



Grant Successes for Corryong

Playle's Hill Project – funding obtained by Towong Shire

The long awaited **good news** is that the funding from Bushfire Recovery Victoria's Local Government Authorities and Community Service Organisations Program was successful. The funding is to support the redevelopment of the Playle's Hill Park, which includes a viewing platform, with BBQ area underneath, walking paths, new seating, toilets and bike track. This project will be a wonderful asset for the community and visitors. The views are amazing, not only of Corryong, but the Upper Murray. The Playle's Hill Project Group has had many working bees and discussions on the future of the park. If you would like to be involved, please come along to our next working bee. Visit the Playle's Hill Project Facebook page @PlaylesHillProject, which will have the information.



Volunteers at our Working Bee – sitting Bruce Shea, Dee Macdonald, back from left Janette Shea, Cathy Ross, Rod Macdonald, Maurie Foun, Judy Jeffcott, Tom Newton, John Murphy, Pete Dikschei



Artwork for Playles Hill

Corryong local artist Kat Brown's modification of her "Corryong print" will feature in an upgrade to the gazebo at Playle's Hill Park. The design will be laser cut in corten steel to replace the top section of bricks in the back wall. This artwork has been commissioned by The Man from Snowy River Tourist Association with the support of a grant from Border Trust. Work is expected to start on this soon.

Youth Club Hall and Lions Club Grants

The Youth Club Hall has been successful in obtaining several grants to improve the hall. The latest funding was received from Community Enterprise Foundation and Victorian Bushfire Appeal Community Grants Program. Work to be undertaken will be the upgrade of the back rooms of the hall. New stumping, floors, walls, and windows will be replaced, as well as shelving installed for storage.

Lions Club of Corryong has been awarded a grant from Community Enterprise Foundation and Victorian Bushfire Appeal Community Grants Program. This grant will purchase a Catering Van, which will be of great benefit to the community. Also there will be some alterations to the Lions Club Shed to install a small kitchenette, which will help with setting up the catering van when it is required.





We're here to give a voice to the views and recovery goals of all Corryong community members

Chair report

12 months on from the establishment of Corryong CRC it is time to reflect on our achievements and look forward to the continued recovery of our community from the events of Black Summer.

After forming the CRC, the Corryong community was surveyed, so our major recovery needs and interests could be addressed.

Overwhelmingly, our community want to feel that the lessons of Black Summer are learned and that we will be better prepared and equipped for future emergencies. Corryong CRC has strongly advocated on your behalf with various agencies such as Towong Shire and Emergency Services. We have had meetings with politicians, liaised with Bushfire Recovery Victoria and National Resilience and Recovery Agency to share, listen and seek action.

We worked with Towong Shire to present fire preparedness training in November 2020 and plan to hold a similar session prior to this year's fire season. Feedback was gathered from community meetings with the agencies to develop the draft Community Emergency Management Plan. Later in this newsletter there are details of how you can be involved in this plan. Working alongside the Upper Murray CRC and all the other CRCs in the Upper Murray has delivered better outcomes for our communities.

The CRC recognise the importance for community groups to come together in events and gatherings. We have directly supported events such as the Corryong Christmas street party. We instigated the search for a suitable calendar of community events which lead to a RMIT team taking on the project to develop the calendar. We expect this to be ready to go later this year. Regular newsletters have been published and an active Facebook page established, to keep the information flowing. With Covid restrictions easing in the future, we hope to see more events in our community.

The opportunity for funding to reinstate and build back better, is one important aspect of recovery. This funding is typically available through grants, some of which can be complex to navigate. The need was identified for help for community organisations applying for grants. BRV developed a series of sessions on grant writing and this will be followed up with a further workshop on 5th October.

Corryong CRC has assisted a large number of organisations with support for grant applications. When successful, the projects have been highlighted in our newsletters and Facebook posts. Projects in this newsletter include artificial greens for Corryong Bowling Club, car park for Memorial Hall/RSL Hall, improvements at the Youth Club Hall and purchase of a catering van for the Lions Club. A number of our CRC committee have been involved in the Playle's Hill project and we are thrilled that Towong Shire has received major funding for redevelopment of the Park. The Man from Snowy River Tourist Association has also received funding for artwork / gazebo modifications and seating at the Park.

Thank you to our committee of volunteers (Carol Allen, Mark Collins, Maurie Foun, Chic Hewatt, Ros McKenzie, Amanda Meagher, Thea Newton, Warwick Ross, Sheril Wilson and Brenda Whitehead) who have supported the CRC's work and helped to represent the Corryong community. Kaye Nankervis and other Towong Shire and BRV staff have been invaluable in their assistance to the CRC. Like the rest of the community, we are recovering from the fires and coping with the many challenges that Covid has placed on us all. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Kaye Nankervis at the Recovery Hub.

Cathy Ross (Chair Corryong CRC)

Community Emergency Management Plan Workshop

Saturday 23 October, 11am for 11:30am – 1:30pm
Venue: Upper Murray Events Centre

Community Emergency Management Plans are a practical way to help communities better connect and work together before, during and after emergencies.

