Community Recovery Committees discuss opportunities to work together

Community Recovery Committee chairs met for dinner at the Courthouse Hotel in Corryong last week to connect with each other and identify opportunities to collaborate.

They shared their accomplishments to date, their priorities and focus, and also highlighted the recovery challenges their communities were facing. Conversations are also happening around events or activities to acknowledge the 12-month anniversary of the bushfires.

**STANDING:** Dominic Sandilands (Upper Murray CRC), David Braniff (Thowgla CRC), Tania Costello (Tintaldra CRC), Nicole Martin (Lucyvale/Berringama CRC), Peter Williams (Deloitte)

**FRONT:** Jenelle Williamson (Manager Recovery, Towong Shire Council), Cathy Ross (Corryong CRC chair), Sheril Wilson (Corryong CRC), Faith Damm (Biggara CRC), Janice Newnham (Walwa CRC)

Time to talk about fires

Your chance to give feedback to IGEM Inquiry

Residents are encouraged to give feedback into Phase 2 of the IGEM Inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian Fire Season.

Inspector-General for Emergency Management, Tony Pearce will host community meetings in Walwa, Corryong and Biggara.

Meetings in other valleys and communities are being finalised with details to be advertised when available.

Your views will help identify improvements in emergency management arrangements to support communities before, during and after emergencies. Your experiences and feedback will also help the Inquiry understand if relief and recovery arrangements in place are working or how they need to change.

You can also share your views with the Inquiry by requesting a telephone interview by calling 0409 249 054.

Email a submission to igem@igem.vic.gov.au or mail your submission to Inspector-General for Emergency Management, GPO Box 4356, Melbourne, VIC 3001.

- **Walwa** – Monday 1 March, 6-8pm at Upper Murray River Cottages, 8680 Murray River Rd, RSVP 26 February
- **Corryong** – Tuesday 2 March, 10am-12noon at Upper Murray Events Centre, Corryong Recreation Reserve, RSVP 26 February
- **Biggara** – Wednesday 10 March, 11am-2pm (lunch available) at Biggara Hall, 1476 Upper Murray Rd, RSVP 5 March.
- **RSVP** for catering and COVID planning to www.igem.vic.gov.au or phone 03 8684 7900.

**Corryong CBD revitilisation**

Council is seeking to apply to the Corryong Central Business District (CBD). Council would like to hear what changes you would like to see included in any future upgrades. Your feedback and ideas will be used to inform a draft design plan to submit with a funding application. If the application is successful, community members will again have the chance to provide feedback and help finalise the plans.

Share your ideas by taking the survey at www.towong.vic.gov.au/survey, or visit the Customer Service Centre in Corryong, or call 1300 365 222.