangatta Pharmacy and Crisps Newsagency.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr David Wortmann said resident feedback was essential in making sure the library meets the needs of the whole community.

"It is fantastic that the Tallangatta Library has become such a valued community asset in such a short time," he said. "It's a first-class facility and it is little surprise that people are keen to have access."

"We are aware that there are people who want to use the library, but currently can't do so because it is only open during business hours. This survey will help us understand the needs of our community."

"In an ideal world our libraries would be open every day, but we have to manage various aspects such as staffing, running costs and occupational health and safety risks. All of these factors impact how we coordinate our facilities outside regular business hours and we'll have to take them into account."

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