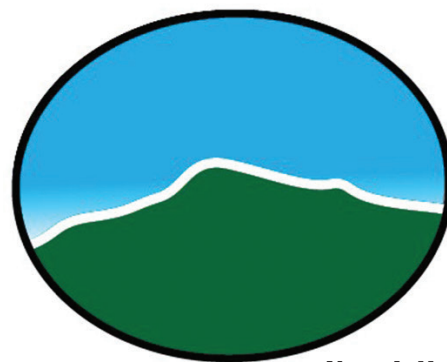


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CORRYONG COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE



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Chair Report

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

The Corryong CRC is continuing to advocate on behalf of the Corryong community. The committee now meets monthly and in between meetings many of our members are actively supporting recovery projects.

Recently three workshops to help understand the grant process were held. The CRC saw the need for these to support community members in their grant applications. We are very pleased with the number of people who attended and the positive feedback that was received. A report on the workshops from Sheril Wilson, who was one of the participants, appears later in this newsletter. If you have any ideas for other training sessions such as these workshops then please contact us.

The Community Calendar project is underway. Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) will manage this project. Our extensive research has shown that a suitable calendar does not yet exist, so the first step of this project is to develop it. RMIT University has taken this on as a student project and we hope to have a working draft later this year. It is frustrating that this will take a while to implement. However, it is exciting that we will be helping to create a unique resource that may also be of use to other communities.

Corryong CRC has been working with Amanda Pagan from Towong Shire on the Community Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Towong Shire and the agencies (CFA, Police, DELWP, Ambulance Vic) are responsible for much of the planning for emergency situations. We have been looking closely at community feedback (from surveys and community meetings) to determine what should be in the community plan and what format this could take. Once we have a draft developed we will take this to the wider Corryong community for further consultation.

It is wonderful to see local organisations having success with Bushfire Recovery Victoria LER (Local Economic Recovery) Round 2 grants. These include the Corryong & District Memorial Hall for renovations and Corryong Bowls Club for artificial greens. We look forward to seeing the improvements to these facilities and the improvement in their amenities for the whole community. The Lions Youth Club Hall has also been successful in obtaining a grant from Border Trust to upgrade their kitchen equipment.

Many grant applications are strengthened by (and indeed some require) letters of support. This particularly applies to large grants from organisations such as Bushfire Recovery Victoria and National Bushfire Recovery Agency. To strongly support a grant application the project should align with one or more of our priorities. To obtain a letter of support from Corryong CRC we ask that you complete a two page summary of your project on our proforma.

This proforma is available on our webpage (<https://uppermurrayrecovery.com/home/corryong-crc/>) and includes basic details that you will already have as part of your grant application. We ask that you contact us no later than the Friday prior to our meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 24. This will be our last meeting before the closing date for the NBRA Black Summer grants (2nd September).

Business and Tourism Expo

Towong Shire, The Man from Snowy River Tourist Association and Upper Murray Incorporated have put together a program to encourage networking for business and tourism operators in the Upper Murray. Guest speakers will include Robbie from Ladbroke Distilling Co, Ian Cesa talking about Hipcamp and Tourism North East showcasing their Marketing, PR and Industry and Product Development programs.

Corryong CRC is supporting this event as it directly relates to our priorities of advocating for the development of industry, business and tourism opportunities.

The Expo is a free event for all Towong and Upper Murray businesses, as well as residents considering setting up a business. It will be held at the Upper Murray Events Centre on Tuesday 17th August. Please register via Eventbrite umexpo.eventbrite.com.au



BE GRANT READY

There's a world of possibilities!

Corryong Community Recovery Committee in partnership with Bushfire Recovery Victoria offered three Grant Writing workshops to support the community in its quest for financial support, increased wellbeing and recovery.

Facilitated by Pat Grosse from 'The Community Entrepreneur', participants were taken through the grant writing process.



The sessions proved an excellent opportunity for those embarking on the art of grant writing to understand requirements, terminology, technique, legal obligations, committee responsibilities, timeframes, communication, acquittal and pitfalls for the novice.

Federal, state and local government offer several grant opportunities. In support of the huge toll on community, infrastructure, business, social, emotional and mental health of the 2019 bushfires, millions of dollars are available through grants. Local CRCs and BRV support staff are most willing to have a conversation re your project proposal. You only have to ask!

Many other grants are available and waiting to be sourced. Pat explained where and how to find them, determine which fitted your project and to plan, seek support and costings. Avoid jumping in not knowing what you are jumping into!

Those attending the workshops are well on their way to understanding requirements, sourcing, writing, submitting and successfully obtaining funds for their community.

The take home message was..... 'plan, plan, plan' prior to writing that application.

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants

The Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants are now open. This program has a total of \$276 million available to support community recovery or resilience from the 2019–20 bushfires. The grants aim to build stronger communities by supporting social, economic and built environment recovery.

This grant program will support projects of at least \$20,000 which address eligible community priorities for recovery. The project must address one or more of the following kinds of recovery or resilience needs:-

- Social recovery and resilience - for example, community development programs and activities to help affected individuals and communities to reconnect and support mental and physical wellbeing and recovery from the immediate effects of the bushfires
- Economic recovery and resilience - for example, projects that help the community (and not just an individual business) to recover from the immediate economic impact of the bushfires by boosting employment and industries in eligible LGAs impacted by the fires
- Recovery and resilience of the built environment - for example, projects to rebuild infrastructure damaged by the bushfires.

To find out more about these grants including the grant guidelines, eligibility and the application form go to <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/black-summer-bushfire-recovery-grant>. For further assistance contact BSR@industry.gov.au or 13 28 46.

Tradies and Contractors Info Session

A well attended information session was held in Corryong in June for local tradespeople and contractors to help them better understand procurement processes and the elements of a successful tender application.

Chris Westwood from the Australian Industry Group facilitated the session and provided information on the Strengthening Business Program. Presentations were delivered by representatives from Snowy Hydro, Corryong Health and Towong Shire Council. The topics included their respective procurement processes, where to find tenders, what the tender application process is and what to include in a tender.

More information:

Towong Council: towong.vic.gov.au/tenders-eoi/
 Snowy Hydro: Darren Vandervalk at darren.vandervalk@snowyhydro.com.au

Corryong Health: James Lee at james.lee@corryonghealth.org.au

Chris Westwood (Australian Industry Group): chris.westwood@ep.industry.gov.au

Corryong CRC Priorities:-

- Support community groups to organise and present events and gatherings
- Advocate for the community recovery needs with relevant agencies
- Advocate for the development of the former primary school site
- Advocate for the development of industry and business opportunities
- Advocate for the development of tourism opportunities and attractions

Some Grant Opportunities

- Future2 grants for programs supporting young Australians – closes 30 July
- Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program - closes 2 September
- BRV Grants for Community Facilities (\$50,000) - closes June 30, 2022
- Victorian Bushfire Appeal, Charmaine Harris - no closing date
- Bushfire Community Grants (St Vincent de Paul Society) - funding for recovery projects that benefit multiple people; ongoing, no specified closing date
- 2021 Bushfire Restoration Grants - to support tree planting and revegetation projects; ongoing, no specified end date
- Local Economic Grants (LER) – postponed until end of 2021/early 2022

Diary Dates

Black Summer Grants Workshops – Online Workshops

- Tuesday 3rd August at 4pm
- Thursday 5th August at 1pm

Register at <https://recovery.gov.au/black-summer-grants-workshops>

Business and Tourism Expo – 17th August