

## Corryong Project Updates

### Game, Set and Match - Corryong Tennis Club Upgrade



Junior Tennis Players enjoying a variety of tennis activities.

Great news! The Corryong Tennis Club upgrade was completed in mid-November and is open for business. In January 2021, the Corryong Tennis Club was a successful recipient of the Local Economic Recovery – Community Projects fund. The club received \$387,384 to upgrade facilities, including a court resurface. The Upper Murray Tennis Association Saturday competition will now play every third week at Corryong, so the players can get together socially. There are plans for night tennis events also, to encourage greater participation in the sport.

This attractive and functional space will prove to be a wonderful asset to the Upper Murray.

The Upper Murray Tennis Association initiative to relaunch junior tennis (supported by Corryong, Cudgewa and Lucyvale-Berrington CRCs) has been hugely successful with all eight courts occupied to capacity by juniors on Friday afternoons.

### Playle's Hill Update

The last working bee for 2021 was held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Lots of pruning was done and the views of "our mountain" are opening up. Helen Haines MP, her staff and the Mayor Andrew Whitehead joined the group later in the morning to hear about the plans and proposed work for Playle's Hill. Morning tea was provided by the Corryong CRC for the volunteers who have put in the hard yards during the year. It was a chance to relax and enjoy the views of Corryong and surrounding area while reflecting on what has been achieved so far. Great interest was shown when Kat Brown spoke about her artwork at the Rotunda. We are all looking forward to the major works commencing in the New Year.



Viewing the artwork at the Rotunda. Cathy Ross, Phil Hulme, Tom Newton, Helen Haines MP, Kat Brown (Artist), Sandy Dikschei, Dee Macdonald, Judy Jeffcott, Mayor Andrew Whitehead

### Primary School Site Consultation



The historic (1877) Corryong primary school building

Janelle Gibson, Bushfire Recovery Victoria, has coordinated a community survey to gain your input into what use could be made of the old primary school building and site. The results of this survey and the next steps in the process will be discussed at a community meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February at the Youth Club Hall. Register via Eventbrite.

[Corryong Primary School Community Workshop Tickets, Wed 16/02/2022 at 6:45 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Meanwhile, take a trip down memory lane and read a profile on local artist and past Corryong Consolidated School student, Kat Brown. Kat talks about how her memories of the school and how they shaped her 2021 'School Days' linocut piece. [ourecovery.com.au/corryong-primary/kat-brown-profile](https://ourecovery.com.au/corryong-primary/kat-brown-profile)

### Support for Community Events

Bushfire Recovery Victoria funds Corryong CRC to sponsor events that support the recovery of the Corryong community from the Black Summer fires.

Elsewhere in this newsletter there are articles about the Corryong Family Cracker Night, schools' art exhibition and junior tennis opening night and Toy Library launch which we have been able to support.

If you have an idea for an event which fits this category or belong to an organisation which is planning an event of this nature you are invited to contact us to see how we can assist you. Please be mindful that Corryong CRC currently meets once a month (next meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022), so please get in touch with us in plenty of time to consider your request.

## Chair report

2021 has certainly been a very full year. Corryong CRC has worked to give a voice to the views and recovery goals of all Corryong Community members. Throughout this process we have tried to keep the community informed via our newsletters, Facebook and webpage. Our committee has also shared ideas through their contacts in the community.

We have listened to the community through surveys and other feedback, developed our priorities and worked to support a large number of community members and organisations. One of the major concerns of our community post-fires was bushfire preparedness. We have addressed this in many ways, advocating on your behalf with the various agencies. The production and publication of the Community Emergency Management Plan has taken longer than we had hoped, but we are pleased that this has now been widely distributed throughout the Corryong community.

Through Bushfire Recovery Victoria funding we have been able to support a large number of community groups in their grant applications and project management. We have also provided letters of support for many local projects including Lions Club catering van; Youth Club Hall refurbishment, kitchen upgrade, flooring and secure storage shed; Corryong Tennis court upgrade; Food Share ongoing costs; Upper Murray Inc Place Based Power Plan; Corryong and District Memorial Hall projects and Bowls Club green replacement. There are a large number of additional grant applications for other organisations in the process. We hope to have some good news about their successes in the New Year. If your organisation is looking for assistance with grant applications please contact the Recovery Hub team. To request a letter of support please complete our Grant Funding Endorsement proforma by the Friday prior to our monthly meeting.

The Upper Murray Community Calendar is progressing well. The usability study is now complete. The RMIT master's students who have worked on this have listened well to produce a product which suits our needs. We hope to have this up and going early in the New Year.

We welcome new members for our committee and value your feedback. What else needs to be addressed for the recovery of the Corryong community? What events, activities and projects are in need of our support? Please contact us with your ideas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee (Carol Allen, Mark Collins, Maurie Foun, Chic Hewatt, Ros McKenzie, Amanda Meagher, Thea Newton, Warwick Ross, Brenda Whitehead, Sheril Wilson), Kaye Nankervis and the Recovery Hub staff, and Janelle Gibson, Tony Thompson and Tracey Farrant (Bushfire Recovery Victoria) for their support and hard work.

All the best to everyone for a safe and happy New Year.

Cathy Ross (Chair Corryong CRC)

## Upper Murray Toy and Activity Library



Marg Crisp (Belvoir Rotary) and Jodie Lucas (Bushfire Recovery Victoria) in the newly opened Upper Murray Toy and Activity Library.

The Upper Murray Toy and Activity library had their official launch last Thursday in the old gym building in Jardine St. Corryong CRC supported the launch day of this exciting venture.

