Fire Training for Non-Firefighters
Fire training for non-firefighters starts this week in Nariel (Saturday), Tintaldra and Walwa (Sunday), and Corryong and Cudgewa (Sunday December 6). The idea came from a group called Firefoxes, established in Kinglake after the Black Saturday fires in 2009. Training includes: your family emergency kit, preparing your property, the seasonal outlook and understanding fire, communications with UHF radios and phone trees, water sources and mechanical equipment.
The 2.5 hours sessions are supported by the CFA and the Red Cross. Register at http://recoveryhub.eventbrite.com or call the Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222.

Roadside Grass Maintenance and Grazing Permits
Council’s rolling program of roadside grass maintenance, and local laws permits for landowners to graze animals, works in conjunction with Vic Roads roadside maintenance program.
There is no cost for permits to graze on road reserves though stock must be supervised, or temporary fencing installed. Permits are usually granted within five days, providing that all necessary information is provided. This includes a certificate of currency for public liability insurance. Information on local laws is available at www.towong.vic.gov.au/planning-rules-payments/local-laws-permits/
l-laws-permit-applications.asp. Visit the Council office or email locallawpermit@towong.vic.gov.au if you have specific queries.
In rural areas, Council is permitted to slash road shoulders for safety purposes only, such as ensuring white posts are visible at night. In towns, only town entrances can be slashed by Council. See maps showing Council’s roadside grass maintenance program at www.towong.vic.gov.au/facilities-services/environment-waste/town-maintenance.asp.
If you have concerns about local roads, please contact Council on 1300 365 222. If your concerns relate to Murray Valley Highway, Murray River Road, Benambra Corryong Road, Granya Road, Dartmouth Road, Omeo Highway or Shelley Road please contact Vic Roads on 13 11 71.
The CFA usually conduct planned burns in Autumn and Spring. The planned burns for Autumn were postponed due to uncertainty at the beginning of COVID-19. Priority was given to maintaining a functioning brigade before winter with the risk of house fires. The CFA received COVID-19 guidelines two weeks ago and roadside burns are currently being planned. Council is meeting with Vic Roads this week to discuss roadside grass maintenance.

Recovery Calendar
Community Recovery Meetings
• Tintaldra - Thursday 26 November, 7.30pm at Tintaldra Hotel
• Cudgewa - Tuesday 1 December, 7.00pm at Cudgewa Football Club
• Corryong - Tuesday 1 December, 5.30pm at the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub