

Upper Murray Community Recovery

It is our priority to ensure local voices and local solutions are front and centre for bushfire recovery efforts in the Upper Murray.

Local community recovery groups together with the Towong Shire Council Bushfire Recovery Team have started initial discussions in Cudgewa, Walwa, Tintaldra and Corryong. As sessions continue the team would like to hear how you would like to be involved. Please call the Bushfire Recovery Team on 1800 518 222 to discuss.

From Monday 10 February the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub will open its doors at the old Primary School campus on Hanson Street. The main hub will bring together multiple agencies under the one roof, providing bushfire affected residents with a single destination to access recovery services and programs (including small business and insurance advice, counselling, financial advice and wellbeing programs). The Hub will form a central site and will support the provision of resources to smaller towns/localities, providing coverage across the Upper Murray. The recovery services currently available at the Towong Shire Council Office in Corryong will transition to the Recovery Hub, with Council offices returning back to normal services.

Accessing Remote Communities

As part of the recovery process Council staff together with the Red Cross have been visiting difficult to reach communities with support of the Australian Defence Force. Teams will continue to assess impacted properties in the Upper Murray over the coming weeks. To check scheduling for your property please call 1800 518 222.

Business Registration Fee Waiver

Council has resolved to waive its business registration renewal fees (including food premise, prescribed accommodation and health act premises) for all businesses and to refund those businesses that have already paid for 2020. Contact Council directly on 02 6071 5100 to discuss.

Bushfire Clean-Up Program

Grocon has been contracted to conduct the bushfire clean-up on behalf of the Victorian Government. Register and find out more at www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-clean-up-program or call the Towong Shire Council Recovery Helpline on 1800 518 222 for assistance with the registration process.

“Our sincere thanks to all who continue to support our community during this challenging time.”

David Wortmann

Cr David Wortmann, Mayor

Community Swimming Challenge

The Upper Murray community is invited to a BBQ and Swimming Challenge this Friday 7th February following the Corryong College Twilight Swimming Carnival. Council is providing free admission and extended pool hours until 7.45pm. Register from 5.30pm at the Corryong Pool.

'Farm Shed' Exemption

To assist in fast-tracking the rebuild process for our farming communities, an exemption to the building regulations and fees has been made for 'farm sheds'. For further information, call 1800 518 222.

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Recovery Contacts

- **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
- **North East Agriculture Recovery:** 0428 975 728 for emergency stock water
- **Resources and Updates:** Visit the Emergency Management page at towong.vic.gov.au