



Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter

MARCH 2022

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

Reconciliation Action Plan

Council is developing a Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) with support from Reconciliation Australia and Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV).

A Reflect RAP is a Plan designed for organisations looking to begin their reconciliation journey with First Nations peoples.

In developing this Plan, Council is reflecting on our relationships with First Nations peoples in the Alpine Shire and Traditional Owners of Country in this region to work towards sustainable reconciliatory practices. Through this process, Council aims to create a Reflect RAP that is meaningful and mutually beneficial for Council and the First Nations peoples of the Alpine Shire.

Council recognises the importance of engaging Traditional Owners and, thanks to the support of BRV, has developed relationships with both registered and non-registered Traditional Owners of the Alpine Shire.

Council is now seeking input from First Nations peoples to listen to your thoughts about our Reflect RAP.

If you are a First Nations person living in the Alpine Shire and would like to contribute to the development of Council's Reflect RAP, please reach out to our Bushfire Recovery Community Officer by calling **03 5755 0555** or emailing **info@alpineshire.vic.gov.au**.

Input and consultation will be open until Monday 4 April 2022.

There will be an opportunity for non-First Nations people to provide feedback later in the year.

The development of Council's Reflect RAP has been supported by Victorian Government funding.

Detox Your Home

It's time to clean those unwanted household chemicals out of your shed and from under your sink and dispose of them safely at Sustainability Victoria's Detox your Home events on Saturday 7 May 2022.

- **8am – 10am** Beechworth Transfer Station
1620 Diffey Rd, Beechworth
- **1pm – 3pm** Myrtleford Transfer Station
Morrisons Lane, Myrtleford

Co-hosted with Indigo Shire Council, Detox your Home is a free and convenient service for householders to safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals such as weedkiller, cleaning chemicals, old cooking oil, old paint, and cosmetics.

For a full list of accepted items, visit <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepteditems>.

Pouring household chemicals down the drain (or placing them in the bin) pollutes our waterways, harms animals and vegetation, contaminates our water supply and makes rivers and beaches unsafe for swimming.

With community safety in mind, Detox your Home events are now drive-through and contactless, supported by a COVIDSafe plan. We cannot accept walk-ins.

Registration for the event is essential.

Register now by visiting <http://www.sustainability-victoria.eventbrite.com.au>.

For more information, visit Sustainability Victoria's website: <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/DetoxYourHome>.

For safety reasons, containers of more than 20 litres or 20 kilograms will not be accepted. Chemicals can't be decanted, so bring them in their original packaging or inside a disposable container, ensuring they are clearly labelled.

ALPINE CHAT

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ABOUT US

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

Get in touch by emailing info@alpinecrc.org.au.

MAILING LIST

Have the Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter and Alpine Chat delivered to you by visiting <https://eepurl.com/hwZJYz>.

WHO WE ARE

Fiona Nicholls | Chair
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Myrtleford and Surrounds

Jane Shadbolt
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Lachlan Thomas
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Nicholas Wright
Kiewa Valley

Representing our communities.

The Alpine CRC says a fond farewell to Charlotte Chambers, who has resigned from the Committee to concentrate on her studies. We thank Charlotte for her time and contributions to community recovery.

BRV COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS

The BRV Community Project grants are open until 11:59pm on Monday 11 April 2022. This is the third and final round of BRV's Local Economic Recovery (LER) program.

Grants are available for projects in business, economy and tourism, Aboriginal community recovery, wellbeing, environmental and infrastructure recovery projects.

For more information, including how to apply, visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-local-community-projects-grants-fund>.

The Alpine CRC provides a letter of support for groups whose projects align with the community bushfire recovery criteria. If you are applying for a grant and would like your project to be reviewed by the Alpine CRC, access a proforma today by visiting <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community-recovery-committee>.

The Alpine CRC are now meeting monthly, so get in early if you are seeking endorsement.

DIGITISATION OF HISTORICAL ITEMS

Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA) Victoria are offering digitisation services throughout the Alpine Shire and Resorts by establishing temporary digitisation studios in May 2022.

For this project, AMaGA Victoria are looking to employ staff local to the Alpine Shire and Resorts, as well as gain interest from local community members and organisations to attend the digitising sessions in May. Information sessions about the project will be held at the following venues in April:

- Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
2pm on Wednesday 6 April 2022
- Myrtleford Neighbourhood Centre
2pm on Thursday 7 April 2022

RSVP with the venue and your contact details by calling **03 9270 5063 / 1800 680 082** or emailing rjones@amagavic.org.au.

At each session, we will also provide information on preventive conservation for precious items and objects. Attendees will have an opportunity to enter to win a voucher for a local supplier to get you started on your digitisation/conservation journey. Learn more by visiting <https://amagavic.org.au>.

This project is part of the Victorian State Government Regional Business and Economy Recovery Plan (RBERP) and funded under the Local Economic Recovery (LER) Regional Economic Program. The Bushfire Recovery Project is managed by AMaGA Victoria, supported by Creative Victoria.

SUPPORT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES WITH GIVIT

If you're looking for thoughtful ways to help Australians in need, GIVIT is an organisation that supports donations of items, time, and funds. Rather than seeing unwanted donations pile up with nobody to claim them, GIVIT handles donations in a smart way so you can be sure that your items are being directed to the right place.

In times of disaster, charities can find themselves overwhelmed with well-meaning donations that are neither requested or required. GIVIT works with organisations that are often on the ground in times of emergency, meaning that your donations are reaching those who truly need it.

The GIVIT website also lists specific items identified by individuals and communities. If you can't find a match for your intended donation, you can list it on GIVIT's website to be seen by support organisations. Find out more about GIVIT by visiting <https://www.givit.org.au>.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) Community Facilities | Grants are available up to \$50,000 for community groups seeking to build, upgrade, or repair local facilities. Closes 30 June 2022. Visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-grants-community-facilities>.

BRV Local Community Projects (Round 3) | Local projects that support community recovery can apply for funding between \$50,000 and \$2 million. Closes 11 April 2022. Visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-local-community-projects-grants-fund>.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Private Overhead Electric Line (POEL) Scheme | Eligible landowners can apply to have their overhead private powerlines undergrounded, as well as partially or fully bare-wire private powerlines or any insulated private powerlines subject to a current urgent or significant defect notice. Closes 30 June 2022 (subject to available funding). Visit <https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/electricity/powerline-replacement-fund> or contact 03 9918 7315 or safer.powerlines@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) Strengthening Rural Communities | Grants up to \$25,000 are available for a broad range of community-led initiatives. Round 13 closes 31 May 2022. Visit <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/strengthening-rural-communities> or contact Vivienne McCrory on 1800 170 020 or info@frrr.org.au.

Nature-Led Recovery | A joint initiative between BRV, Zoos Victoria and DELWP offers funding of up to \$5,000 for projects to help bushfire-affected communities deliver projects that benefit local wildlife and biodiversity. Visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/nature-led-community-recovery-grants>.

Victorian Government Solar for Business Program | Rebates of up to 50% of the total cost are available for small businesses in Victoria to install approved small-scale solar systems up to 30kW. Find out if you are eligible for a rebate value of up to \$3,500 by visiting <https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/site-4/solar-small-business>.

Visit Victoria Regional Events Fund | Regional communities are invited to apply for funding opportunities that support the acquisition, growth, or planning of events across regional areas. Visit <https://corporate.visitvictoria.com/events/regional-events> or contact Tourism North East on 03 5728 2773.

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>.