

Bruthen District Recovery Committee Community Priorities Document

This document has been developed with information provided by community members who filled out the Recovery Survey sent to all residents in 2020, past Community Plan's (outcomes yet to be achieved), Bruthen's IGEM submission, along with CRC discussion and consultation with other local agencies.

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Priorities	Ideas	Actions	Partners	Achieved
Resilience and Sustainability				
Water	Issues including water loss during fire event and storage	Work with EGW to address issues faced during fires Storage options for residents	East Gippsland Water East Gippsland Shire Bushfire Recovery Victoria	Worked with EGW to identify issues. They have upgraded, replaced pumps and opened the value to allow town water to refill more quickly. 100,000l water tank and bore being installed at Bruthen Recreation Reserve. Negotiated a significant discount on personal steel water tanks for residents
	Static water tanks for firefighting	Bruthen town centre	East Gippsland Shire Council Bushfire Recovery Victoria	Successful funding application to BRV for a Static Water Tank Bruthen town center install June 21
Preparation	Education	Get information out from the CFA and CRC on the importance of tanks, turning off water when evacuating Bulk buy tanks for homes Importance of clean up before fire season – work with agencies to have a 12-month calendar of fire preparation developed	CRC CFA East Gippsland Shire Council DEWLP	Tambo Rambler article which provided update on water loss and steps taken to address. CFA education article in the Tambo Rambler – continuing Tanks deal – WaterLine Tanks Ongoing
Local Incident Management Plans for localities	Community Conversations	Community debrief and informed update of localized LIMPs	Community CFA DEWLP East Gippsland Shire Council	Aug/Sept 21 – Delayed due to COVID restrictions. Rescheduled for Sept 30. LIMP summary for the fridge sent to all residents Sept 21
	Update and widely disseminate LIMPs by locality	Including Safer place (place of last resort by locality)	Community CFA	Working with the East Gippsland Shire Council Emergency

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	Information on Relief Centre localities		East Gippsland Shire Council	Management team to update localised LIMPS

Priorities to influence - Resilience and Sustainability

	Support for the CFA to operate effectively with local knowledge			
	Government to declare safe place and equip appropriately			State Government
	Variety of consultation for community plans, activities and strategies			All agencies
Fuel loads	Fuel loads kept at health minimum - Cool burns Reduction burns Indigenous burning practices Planned burns taking place: https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/joint-fuel-management-program			Forest Fire Management DEWLP – in conversation with DEWLP about required burns behind Bruthen CFA



Bruthen Neighbourhood House

Priorities	Ideas	Actions	Partners	Achieved
Aboriginal Culture and Healing				

Priorities Ensure the Aboriginal community members voices are heard in recovery	Ideas Celebrate First Nations people	Actions Engage a local Aboriginal artist to paint the Bruthen static water tank	Partners Community CRC GEGAC GLaWAC	Achieved Working in partnership with GEGAC to engage Alan Soloman to paint the new Bruthen town centre static water tank – will be completed when tank is ready to seal. Imminent.
	Support the Bruthen Primary School to extend work into the wider community	Make connection with the school and support	Community CRC GEGAC GLaWAC	Connection with school made, ongoing discussions on how we can connect and support.
	Link recovery to Aboriginal perspectives Cultural healing events	Ensure events are culturally safe and welcoming. Work with partners to support them to deliver culturally appropriate activity	Community CRC GEGAC GLaWAC Bushfire Recovery Victoria East Gippsland Shire Council	Welcome and Smoking ceremony at Winter Festival Events. Acknowledgement at all meetings. Connection made with GLaWAC and GEGAC Case support officers. Connection made with Cultural Healing Coordinator at Bushfire Recovery Victoria.

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Social Recovery				
Bring people together for the health, wellbeing and connectedness of the community	Support existing groups to deliver events Access funding to support existing groups	• Yoga, tai chi, table tennis • Arts and cultural events • Workshops – expressive arts • Art therapy • Art classes • Family activities -BBQ's, special guests • Outdoor exercise activities / Fun physical activity • Book exchange points • Community radio • Makers space in Bruthen	Bruthen Arts and Events Bruthen Recreation Reserve Gippsport GEGAC ConnectWell East Gippsland Shire Council Bushfire Recovery Victoria Windermere Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House	Free yoga supported by Connect Well advertised after COVID lockdown. Term 3 2021. <u>Arts and Events Council</u> Winter Festival events supported by Connect Well. Lantern making workshops Blue Festival launch <u>Neighbourhood House</u> Free Art therapy, Expressive arts, drawing and painting classes. Creative Space for artists and makers' 2021 Book Group – ongoing Stories workshops x2 2021 Community days – Recovery Ride, Bouncebackability Event Food Swap Markets Funding to support Blues Festival 2022 confirmed.
Communication	Create a rolling calendar of events for the district	Update BDCA website	Bruthen and District Citizens Association Community Recovery Committee East Gippsland Shire Council	Working with EGSC to build capacity and update website. Pages that link to all subgroups will be included along with a rolling calendar to include all Bruthen district events/sports/meetings etc.
	Ensure open, two-way communication between the CRC, groups and		East Gippsland Shire Council Neighbourhood House Tambo Rambler	Updates in Tambo Rambler Survey Mailouts

