Dedicated Fencing Volunteers Return

The tireless efforts of fencing volunteers continue in wet conditions through charity organisations including Fencing for Fires, United Care Fencing, Rotary Belvoir Wodonga and BlazeAid.

BlazeAid resumed operations this month following COVID-19 restrictions, returning to their base at the Youth Club Hall in Corryong. The group have cleared over 93km and constructed over 119km of fencing. More than 108 properties have commenced and 49 properties completed.

The mammoth efforts are all thanks to more than 3,594 total volunteers who have spent weeks, sometimes months in the Upper Murray helping to rebuild fences. From overseas backpackers from the UK and Brazil, to retired couples, the community has been touched by the generous and dedicated commitment from volunteers.

The work would not be possible without support from Corryong Girls Shed who have cooked over 4,500 evening meals. Registrations are still being accepted for properties and volunteers - visit the Youth Club Hall on Donaldson St Corryong or call 0408 552 768.

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If you would benefit from a beautiful warm quilt, contact Keryn at the Recovery Hub to arrange a time to pick your own special quilt.

Call 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au.

Grants Closing Soon

Applications for the Red Cross Emergency, Injury and Primary Residence Repair Grants close 30 June 2020. Including the extended Primary Residence Repair Grant to include destruction of damage to critical private water, septic and/or power infrastructure.

CommBank Bushfire Recovery Grant of up to $50,000 for community organisations, fire service, school, sporting club or non-government organisations in a fire-affected area. For the replacement or repair of bushfire damaged facilities, or to implement community activities to strengthen social connectedness, emotional wellbeing and assist communities to recover. Applications close June 30 2020. Visit www.commbank.com.au/latest/bushfire-appeal.

If you need support applying for a community or personal grant, contact the Recovery Team on 1800 518 222.

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Join the Recovery Team

A number of new opportunities are now available in Council’s Bushfire Recovery Team:

• Administration Officer
• Coordinator Community Resilience and Recovery
• Coordinator Resilience and Recovery Projects
• Local Area Recovery Officer


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.