This project has been sponsored by The Australian Childhood Foundation, Bushfire Recovery Victoria and Belvoir Rotary. It was exciting to see the new space that has been created for children and families. This is not just a library but a meeting place for young families. The children certainly took no time at all to start to explore and play.

## Energy Renewal Program

Corryong CRC is excited to see that Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and AusNet Services and are working alongside Upper Murray Inc (UMI)/ Indigo Power to provide better and earlier outcomes to improve the power security of the Upper Murray. A key goal of the DELWP funding is to improve the town's local electricity durability in the event of network outages and future emergencies.

The "Community Microgrids and Sustainable Energy Program" will subsidise approximately 50 residential solar and battery systems with smart energy controllers for the Corryong township area. Additional township design work is being completed to review whole of town options for a future microgrid. This program is being completed in collaboration with Upper Murray Inc's "Upper Murray Energy Reliability and Resilience Project". For more information or to submit an expression of interest for a subsidized household solar and battery system visit [engage.vic.gov.au/community-microgrids](https://engage.vic.gov.au/community-microgrids) ([Community Microgrids and Sustainable Energy Program \(CMSE\)](#) | [Engage Victoria](#)) by 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### Corryong Show

The Corryong CRC, along with the other Upper Murray CRCs were pleased to be able to support the Family Cracker Night organised by the Corryong Show Committee.

It was wonderful to see so many of our young families and the rest of the community attend and enjoy the many activities on offer and the chance to socialise with the wider community. Many of us are still catching up post-bushfires, so the Family Cracker Night was a great opportunity to swap tales and check in with one another.

The CFA and DELWP were in attendance to provide support and advice on fire preparation. The CFA also were on hand to safeguard us during the fireworks. Thankfully their only duty was to relax and enjoy the spectacular display, along with the rest of the community.



Warwick Ross (CFA), Colin Brown (CFA) and Joe Bernobich (Rotary) at the Emergency Services stand.

### Community Emergency Management Plan

The Corryong Community Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) document has been developed over 2021 through consultation and input from the community and the various emergency agencies. This document has been designed for community members to assist them to be prepared for future emergencies.

This has been distributed via the Corryong Recovery email list, Corryong Courier and printed copies have been mailed to all Corryong and Corryong Valley residents. Thank you to David and the staff at Corryong Post Office for their speedy delivery of this to our community at a very busy time of the year. Printed copies are also available at Colac Colac, Mt Mittamatite and Poet's Paradise Caravan parks and the Corryong Visitor Information Centre.

This document will be reviewed annually through a representative community group under the lead of Corryong Neighbourhood Centre. If you have any comments on the document, please forward these to CNC at 39 Hanson St, Corryong.



### Upper Murray School Students' Art/Technology Exhibition

It was fantastic to see the great art and technology works on display at the Upper Murray School Students' Art/Technology Exhibition. The exhibition was a resounding success.



Organiser Michelle Beddoe, Corryong College teacher, commented that the exhibition gave the community a chance to acknowledge the success and creativity of students, as well as building the students' self esteem.

Michelle thanked the following organisations for their generous support of the exhibition: Corryong Memorial Hall Committee, Corryong College Parents Club, Corryong Recovery Committee, Bushfire Recovery Victoria, Pickled Parrot Providore, Legends' on Hansen Café and Corryong Newsagency.

"Thanks must also go to the teachers and staff of the schools involved who go over and above to exhibit their students' work. Also, a big shoutout to parents who have supported the students throughout the year" Michelle said.



### Bushfire Recovery Victoria – Rob Gordon Videos

Last year, Bushfire Recovery Victoria along with Dr Rob Gordon, developed a series of videos and accompanying factsheets touching on the impacts that the anniversary and summer season may have.

The content is still relevant.

If you or someone you know would like to talk to someone, there is support available. See more at [www.vic.gov.au/talk-someone](http://www.vic.gov.au/talk-someone)

To collect a copy of the videos on DVD or USB stick, call into the Upper Murray Recovery Hub.

Follow the links below to view these online:

[Dr Rob Gordon: Thinking about the anniversary of the bushfires - YouTube](#) (12 mins)

[Dr Rob Gordon: Managing anxiety about bushfires - YouTube](#) (7mins)

[Dr Rob Gordon: Preparing for the coming season - YouTube](#) (10mins)

[Dr Rob Gordon: Thinking about the anniversary of the bushfires - YouTube](#) (7mins)

[Dr Rob Gordon: What should we expect of the next year? - YouTube](#) (12mins)



### Diary Dates

**27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 Nariel Band Dances.** Thowgla Hall. 8pm.

Contact Ian Simpson 0260 771273 or Jamie Molloy 0421 246586

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Scooter Workshop** Corryong Skate Park 10 am Registration essential. Visit [towong-shire-council.eventbrite.com](http://towong-shire-council.eventbrite.com)

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Primary School Community Workshop.** [Corryong Primary School Community Workshop Tickets, Wed 16/02/2022 at 6:45 pm | Eventbrite](#)

### Grant Dates

**Preparing Australian Communities Program, Round 1, \$20,000 - \$10 million** –closes 6 January 2022

**Border Trust Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund, \$50,000** – close 8 February 2022

**Bushfire Recovery (BRV) Grants for Community Facilities, \$50,000** - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**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 no specified end date

**Local Economic Grants (LER, BRV)** – postponed till early 2022

### Stay Informed / Contact Us

If you would like to be added to our email list for newsletters and updates, please contact [corryongrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:corryongrecovery@gmail.com).

Corryong CRC meets on Tuesdays, 7:30pm at the Recovery Hub (old primary school) in Corryong. Our meeting days are advertised in the Corryong Courier. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**.

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](http://www.uppermurrayrecovery.com)



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