

Upper Murray Community Recovery

www.towong.vic.gov.au/bushfirerecovery

Help Our Community Bounce Back.

Join Your Local Community Led Recovery Groups

Applications are now open to members of our community to join a community led recovery group. These groups will work to identify community needs, coordinate and deliver local recovery actions and will advocate on behalf of the region to local and state government. There are a number of groups available to join, depending on your location and area of interest.

The groups provide an avenue for community members to have a voice throughout the recovery phase by sharing views and aspirations. While an interim recovery committee has supported immediate recovery needs in the Upper Murray, ongoing Community Recovery and Resilience Committees will be established to support the whole shire.

If you or someone you know would like to play an active role in getting our region back on its feet, complete an application form at www.towong.vic.gov.au/bushfirerecovery or call 1800 518 222. Applications are open until Friday 8th May 2020.

Grant for Non-for-Profit Community Groups

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal has partnered with News Corp to provide community grants of up to \$25,000 to non-for-profit organisations and community groups that are delivering locally led projects and activities to assist people in recovery. Applications close 5pm Tuesday 5th May.

Visit www.frrr.org.au/NC_Bushfire_Grants to apply, or contact the Recovery Team for help to apply for a grant. Email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au or call 1800 518 222.

Are You Okay?

Following the traumatic situation of the bushfires and now combined with Coronavirus, it is normal to feel scared, overwhelmed, anxious and confused. Anyone directly or indirectly affected by the fires can have these feelings.

If these feelings are affecting you, it is important that you seek help. It has been shown that early treatment of these symptoms can effectively help to reduce the risk of future mental health issues.

- Bushfire Counselling | 1300 514 811
- Corryong Health | 02 6076 3200
- Lifeline Bushfire Helpline | 13 43 57
- MensLine Australia | 1300 789 978
- Beyond Blue | 1300 224 636

Recovery Contacts

- **Towong Shire Council Recovery Helpline:** 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au
- **Bushfire Recovery Victoria - Case Support Coordinators:** 1800 560 760 or email connect@brv.vic.gov.au
- **Register for the Bushfire Clean-Up Program:** 1800 560 760 or visit vic.gov.au/bushfire-clean-up-program
- **Resources and Updates:** Visit www.towong.vic.gov.au/bushfirerecovery or www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-victoria

Get involved in your local community recovery program

Caravans Provide Temporary Housing Relief

Three new caravans arrived in the Upper Murray this week, providing a flexible housing arrangement for some families that have lost their homes and are wanting to remain on their property as they rebuild and make future plans.

The caravans have been a group effort thanks to the work of BRV, DHHS, Eastern Caravans and Council's Recovery Team.

If your place of residence was impacted during the bushfires and you want to discuss your accommodation needs, call 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au



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