

# Towong Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee



| Meeting details         |                                  |                    |                   |
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| <b>Date and time</b>    | Thursday Dec 4 2025 10:00am      |                    | <b>Meeting #4</b> |
| <b>Location</b>         | MS Teams                         |                    |                   |
| <b>Chair (Delegate)</b> | Sven Erikson (this meeting only) | <b>Secretariat</b> | Sven Erikson      |
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| Members (voting members)                             |                                                                                              |
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| Agriculture Victoria                                 | Rosa Cleave                                                                                  |
| Ambulance Victoria                                   | Matt Metcaf                                                                                  |
| Australian Red Cross                                 | Lynne Jones                                                                                  |
| Emergency Recovery Victoria                          | Eilidh Grigg                                                                                 |
| Country Fire Authority                               | Claire Healy                                                                                 |
| Community Rep                                        | Sean Farrar                                                                                  |
| Community Rep                                        | Sharyn Nankervis                                                                             |
| Community Rep                                        | Diana Hobbs                                                                                  |
| Community Rep                                        | Warren Lukins                                                                                |
| Department of Families, Fairness and Housing         | Sharyn Eldridge                                                                              |
| Department of Health                                 | Christy Jackson                                                                              |
| Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action | Dave Jenson                                                                                  |
| Towong Shire Council                                 | Sven Erikson                                                                                 |
| Victoria State Emergency Services (SES)              | Scott Richter                                                                                |
| Victoria Police                                      |                                                                                              |
| <b>Apologies</b>                                     | <b>Mark Florence, Trevor Ebbels, Chris Parr, Linda Sheild, Sharyn Nankervis, Diana Hobbs</b> |
| <b>Guests</b>                                        | Daniel Flack – Telstra, Orrin Pritchard – North East Water                                   |
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| 1    | 10.00 | <b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acknowledgement of country</li> <li>- Chair's introduction</li> <li>- Apologies               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mark Florence</li> <li>- Trevor Ebbels is on long service leave, Claire Healy is filling in for CFA.</li> <li>- Jeff Cave, Kate Rowe</li> <li>- Chris Parr</li> </ul> </li> <li>- - Guests: Oren Pritchard from Northeast Water and Daniel Flack from Telstra.</li> <li>- Introductions</li> </ul>                                                                                               | Sven         |                                                             |
| 2    | 10.05 | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and a few weeks after the September meeting</li> <li>- Dave Jensen moved to accept the minutes, Sean Farrar seconded.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sven Erikson | <a href="#">Draft - Towong MEMPC Minutes 04-09-25 .docx</a> |
| 3    | 10.10 | <b>Review of action items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invitation to AUSNET and Telstra: Telstra is present, but AUSNET is not.</li> <li>- Landslide risk for March meeting: In progress.</li> <li>- Capability assessment: The process was changed due to feedback. Follow-up on results with REMPC.</li> <li>- Agencies to circulate recent exercises: Compiling evidence of exercising.</li> <li>- Plan a desktop exercise for 2026: May resemble Exercise Hotspark.</li> <li>- Letter of acknowledgment to Victoria Police: Regarding the shootings in Porpunkah</li> </ul> | Sven Erikson | <a href="#">MEMPC - Towong - Action Register 2025.XLSX</a>  |

