



Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter

MAY 2022

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

Emergency Recovery Victoria

Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) is transitioning to Emergency Recovery Victoria (ERV) as part of the recommendation given in the Inspector-General for Emergency Management's (IGEM) Phase 2 report of the Inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian Fire Season.

This recommendation called for the establishment of an all-emergencies entity to drive system and state-wide improvements for recovery from fire, flood, storm, and other events.

This will involve an expansion of its responsibilities as a permanent and comprehensive recovery entity, encompassing all emergencies across the state. Working with emergency management sector partners, ERV will support local communities to continue to get the help they need, when they need it.

The new ERV will lead the recovery sector to help build stronger communities that are better prepared for, and recover faster from, emergencies. With a regional presence across the state, ERV will support local governments impacted by emergencies to deliver services at the local level.

ERV will lead the long-term recovery process following all major emergencies by delivering key services to affected communities through understanding local needs. ERV will empower communities by working with them to shape their recovery.

As BRV transitions to ERV, the agency will continue to work with impacted communities with no disruption to current services or support.

Learn more about supported recovery in Victoria by visiting <https://vic.gov.au/brv>.

Community Grants Open

Applications for the annual Alpine Shire Council Community Grants are now open. The program supports locals to deliver programs and projects to benefit and contribute to the building of healthy, strong, resilient, and connected communities.

Not-for-profit community groups, young people and First Nations peoples, including Traditional Owners, in the Alpine Shire are encouraged to apply.

Learn more and apply by visiting <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/community-grants>.

Applications close at 11:59pm on Thursday 30 June 2022.

Funding for Local Events

Event organisers seeking support for events in the Alpine Shire are invited to apply for Alpine Shire Council's annual Event Funding Program.

The program supports organisers of events to be held in the Alpine Shire in the 2022/23 financial year.

New event funding criteria and permitting conditions have been identified in the Alpine Shire Events Strategy, and come into effect on 1 July 2022. Applications will be assessed on the event's social, environmental, and economic impact, in line with the Strategy.

Council strongly encourages event organisers to read the Strategy and familiarise themselves with these new criteria and conditions before applying.

Learn more and apply by visiting <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/business/events/event-funding-and-support-programs>.

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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

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Representing our communities.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS


Into Our Hands Community Foundation will be running grant writing workshops for our local communities this June, thanks to Alpine Shire Council and Bushfire Recovery Victoria.

Community groups, young people, and First Nations peoples, including Traditional Owners, who are seeking funding from Alpine Shire Council's Community Grants and/or Event Funding Program are encouraged to register and attend.

- **Mount Beauty** Thursday 2 June
5:30pm – 6:30pm | Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
- **Bright** Tuesday 7 June
5:30pm – 6:30pm | The Pavilion Pioneer Park
- **Myrtleford** Thursday 16 June
5:30pm – 6:30pm | Anglican Parish Hall

Bookings are essential. Register by emailing info@intoourhands.com.au.

BUSHFIRE PLACES OF LAST RESORT



BUSHFIRE PLACE OF LAST RESORT
A place to go when your fire plans have failed

What is a Bushfire Place of Last Resort?
A place which may provide protection to you from the direct flames and heat from a bushfire.

If you shelter there you need to bring:

- Food and water
- Protective clothing
- Pet needs
- Mobile phone or radio
- First aid and medication
- You may be there overnight or for many hours

If you shelter there you may experience:

- Strong winds
- Heat
- Smoke
- Emergency services
- Soot fires

It will NOT provide:

- Food and drinks
- Medical services
- Provision for pets
- Emergency services
- Special needs
- You will be on your own

Alpine Shire Council has recently placed Bushfire Place of Last Resort (BPLR) signage across the Alpine Shire.

BPLRs are locations that may provide some protection from direct flame and heat from a fire, but they do not guarantee safety.

The BPLR signs were requested by the Alpine CRC as they align with our priority of increasing local preparedness. To accompany these signs, Council has created postcards to raise awareness of what they are, where they are located, and how they are used.

BPLRs can be found at the following locations across the Alpine Shire:

- **Bright & Wandiligong** Pioneer Park Recreation Reserve Oval
- **Dederang** Recreation Memorial Hall
- **Harrietville** Hall
- **Mount Beauty** Sports Stadium
- **Myrtleford** Ablett Pavilion, RC McNamara Reserve Oval
- **Porepunkah** Hall, Porepunkah Recreation Reserve Oval
- **Tawonga** Memorial Hall

Members of our communities are invited to drop into the **Council Office** in Bright or into our **Visitor Information Centres** in Bright, Mount Beauty, and Myrtleford to pick up these postcards. We also encourage any businesses who may be interested in storing them on their worksites to do so.

PROGRESS REVIEW OF COMMUNITY RECOVERY PLAN

In March 2021, the Alpine CRC developed a Community Recovery Plan to support the aspiration:

‘Our communities are connected, they are prepared, they have the capacity to respond and recover, they are resilient. They are self-sufficient when needed and have the capacity to create the future they want while coping with adversities.’

Now, in May 2022, the Alpine CRC have released a Progress Review of our Plan, which aims to provide a reference for communities to develop their own preparedness and recovery activities, as well as for agencies to use in the prioritisation of their programs.

We have created a Summary of the Progress Review for our communities. Access both the Summary and the full Progress Review by visiting <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/alpine-community-recovery-committee>.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Alpine Shire Council Community Grants | Funding is available for local community groups, young people, and First Nations peoples, including Traditional Owners. Closes 30 June 2022. Visit <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/community-grants>.

Alpine Shire Council Event Funding Program | Grants are available for organisers of events to be held in the Alpine Shire in the 2022/23 financial year. Closes 30 June 2022. Visit <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/business/events/event-funding-and-support-programs>.

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>.

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 14 closes 30 August 2022. Visit <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/strengthening-rural-communities> or contact Vivienne McCrory on 1800 170 020 or info@frrr.org.au.

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>.