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	community members within the Bruthen District			Neighbourhood House Facebook updates and quarterly mail-out
	Create and maintain relationships with government and agency partners to access support and to advocate for the Bruthen District	Work with the East Gippsland Shire Council, DEWLP, Bushfire Recovery Victoria, East Gippsland Water, CFA, Windermere and others to facilitate the delivery of priorities		Ongoing
Early Years and Youth	Advocate for and find ways to support Capture youth voice/youth led	• Youth worker • Youth group • Support for young people • Social enterprise • Students at work program • Wildlife rangers – young people • School holiday program	Save the Children Neighbourhood House Gippsport East Gippsland Shire Council – Youth officer Social Enterprise EG Parks Vic GLaWAC Royal Flying Doctor Service	Neighbourhood House: School Holiday programs Bike building workshops Drumming workshops YAC Vic training on Youth Participation, Ethics and Child Safe Standards July 21 Gippsport Youth led activity starting over the June/July holidays Youth Officer engaged to support Bruthen – Kurt Grieve, Royal Flying Doctor Service started September 21.
Aged / at risk community	Strategy for evacuation (buddy system, register) Assistance with clean up before fire season	Neighbourhood House programs	Vic Police East Gippsland Shire Council Neighbourhood House	Committee members will approach Bruthen Police to assist with ringing around in lead up to an event Will discuss watching out for vulnerable neighbours in Community Conversations
Health	Mental health and health prevention	Help to promote services available. Currently the 2 days per week is underutilized.	GLCH	Contacted GLCH to discuss opportunities and barriers to increasing health care in Bruthen.

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				Sue Medson (CEO GLCH) attending CRC 12 July to discuss further (Sue unable to attend – awaiting replacement meeting with new CEO)
	Access to Recovery support		Windermere GLCH Case Management	Letters gone to all households from Windermere offering support, agency profiles shared
	Mental health, first aid, CPR courses		Bruthen Neighbourhood House	Mental health first aid courses delivered. First Aid course offered through Neighbourhood House

Priorities to influence - Social Recovery

Health system for Bruthen district.

Contacted GLCH to discuss opportunities and barriers to increasing health care in Bruthen. Will continue to engage and lobby for increased services in Bruthen district. Ongoing



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Biodiversity and Environment				
Understand and educate Climate change and the effect on future events	Teach young people about how to care for nature		Parks Victoria Landcare East Gippsland Shire Council	CRC met with Landcare to discuss projects and opportunities East Gippsland Shire Council releasing an Environment and Sustainability Strategy in October 2021 for community feedback.
	River health and access	East Gippsland Water ways strategy Greater waterflow through the old Tambo River water course Clearer access to the Tambo River from Bruthen Stop cattle accessing river system	Catchment Management Authority Landcare	Landcare grant being submitted to keep cattle off the riverbanks and revegetation of Tambo river bank of to stop erosion.
	Weed Management		DEWLP	Flyers available to help identify weeds after fire.
	Revegetation		Landcare	Revegetation planting at Fairy Dell planned for 2021

Priorities to influence - Biodiversity and Environment				
	Advocate for preservation and considered management of natural environment – protect biodiversity			Biodiversity projects – nesting boxes

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Built Environment (Infrastructure)				
Upgrade to community assets	Bruthen Mechanics Hall	• Toilets, showers, kitchen • Acoustics • Staging and backstage area • Props • Storage • Trip hazards – level floor • Planting out the front to make more attractive • Like Live at Bundy Hall – reno and regular events • Upgrade to make safer place for people who cannot evacuate – fit for purpose • Inclusive and accessible • Electrics – has been required but more to fix • Outside lighting	Committee of Management East Gippsland Shire Council Bushfire Recovery Victoria	Grant application being submitted for kitchen upgrades Sept 21 Full paint of hall complete. East Gippsland Shire project to upgrade electrics to take generator in case of emergency, Audio Visual equipment to ensure contact in an emergency and ember proofing project ongoing.
	Mossiface Hall	• Erosion has exposed stumps at the back of the hall • Leak in roof causing black mould • Painting inside and out	Committee of Management	Grant application to address all submitted to Bushfire Recovery Victoria in August 21. Awaiting outcome.
	Bruthen Recreation Reserve	• Toilet facilities • Oval – make compliant for finals • Netball courts • Tennis Courts • Changerooms	Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Successful grant application for changerooms, toilets, first aid room extension \$1m+ Master planner engaged and East Gippsland Shire Council supporting. 100K liter tank and bore going in June 21

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		• Make more resilient for future natural disasters		
	Neighbourhood House	• Insulation • Landscaping • Windows	Committee of Management	Funding application in progress
	Bruthen Streetscape	• Safer crossing points • Streetlights • More seating • New toilets • Bicycle parking	East Gippsland Shire Council Community Vic Roads BDCA	Progressing. Project Control Group meeting regularly. First stage of community consultation on traffic flow complete Sept 21. Next phase is to rework designs taking into account community feedback to share with community before moving onto detailed landscaping plan and flow testing to ensure any changes are workable for community before they happen.
	Rail Trail / walking trails	• Upgrades to make more attractive • Extend bike trails especially Sarsfield to Bruthen • Better signage • Maintenance • Fix trails where firebreaks destroyed sections	Rail Trail Committee of Management Landcare Community DEWLP	Rail Trail committee of management have received several million in funding to upgrade and maintain. Latest round of funding to resurface the Rail Trail from Bairnsdale to Nowa Nowa
	Connectivity	• Improve connectivity of trails around Bruthen • Footpath to cemetery • Pump track • River walks • Connect to nature	East Gippsland Shire Council Landcare Catchment Management Authority	Connectivity improvements to be built into streetscape project where possible. Further discussions with Regional Roads Victoria, DEWLP and Parks underway.
	Big sky thinking – holding on to everyone's ideas.	• Swimming pool • Botanical garden • Water park/play space		Want to hold onto all ideas but will focus on priorities above in the first instance.

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Economic				
Support for local business	Streetscape – economic activation and place making		East Gippsland Shire Council Small Business Victoria BDCA Business	Project Control Group, including community members meeting regularly. Successful grant application for \$1m+ plus an extra \$450,000 from the Shire to deliver when community consultation phases are complete.



Mossiface looking to Bruthen