## Conversation summary - Old Corryong Primary School Survey Findings Overview

The Upper Murray and Corryong Community Recovery Committees, with the support of Bushfire Recovery Victoria, distributed a survey to gather feedback about the future of the old Corryong Primary School site.

## Purpose

The survey was open to past and present residents of the Upper Murray region from 20 October to 21 November 2021. It aimed to understand the community aspirations for the old Corryong Primary School site on the corner of Hanson and Donaldson Streets in Corryong.

The survey received 349 submissions and responses were received from a variety of age groups. The key themes that emerged from the survey are detailed below. These findings will inform the upcoming community workshop on 16 February 2022.

## Community said

* The old primary school building is of historical significance and importance to the Upper Murray community.
* The future use of the site could be multi-use in its function.
* Retain the site mostly for community use.

## Community suggested

Ten key themes emerged. The top three were:

* **Community recreation space (41.03%)**
Community recreation space was the strongest theme throughout the survey with an emphasis on a place for youth activities included such as a bike pump track, BMX track, skatepark, basketball court. Suggestions that did not relate to youth included community gathering space, local sport, gardens, park.
* **Early education & services (39.49%)**
Responses outlined the importance of early education and family services operating from the site to attract more families into the area and cater for existing families. Suggestions for a multi-disciplinary service that included after school care programs, maternal child health, kindergarten, holiday programs.
* **Tourism services & attractions (23.59%)**

Enhancing local tourism with an emphasis on celebrating Man from Snowy River identity. Suggestions included a hall of fame, museum, camping.

The remaining themes that emerged were:

* **Art and culture (12.31%)**
* **Higher education** **(11.79%)**
* **Independent and assisted living (10.77%)**
* **Allied health (10.77%)**
* **Housing and accommodation (8.72)**
* **Retail and hospitality (6.15%)**
* **Public amenities (5.13%)**

*Note – Respondents included multiple suggestions for the future use of the site and means the above numbers do not reflect an even 100%.*

When asked about the **old primary school building**:

**80.63%** of the community said they think the old primary school building should be included into the future development of the site.

Suggestions for its future use included repurposing as an early years’ service, a tourism attraction to celebrate local history, a rentable space for small business/other services.

## We heard

* You would like the old Corryong Primary School building retained and included in the future use of the site.
* You would like the site mostly retained for community use and think the main uses could include a community recreation space that accommodates activities for youth, early education and family services and/or enhancing tourism in the area.
* You consider the Man from Snowy River as central to the Upper Murray identity.

## What’s happening

* A full report of the survey findings is being prepared and will be made available to the public.

## What’s next

* Community will be invited to participate in a community workshop to further explore the findings on 16 February 2022 as the final step of the consultation.
* Findings from the community survey, focus groups and community workshop will be shared with Towong Shire Council to coordinate next steps of this project.

## More information

If you would like more information on this project, please contact Janelle.gibson@brv.vic.gov.au or 0459 962 949. Follow [ourrecovery.com.au/corryong-primary](https://ourrecovery.com.au/corryong-primary) for updates

*This conversation summary has been adjusted in January 2022 to include late survey entries received shortly after the survey closed 21 November 2021.*