

Upper Murray Community Recovery

Do you need Council advice and support with Planning?

A Planning team from Council will be available at the Recovery Hub throughout March for at least two days a week, starting from Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March (9am – 4.30pm). The team will support with any bushfire related enquiries including planning permit requirements, process and exemptions. Walk-in appointments are available, or if you would prefer to secure an appointment please email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au or call 1800 518 222.

Are you having challenges with Insurance claims?

Lawyers from Disaster Legal Help Victoria are now available at the Recovery Hub to support fire-affected residents and business owners. The team will be based at the Hub on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays between 10am-3pm to provide free legal advice on a range of issues that can surface after a bushfire including insurance claims, mortgages and loans, lost or destroyed legal documents, property and assets destroyed and other legal issues. If you are unable to access the Hub, please call the Recovery Helpline on 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au to access the service remotely.

Inspector-General seeks local input for Inquiry

In January the Government announced an independent inquiry into the 2019-2020 Victorian fire season to examine Victoria's preparedness for and response to the bushfires. The Inspector-General Tony Pearce will visit regions to understand views and experiences of communities before, during, and after the fires. A community meeting will be held in Corryong on Thursday 12 March between 6-8pm. Venue details and RSVP information will be provided online at igem.vic.gov.au/Fire-Season-Inquiry and in the Corryong Courier next week.

Do you need water?

Bottled Water	Available from Foodshare Corryong. Contact Carol on 0427 762 051.
Potable Water	A stand pipe is accessible in both Corryong and Cudgewa suitable for drinking water. Visit the Recovery Hub to access. Emergency drinking water (up to 5,000L and tank flush) through SE Water. To arrange call 131 851 (press 9). If you have already utilised this service and still need potable drinking water, contact North East Water on 1300 361 622.
Stock Water	The Tintaldra stand pipe is accessible for stock water. Contact Greg at Agriculture Victoria on 0428 975 728. To access pumped water from water ways, contact Goulburn-Murray Water on 1800 064 184.

Considering the removal of native vegetation?

Prior to any removal native vegetation please familiarise yourself with permit requirements and if any exemptions apply. To find out more speak to a member of the Planning team at the Recovery Hub or visit www.environment.vic.gov.au/native-vegetation/native-vegetation



Bright smiles light up screens

Last week the TODAY Show ran a series of live weather crosses from Towong Racecourse, promoting Upper Murray events and talent. The cross provided the perfect chance for locals to thank volunteers, emergency services and the Australian public for all the support. A big thank you to those who contributed particularly Corryong College and Sacred Heart students for their creative thank you signs!

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Recovery Contacts

- **Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub:** Cnr Donaldson St & Towong Rd Corryong, Open 9am-4.30pm Monday-Friday
- **Towong Shire Council Recovery Helpline:** 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au
- **Bushfire Recovery 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 towong.vic.gov.au or vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-victoria