

Bushfire Recovery

NEWSLETTER 12 JUNE 2020



Service Updates



BlazeAid

A small, local volunteer BlazeAid presence remains at Kangaroo Valley and Milton.



Bushfire Helpline

The Bushfire Assistance Helpline is available Monday to Friday during business hours on 02 4429 5888.



Waste Update

17,200 tonnes of waste from 274 homes, of which greater than 90% is recyclable.



From Our Community

Emergency food drops helped the entire Kangaroo Valley brush-tailed rock-wallaby colony to survive.

A Word From Vince

The Recovery Helpline team continues to contact residents who registered with Council after the bushfires. Between calls, the team is reaching out to unregistered property owners identified by Laing O'Rourke as potentially eligible for Government funded clean-up of their properties. The clean-up is drawing rapidly towards completion and Council is intent on having most, if not all destroyed property cleared prior to Laing O'Rourke's departure from the Shoalhaven. Laing O'Rourke is confident it will achieve the State Government's target of cleaning up all registered and eligible properties by 30 June.

There are many pleasing Shoalhaven bushfire recovery indicators. Waste management has achieved a recycling rate of 93% of uncontaminated debris from cleared properties; over \$43m business and agricultural grant applications made, easing of COVID-19 restrictions and the steady re-opening of tourism, as well as the Spend Here This Year Campaign. Environmental remediations to restore waterways, flora and fauna are also in place and continuing. We still remain mindful of the significant distress and trauma felt by so many and the long road ahead for affected residents and visitors. Continue to stay safe and call the Recovery Helpline if Council can assist in any way.

Vince Di Pietro - Recovery Co-ordinator

Social Recovery

Lions District Disaster Relief Fund - Funds for residents affected by bushfires has been provided by the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Eligible items include water tanks, fire pumps, sheds, stables, tools, fencing, and farm equipment. Interior damage to homes qualifies with evidence of contents requiring replacement or repair. Money already spent, cash or vouchers and damage to domestic gardens do not qualify. Contact Brian Thompson, Ulladulla Milton Lions Club Disaster Committee member on 0402 591 356 or email b-thompson@bigpond.com for further information.

Michael Paine

Social Recovery Action Team Leader

Economic/Tourism

The successful Rejuvenate Shoalhaven campaign, launched post bushfire, has been revived and is back in market. It's a great way to welcome people back, through the lens of things (still) being a little bit different. The campaign will target Sydney, Canberra and regional audiences, to stimulate bookings and to encourage visitors to be conscious travellers.

Shannan Perry-Hall

Economic/Tourism Recovery Action Team Leader

Environment

With 70 per cent of the Shoalhaven covered by National Parks, State Forest or Crown Lands, it is encouraging to see activities undertaken to aid recovery. Activities include aerial food drops in Kangaroo Valley, feral animal control programs, as well as works undertaken to prepare Parks ready for visitors. For more information visit www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/about-npws/fire-recovery-2020

Shane Pickering

Environment Recovery Action Team Leader

Built Recovery

As recovery moves into the rebuilding stage, applications to rebuild are progressing well. To date, 22 dwelling Development Applications have been lodged with nine approved. 29 additions, outbuildings and other Development Applications have been lodged, with 18 approved. With the clean-up nearing completion, Council is expecting an increase in applications lodged.

Warwick Papworth

Built Recovery Action Team Leader



Vince Di Pietro

*Recovery
Co-ordinator*



Shannan Perry-Hall

*Economic/Tourism
Recovery Action
Team Leader*



Shane Pickering

*Environment
Recovery Action
Team Leader*



Warwick Papworth

*Built Recovery
Action
Team Leader*



Michael Paine

*Social Recovery
Action
Team Leader*