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Police man at checkpoint at Bringenbrong Bridge.

The decision to shut the NSW border with Victoria as of midnight Tuesday, has created confusion for locals who regularly travel between the states, often several times a day.

Under the new restrictions only permit holders, emergency services workers, freight drivers and returning travellers are able to cross into NSW from Victoria.

Causing further consternation has been the hard closure of the Towong and Tintaldr

Bridge crossings, forcing motorists to detour well out of their way, with only the Bringenbrong and Jingellic Bridges remaining open and being manned by NSW police.

Towong Shire mayor, Cr David Wortmann, has expressed his council's concerns regarding the impact the hard border closures will have on travel times.

"For example, if a Corryong ambulance is required to attend an incident in NSW this will

add up to an additional 50kms on top of a trip that is already 140kms to the nearest hospital," he said.

"This is simply not acceptable.

"We are advocating on behalf of residents to the NSW government to have these bridges manned, allowing residents to access the healthcare and other services."

The closure of the border has also drawn the ire of local politicians who blame the Victorian government's mishandling

of the hotel quarantine fiasco for the draconian measures.

"This is the direct result of his botched hotel quarantine where his arrogance declined the support of the ADF to manage infected travellers," said Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley.

"Our communities have been incredibly disciplined and now we are paying the penalty for his government's failures after being COVID-free for more than three

months."

Member for Northern Victoria, Tania Maxwell, said "The Victorian and NSW governments need to re-open the borders once Stage 3 lockdowns come into effect in metropolitan Melbourne, as there was no logical reason to restrict access for locals."

Travellers by bus from Corryong to Albury-Wodonga are also advised that they will be required to obtain a permit.

States get together on farm rules - page 11.

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# Bushfire Recovery Bulletin

This bulletin provides regular updates and stories about bushfire recovery across Victoria's fire-affected areas. Bushfire Recovery Victoria proudly works in partnership with Towong Shire Council and the local community to support bushfire recovery.

## Business & Economic Recovery

No one could have imagined that the summer bushfires across the state's north east would be closely followed by a pandemic. What was already a difficult situation for many has become so much harder with the economic impacts of coronavirus applying further pressure on our communities, particularly the many small businesses facing a loss of revenue and reduced visitation. These events, on the back of drought impacts, have reinforced the need for a strong, diverse and resilient local economy going forward.

In recent months, Regional Development Victoria (RDV) and Bushfire Recovery Victoria have been working closely with business and community, council and other Victorian Government agencies to understand the current challenges and opportunities as we look ahead to what will be a long process of economic recovery.

To date, the Victorian Government, through RDV, has invested over \$30 million through a range of infrastructure projects in North East Victoria. In addition to this investment, hundreds of small business owners have met with Small Business Victoria's advisors. We encourage all impacted businesses to access these supports at the Recovery Hub. Please visit to find out what is available to best assist you through this very challenging period.

RDV continues to work in consultation with local Bushfire Economic Recovery Working Groups to set out the arrangements for coordinating and managing the planning and delivery of economic recovery activities across our fire-impacted communities. Working with one collective vision this work will outline the direction, guiding principles and actions that RDV will use to facilitate inclusive and sustainable economic recovery planning across the state's north east.

*Article provided by Rural Development Victoria.*

## Key stats

**150** The number of Towong small businesses who've received a \$10,000 bushfire grant.  
**\$11.7m** The amount paid to 169 primary producers in Towong under the \$75,000 grant program.  
**1408** The number of Victorians who have accessed the Case Support Program.

### \$10,000 small business bushfire grants extended

Over 1500 small businesses and primary producers across fire-affected regions in North East Victoria and East Gippsland have successfully received the \$10,000 Small Business Bushfire Support Grant.

As of July 1, 150 applicants in Towong Shire have received this grant - and the application date has been extended to December 31.

The grant is available to businesses who have suffered a significant income loss as a result of the bushfires. This means businesses who were either directly or indirectly affected by flame can apply.

The grants have also recently been extended to the shires of Indigo, Wellington, Mansfield and Wangaratta - so if you have family and friends in this area, let them know what is available to them.

Applying is quick, easy and all done online and you don't have to upload any financial documents if you don't have them available. To apply, visit [brv.vic.gov.au](http://brv.vic.gov.au).

You can also see what else is available for you to apply for on our website. Have a look to see what you are eligible for - it might be more than you think.



