



**The Alpine Community Recovery Committee (CRC)** is made up of representatives from across the Alpine Shire and Alpine Resorts to help give a voice to the broad views and recovery goals of local communities.

The Alpine region are working with Federal, State and local government agencies to plan recovery activities. The Alpine CRC provides a direct community voice to these organisations and structures, advocating for the community's recovery priorities and needs at all levels.

The Alpine CRC Community Recovery Plan is an important part of this advocacy.

## THE PURPOSE OF THE CRC

- To advocate for community recovery programs, processes, services and activities that genuinely reflect the needs of our local communities.
- Community engagement and consultation will underpin the development of a Community Recovery Plan (CRP) that will articulate recovery priorities that our community has identified.
- The Plan will become an essential communication and advocacy tool to use with Council and other relevant government and non-government agencies.

## WHAT WE DO

- We Advocate for our communities. We raise issues, plans and actions to government and external agencies, as needed.
- We Influence how things are done by liaising with community, local organisations and all levels of government to ensure our community's recovery needs are a priority.
- We Support others to do things. We play a bridging role in how our communities recover.
- We Enable those who are already resourced to facilitate our recovery priorities.

## WHAT THE ALPINE CRC WILL DO

- Use our voice to inform governments of our priorities to seek change in policies or programs.
- Provide a focus for collaboration between existing and new community actions and projects.
- Raise awareness of how communities can help themselves to be better prepared before the next bushfire emergency in our region.

## WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

(activities beyond the plan)

- Advocated for the Alpine Resorts regions to be included in the LER programme
- Advocated for improvements and changes to the LER Grants process
- Reviewed over 50 community projects for inclusion as a community recovery priority
- Undertook a survey of the community's recovery needs
- Developed a draft Community Recovery Plan for consultation



## THE COMMUNITY RECOVERY PLAN IN ACTION

- **Listening**—a community survey was conducted across the regions of Myrtleford, Bright, Kiewa Valley, Harrietville, Dinner Plain, Falls Creek and Mount Hotham.
- **Identifying needs and priorities**—through the survey, community needs and priorities were identified and placed into 4 key areas of focus: preparedness, response, recovery and resilience.
- **Pathways to implementation**—identified flagship projects that require coordinated region-wide response.
- **Implementing the Recovery Plan**—through alignment with existing and new government projects or community projects, processes and initiatives.
- **Regular updates**—we will publish an annual summary of activities and efforts against this plan and update the community needs, priorities and the list of projects, as necessary. The next update on the plan is scheduled for mid-year.

## IDENTIFIED PRIORITY AREAS

The needs, priorities and proposed projects identified in this plan reflect the community's voice. Community groups, agencies, local government and other organisations will implement the projects as funding and resources allow. The Alpine CRC will use this plan, and the projects listed within it, to advocate for the community's needs; to support our communities to seek funding and resources; and to hold governments and organisations accountable to their commitments to the community.

- **Increasing Preparedness**—to stimulate action of individuals by increasing the connection between people and information, improving environmental protection and promoting localised preparedness planning.
- **Improving Response Capacity**—by improving localised communication from the 'one source of

truth'. Knowing what the experts need you to do in an emergency, improving communication infrastructure and ensuring adequate firefighting equipment for small and remote communities.

- **Improving Recovery Capacity**—increasing access to community and services by planning for social connection activities. Increasing awareness and provision of mental health services and advocating for adequate, affordable and available insurance.
- **Strengthening Resilience**—promoting diversity and cohesion for our local businesses and communities. Enabling policies and planning will build economic strength and diversity to enhance the resilience of our region.

## NEXT STEPS

- **Regular engagement with the community so communities understand what the Community Recovery Plan means for them.**
- **Liaise with relevant government agencies around plans and actions, and advocate for the implementation of projects and actions prioritised by communities.**
- **Focus on the implementation of a series of region-scale flagship projects.**
- **Develop the next phase of the CRP to capture updated community priorities following consultation.**
- **Share the successes of community needs that are in alignment with government plans.**



To find out more, or to read the Community Recovery Plan, visit [www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community-recovery-committee](http://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community-recovery-committee)