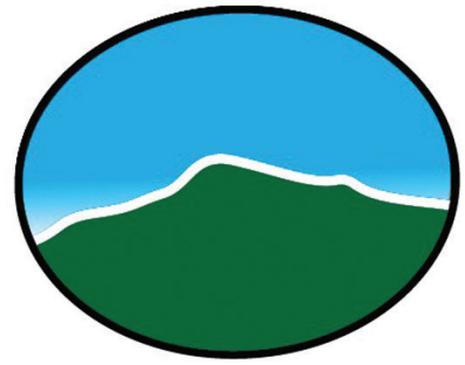


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CORRYONG COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE

Newsletter #1

December 2020



Welcome!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Corryong Community Recovery Committee (CRC). The CRC was formed in October 2020 with 11 members representing a broad cross-section of Corryong's community organisations. Our committee members are Cathy Ross (Chair), Amanda Meagher (Deputy Chair), Mark Collins (Communications), Sheril Wilson (Treasurer), Carol Allen, Mel Bye, Maurie Foun, Ros McKenzie, Thea Newton, Karen Paton and Warwick Ross.

We are supported by the staff from the Upper Murray Recovery Hub, in particular Jai Edwards (Local Area Recovery Officer – LARO, Towong Shire), Tanya Aramini (Towong Shire) and Tracey Farrant (Bushfire Recovery Victoria)

Since forming we have adopted our Terms of Reference, developed our vision and mission statements, conducted a survey of the community, regularly met with other CRC chairs to share ideas, received a presentation from the Towong Shire Emergency Management Co-ordinator, lobbied for and participated in fire preparedness training and started to identify key priorities for the recovery of the Corryong community.

Our Mission: To ensure Corryong and the Upper Murray residents, groups and organisations have access to the information and resources needed to implement local recovery activities and programs that will create a safe, healthy and resilient community.

Meet Your LARO: Jai Edwards is Towong Shire's Local Area Recovery Officer (LARO) supporting Corryong CRC. There are four LAROs who work out of the Upper Murray Recovery Hub in the old primary school building. Staff at the Hub work closely with Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV). The Corryong CRC feels very lucky to be working with such a great team.

Community Survey: A community survey to find out your priorities and ideas for recovery projects and activities indicated a strong need to debrief after the fires and to feel prepared for the coming fire season.

The committee has held two vision workshops to identify its vision, mission and community priorities. These will be further explored in early 2021.



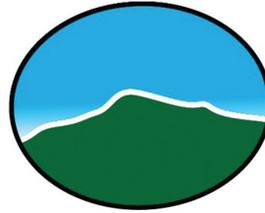
Corryong LARO, Jai Edwards, with CCRC treasurer, Sheril Wilson.

Grant Applications: Assessment of grant applications by outside agencies can be a rigorous and robust process. Your best chance for success is to have done your homework about your project before preparing the grant submission. A short video (featuring Lyn Coulston from Shelley) which can help you understand the need for good preparation is available at <https://vimeo.com/444728545>

Some grants require letters of support or endorsement from your local CRC. So we can best support your application, if you intend to ask the Corryong CRC for approval please make arrangements to present the project at a Corryong CRC committee meeting well ahead of submitting the grant application.

This will allow consideration of how your project aligns with community recovery priorities. Last-minute requests for support from the CRC may not be possible. It is important that your grant submission reflects the project as submitted to the committee.

To discuss the presentation of your grant to the committee please email corryongrecovery@gmail.com.



Fire Preparedness: Many people are anxious about the coming fire season. The CRCs advocated for help with fire preparedness with Towong Shire and agencies such as CFA. In response, LAROs worked alongside CFA and Red Cross to organise fire preparedness events across the Upper Murray. Covid restrictions have made this a challenging task and we are very grateful these events were able to happen.

Fire Preparedness Training Session Corryong Sunday 6th December 2020

We'd like to thank everyone involved, especially the CFA for this very worthwhile event.

Sessions addressed extreme weather and the nature of fire, what to look out for and when to act. Booklets were distributed by Red Cross with valuable information, with an emergency Rediplan. A survival kit bag was available for participants and listed items to place in the bag, so if evacuation were necessary your kit would be ready.

There was also a display of the various pumps, water hoses, generators, and other items that are very useful if you are staying to fight a fire. Some of the participants also had a hands-on lesson in starting the pump and generator.

Pictured: CFA members Andy Arnold and Allan assist Sandy Dikschei to start a fire fighting pump.



Everyone is welcome!

Corryong CRC meets every 2nd Tuesday at 5:30pm at the Recovery Hub (old primary school) in Corryong. We are taking a break for the Christmas / New Year period. Our first meeting for 2021 is on Tuesday 2nd February. Contact Jai at the Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222 to find out more about the Corryong CRC.

Diary Dates

11th December - Are you Bugged Mate?

18th December - Corryong Christmas Party and Street Market

16th January - 'Freed' Community Variety Concert and Sikh Dinner, Memorial Hall

2nd February - Corryong CRC meeting 5.30pm at the Recovery Hub



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Corryong LARO Jai Edwards can be contacted via the Upper Murray Recovery Hub 1800 518 222.

join us

in Bringing Back the Magic!

UPPER MURRAY CHRISTMAS MARKETS
Hosted by Corryong Traders Group

18 December 2020

5 P M - 9 P M

HANSON STREET CORRYONG CBD
Market stalls
Extended trading hours for participating businesses
Face Painting
Scavenger Hunt
Christmas Carols
SANTA CLAUS

Shop local, support local this Christmas

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