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Recovery Co-ordinator

Service Updates



RECOVERY CENTRE

1,388 people have registered at Ulladulla Recovery Centre



GREEN WASTE

432 tonnes of green and flood waste processed last week



ENVIRONMENT

200 metres of coir logs for sediment control have been installed across 80 locations



BLAZE AID

1,277 cumulative volunteer days to date, currently based in Kangaroo Valley and Milton

A Word From Vince

Alongside ongoing recovery work, we have a full dance card in March with Community Meetings, Mobile Recovery Hubs, Small Business Roadshows and a Digital Marketing Workshop.

The biggest news this week is the formal commencement of demolition and removal of burned homes in Kangaroo Valley and Conjola Park. Council mailed all registered owners based on Council Rates and Records, confirming contact information. I look forward to providing Laing O'Rourke with a comprehensive contact list shortly. This will complement Service NSW registration and will ensure we reach as many affected residents as possible.

Council encourages local tradies and companies, with skills and services to offer towards recovery, to register through the Bushfire Recovery portal of Council's website. For assistance with registration, please reach out to Council by phone or via the website.

Community Meetings

Fishermans Paradise
38 Anglers Parade,
Thursday 12 March 6 - 7:30pm

We would like to thank Coates Hire who generously donated the use of a generator for this meeting.

Free community sausage sizzle provided by Ulladulla Lions

Children's activities run by Council

Small Business Roadshows (open 6-8pm)

Kangaroo Valley - Tuesday 17 March
Nowra - Wednesday 18 March
Ulladulla - Thursday 19 March

Digital Marketing Assistance

Grow with Google Workshop – Mollymook Golf Club 23 March, 9am – 1pm
Using Facebook – taking EOIs for assistance via [facebook.com/boost/bushfires](https://www.facebook.com/boost/bushfires)

Mobile Recovery Hubs (open 10am - 2pm)

Bringing together key community service providers and agencies that are offering support.

Wandandian Progress Hall, D2683 Princes Hwy
Monday 16 March

Lake Conjola Community Centre
Lake Conjola Entrance Road (cnr Aney Street)
Tuesday 17 March
Tuesday 24 March

Kioloa/Bawley Point Community Centre,
Murramarang Road, Kioloa
Thursday 19 March

Kangaroo Valley Drop-In Centre, 168 Moss Vale Rd
Wednesday 25 March

Sussex Inlet Community Centre, Thomson St
Thursday 26 March

Wandandian Progress Hall, D2683 Princes Hwy,
Monday 30 March

[Check Council's Facebook page for latest info](#)

From Our Community



The Bushfire Bickie Boys raised \$1,500 for the Mayoral Relief Fund.

I, my daughter and her children and friends were holidaying in Vincentia over the New Year period and, as well as following the RFS website, we followed the Council's website linking into the live feeds of the community meetings which were fantastic. So since then I have continued to get the Facebook feeds from the Council.

I just wanted to say how very impressed I am with the way the Council is responding to this ongoing crisis and leading the recovery. Because we were there on New Year's Eve we experienced in a very, very small way how terrible it was for those people who had to evacuate, lost their homes, fought the fires, and experienced the fear and trauma of the fires.

So I just wanted to say congratulations and thanks and keep up the amazing work you are all doing. It makes you feel proud of this country to see such commitment. I have been holidaying on the South Coast for over 40 years and will be back next year. So many thanks and Happy International Women's Day ... you Rock!

Margo Moore



Team Leader Highlights



Michael Paine
*Social Recovery
Action Team Leader*

Social Recovery

RECOVERY CENTRE

As of 9 March, we have had 1,388 people registered at the Ulladulla Recovery Centre. 79 people have registered in the last week. From the 16 March, Ulladulla Recovery Centre will operate from Thursday to Saturday with additional support being offered via Mobile Recovery Hubs.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Council attended the Regional Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee meeting with representatives from other affected LGAs, state and federal agencies working in the health and wellbeing space. Workshops focused on how a recovery support service case management model could be rolled out.

RECOVERY HUBS

Mobile Recovery Hubs started operation in Kangaroo Valley, Lake Conjola and Manyana. The hubs were supported by BlazeAid, Legal Aid, Bushfire Housing Assistance Program, Local Health District Mental Health team, Red Cross, Anglicare and more.



Warwick Papworth
*Built Recovery
Action Team Leader*

Built Recovery

BRIDGE REPAIR

National Disaster Funding has now been approved for the reconstruction of Budgong Road Bridge over School Creek. A funding application for Yerryong Bridge will be submitted this month.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Changes have been made to the Exempt and Complying Development Codes which enable any existing business that has sustained damage in the bushfires to operate from a portable office, such as a shipping container, for up to two years.

CLEAN UP

Laing O'Rourke met with property owners in Conjola Park last week with over 20 site meetings were conducted. It is anticipated clean up works start this week in the area.



Shannan Perry-Hall
*Economic/Tourism Recovery
Action Team Leader*

Economic/Tourism

REGISTER NOW

Laing O'Rourke is looking to engage local suppliers and sub-contractors and would like to hear from anyone that the capability and capacity to provide goods and/or services in affected areas. Call the Laing O'Rourke hotline **1800 007 539**.

COMMUNITY-LED RECOVERY

We are working closely with Business Chambers and Community Groups to maximise the great community-led recovery that is taking place. Chat to your local organisations about what they are doing to support small business.

BLAZE AID

Funding has been secured for BlazeAid to operate from Milton and Kangaroo Valley for six months. BlazeAid are looking for volunteers, if you are interested please contact BlazeAid at bit.ly/335nk1Y



Shane Pickering
*Environment Recovery
Action Team Leader*

Environment Recovery

SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL

With the assistance of Woollahra Municipal Council, 200 metres of coir logs for sediment control have been installed across 80 locations in Conjola Park and Lake Conjola. The coir logs protect the drainage lines and 60 stormwater inlets.

WILDLIFE RECOVERY

A new wildlife recovery newsletter has been put together by NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service. This edition looks at monitoring wildlife stations, the value of unburnt bushland and wildlife recovery stories.
Read here: bit.ly/3cJwF7u

WATER QUALITY

With ash, sediment and debris washed into our catchments, initial monitoring found lowering dissolved oxygen levels and increasing nitrogen levels, raising concerns. Regular monitoring is seeing levels return to normal, with our waterways and beaches continuing to be suitable for swimming.
More info at bit.ly/3aETrvv