

# Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter

## APRIL 2021

Welcome to the eleventh edition of the Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter, a joint initiative by Alpine Shire Council and Bushfire Recovery Victoria.

## LER Round 2 Community Grant Update

The second round of the Local Economic Recovery (LER) Community Grants has now closed. Thank you to everyone who submitted. The assessment process is underway, and applicants will be notified of their progress towards the end of May.

Bushfire Recovery Victoria acknowledge that even with a competitive grant process, some worthy projects may miss out on funding. If your project is unsuccessful in this round, or you weren't ready to apply, it's important to know that LER is not the only source of funding available and it may not be the best avenue for your bushfire recovery project.

Bushfire Recovery Victoria staff can help community groups and organisations to identify priority projects and potential funding avenues. If you have any questions, please visit your local Bushfire Recovery Hub or call 1800 560 760. The Alpine CRC have also identified a range of grant opportunities, which can be found below in Alpine Chat.

## Support for You and Your Loved Ones

If there's someone in your life that seems to be going through a hard time, you may like to consider referring them for support.

- Alpine Health – Make a referral via APMHA Healthcare by contacting 1300 514 811. More information can be found at <https://www.alpinehealth.org.au/healthy-communities/mental-health>
- Medical Centres – 5755 0100 (Bright); 5754 3500 (Mount Beauty); 5751 9300 (Myrtleford)

## Successful Event Funding

Twelve local events have successfully received funding through Round 2 of the Community Bushfire Recovery Event Funding Program. This program was made possible through Australian and Victorian governments under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. The twelve successful applicants include:

- Bright Art Gallery and Cultural Centre Inc | Resilience Art Project
- Bright Fire Brigade | Bright Fire Brigade Awards and Commemoration
- Buffalo River CFA | Buffalo River Family Fun Day
- Cam Walker | Victorian Backcountry Festival
- Harrietville Community Forum | Harrietville Survived 2020
- Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre | Coming Out of the Smoke, RUOK
- Mount Beauty United Cricket Club (three events) | Welcome to Summer, Sunset Cocktail, and Trivia Nights
- Myrtleford Agricultural and Pastoral Show Society | 73rd Myrtleford and District Annual Show
- Myrtleford Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc | Encore Myrtleford Summer Series
- Wandie Trail Runners Inc. | Wandie Cross 2021

## Funding for Aboriginal Communities

Aboriginal Community Mitigation and Crisis Management grants are now open, with \$3.8 million available for strengthening the resilience of Aboriginal communities in bushfire-affected areas. Administered by Bushfire Recovery Victoria, the program has two streams:

- \$1.8 million available for initiatives addressing crisis management, mitigation and planning
- \$2 million available to improve Aboriginal infrastructure to better prepare for future emergency events.

Applications close at 11.59pm on Sunday 16 May 2021. For more information, visit [www.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-community-mitigation-and-crisis-management-grants](http://www.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-community-mitigation-and-crisis-management-grants).

# ALPINE CHAT

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## ABOUT US

Your CRC is made up of representatives from across the Shire and Alpine Resorts to help give a voice to the broad views and recovery goals of local communities.

## MAILING LIST

Have the Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter and Alpine Chat delivered to you. Sign up or get in touch by emailing [info@alpinecrc.org.au](mailto:info@alpinecrc.org.au).

## WHO WE ARE

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**Fiona Laird**  
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**Gail Owen**  
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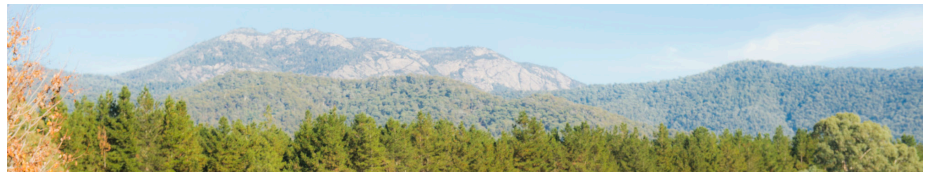
**Malcolm McPherson**  
Dinner Plain

**Jane Shadbolt**  
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**Dani Sheean**  
Falls Creek

**Lachlan Thomas**  
Harrietville and Surrounds

**Nicholas Wright**  
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## ALPINE COMMUNITY RECOVERY PLAN

The Alpine CRC have finalised their first working draft of the Alpine Community Recovery Plan.

This living document is designed as one that is open to development as the Alpine CRC continue to engage with our Alpine communities. It will soon be available on Council's website and the Alpine CRC are preparing consultation opportunities at a local level.

The Alpine CRC will be using this Plan to advocate to government and other relevant organisations and agencies, emphasising the four priority areas of increasing preparedness, improving response capacity, improving recovery capacity, and strengthening resilience. Importantly, the Alpine CRC will link the findings in the Plan into existing policies, strategies and action plans.