Corryong CRC invites you to a workshop to develop solutions to ensure our community is safer and more resilient from the impacts of extreme weather events and emergencies. The workshop will be led by an independent facilitator and hosted by Corryong CRC.

Registrations are required for catering purposes and to ensure we can make these workshops COVID safe. Follow the link to register your attendance.
<https://corryong.eventbrite.com.au>
Note: The workshop will go ahead via Zoom if we cannot meet in person.

For further information contact Tanya Aramini at the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222 or recovery@towong.vic.gov.au

Grant Writing Workshops

Tuesday 5th October. 5:30 – 7:30pm.
Venue: Corryong Council Chambers.

Corryong Community Recovery Committee, Bushfire Recovery Victoria, National Resilience and Recovery Agency and Towong Shire Council invite you to add to your grant writing knowledge and skills in a workshop **tailored to your needs**.

Many of you will have attended the 3 workshops facilitated by Pat Grosse earlier this year. The **feedback received** from this was that you would like more opportunities to ask questions and receive clarification relating to grants that you are working on or will be submitting in the future. This workshop has been designed to allow you **to speak directly with experienced grant writers and grant program managers**. There will be representatives from two grant organisations ready to share top tips for hitting the mark with your applications.

Bring along grants that you are working on and questions you may have to present to the team of experts.
A light supper will be provided.

Corryong CRC is sponsoring this event. There will be no charge for participants.
Note: The workshop will go ahead via Zoom if we cannot meet in person.
Please RSVP to Janelle.Gibson@brv.vic.gov.au prior to COB Friday 1st October.

After the Disaster



How do you look after yourself and the people around you? Why are relationships, the endless paperwork, emotions and parenting so hard right now? When are things going to feel normal again?

From how to manage insurance, to supporting kids, “After the Disaster” offers practical tips and evidence-based advice.

This podcast speaks with people who have been where you are, and people who have researched the best way forward. It presents the latest advice for how to manage all the stuff that comes after the lights and sirens have finished up. How do you find your feet towards recovery?

Produced with the support of the Australian Red Cross and the University of Melbourne this is insightful and sensitively done. It features Dr. Rob Gordon as well as other Crisis Support Agencies. You can find this on the ABC Listen App podcasts or at https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/after-the-disaster/?fbclid=IwAR2b2sAPNTNhRrnyWzqHO7GmZlii9oheedx_ZDN5hUgTn9pGQB_HBsAdQDE

Projects Started

Corryong Bowling Club was successful with the Local Economic Recovery Grant – Round 2. The funding will install an artificial green, plus other works. This project is now underway.



Corryong Memorial Hall/RSL Hall Car Park and drainage project. The funding for this work was successfully obtained from Victoria Bushfire Appeal Community Grant. Hillier Contracting has nearly completed this project, engaging local tradesmen to undertake this amazing transformation.





Corryong CRC

Corryong CRC meets on Tuesdays at 7:30pm at the Recovery Hub (old primary school) in Corryong. Please contact Kaye Nankervis at the Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222 to find out more about the Corryong CRC. Our meeting days are advertised in the Corryong Courier. Our next meetings will be on Tuesday 19th October and Tuesday 16th November.

Committee: Carol Allen, Mark Collins (Communications), Maurie Foun, Chic Hewatt, Ros McKenzie, Amanda Meagher (Deputy Chair), Thea Newton, Cathy Ross (Chair), Warwick Ross, Sheril Wilson (Treasurer), Brenda Whitehead.

Diary Dates

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Grant Dates

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program
–closes 6 October 2021

Murray-Darling Health Rivers Project, small and large grants – close 6 October 2021

Bushfire Recovery (BRV) Grants for Community Facilities, \$50,000 - 30th June 2022

Victorian Bushfire Appeal – Charmaine Harris. No closing dates. Will assist with application.

Bushfire Community Grants (St Vincent de Paul Society) - funding for recovery projects that benefit multiple people, ongoing with no specified closing date

2021 Bushfire Restoration Grants - to support tree planting and revegetation projects: ongoing with specified end date

Local Economic Grants (LER) – postponed till end of 2021/early 2022

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If you would like to be added to our email list for newsletter and updates, please contact corryongrecovery@gmail.com.

Corryong LARO Kaye Nankervis can be contacted via the Upper Murray Recovery Hub 1800 518 222

Contact Details for Support

Upper Murray Recovery Hub	1800 518222
Bushfire Recovery Victoria	1300 224636
Corryong Health	02 60763200
Albury Wodonga Health 24/7 Mental Health Triage	1300 104211
Headspace 1800 650890	0260 559555
Beyond Blue	1300 224636
Standby Murray Support	0439 173310
Kids Helpline	1800 551800
Lifeline	13 11 14
1800RESPECT	1800 737732

Upper Murray Recovery Website

Webpages for all the Upper Murray Recovery Committees can be found at www.uppermurrayrecovery.com



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