

Upper Murray Community Recovery

Weekly Recovery Update - 10 December 2020

Fire preparedness takes a step forward

The final of five fire preparedness sessions were completed last weekend. The sessions, held in Nariel Valley, Tintalra, Walwa, Cudgewa and Corryong, were organised by the CFA and Towong Shire Council and attended by the Red Cross who talked about well-being and their RediPlan.

110 people attended, and in addition to 70 property visits conducted by the CFA, the level of preparedness education in the Upper Murray has taken a big step forward, helping to ease anxiety. CFA Community Liaison for Bushfire Engagement, Sharyn Nankervis said the sessions were really well received and those who attended were very engaged in each of the topic stations.

She said conversations afterwards showed that people had picked up a lot of ideas and it was good to see how the communities bounced ideas off each other.



Youth, have your say

Young people in Towong Shire are invited to have their say on bushfire recovery at a face-to-face workshop hosted by YacVic this Friday 11 December, 4.30pm - 6pm at the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre Youth Space in Corryong.

All young people aged between 12-25 are invited to attend.

The 'mongrel black dog' On Friday 11 December Mary O'Brien from *Are You Bugged Mate?* will be in Corryong to speak at two events, a free dinner for men and a free lunch for women. Mary, a straight-talking agronomist who

understands blokes, established the organisation to break down stigma attached to suicide and depression in men.

Coming into Christmas and the anniversary of the bushfires only heightens stress and the response to this event has been huge with more than 100 men and 60 women registered to attend. Call the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222 if you would like to attend and are yet to register. Minimum age is 15.

Recovery Hub open hours

The Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub will be closed

from Thursday December 24 and will reopen on Monday January 4.

For Council related emergencies during this time please call 1300 365 222 and follow the prompts to access the after-hours service (available 24/7).

Have you run out of water?

A reminder that the funded, free water program for Upper Murray residents, run by DELWP and managed by Council, closed on September 30.

Any residents who run out of water will need to contact a

private contractor.

If you are having difficulty locating a contractor, contact the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222.

Recovery Calendar

Community Recovery Meetings

- Thowgla, Thursday December 10, 6pm at Thowgla Hall
- Cudgewa, Tuesday, Dec 15 at 7pm, Cudgewa Football Club
- Lucyvale/Berringama, Wednesday December 16, 6.30pm at Lucyvale Hall

Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub

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