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## We're here to help

Bushfire Recovery Victoria can connect you to the support you need. If you're seeking personal support, you can access the Victorian Bushfires Case Support Program free by calling **1800 560 760**. Nothing is too big or too small for us, so please reach out. You can also call, visit a Hub or visit [brv.vic.gov.au](http://brv.vic.gov.au) to access practical help such as assistance with grants. You can see a list of council recovery contacts in the Upper Murray Community Recovery newsletter.



# Upper Murray Community Recovery

Weekly Recovery Update - 9 July 2020

## Clean-Up: Over 70% Of Upper Murray Properties Completed

Property clean-up in the Upper Murray continues to gather pace and is expected to be completed by the end of August (weather permitting).

Of 189 properties that required clean-up, work has started on 80% of properties and over 70% of properties have been completed.

Clean-up registrations closed on June 30. If you know of someone that still requires bushfire clean-up and they haven't registered, they can email [connect@brv.vic.gov.au](mailto:connect@brv.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 560 760 and BRV can discuss their situation and the options available.

### Cudgewa Community Recovery Committee

About 40 Cudgewa residents turned out to a meeting last Thursday night (with social distancing upheld) to discuss the formation of a Community Recovery Committee. The next meeting was set for **July 28 at Cudgewa Hall**.

Everyone who lives in the Cudgewa area is invited to attend. Anyone who has expressed an interest in participating in a Community Recovery Committee will be invited to take part in a workshop/meeting on **July 16 at the Upper Murray Events Centre in Corryong**.



Grocon crews work to clear a dairy outside Cudgewa



Corryong Airport

### Corryong Airport Funding for Future Emergencies

Council has been successful in its application for further funding at Corryong Airport to improve emergency response.

The **\$262,000 injection** from Federal Government will provide a **self-serve 24-hour aviation fuel facility** constructed to assist future emergencies and encourage tourism and recreation operators.

## Grants Update

### Creative Recovery Small Grants Program

Regional Arts Victoria in partnership with Regional Development Victoria, Bushfire Recovery Victoria and Creative Victoria is offering the Creative Recovery Small Grants Program to focus on creative activity to assist communities with short and long-term recovery.

The program will support **individual artists and organisations with up to \$5000** or more in limited circumstances. Applicants can apply anytime up to **31 October 2020**.

RAV is offering support to help with applications. Phone Liz Zito on 0423083074 or email [lzito@rav.net.au](mailto:lzito@rav.net.au).

### Bushfire Recovery Victoria - Grants for Community Facilities

Community groups across Victoria's bushfire-affected areas will share in funding to build or repair local community facilities such as playgrounds, skate parks, pavilions, community gardens and halls.

Community groups, not-for-profits, Aboriginal organisations and other social enterprises will be eligible to apply for the **Bushfire Recovery Grants for Community Facilities of up to \$50,000**.

Applications will be assessed by how the proposed project will directly benefit local communities and proposed works must involve facilities accessible to everyone. To apply visit [brv.vic.gov.au](http://brv.vic.gov.au).

Contact **Council's Bushfire Recovery Team** by calling **1800 518 222** or email [recovery@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@towong.vic.gov.au)  
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Visit the **Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub**  
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# Communities to set the recovery agenda

The process of establishing Community Recovery Committees (CRCs) for the Upper Murray is progressing and a planning meeting is scheduled for next Thursday to identify the priorities for the area, which encompasses parts of the Towong and Snowy Valleys shires.

More than 35 local residents and businesses responded to the call-out from Towong Shire Council and Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) to take part in establishing the recovery committees which will represent the needs of local communities, identify community projects to assist in recovery and community building, and play an active role throughout the recovery process.

About 40 people braved the cold and social distancing to meet at in Cudgewa last Thursday night. After a constructive conversation it was agreed to delay forming a committee until the next meeting on Tuesday, July 28 at 6.30pm.

This was to allow more time to reach all residents in Cudgewa and immediate surrounds. An invitation will be issued by mail during this month.

“This is the first step, to formalise the Community Recovery Committees and establish a Community Recovery Steering Committee,” said Nola Tudball, Towong Shire’s Director of Relief and Recovery.

“We will then investigate what projects are happening now and what are planned or hoped for in the communities, allowing us to link similar types of projects and resources to maximise their efficiency and effectiveness.

“I am confident we can all work together to achieve the best outcomes for our local communities.”

Ms Tudball added that recovery plans will be shared with the wider community for input.

Ms Tudball has worked as a practitioner, manager and leader in community and health service organisations and as a consultant in the public not-for-profit and private sectors. This included working with Yarra Ranges Shire Council following the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, to review their recovery response.

