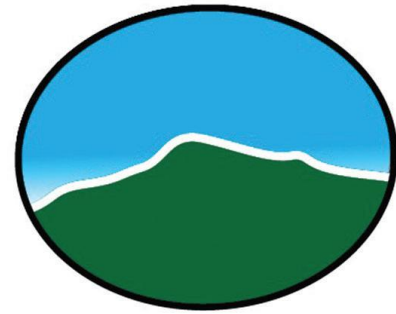


# CCRC

## CORRYONG COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE



Newsletter #2

February 2021

### Chair report

Corryong CRC took a break over January to rest and recharge. We are now back and ready to work for the good of the Corryong community in 2021.

It has been terrific to see people catch up with family and friends and participate in some of the community events held over the summer. Corryong's Christmas Markets and street party was a great success. Thanks to the Hub team, Corryong Neighbourhood Centre and Corryong Baptist Church and Corryong Traders who worked hard to make it happen. The Freed Concert & Dinner, also the comedy 'The Café Sessions', were a great way to start the new year.

Australia Day saw Carol Allen and Faye Whitehead presented with Citizen of the Year awards. Congratulations to these ladies and to the many members of our community who made outstanding contributions to help and assist so many in 2020.

Recent grants to be awarded include Corryong Tennis Club, Corryong Memorial Hall solar panels and generator, The Upper Murray Place Based Power Plan and The Great River Road stage 2. These projects will all have fantastic outcomes for our community.

Corryong CRC has lobbied for the opportunity for the community to have a say about the experience of the Black Summer fires. There will be two separate meetings held in Corryong in the next few weeks. A Community Recovery Conversation will be held in Corryong on Monday 22nd February starting at 6pm. The Inspector General for Emergency Management (IGEM) will be in Corryong on Tuesday 2nd March for a community meeting starting at 10am. Details of each of these meetings are given later in this newsletter.

### Community Surveys and Priorities for Corryong

Our survey of the Corryong community is being used to identify our priorities. The themes identified from the survey are, People and Wellbeing, Community Infrastructure and Community Connectedness. A Priorities Workshop was conducted and the results from this work, when completed will be published.

### Corryong Streetscape

Towong Shire is seeking community feedback on ideas to improve Hanson St between Jardine and Donaldson streets. To have your say visit Corryong Shire Offices (library building), call 1300 365 222 or complete the online survey at

<http://www.towong.vic.gov.au/.../community.../CBDSurvey>





### Community Conversations Monday 22nd February

The purpose of these conversations will be to discuss the fire incident itself. The community will be able to share their experiences and discuss individual and community preparedness. These sessions are an opportunity to explore issues of concern, ask questions and express your thoughts, emotions and views. An external facilitator will run the meeting which will be attended by representatives of agencies including Towong Shire, Bushfire Recovery Victoria, DELWP, VICPOL and CFA.

The meeting will be at the Corryong Memorial Hall and will start at 6pm. This meeting will be repeated at a number of different times and places in the Upper Murray. For further detail contact the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222 or [recovery@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@towong.vic.gov.au). Registration is essential due to Covid regulations. Register via <http://recoveryhub.eventbrite.com>

### Victorian Fire Season Inquiry

Tony Pearce, the Inspector General for Emergency Management, will visit Corryong on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The meeting will start at 10am (light refreshments from 9.30am) at the Upper Murray Events Centre. The purpose of this meeting is for the Igem to receive feedback about the recovery process – what has happened since the fires. Registrations are essential due to Covid regulations. Register via [www.igem.vic.gov.au](http://www.igem.vic.gov.au).

A purple poster with a green leafy background on the left. The text is white and pink. It reads: 'Corryong and District community members are invited to meet with Inspector-General Tony Pearce and share their feedback on recovery 12 months since the 2019-20 fires'. Below this, it says 'Tuesday 2 March' and '10.00am – 12.00pm'. The location is 'Upper Murray Events Centre, Corryong Recreation Reserve'. It also includes an RSVP deadline: 'RSVP for catering purposes by 22 Feb online at [www.igem.vic.gov.au](http://www.igem.vic.gov.au) or call (03) 8684 7900'. At the bottom left, there is a white box with the text '2019-20 Fire Season Inquiry'. At the bottom right is the Igem logo.