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| 4    | 10.15 | <b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agency Report – DFFH</li> <li>- Agency Report – DoH</li> <li>- Serious Concerns Telecommunications - MFMPC</li> <li>- Agency Report – SES</li> <li>- Agency Report – ERV</li> <li>- Agency Report – ARC</li> <li>- Agency Report - CFA</li> <li>- Agency reports circulated</li> <li>- Communications from the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee regarding telecommunication concerns.</li> <li>- Eilidh Grigg - Reminder to register for EM-IMPACTs new training</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> – Eilidh Grigg and Sven Erikson to follow up around EM IMPACT system updates</p> | Sven Erikson           | <a href="#">DFFH South East Unit Agency Report November 2025.pdf</a><br><br><a href="#">Q4 2025 DH EM Agency Report- Towong- December 2025.pdf</a><br><br><a href="#">Serious Concerns Raised at the Towong MFMPC Meeting for Escalation to MEMPC.msg</a><br><br><a href="#">Hume Region Agency MEMPC Report July - September 2025.pdf</a><br><br><a href="#">ERV Q4 MEMPC Report.pdf</a><br><br><a href="#">Red Cross MEMPC Report - Nov 2025.docx</a><br><br><a href="#">D24 Report to Towong MEMPC .docx</a> |
| 5    | 10.20 | <b>CERA Discussions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Telecommunications</li> <li>- Telecommunications issues raised during a workshop with the Fire Management Planning Subcommittee.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Daniel Flack (Telstra) | <a href="#">Telstra towong Mempo.pptx</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|      |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concerns about telecommunications connectivity during high visitation in areas like Eskdale and Mitta Mitta</li> <li>- Daniel Flack from Telstra will discuss the issues and Telstra's perspective.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ESLO (Emergency Services Liaison Officer) Function:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- State-based, part-time role that reacts to events and requests.</li> <li>- Acts as a conduit between operational teams, emergency services, and government agencies.</li> <li>- Responsible for field workforce safety and represents Telstra at the state control centre.</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Regional Team:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Works with operational staff and other organizations (local government, community groups).</li> <li>- Attends ICCs (Incident Control Centres) and supports community response (relief centres, community meetings).</li> <li>- Involved in preparedness and awareness activities, such as Red Cross preparedness plans.</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Network Prioritization Matrix                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Core Network:                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The backbone of the network, like highways connecting major towns.</li> <li>- Highest priority for protection and restoration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Services Supporting the Response:                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Includes the state government radio network managed by Telstra.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Communities in Isolation:                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communities with no mobile service, no fixed line, and a triple zero risk.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Mobile Sites, Exchanges, and Roadside Cabinets:                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lower priority for restoration.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>o Challenges                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Power:</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |         |                      |

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|      |      | <p>sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The network relies on mains power with battery backups at exchanges and mobile</li> <li>- Temporary power is deployed using contractors and Telstra's trailer generators.</li> <li>- Weather-Related Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Storms, floods, and fires cause damage to hardware and cables.</li> <li>- Machinery doing earth breaks can also damage cables.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Temporary Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deploying temporary infrastructure has its own challenges.</li> <li>- Restoring the existing network is often more timely.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Vegetation Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Telstra's vegetation management is limited to maintaining access tracks and the compound.</li> <li>- Clearing vegetation beyond the compound is challenging due to land ownership and caveats.</li> <li>- Telstra may identify an impact zone for potential risks, but day-to-day vegetation management can be difficult.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Network Sites in Towong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are over 40 fixed assets (mobile base stations and telephone exchanges) in Towong.</li> <li>- Recently, three new base stations were turned on at Kuitai, Barrow, and Mere, and a small Salakuchi.</li> <li>- Capacity upgrades are planned at Bafanga and Corryong.</li> <li>- There is a nearly 30% annual increase in demand on the mobile network since COVID.</li> <li>- Permanent on-site generators have been installed at Mitta Mitta and Alfred.</li> <li>- Battery upgrades and replacements are ongoing, with some leveraging government-funded programs for increased battery reserve (12-hour model).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |         |                      |

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|      |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Connectivity Literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 30% increase in demand is due to the number of devices people have and what they are doing on them.</li> <li>- Streaming and cloud-based applications require immense amounts of data.</li> <li>- Temporary mobile towers have limitations in size and coverage footprint compared to fixed infrastructure.</li> <li>- The biggest challenge is the transmission or backhaul capacity, which requires an optical fiber connection to the core transmission network.</li> <li>- The MittaValley has challenges with resiliency due to power and transmission being on a spur.</li> <li>- Points of appearance on the transmission network will help Dartmouth emitter and generator emitter.</li> <li>- There will still be issues with summer peak capacity through that valley.</li> <li>- Scoping projects to get capacity upgrades done, but they won't happen before summer.</li> <li>- Similar restraints are expected as last summer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Infrastructure Planning, Funding, Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work through a process with local government around connectivity planning, looking at the priorities of the Shire.</li> <li>- Emergency management theme, growth areas.</li> <li>- Use that as a document to show what they're chasing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Connectivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Infrastructure stuff takes a long time.</li> <li>- There are multiple ways for people to stay connected.</li> <li>- How people stay connected will relate to their location, means, and digital ability.</li> <li>- People need to solve for power in the home.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Telstra Satellite Messaging</li> </ul> |         |                      |