If you want more information or to join a CRC, contact the Recovery Team on 1800 518 222 or call into the Recovery Hub on the corner of Hanson and Donaldson Streets.

## Funding could fuel more fly-ins

The construction of a 24 hour self-service fuel facility for the Corryong Airport will not only assist with the provision of medical and firefighting air services but also opens up the region to new opportunities and economic benefits.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Michael McCormack, recently announced the \$262,000 grant from the Australian government under the Regional Airports Program.

The program involves 60 regional airports sharing in \$41.2 million, intended to help the aviation industry to recover from COVID-19.

Mr McCormack said these upgrades, in bushfire affected areas, ensures the community is equipped to respond to future bushfire events and medical emergencies.

Towong Shire mayor, Cr David Wortmann, said the new fuel facility will support future emergency responses including firefighting and air ambulance, something that is so important when road

access is not an option.

Cr Wortmann added that the 24-hour fuel facility will also provide new opportunities and economic benefits for the region.

“The fuel service will make the Corryong Airport precinct more appealing for commercial operators such as tourism charters or transport companies which recognise the huge potential of the Upper Murray market,” he said.

“It means we can now invite and encourage commercial operators to take up occupancy of a hanger at the precinct.”

The Corryong Airport precinct was upgraded in 2019, with the new improved facility proving invaluable during the January bushfires for firefighting aircraft.

“We will continue to advocate for future opportunities for the airport to attract tourism and recreation operators, agriculture aerial services, private aircraft and aircraft maintenance,” Cr Wortmann said.

For further details visit the Corryong Airport Development Prospectus at [www.towong.vic.gov.au](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au).

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# Stimulus funds to drive recovery

Safety improvements to the Benambra-Corryong Road have been included in a new \$1.5 billion Australian government infrastructure package which is intended to provide an immediate injection into the economy and bring jobs back online to help stem the impact of COVID-19.

Morrison government representative for Indi, Senator Jane Hume, said getting shovels in the ground on local construction projects was important for maintaining jobs and economic growth in Indi.

An amount of \$600,000 has been allocated for curve safety upgrades on the Benambra-Corryong Road (\$500,000 federal

and \$100,000 state funding).

“Every single job we support makes a huge difference in our local communities as we navigate the economic challenges of the coronavirus pandemic” Senator Hume said.

The Benambra-Corryong Road only reopened in both directions last month following its fire-related closure that was in place for several months. Some areas are restricted to a width of six metres as ongoing recovery works continue.

Other projects under the new funding include wide-centrelines treatments along the Bandiana Link Road in Wodonga; targeted safety barriers



and enhanced delineation treatments along the Omeo Highway; and safety improvements on the Midland Link Highway. Senator Hume

said “These types of infrastructure projects will be also particularly crucial for helping us bounce back after the coronavirus crisis

has ended by ensuring we have the safe transport connections needed for all Australians to keep moving.”

## Farmers face border issues

Following Monday’s announcement by the Premiers of NSW and Victoria regarding border closures between the two states, the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) commenced urgent conversations with ministers and government agencies in both states to ensure this decision does not impact the industry or its supply chain.

“We have been in constant discussions with the Cross Border Commissioner, the Minister for Agriculture in Victoria, her office, Agriculture Victoria and our counterparts at NSWFA,” said VFF president, David Jochinke.

“The NSW Health Minister has issued a Public Health Order in which agriculture and freight for commercial purposes will be allowed to move, freely, across

borders.

“While a permit will be required, VFF is pleased that agriculture is specified in the order.

“Our industry is a critical service and this is clearly acknowledged in this order.

“In the meantime, we have also focussed on the tightening of restrictions by South Australia and are seeking urgent clarification on this matter.

“Our industry is a critical service.

“Importantly given the circumstances more broadly for Victoria, it is our industry that will be pivotal to the economic recovery of our state.

“Victoria’s regional economy is worth \$76 billion. Our overall importance must not be underestimated,” Mr Jochinke said.

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# Give police a chance

The ongoing effects of the January bushfires and coronavirus pandemic have only added to the workload of local police resources and the community is being encouraged to help reduce that impact when it comes to reporting non-urgent crime or events or general enquiries.

Corryong and Walwa police cover a remote area of approximately 5000 hectares which puts additional pressure on resources if there are two or more active incidents at the same time. They also provide backup support to NSW police when necessary.

