Artist back on track

Congratulations to Upper Murray artist, Kate Crowley (right), who received a $5,000 grant from Regional Arts Victoria’s Creative Recovery Grants Program. Kate will use the money to replace an industrial leather sewing machine, dyes, cutting tools and other equipment lost when her family’s home in Cudgewa was destroyed by bushfire.

Kate managed to save leather hides collected over 20 years, which were stored in town. A tin box full of her mother’s embossing tools was partly saved.

While she has a backlog of work making customised instrument straps for guitars and piano accordions, Kate says she loves mask making.

“I’m dying to get my hands back on all the equipment and hone my skills,” she said.

“Since I applied for the grant, rather than just replacing knives I was using, I’ve been inspired to look into different techniques and what tools might suit new ideas.”

Recovery grants flow into the Upper Murray

The Anglican Parish of Corryong, Upper Murray farmers and Corryong Youth Club Hall will all benefit from Victorian Government Bushfire Recovery Grants announced last week.

Father Mitch Porter said to be able to repair their church hall floor, without placing a strain on the parish finances, was a “real blessing”.

“It will mean church and events can take place, debutantes can practice, funerals and weddings can go ahead, and we can continue to provide a place for the community at large to use – it’s a real Godsend,” Fr Mitch said.

AgBiz Assist Ltd, a not-for-profit working with Upper Murray farm owners, has received a $550,000 grant for its Reseeding the Upper Murray Farms Recovery Project which will support farmers to reseed properties and improve productivity and sustainability.

Back up power supply to Corryong Youth Club Hall to support the community in an emergency also received $37,500.

Two new grants are open to Towong Shire residents under the Local Economic Recovery Program, jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments. Grants are open to Community Recovery Committees, LGAs, not-for-profit organisations, LGAs, businesses and more.

Local Community Project Grants – up to $2 million is available to support community recovery by funding projects that are important to achieving the aspirations and priorities of local communities. Applications close 30 November.


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