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|      |       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Telstra launched Telstra satellite messaging in the last six months.</li> <li>- Enables handsets to connect directly to LEO (low orbit satellites).</li> <li>- Uses the Starlink network.</li> <li>- If the mobile network isn't available, users can connect to a LeoSat and perform basic text messaging.</li> </ul> <p>Telecommunications as a Risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some MEMPCs are looking at telecommunications in terms of critical infrastructure.</li> <li>- Municipalities have limited levers to pull regarding power and telecommunications.</li> <li>- CERA provides a good platform to have conversations about these hazards.</li> <li>- Stand sites are available at some facilities.</li> </ul> <p>- Power Outage – not discussed due to no AUSNET Rep in Attendance</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Daniel Flack to provide slides to be circulated<br/> <b>ACTION:</b> Daniel Flack to follow up on potential infrastructure impact zones<br/> <b>ACTION:</b> Continue to seek Aunet's attendance to the March MEMPC</p> <p>10:37 – Warren Lukins arrived online</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Sven Erikson to follow up with Council on the advocacy to the tele comms minister</p> |                     |                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6    | 10.45 | <p><b>Ag Vic –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update on Drought conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some rain, but low groundwater, especially in the Upper Murray area.</li> <li>- Green drought lasting nearly two years.</li> <li>- Water security issues: dams and creeks drying up.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Drought support package: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On-farm grants and one-on-one consultations available.</li> <li>- Technical and farmer group events planned for the Upper Murray in the new year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ag Vic – Rosa Cleve | <a href="#">Agriculture Victoria Report September 2025.pdf</a><br><br><a href="#">Statewide Drought Support Resource Directory Oct-2025.pdf</a> |

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|      |       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mental health support and Rural Financial Council assistance continue.</li> <li>- Rebate for on-farm kangaroo control.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current Staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Kate Bro: District Veterinary Officer and District Manager (Wangaratta, Benalla).</li> <li>- Lydia: Veterinary Officer (Wangaratta), replacement for Dr. Jeff Cave.</li> <li>- Tim Paul: Animal Health Officer (Wangaratta).</li> <li>- One Animal Health Officer (Wodonga), working Monday to Wednesday.</li> <li>- Rosa is also an Animal Health Officer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ H5N1 (Avian Influenza) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global threat, on the increase.</li> <li>- Recent detection on Heard Island (Australian territory off Antarctica).</li> <li>- Two H7 variants in Victoria in the last 18 months:</li> <li>- Outbreak in Ballarat last year.</li> <li>- Outbreak at Euroa (one business, multiple properties).</li> <li>- Human health implications and wildlife impact are constantly evolving.</li> <li>- Reporting of sick or dead wild birds and wildlife:</li> <li>- Agriculture Victoria website provides information and a 1-800 hotline (EAD hotline).</li> <li>- Reports can be made online, triggering response from veterinarians, wildlife staff, or animal health officers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Rosa to circulate slides</p> |              | <a href="#">20251128 Drought-support-fact-sheet V6 STATEWIDE UPDATE 2.pdf</a><br><br><a href="#">13734-AG-Fire-Preparedness-GuideToolkit WACC 2025-Update.docx</a> |
| 7    | 11.00 | <b>Update: from sub-committees</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                                                                                                                                                    |
|      |       | <b>Fire Management Sub-Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Claire Healy |                                                                                                                                                                    |
|      |       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Late September: All-day workshop with CFA's risk team to update the Victorian Fire Risk Register.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |                                                                                                                                                                    |



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|      |       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reassessed every identified risk patch.</li> <li>- Considered demographic changes (e.g., housing developments in Tallangatta).</li> <li>- Future residential developments in Tallangatta (up to 120 lots) and Bellbridge will change the risk landscape.</li> <li>- Attendees: group officers, council ranger, municipal fire inspection staff, risk team, and representatives from CFA.</li> <li>o Acknowledgment of Max Wood, group officer for Telangana, who recently passed away. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 61-year member of CFA with a wealth of knowledge.</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Tenure of governance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action item for Claire and David to review the governance cycle and the rotation of the chair position to Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMV).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Dave Jensen and Claire Healy to follow up on Governance cycle for new chair</p> |                 |                      |
| 8    | 11.15 | <b>MEMP, Sub Plan and Complementary plans – Review and Development</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                 |                      |
|      |       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MEMP 2027 - Working group update – Sven Erikson</li> <li>- Flood and Storm Plan – Update Scott Richter</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                 |                      |
| 9    | 11.30 | <p><b>North East Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Orin's role: Emergency Management for infrastructure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providing intelligence on emergencies that may impact infrastructure.</li> <li>- Working with teams on business continuity and preparation.</li> <li>- Liaising with incident control centres.</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Aiming to engage more with Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committees (MEMPCs) across the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently sits on Moira, Wangaratta, Indigo, and Wodonga MEMPCs.</li> <li>- Seeking better engagement between critical infrastructure and MEMPCs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Structures of involvement with other MEMPCs:</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Orrin Pritchard |                      |

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|      |       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mixture of voting and non-voting rights.</li> <li>- Full non-voting quarterly attendance.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION</b> : Consider North East Water as a member of the MEMPCC, circulate an email for discussion out of session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Northeast Water Update</li> <li>- Orrin will provide an update on capital works across the footprint at a later date.</li> <li>- Challenges include water security and H5N1 impacts on raw water and wastewater treatment plants.</li> <li>- Preparedness activities are in place for H5N1.</li> <li>- Connectivity with fire season preparedness.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                               |         |                                                            |
| 10   | 11.40 | <p><b>Confirm any new action items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refer to Actions Register.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | All     | <a href="#">MEMPC - Towong - Action Register 2025.XLSX</a> |
| 11   | 11.45 | <p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>Department of Health Update (Christy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extreme Heat sub plan is tabled for the state committee for the 11th of December.</li> <li>- Pandemic Viral sub plan is also tabled for that committee for approval on the 11th.</li> <li>- Extreme Heat Toolkit is available on the website with resources, social media tiles, and materials in multiple languages.</li> </ul> <p>CFA Update (Claire)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request for councils to consider CFA in event management planning, regarding fire danger risk and emergency management access.</li> </ul> <p>DEECA Update (Dave Jensen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seasonal staff are on board and training is underway.</li> </ul> | Chair   |                                                            |

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|      |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- District duty officer is activated.</li> <li>- Fire restriction period has started, focusing on agricultural burns.</li> <li>- G Wagon fleet is returning by mid-December, followed by Unimogs.</li> <li>- Fire Towers will be set up based on fire danger, with the first fire danger day anticipated soon.</li> </ul> <p>ERV Update (Eilidh)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggests a wrap-up on the recovery from the bushfires and floods at a future meeting.</li> <li>- Update on recovery efforts to be added to the March meeting agenda.</li> <li>- The recovery journey is expected to be completed in June 2026.</li> </ul> <p>Community Rep Update (Warren Lukens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimal planning occurring around town with cleanup efforts.</li> <li>- Trip to Corryong planned for discussions with locals.</li> </ul> <p>Red Cross Update (Lynn Jones)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensuring team activation kits are up to date.</li> </ul> <p>AV Update (Matt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New to the patch and familiarizing himself with the area.</li> <li>- AV is preparing for the high-risk season.</li> </ul> <p>AGVIC Update (Rosa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sharing a newsletter about Agriculture Victoria's emergency management activities.</li> <li>- Disseminating information on emergency preparedness and livestock standstill.</li> <li>- Offering drought books for sheep and cattle producers and other extension materials.</li> <li>- Kylie McCready is a key contact for AGVIC support.</li> </ul> |         |                      |