Sergeant Liam McMahon of Corryong police said even with a full complement of officers, resources can sometimes be put under strain due to the unique demands of working in the area.

"The community can

help ease the pressure on our local police by reporting non-urgent crime or events via the Police Assistance Line 131 444 or online at police.vic.gov.au," he said.

The assistance line is a dedicated, public phone number for the community to report or get advice on non-urgent matters including:-

- Theft
- Lost property
- Property damage
- PartySafe registrations
- Absence from residence

The assistance line and online reporting services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to report non-urgent crime or to make general police enquiries.

"If community members take advantage of these new contact options they will help improve the response, management



and delivery of our local police services," Sgt McMahon said.

"The rule of thumb should be if you don't need the lights and sirens, call the assistance line 131

444.

"I also want to assure the community that police will be available for more serious incidents. There are officers on duty at least 16 hours a day and one is 'on-call' for the remaining time."

You should still call Triple Zero (000) immediately if the incident is life-threatening, needs immediate police

attendance, a crime is happening now or an offender is or may be still in the area.

Corryong comes within the Wangaratta Police Service Area which will receive 10 new frontline members in 2020/2021. This is part of the largest injection of regional officers in Victoria Police's 167-year history.

## Funding boosts family counselling

Bushfire affected regions of Victoria will share in more than \$294,000 of additional funding from the Commonwealth government to increase access to financial counselling services.

The financial support is part of an additional \$3.5 million allocated to deliver ongoing support to communities ravaged during the recent bushfire season.

Nationals Senator for Victoria, Bridget McKenzie, said the extra money would provide an injection of \$100,000 for Upper Murray Family Care to support bushfire affected residents in the

North East region.

"It's great news that Upper Murray Family Care has been provided this extra funding to deliver expanded financial counselling services as communities across Towong, Alpine, Indigo, Mansfield, Wangaratta and Wodonga shires recover," Senator McKenzie said.

Towong Shire will receive \$37,000 under the funding package.

"Likewise, Anglicare Victoria and Latrobe Community Health Service will receive \$100,000 and \$94,847 respectively to deliver additional services for East Gippsland and Wellington."

Minister for Families

and Social Services, Anne Ruston, said it was vital families and businesses continued to have access to free financial advice throughout recovery period.

"Financial counselling organisations in bushfire affected communities are acutely aware of the needs in their respective communities and are able to provide free and confidential support to help people work through their current situation and plan for the future.

## HOW TO HELP YOUR POLICE

To receive advice on or report non-urgent crimes and events:-

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- Corryong Transfer Station, Sugarloaf Road - open Thursday 3-5pm and Sunday 12-4pm.
- Walwa, Campbell Lane (off the Murray River Road) - access between 7am-6pm Monday to Friday or 9am-4pm on weekends. Strictly for fencing only. Council Landfill and Transfer Stations also remain open, with social distancing in place.



# Grant opens to rebuild community assets

Member for Northern Victoria, Tania Maxwell, is encouraging community groups in bushfire affected areas to apply for a share in the Bushfire Recovery Grants for Community Facilities.

Community groups,

not-for-profits, Aboriginal organisations and other social enterprises will be eligible to apply for grants for of up to \$50,000.

"The grants will provide support to community development and connectedness after

a devastating bushfire season, as well as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic," Ms Maxwell said. Examples of projects that could be funded include upgrades to kitchens or bathrooms at local halls, repairs to fix

damage or new facilities such as playgrounds, community gardens and small pavilions.

"Recovery for bushfire affected communities is a long and slow journey," Ms Maxwell said.

"It is vital to continue to support those areas

and these grants for community facilities can be of great assistance."

Applications are now open until June 2021 and organisations can apply for the grants at <https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-grants-community-facilities>.

# Bushfire relief grants close soon

Expressions of interest for funding under Border Trust's Bushfire Relief Fund Grant Program are set to close on July 15th.

The program supports the recovery of communities within the

Albury-Wodonga region affected by the 2019/2020 bushfires, including Towong Shire.

The program focus areas are:-

- Health & well-being initiatives;

• Programs, events and initiatives that support the development of emerging leaders in the affected areas;

• Programs that assist the regeneration of the land affected by fire;

• Programs that assist animals affected by fire; and

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# Bunnings timber decision misses the mark

The recently formed Victorian Hardwood Sawmillers Association (VHSA) has condemned Bunnings' decision to immediately cancel orders for Victorian hardwood timber as a blow to manufacturing jobs that will do nothing for the environment.

