

# Upper Murray Community Recovery

Weekly Recovery Update - 23 July 2020

## New Grants

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Strengthening Rural Communities program has been expanded with flexible criteria. Grants are available for grassroots, community-led initiatives. Applications are ongoing and assessed quarterly.

There are two funding streams available.

1. Small & Vital – grants up to \$10,000. Communities with fewer than 15,000 people are prioritised.

2. Bushfire Recovery – grants up to \$25,000 for projects that enhance the recovery of bushfire affected communities.

Go to [frrr.org.au](http://frrr.org.au) for more information or call the Recovery Hub .



**HEART WARMER:** Darren Lebner and Mark Brooks with Raymond Bertazzo from Bertazzo Engineered who donated 11 fire pits built from scrap materials. See story page 5.

## Your town your say

WORK towards recovery and renewal is moving ahead with CRCs taking the reins on the community-led recovery process.

It's not too late for communities to get together to talk about recovery priorities. State Government funding is starting to roll out now and will be available for sometime to come.

Last Thursday, the Upper Murray Community Recovery Committee (CRC) was selected with Dominic Sandilands as

chair.

UMCRC, which also factors in cross-border communities is a platform for advocacy, maximising resources and to facilitate cross-linking and strategic impact across the region.

CRCs are being established in towns and valleys, each with their own needs. These will be informed by their own communities and have a representative on the UMCRC. The Walwa CRC, chaired by Janice Newnham, has

submitted its first funding application.

A meeting was held in Cudgewa on July 2. This week postcards were delivered to all residents in the 3705 postcode, Colac Colac, Lucyvale and Beringama inviting them to the next meeting on July 28 where a committee will be formed and priorities considered. Other communities are at different stages of development. A meeting was held in Towong Hall on July 22

and at Thowgla Hall on July 24.

Nariel Valley is yet to organise a group and Tintalra is working towards its Avenue of Honour.

COVID has slowed progress making it difficult for people to get together. Also, individuals are in different stages of recovery, so it's hard for some to focus on community renewal.

If you would like to know more, contact the Recovery Hub in Corryong.

### Recovery Contacts

**Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub:** 1800 518 222, email [recovery@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@towong.vic.gov.au), cnr Donaldson St & Towong Rd Corryong, Open 9am-4.30pm Monday-Friday

**Bushfire Recovery Victoria:** 1800 560 760 or email [connect@brv.vic.gov.au](mailto:connect@brv.vic.gov.au)

**Grants:** Bushfire Support Finder [www2.deloitte.com/au/bushfire](http://www2.deloitte.com/au/bushfire)

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