Sikhs serving dinner after the FREED Concert.

### Freed Concert & Dinner held on 16th January 2021

The community concert held in the Memorial Hall, which was organized by local poet, Maurie Foun, was well attended by local residents. The performances by local talented artists included music, poetry, Upper Murray Dancers, vocalists and folk music was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Sikhs provided an Indian cuisine dinner at 7pm. A most enjoyable meal, with music and at the end of the evening sharing the Sikhs cultural music and dancing, which had all still present in the Hall on their feet.



### Grant Successes

**Upper Murray Place Based Power Plan:** Ian Cesa and Upper Murray Inc. have been successful with two grants for stages 1 and 2 of this project. Stage 1 will see renewable infrastructure (solar cells and battery storage) on a number of facilities within Corryong. These facilities will then be able to operate during interruptions to the electricity supply and will be better able to respond during any future emergency. Stage 2 of the project will be planning to develop efficiencies and cross-border connections. The ultimate goal of the project is to form a power micro-grid and a virtual power plant for Corryong and the Upper Murray.

**Corryong Food Share:** Corryong Food Share Services has recently received a grant from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Community Enterprises Foundation. The grant of approximately \$51,000 will cover CFSS' operating costs for the next 12 months, thereby enabling it to continue to support the Corryong and wider Upper Murray communities through their recovery.

**Corryong Tennis Club:** The Corryong Tennis Club is very excited to have received a Local Economic Recovery Grant to upgrade four derelict tennis courts. Corryong Tennis Club hopes that the upgraded facility will enable them to hold more Saturday competitions, finals and reinvigorate Junior Tennis on a Saturday morning. This will give the youth of our community the opportunity to engage in a social activity and include family involvement at a sports club level.

**Corryong Memorial Hall:** The Bushfire Recovery Victoria Grant which the Corryong Memorial Hall Committee applied for to install solar panels and a generator has been successful. President Austin Nicholas said that he sincerely thanks BRV, on behalf of this community for supporting the Corryong Memorial Hall. The installation of solar power and a generator will eliminate blackouts, plus provide a cheaper, more environmentally friendly source of energy for all the users of the Hall.

### 'The Café Sessions' Comedy held on 23rd January 2021

The two lady comedians had the local residents in stitches with their performances of "The Café Sessions", held at the Corryong Youth Club Hall. This event was organised by Corryong Health and was a great success judging by all the laughter and happy faces.

**The Café Sessions – Brenda Whitehead (Raffle) Pauline Thompson (Comedian), Jenny Packham (Comedian), Dame Edna (Kate Wheeler), Deed Lebner (Raffle)**





### Upper Murray Recovery Website

We are excited that a website which links all of the Upper Murray Community Recovery Committees is now in operation. Log on to [www.uppermurrayrecovery.com](http://www.uppermurrayrecovery.com) to see what is happening across the Upper Murray. Each CRC has its own page on the website.

### Corryong CRC

Corryong CRC meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 5:30pm 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.

Committee: Carol Allen, Mark Collins (Communications), Maurie Foun, Ros McKenzie, Amanda Meagher (Deputy Chair), Thea Newton, Karen Paton, Cathy Ross (Chair), Warwick Ross, Sheril Wilson (Treasurer)

### Stay Informed / Contact Us

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

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

### Diary Dates

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Free Family Night at the Pool** – 7.00pm Free entry to the Pool & Movie. To register contact Corryong Health 60763200

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Corryong Recovery Conversation**, 6pm Memorial Hall. Register by calling the Recovery Hub 1800 518 222

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Corryong Tennis Club/Tennis Victoria** - Free Coaching. 9am - 1pm. Bookings essential. For more information phone Jon Watson 0401 435 446

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Inspector General Emergency Management, Corryong meeting**, 10 am Upper Murray Events Centre. Register at [www.igem.vic.gov.au](http://www.igem.vic.gov.au)

### Contact Details for Support:

**Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub:**  
1800 518 222

**Bushfire Recovery Victoria:** 1800 560 760

**Beyond Blue:** 1300 224 636

**Standby (after suicide support):** 0439 173 310

**Headspace (12-25 year olds):** 1800 650 890

**24/7 Mental Health Line for North East & Border Mental Health Team:** 1300 104 211



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