VHSA spokesman, Leonard Fenning, said the decision was premature given VicForests has said there are strong grounds for an appeal and confirmed it will be appealing the Federal Court decision.

"Bunnings should allow for the due legal process to conclude before making such a drastic and immediate decision that threatens thousands of local jobs that depend on Victoria's sustainably managed native timber industry," Mr Fenning said.

"Anti-forestry groups have been aggressively

targeting Bunnings for years with misinformation campaigns about Victoria's hardwood timber industry and it is disappointing that Bunnings has succumbed to these extreme activist groups.

"This is a lose-lose result for Aussie workers and the environment. Bunnings knows all too well that the sustainably-sourced Victorian timber currently on their shelves will be replaced with imported timber from countries with poor environmental records and poor working conditions.

"Victoria's native timber sector generates approximately 2,500 direct jobs and thousands more indirectly.

It generates around \$770 million in revenue annually, with \$297 million value added in regional communities."

Mr Fenning said the Victorian and Australian governments must provide



Cancelled orders could cost jobs at Walkers Sawmill in Corryong.

certainty to the Victorian timber industry and immediately secure the future of the Regional Forest Agreements.

"Now is the time to back local manufacturing jobs in a sustainable, renewable industry," he said.

"We urge all everyone

to insist on Aussie grown and Aussie made. It's good for jobs, the environment and our regional communities."

The VHSA represents all Victorian hardwood sawmillers including Fenning Timbers, Walkers Sawmill Corryong, Powelltown Sawmill,

Reid Bros. Sawmill, Australian Sustainable Hardwoods, Ryan and McNulty Sawmillers, AG Brown, Radial Timber, Parkside Timber, Dormit, Kelly's Timber, Warburton Timber, Longwarry Sawmill, Mectec, and Victorian Sustainable Products.

# Miner buoyed by latest samples

Recent exploration by Dart Mining at its Buckland gold project in the Kiewa Valley has identified several zones of high grade gold and other minerals.

In recent years, Dart Mining has focused on exploring and re-evaluating the historic goldfields of central and

north-east Victoria which host numerous high-quality lode-style gold, porphyry copper-gold-molybdenum, lithium and rare earth element targets.

The latest results at the Sandy Creek and Tallandoon goldfields, 60kms south of Wodonga, are known for historical production of

exceptionally high-grade gold from narrow lodes.

The latest detailed mapping and sampling by Dart Mining geologists have redefined the exploration and mineralisation model for these goldfields and the exploration focus has now shifted to higher volume mineralisations.

## Coronavirus Update: Wed July 8th

Victoria recorded 134 new cases of coronavirus since Tuesday, with the total number of cases now at 2942.

The overall total has increased by 118, after 16 cases were reclassified – largely due to duplication.

Within Victoria, 11 of the new cases are linked to outbreaks and 123 are under investigation. No cases have been detected in returned travellers in hotel quarantine.

There have been no deaths reported since yesterday. To date, 22 people have died from coronavirus in Victoria.

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# Bounty centres open the gates

Designated fox and wild dog bounty collection centres have re-opened and are operating in line with physical distancing requirements including established drop-off and exclusion zones.

During the suspension period, bounty participants were encouraged to continue to collect fox scalps and wild dog body parts on private properties as part of pest control activities and to freeze or air dry them.

Hunters are encouraged to refresh their knowledge of the terms and conditions

of the bounty to ensure what they submit is acceptable.

Participants can submit entire fox scalps for a \$10 reward and entire wild dog body parts for a \$120 reward during scheduled collection times.

The Wodonga collection centre for foxes and wild dogs at 14 Moorefield Park Drive, Wodonga will be open from 9am-11am on Tuesday, 21 July; Tuesday, 18 August; Tuesday, 15 September; and Tuesday, 13 October.



## Corryong Neighbourhood Centre

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# Country women band together

For almost 100 years the Country Women's Association (CWA) has been providing support through the depression years, wars and natural disasters and again, in this most difficult of years, it has stepped up.

Locally, CWA groups from Albury-Wodonga and the Tallangatta area have banded together to support the Upper Murray as it recovers from the January bushfires.

A major fundraiser was a 'Morning Melodies' show in March was held on the

night COVID-19 restrictions were first introduced.

Featuring Rodney Vincent and Lucky Starr, the show raised \$4500. A donation of \$1000 was made to the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners and the balance of \$3500 was donated to Corryong Food Share.