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|      |      | <p>- "AGVIC is always there to support farming and producers."</p> <p>SES Update (Scott)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acting roles are occurring across the Hume region.</li> <li>- Review of the Towong flood plan has started, with a draft expected by mid-next year.</li> <li>- Landslide is a significant focus, with the first iteration of a state sub-plan expected next year.</li> </ul> <p>Council Update (Sven)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working on seasonal preparedness.</li> <li>- Involved in multi-sector briefings and exercises at regional and municipal levels.</li> </ul> <p>Flood and Storm Plan Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working group for the new MEMP will be engaged in the new year for a six-month update push.</li> <li>- Assurance subcommittee timelines are being realigned.</li> </ul> <p>Community Rep Update (Sean)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request to remind council to avoid slashing roads on 30-degree days.</li> <li>- Issue noted around Bethanga area and Courage on Gap.</li> </ul> <p>DFFH Update (Sharon Eldridge)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VPR revalidation process has concluded with 100% verification from Total council.</li> <li>- Successful recruitment for an ongoing position, with information to be disseminated at the start of the new year.</li> </ul> |         |                      |

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|      |      | <p>North East Hume Emergency Management Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exercise Hot Spark was delivered and funded as part of the collaborations work.</li> <li>- Three councils have been training new council staff.</li> <li>- Indigo is hosting Council Emergency Operations centre training and exercising.</li> <li>- MEMO and MRM training for 35-40 officers across the three councils.</li> <li>- Relief centre training and exercising was conducted internally in late September.</li> <li>- Monthly inspections of relief centres and places of last resort are occurring due to the fire danger period.</li> <li>- Municipal fire prevention program is underway with CFA, local brigades, and group officers.</li> <li>- At-risk properties have been identified, and fire prevention notices are being issued.</li> <li>- Compliance levers are being used to mitigate risk if there is no response from properties.</li> </ul> <p>Recovery Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last phase of formal recovery around the 2019-2020 bushfires is underway via the rebuild program.</li> <li>- Support is being provided to residents who lost their primary place.</li> <li>- Gateway Health and ERV are assisting, with funding until June 2026.</li> <li>- Approximately 14 residents are still being supported.</li> <li>- Some residents may complete rebuilds, while others may need alternate housing due to conditions and planning constraints.</li> <li>- ERV is preparing planning permits for residents, with referrals to agencies expected before Christmas.</li> <li>- The planning team will seek opinions and context from relevant agencies regarding risk associated with properties.</li> <li>- Flood recovery is being aligned with the bushfire recovery program through the Resilient Buildings project.</li> <li>- 28 sites across the shire are receiving solar batteries, water tanks, UHF electrical upgrades, and white goods.</li> <li>- A fleet of trailer generators will be deployed to these sites if needed.</li> <li>- Indigo Power is the primary contractor, with 50% of installations complete.</li> <li>- A comprehensive update will be provided next year, followed by engagement with hall committees.</li> </ul> |         |                      |

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| Item | Time | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Speaker | Supporting documents |
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|      |      | <p>Community Emergency Management Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support is being provided to communities reviewing their plans.</li> <li>- Some communities are active, while others are less so due to changing capacity and reliance on key individuals.</li> <li>- Two or three new plans are being developed by communities.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting Schedule for Next Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Replicating the dates for next year is acceptable.</li> <li>- Two meetings online and two meetings in person is still acceptable.</li> <li>- The meetings are on the first Thursday.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Council to update on bushfire and Flood recovery for March 2026</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – extreme heat toolkit to circulate</p> <p>Meeting closed at 11:45am AEST</p> <p>Next meeting confirmed for 10am, March 5, 2025 – Tallangatta</p> |         |                      |