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- Build community resilience
- Support social, economic and environmental recovery
- Support community events, activities and infrastructure projects
- Increase awareness of support services
- Enhance community health and wellbeing
- Attract visitors to Towong Shire.

- Provide opportunities for skills development and/or information sharing
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Recovery Meetings

- Walwa, Wednesday 20 January, 6.30pm at Walwa Recreation Reserve
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- Cudgewa, Tuesday 2 February, 7.00pm at Cudgewa Football Club
- Thowgla, Wednesday 10 February, 6.30pm at Thowgla Hall

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