The CWA Wodonga & Group and Tallangatta branch will continue their support by supplying morning and afternoon teas, as required, to the BlazeAid volunteers in Corryong for several months.

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# Visit held many surprises

A trip to Australia turned into an extended stay for Rosie Kimberley who has experienced an unprecedented set of events in the past six months.

Having arrived in November, she was not prepared for the disastrous January bushfires and subsequent evacuation, the coronavirus lockdown and a very close encounter with a kangaroo through a car windscreen!

Despite these calamities, Rosie fully embraced life in the Upper Murray including one happy occasion when she cuddled a wombat being cared for at Bellaboo Rescue Centre in Corryong

(pictured).

Her unexpectedly long stay has seen Rosie become involved in local life. From her initial public speaking at a Probus meeting, two days after her arrival, she has engaged with the community enthusiastically.

Rosie has enjoyed games of bridge, line-dancing, bowls, playing the ukelele, practising yoga and the warm fellowship of the Sacred Heart community.

Being able to work in local gardens and help out at Bellaboo and the Community Relief Centre have added to Rosie's understanding of our way of life.

Her affection for this part of the world has been portrayed in the many photographs she has shared with friends everywhere.

"I have felt warmly embraced by the people of Corryong," she said.

"Living here more like a resident rather than a tourist has given me real insight into such a different lifestyle. I have witnessed and admired the resolve and strength of the Australian people."

The Man from Snowy River Bush Festival was one of the reasons Rosie came to Australia and her new-found friends are looking forward to her return!



# States get heads together over agriculture

The Victorian and NSW governments are working together to ensure that vital agriculture industry can continue to operate while the border is closed.

While some impacts to the Victorian and NSW agricultural industries are anticipated, Victorian Agriculture Minister, Jaclyn Symes, and NSW Minister, Adam Marshall, have committed to working through any issues that arise to ensure

farmers and agribusinesses can continue get their produce to market.

This includes declaration from the NSW government of agriculture, freight and logistics as critical services, supporting businesses across the border.

Victorians will be able to apply online via the Service NSW website for exemptions to move between the two states.

Permits are also available for emergency

services, medical or hospital care, freight and commercial workers and mining, construction, energy and manufacturing workers.

Both governments are also working to ensure regulatory requirements continue to be met, including necessary animal welfare practices and biosecurity requirements.

"The extent of any impacts to agricultural industries will become

clearer as details of how the border closure will operate are worked through," Ms Symes said.

Updates will be made to [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) and [nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://nsw.gov.au/covid-19) as more information is known.

To apply for a permit, visit [service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit](http://service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit).

Ms Symes said "We are working closely with our federal and state

counterparts to ensure freight movements across the border can continue and our agricultural products can be delivered to market shelves across Victoria.

"We know there are many farmers, agricultural workers and service providers that need to cross the border regularly to do their jobs and we are committed to ensuring we can support them during this most difficult of times."

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## PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS INVITED



### Proposed Transparency Policy and Governance Rules

At its ordinary Council meeting on 7 July 2020, Towong Shire Council endorsed the following documents for public exhibition and now welcomes public submissions:

- Public Transparency Policy, describing the ways in which Council information is to be made publicly available; and
- Governance Rules (2020) encompassing the conduct of Council meetings, the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and the Election Period Policy.

A copy of both documents are available for viewing at the Corryong Council Office, Tallangatta Council Office and on Council's website:

[www.towong.vic.gov.au/about-council/policies-foi-disclosures/](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au/about-council/policies-foi-disclosures/).

Submissions on the Governance Rules and Public Transparency Policy are invited and will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act. Submissions must be made in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

Any person wishing to be heard or represented in support of their submission must specify this in their submission.

**Submissions must be received in writing no later than 5pm on Thursday 6 August 2020 and can be provided in the following ways:**

- Emailed to [info@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@towong.vic.gov.au) and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer
- By mail addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Submissions, Towong Shire Council, PO Box 55, Tallangatta Victoria 3700.

If submissions are received, Council will consider all submissions at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 25 August 2020, prior to adopting the policies on or prior to Tuesday 1 September 2020.

For more information contact Council on (02) 6071 5100 or [info@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@towong.vic.gov.au).

### Proposed Local Law No. 1 - Common Seal and Miscellaneous Penalties

Notice is hereby given that Towong Shire Council, at its meeting held on 7 July 2020, resolved to commence the statutory process in accordance with sections 119 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) to make a new Local Law No. 1 - Common Seal and Miscellaneous Penalties.

