Community Recovery Committees take shape
Community Recovery Committees are now up and running in Cudgewa, Towong, Thowgla, Biggara, Lucyvale/Berringama, Walwa/Jingellic (including Guys Forrest, Pine Mountain, Mount Alfred), Tintalda, Upper Murray and the Peninsula.
A youth-specific working group is also being developed.
A series of three meetings were held in Corryong this month where there was general agreement to form a Corryong CRC and 15 people indicated their willingness to be involved. Nariel Valley residents had their first community meeting last week.
Each committee will work on ideas and priority projects to drive the recovery and renewal process.
For more information contact the Upper Murray Bushfire Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222.

Recovering the natural environment
The North East Catchment Management Authority has received funding from the Victorian Government to undertake recovery and restoration works with fencing, revegetation, weed control and bank stabilisation.
The program will identify and prioritise works on sites that contribute to improving river health with most of the work undertaken in the Upper Murray.
Woody weed control across impacted waterways and priority landscapes are included as part of the recovery program.
Contact Andrew Briggs on 0427 018 406.

Creative Recovery Grant
Visual and performing artists, writers and musicians in Towong Shire are invited to apply to Regional Arts Victoria for a Creative Recovery Grant.
The Creative Recovery Small Grants Program supports connection, engagement and resilience through creative activity in regional Victorian communities impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires.
Grants up to $5000 are available and in limited circumstances, applicants may be invited to apply above this threshold.
Applicants must speak to coordinator Kellie Sutherland before applying.
Contact her on ksutherland@rav.net.au or phone 0459 257 637. Applications close on October 31.

Pump track anyone?
A BMX pump track and skatepark for Corryong are one step closer with a $5,000 Community Recovery Grant. Kim Tight (pictured at home with her children Myla 6 and Chad 4) was successful in round 1 of Council’s Community Recovery Grants Program. The funding will be used to develop concept drawings and project estimates for a new facility for young people. Kim says the project would attract tourism and be a boost to local recreation and youth mental health.

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