

Upper Murray Community Recovery

Weekly Recovery Update - 1 April 2021

Need help with your Local Economic Recovery (LER) application?

Applications for Round Two of LER are now open and close on April 12. Those interested in submitting an application are encouraged to register their interest at www.vic.gov.au/local-economic-recovery-program-bushfire-affected-communities.

Following your registration, a BRV project officer will contact you to discuss your application.

BRV's Regional Project Officer will also be available at the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub on Wednesday 31 March and Wednesday 7 April to provide guidance on preparing LER applications. Contact your Local Area Recovery Officer or the Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222 to schedule a time.

There will be another opportunity to submit your application with Round Three of the program scheduled to open on 26 July with applications closing on 23 August.



Legislative Council visit

Towong Shire welcomed the Victorian Legislative Council to the region last week ahead of a regional sitting in Bright on April 29.

The visit gave Legislative Council members an opportunity to engage with regional communities.

President the Hon. Nazih Elasmr met with Mayor David Wortmann, Deputy Mayor Peter Dikschei, Cr Andrew Whitehead and CEO Juliana Phelps.

They travelled to Cudgewa, where they met with CRC Chair Melissa Whitehead and other community members to hear individual stories

of bushfire survival and to get a glimpse into how the community is recovering.

Mr Elasmr also visited the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub in Corryong to meet with staff and Upper Murray CRC Chair Dominic Sandilands, who discussed the role of the Upper Murray CRC as a mechanism for collective and coordinated community recovery.

Mayor Wortmann said the visit was an important milestone for the Towong Shire community.

"The visit gave us the opportunity to tell our stories of bushfire survival, as well

as highlight the amazing work being achieved," he said.

"We discussed a number of key projects we will seek funding for from the State Government to assist in ongoing recovery and improve tourism opportunities."

Replacing old powerlines

The \$5M POEL Scheme is funding the replacement of old bare-wire powerlines in Alpine, Towong and East Gippsland high-risk bushfire areas. Applications close 30 April 2021. For information, go to www.energy.vic.gov.au/electricity/powerline-replacement.

Doing the Eagle Rock

After the toughest year in memory for our farmers, it was their time to let the hair down and forget the fencing for one night. *(Pictured above)*

Thanks to Regional Development Victoria Recharge Program, 100 Upper Murray farmers converged on Corryong Memorial Hall last Thursday for dinner and a night of entertainment by the Eagle Rocker himself, Ross Wilson.

Also on stage were Daniel Champagne, local musician Brendan Lloyd and MC Rusty Bertha.

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