The overall purpose and purport of the proposed Local Law as set out in the draft are to:

- Enforce the rules of behaviour for those participating in or present at Council meetings;
- Regulate the use and control of the Common Seal; and
- Revoke Local Law No. 1 of 2019 - Council Meeting Procedures and Common Seal.

A copy of the draft Local Law is available for viewing at the Corryong Council Office, Tallangatta Council Office and on Council's website:

[www.towong.vic.gov.au/about-council/policies-foi-disclosures/](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au/about-council/policies-foi-disclosures/).

Written submissions about the proposed Local Law are invited from any person affected by the Local Law for consideration in accordance with section 223 of the Act. Any person wishing to be heard or represented in support of their submission must specify this in their submission.

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**Cudgewa Hall ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
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**DEATHS**  
**BOND**  
**Joan Elizabeth (nee Findlay)**  
 Passed away peacefully on July 5th, 2020 at Corryong. Aged 97 years.  
 Beloved wife of Ian.  
 Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Fiona and Phil, Bill and Alison, Jamie and Virginia, Gavin and Anne.  
 Loved grandmother of Brooke, Gemma, Eliza, Russell and Jenna, Megan and Brad, Alexander and Christine, Nicholas, Daniel, Mitchell, Kate and Nathan and great Nana Joan of Poppy, Zoe, Jackson, Archie, Oscar and Lilly.  
 Loving daughter of William and Mary Anne (both dec.).  
 Loved sister of Ethel, John, Colin, Harry, Percy, Adelaide, Peggy and Lorna (all dec.).  
 Reunited together forever.  
 The family wishes to thank doctors and staff of Mittamatite Lodge for their care and support over the past 18 months.

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**BOND, Joan Elizabeth (nee Findlay)** - The graveside funeral service for Joan will be held at Corryong Cemetery, Pioneer Avenue, Corryong on Tuesday July 14th, 2020, commencing at 11.30am.  
  
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 This position will be for an initial 13 week period, 16 hours per week. There may be scope to extend the position for the right applicant.  
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**Learn the lingo of farm finance**

Young farmers can learn the 'ins and outs' of managing money, debt and talking to banks at an online workshop next week.  
 The 90-minute online workshop will help young farmers understand the finance options available to achieve their goals.  
 Host, Jane Foster, is a senior consultant specialising in agribusiness at ORM and brings a wealth of experience in farm debt management and financial data analysis.  
 "Understanding where to start with agricultural financing can be overwhelming, so I'll offer some tools and knowledge to help young farmers feel prepared and confident in their decisions when applying for loans," Ms Foster said.  
 The online workshop will also look at how to set realistic goals and whether buying land is necessary to get started in agriculture.  
 Farmers will also be guided through what they need to think about before approaching a bank and what they can expect when it comes to approval processes.  
 "Jane Foster worked at NAB for over a decade and knows the agribusiness sector inside out," said Agriculture Victoria's Young Farmer project co-ordinator, Sarah Wallis.  
 "Young farmers should register for this online workshop to learn and understand the financial lingo so they can talk to banks and other finance partners, plan their futures and make it happen."  
 The online workshop is free to attend on Friday 24 July at 12.30pm and the session will be recorded and made available for those who register.  
 For more information and to register, contact Sarah Wallis on 0419 571 208.  
 'Farm Finance - Getting Prepared' is supported by Agriculture Victoria's Smarter, Safer Farms program.  
 To see more events offered by Agriculture Victoria, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/events.

**Council offers range of jobs**

Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) is currently recruiting for three fixed term traineeship roles as part of its plan to provide additional local employment opportunities in the region.  
 Partnering with TAFE Tumut and TAFE Digital, the three entry level positions are in the areas of financial services, business administration and project management.  
 SVC mayor, Cr James Hayes, said this is the start of a program of traineeships, apprenticeships and cadetships that council will be rolling out over the coming financial year.  
 "The timing of these first three positions will help to fill the gap for those who may have had their schooling interrupted or employment affected by the bushfires or the pandemic, providing them with the opportunity to re-skill or upskill," he said.  
 Council has discussed the entry level program with local schools and training providers to better understand the opportunities that school leavers are seeking and all positions combine on-the-job learning with formal study resulting in a qualification at the end of the term.  
 The Financial Services and Project Management Traineeships are for a 24-month fixed term with completion of a Certificate IV and the Business Administration Traineeship is a 12-month term with completion of a Certificate III.