## ALPINE CRC SUPPORT

Are you applying for a grant that requires you to demonstrate that your project is supported by the Alpine CRC? The Alpine CRC have put together a proforma to assist you with this step.

Access it today by contacting [info@alpinecrc.org.au](mailto:info@alpinecrc.org.au) or by visiting <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community-recovery-committee> and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

## COMMUNITY PRIORITIES: RECOVERY WITH GATEWAY HEALTH

The Alpine CRC met with Jarryd Williams, Bushfire Recovery Manager for Gateway Health, to discuss personalised assistance for bushfire-affected regions. Jarryd manages a team of 12 who operate in the Alpine, Indigo, Mansfield and Towong Shires, the rural cities of Wangaratta and Wodonga, and the Alpine Resorts.

The primary purpose of the Bushfire Recovery team is to coordinate recovery support for bushfire-affected families and individuals. Recovery Case Managers organise assistance across a variety of areas including mental health, legal aid, financial counselling, grant writing, and material supports including septic systems, private fencing, bedding, clothing, household items, and providing feed for animals. Gateway Health constantly advocate to Local, State and Federal authorities to access supports for individual members of affected communities and lobby for their needs.

The Bushfire Recovery team is currently funded until December, 2021. To find out more about how Gateway Health can support you, visit <https://gatewayhealth.org.au/services/bushfire-recovery-program>. Alternatively, get in touch with Intake Coordinator, Lara, by calling 0418 761 350 or by emailing [bushfirerecovery@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:bushfirerecovery@gatewayhealth.org.au).

## BUSINESS RECOVERY ADVISORY SERVICE FOR ALPINE BUSINESS OWNERS

The Business Recovery Advisory Service is a free service available to business owners in the Alpine Shire and Alpine Resorts for help with business impact assessments, developing recovery plans and resilience mentoring. These strategies can help you reactivate your business and develop sustainable business models to strengthen and thrive now and beyond.

To book a free, one-on-one session with a local Business Recovery Adviser, call Bushfire Recovery Victoria on 1800 560 760 or Business Victoria 13 22 15. Alternatively, visit the Alpine Community Recovery Hub, located in Bright, or complete the online registration form available from Business Victoria's website: [www.business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-recovery-advisory-service](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-recovery-advisory-service).

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### Agriculture Victoria | On-Farm Energy Assessments

The Victorian Government is inviting on-farm businesses to apply for a free on-farm energy assessment. This assessment will provide information on equipment and systems to improve energy efficiency and energy productivity, as well as the opportunity to apply for a grant to invest in energy-efficient technology. Applications close on 15 July, 2021. Find out more by visiting <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/funds-grants-programs/agriculture-energy-investment-plan/on-farm-energy-assessments>.

### Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) | Community Facilities

BRV is delivering grants for up to \$50,000 to community groups seeking to build, upgrade, or repair local facilities. Grants close on 30 June, 2022. Find out more by visiting <https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-grants-community-facilities>.

### BRV | Local Government Authorities and Community Service Organisations

Councils, community groups and organisations, and charities are invited to apply for grants up to \$500,000. Grants close on 31 December, 2021. Find out more by visiting <https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-grants-local-government-authorities-and-community-service-organisations>.

### FRRR | Strengthening Rural Communities

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) grants up to \$25,000 are available for a broad range of community-led initiatives that benefit local communities. Round 9 closes at 5pm on Tuesday, 25 May, 2021. Find out more by visiting <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/strengthening-rural-communities> or by contacting Vivienne McCrory on 1800 170 020 or [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au).

### MLA | Bushfire Recovery Sponsorship Program

Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) is offering sponsorship of up to \$2,500 for red meat and livestock producers to host information sessions that will support producers. Sponsorship is available for events held until 30 June, 2021. Find out more by visiting <https://www.mla.com.au/research-and-development/dealing-with-natural-disasters/mla-bushfire-recovery-sponsorship-program/#> or by contacting [events@mla.com.au](mailto:events@mla.com.au).

### Indi Funding Finder

The Federal Member for Indi has comprehensive information on grants available on their website, including how to apply for grants and upcoming opportunities in the region. For more information, visit <https://helenhaines.grantguru.com.au/>.

## UPCOMING

- **Bushfire Recovery Victoria Local Economic Recovery (LER) Round 3:** opens Monday, 26 July, 2021. Find out more by visiting <https://www.vic.gov.au/local-economic-recovery-program-bushfire-affected-communities>
- **Victorian Government Solar for Business Program:** opens May, 2021. Find out more by visiting <https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/site-4/solar-small-business>
- **Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Round 2:** opens May, 2021. Find out more by visiting <https://www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/>