Cobungra Community Emergency Plan

Cobungra is located in the northern part of the Omeo region. Our properties are surrounded by national parkland. We are well-connected and look out for each other. We have strong linkages with Omeo and our northern neighbours in Dinner Plain.

This **Cobungra Community Emergency Plan** sets out how we respond as a community in an emergency. Our community actions below are key activities taken by our community in the first 72 hours of an emergency, before state and other agencies can physically attend.

Emergency contacts

- STAND Satellite/Wi-fi/charging (generator) capability at Cobungra CFA Shed
- ABC Radio 720 FM
- Channel 20 (or Ch 40 on the road)
- https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/

Community Action	Expectation of Agency(s)
Fire season commences • Livestock to graze around assets, clear properties • Clean up house/property • Test sprinkler, pumps • Locate local static water tank(s) for times of emergency	• Pre-season briefing re importance of evacuating early • Critical to keep both Mt Battery Tk and back track to Cobungra Estate accessible for alternative access • DELWP seeks local input for Asset Protection Zones in the Joint Fuel Management Plan • Completed CFA Shed and carpark expansion serve as a community meeting place and information point
Smoke/fire in the landscape • Cobungra CFA Shed as assembly point • Keep well-stocked pantries, medications and fuel • Look out for each other • Refer to Cobungra LIMP (tbc)	• Agencies to be engaged and provide locals with timely communications. i.e., let us know when back-burning so we can manage it (eg. not let the gal burn off the fencing) • Develop Cobungra LIMP with Cobungra CFA Sheds as assembly point
Communications • Satellite/Wi-Fi/Generators for charging at CFA Shed, which also serves as a community meeting place • Most have UHF radios • ABC Radio 720AM • Most have boosters as well as landlines, due to limited mobile coverage • Many have satellite NBN	*Communications:* • Require timely, up to date and accurate information about conditions • Rely on communication from agencies to the North *Telecommunications infrastructure:* • Telstra to boost mobile capacity, which drops when its crowded (eg. Easter, snow season, times of emergency)
Power out • We are self-sufficient, living off-grid with own generators • Power is necessary for the telecommunications infrastructure	• Ensure plan for timely refuelling of generators for telecommunications tower where power outage • Create connection from Omeo to Dinner Plain to provide an power infrastructure loop

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Road closures • Locals carry proof of address, eg. 2nd wallet (ID, Property Identification Code number and/or rates notice) • Locals have a "pecuniary interest" (mention at roadblock)	• Timely, accurate and current information about access routes (websites, VicEM App) • Timely response to call-outs re road blockages • Those enforcing road incident control protocols need to be properly briefed about local hazards, conditions and to allow locals through
Goods, food, water, fodder delivery • Food, bottled water, donated goods, fodder delivered to CFA Shed • Individuals to collect from CFA Shed	• Water tanks trucked in from Dinner Plain
Meals • Community freezer at CFA Shed, where meals can be heated	• Emergency worker meals delivered to CFA Shed
Livestock/ pets • Individual responsibility to manage	• Prioritise permits (easy process) to allow vets, stock and fodder transport (road access) • Farmers put down own stock if suffering
Call to Evacuate • Capture who's staying, going, how much water, etc. in a spreadsheet • Evacuate early where don't have capability to defend property • Notify neighbours when evacuating	• Respect decision to not evacuate (i.e., stay) with livestock