

Upper Murray Community Recovery

Weekly Recovery Update - 18 June 2020

Establishing Community Recovery Committees

The process of establishing **Community Recovery Committees** is underway. **Thank you** to local residents and businesses who responded to the call-out from Council and Bushfire Recovery Victoria to take part. You have taken the first step in helping to represent the needs of your community and to play an active role throughout Recovery. Over thirty-five local residents and businesses registered to take part, with representation across Towong Shire. Everyone who expressed an interest in participating will have received an email from the Director of Relief and Recovery, Nola Tudball, thanking you and outlining the next steps. This will involve a **group workshop** to take place in July, once COVID-19 restrictions have further eased.

Outputs and plans will be shared with the wider community following the session. If you would still like to register to join a group, contact the Recovery Team on 1800 518 222 or drop into the Recovery Hub.

Register for Fencing Wire Collection

Free collection and removal of fire damaged fencing wire from properties is now available.

To arrange, drop into the Recovery Hub (Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm), call 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au.

You will need to provide your contact details, the address where the wire is to be collected from, and an indication of the amount of wire to be collected.

Please note that fencing wire will need to be **free from any non-metal materials**. Wherever possible the wire will be recycled. The wire will need to be left **beside the road for collection**, as the Contractor is unable to enter properties to collect the wire.

Free drop off locations continue to be available for prescribed waste only.

- **Corryong Transfer Station**, Sugarloaf Road. Open Thursday 3-5pm and Sunday 12-4pm.
- **Walwa, Campbell Lane**. End of Campbell Lane, off the Murray River Road. Access between 7am-6pm Monday to Friday, or 9am - 4pm on weekends. Strictly for fencing only.

Council Landfill and Transfer Stations also remain open, with social distancing in place.



Alan Croucher (Lions Club Tangambalanga), Shirley and Terry Forrest, with Rowan from Upper Murray Hardwood Firewood Supplies.

Lions Club Firewood Donations

Calbooture and Tangambalanga Lions Clubs have kindly donated **7 loads of wood** to fire-affected residents. The donations were a welcomed sight from recipients, with firewood collection continuing to prove challenging in some areas.

Complete the Wellbeing Survey

The Towong Community Wellbeing Working Group would like to hear from you. **A short, three question survey** has been created to help get a snapshot of what is important to the community. Find the survey on the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre Facebook page, or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSF9N7V

\$25,000 HomeBuilder Grant

The Australian Government's HomeBuilder program provides eligible owner-occupiers, including first home buyers, with a grant of **\$25,000 to build a new home or substantially renovate** an existing home where the contract is signed between 4 June 2020 and 31 December 2020.

Full criteria is available at www.treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-06/Fact_sheet_HomeBuilder.pdf

Reading Your Rates Instalment Notice

Residents have started to receive their latest Rates Instalment Notice. Remember if you are eligible for Bushfire Rate Relief, credits will be automatically applied and displayed in the third box called **'Bushfire Relief'**.

Please note that the 'Your Account' section will exclude eligible Bushfire Relief credits. Therefore for your outstanding balance, refer to the last box called **'Account Balance'**. If your account is in credit, the amount will be shown in brackets, meaning there is nothing outstanding to pay.

A guide to reading your Rates Instalment Notice is available at www.towong.vic.gov.au/bushfireraterelief or call Council on 02 6071 5100.

Contact **Council's Bushfire Recovery Team** by calling **1800 518 222** or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au
Newsletters and updates at www.towong.vic.gov.au/bushfirerecovery

Visit the **Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub**

Cnr Donaldson St and Towong Rd, Corryong. Open Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm.

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