Cross-Border Mobile Recovery Outreach

More than 70 people registered at last week’s Cross-border Mobile Recovery Outreach held in Jingellic and Tooma. The outreach was a collaboration between the Jingellic Hub and Recovery staff from Towong Shire Council, Snowy Valleys Council and Greater Hume Council. Around 20 service providers from Victoria and NSW also attended.

For many, the chance to talk face-to-face was a welcome opportunity, showing how important personal contact is in a process that can be overwhelming at times.

Mayor David Wortmann said that Council is working to establish outreach hubs in Cudgewa and Walwa and the cross-border recovery outreaches would continue.

The Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub in Corryong continued to operate virtually during COVID-19 restrictions and is again open to the public. Contact the Recovery Team on 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au.

Burnt Fencing Wire Pickup

Burnt fencing wire pickup is about to commence at no cost to affected property owners. To register and arrange collection, contact the Recovery Team on 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au. You will need to include your name, an approximate number of cubic metres, address and phone number. Fencing wire will need to be free from any non-metal materials. Wherever possible the wire will be recycled.

Community Recovery Committees

Community Recovery Committees are underway. Thank you to 34 local residents from across the Shire who registered to take part.

Cr Andrew Whitehead chaired a meeting last Thursday night to accelerate the journey into community-led recovery.

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

Grants Closing Soon

The Victorian Government is offering Biodiversity Bushfire Recovery Grants to protect and improve biodiversity and natural environments such as vegetation, fauna, waterways, wetlands and soils.

Grants are available for private landholders (up to $10,000), Environmental groups (up to $30,000) and Environment Network Groups (up to $50,000). Visit www.necma.vic.gov.au/Solutions/Grants-Incentives. Applications close Monday 20 July 2020.

Australia Post Community Grants provide $10,000 to local organisations running projects to improve the mental health and wellbeing of individuals in their community.

If you have a relevant project that needs funding, visit www.auspost.com.au, email grants@auspost.com.au or call 1300 765 772. Applications close Friday 17 July 2020.

Join the Recovery Team

Are you passionate about Recovery? Join Council’s dedicated Recovery Team. There are currently five positions available; Coordinator of Community Resilience and Recovery; Coordinator of Resilience and Recovery Projects; Local Area Recovery Officers (2 positions); and Administration Officer. Details are available at www.seek.com.au/towong-shire-jobs.