**The Grapevine**  
 Members of the Corryong Health Auxiliary and friends are invited to meet at the Day Activity Centre on Friday July 17th at 2pm (COVID-19 checks and social distancing apply).  
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 All Saints Anglican Church has received support from a number of Melbourne organisations including donations of clothing and other items which will be available in the church hall today and tomorrow from 10am to 2pm. All welcome to come along for a browse.  
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## MEALS ON WHEELS

Corryong Health

### OP SHOP

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The public is advised that the Corryong Op Shop will be closed until further notice due to the Covid-19 health threat.

## LOCAL POLICE

Corryong - 02 6076 1666 For all emergencies'000'. If local police are absent you will speak directly to the Wodonga Police who will relay a message.

## TOWONG SHIRE & PUBLIC LIBRARY

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**Friday:** Corryong Township, Khancoban.

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## CORRYONG FOODSHARE

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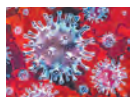
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## STOP THE SPREAD

**Premier Daniel Andrews:-** It's clear we are on the cusp of our second wave and we cannot let this virus cut through our communities. It's why based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, Stage 3 "Stay at Home" restrictions have been reinstated across metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire from today. There'll be only four reasons to leave your home: Shopping for food; care and caregiving; daily exercise; and work and study if you can't do it from home. Otherwise: Stay home. Stay home. Stay home. In case it needs repeating, stay home. We are fighting a global and deadly pandemic.

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Mount Alfred .....	9.00am
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**Upper Murray Sport**



**Funding gives clubs some confidence**

The season might be over before it began for Upper Murray football and netball because of the coronavirus shutdown but the Corryong and Cudgewa clubs have received some good news on the funding front.

Corryong is one of just eight netball clubs and associations from across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia which shared more than \$50,000 in grants under the Confident Girls Foundation Bushfire Recovery initiative.

The Demons have received a \$10,000 grant from Netball Australia's official charity, the Confident Girls Foundation, which established the Bushfire Relief Appeal in March to support associations and clubs within the netball community that were affected by the devastating



January bushfires.

In response to this call for donations, the netball community rallied together and raised more than \$365,000.

This first round of grants will support clubs and associations to recover, providing funds to help rebuild infrastructure, purchase equipment, cover the cost of registrations and fees, hold clinics and special community events and supply uniforms, among many other initiatives.

Confident Girls Foundation CEO, Nadine Cohen, said the devastation

that these organisations experienced is incredibly hard to comprehend.

"Sport and in particular netball, is the lifeblood of our communities and we will continue to work closely with the netball community to support them every way we can going forward," she said.

"The grants program was made possible due to the extraordinary volume of donations from the Australian community and supporters including the Origin Australian Diamonds and Suncorp Super Netball players, coaches and teams, along

with corporate partners Suncorp, HCF, Origin Energy, Woolworths, Nissan, Accor, Telstra and the Nine Network."

The Confident Girls Foundation uses netball as a vehicle for change to help address emotional, social and physical wellbeing.

Member for Northern Victoria, Tania Maxwell, has welcomed funding for 19 sporting clubs across the region who are set to receive a share of \$56,879.64 in VicHealth Active Club Grants Funding; including the Cudgewa club which will

receive \$3000.

Ms Maxwell said sporting clubs were often the heartbeat of small towns and the grants would provide much needed uniforms, equipment and other necessary resources.

"The positive impacts of participation in sport are well known and sporting clubs are integral to the strength and wellbeing of regional communities."

"Coronavirus restrictions have had a significant impact on community sport and the capacity of clubs to raise funds to support their operations."

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**Corryong Results**

Last Wednesday six players hit off with Shirley Turnham the winner with 81 nett over the 18 holes. Ilma Clarke won the lucky ball for most stableford points (17) on 9 holes.

Saturday golf was

again successful with another five new players. Ambrose was again the game of the day with Ian, Brenda Whitehead and Melissa Humphrey the winners. Ros Sheather and Belinda McKimmie were runners-up.

This Saturday July

11th we will again gather at 12.30pm for a 1pm hit off and will play Canadian Foursomes. All welcome. For further information contact Melissa Humphrey on 0438 761 374 or Sue Morley on 0458 010 222.

The club will be open after play so a social drink

can be enjoyed.

Monday 6/7:- The 'Bingo Bango Bongo' was Ilma Findlay with 14 points.

Corryong midweek mixed golf is played 9/18 holes on Mondays and Wednesdays (10am for 10.30 start) - all welcome.

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