

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY NEWSLETTER



Edition 2 – May 2020

WELCOME

Welcome to the second edition of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Bushfire Recovery Newsletter.

The bushfire recovery assistance point in Braidwood is temporarily closed for face-to-face meetings due to COVID-19 but we are still available via phone (6285 6789) and email (recovery@qprc.nsw.gov.au).

This newsletter is one of the new ways we have created to stay in touch, keep you updated and ensure you are on the road to bushfire recovery.

Bushfire Facebook Group

QPRC Bushfire Recovery team has set up a new Facebook Group where the team will upload all the latest information. It will also act as a platform where you can ask questions and reach out to your fellow community.

If you would like to join, search Queanbeyan-Palerang Bushfire Recovery in Facebook.

Talking Bushfire Recovery on Braidwood FM

Through the generosity of Braidwood Community Radio, we are now bringing you two half-hour radio programs each week about bushfire recovery. You can tune in each Wednesday and Friday from 11-11.30am when we'll talk about bushfire recovery with special guests from a range of support services.

This week we will be talking with Rhys from Anglicare and Zora from Headspace.

You can call in with questions on **4842 1312** or text questions to **0419 722 578**

And listen to the show online at www.braidwoodradio.com.au

Message from the Mayor



Council, in partnership with Service NSW and Resilience NSW, will shortly be contacting residents who had their property or business damaged or destroyed in the bushfires to ask you to answer some questions about your recovery. We are doing this to help us better understand what you and the community needs and to let you know about available assistance. Please take the time to complete the survey and I thank you in advance for your responses. The information you provide will help us make the best decisions for our communities.

In my last message, I mentioned a draft Financial Assistance Policy – Drought, Bushfire, COVID-19. This document is now on exhibition and is open for public comment until 21 May. The Policy is not intended to replace Council's existing hardship policy provisions, but to assist individuals, businesses and community groups in the short term and medium term, as the current hibernation of the economy persists, and through their recovery process. You can find the policy and make a comment at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>

Tim Overall, Mayor
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

Special Disaster Grant for Primary Producers

Disaster recovery grants of up to \$75,000 are available for primary producers. **Closes 31 July**

Apply online <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/special-disaster-grant-bushfires>

Or call **1800 319 458**

Community Meeting

As the COVID-19 situation prohibits the Inquiry from continuing to visit communities to hold face-to-face meetings, community consultations are being undertaken via video conference (with an option to participate by phone) to ensure we can continue to hear stories directly from community members.

Below are the details for the upcoming Capital to Coast Community Consultation Session: QPRC

Meeting: Capital to Coast Community Consultation

Location: Online

Date: Wednesday 13 May 2020

Time: 5pm – 6:30pm

If you are interested in attending this meeting, <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/community-meeting-capital-to-coast-13-may-2020-tickets-103487704510>.

Following registration you will receive a confirmation email. Closer to the date, you will receive a link to access the video conference, including dial-in details if you would prefer to participate by phone. .

Community Builders Webinar Series

Rural Aid invites you to participate in the *The Community Builders Series* of free webinars, supporting small towns in rural and remote Australia. These weekly-run webinars, held 10am AEST every Tuesday from 5 May 2020, will focus on community rebuilding and resilience by bringing fresh ideas to help support your community. Topics covered are designed to inspire and help you prepare for post COVID-19. Ideas and discussions shared on long-term viability, being resilient in isolation, tourism initiatives, available grants and how to access them, and more. For more information on this series visit; <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/towns/webinars/>

Dargues Gold Mine Community Grants Program

The Dargues Gold Mine Community Grants Program aims to support and enhance community groups, organisations and infrastructure which provide a sustainable foundation for Majors Creek, Araluen and Braidwood communities.

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to eligible applicants.

For more information visit:

<http://www.divminerals.com.au/dargues-gold-mine/community/community-grants-program/>

Clean-up

Contact Laing O'Rourke on **1800 007 539** for information about the clean-up program.

To register for the clean-up call **13 77 88**.

You Got This Mate

You Got This Mate is a new initiative of the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program.

You Got This Mate is a dedicated website for rural men which provides action-focussed tips and information to help men reach their best possible mental health.

Designed in close consultation with RAMHP's Rural Men's Resource Advisory Group, the website is visually appealing to men, easy to navigate and comprises appropriate content, language and tone suitable to a rural male audience. Like all RAMHP products, information presented on the website is evidence-based, developed with the Research Team of the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health.

For more information visit:

<https://www.yougotthismate.com.au/>

Contact Judy, your local RAMHP Coordinator, on **0417 131 301** or email Judy.Carmody@health.nsw.gov.au.

**Lifeline Bushfire Recovery:
13 43 57**

Beyondblue: 1300 22 4636

**NSW Mental Health Line:
1800 011 511**

Mensline: 1300 789 978

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800

Domestic Violence: 1800 656 463

CONTACT US

It is important during community-led recovery that we hear from you about how you are managing and coping, what issues you are facing, what comments you'd like to make, and any ideas you have to support the community renew. Please share comments or ideas with us by contacting:

Phone: 6285 6789

Email: recovery@qprc.nsw.gov.au

Facebook: @Queanbeyan-PalerangBushfireRecovery

When gathering restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic are lifted, we hope to return to being available for face-to-face meetings from our information and referral point in the Old Braidwood Library building, Park Lane, Braidwood.

**For translating and interpreting assistance
call TIS on 13 14 50**