Health service adds more protection

The mandatory wearing of masks or face shields for all staff coming in contact with clients has been implemented by Corryong Health. It has also expanded the requirement for masks to be worn by all visitors to the Acute Ward as well as the Residential Aged Care Facility.

“This decision follows the announcement by Commonwealth Health Minister, Greg Hunt, last Thursday that all aged care workers are to wear masks in Victoria,” said Corryong Health CEO, Dominic Sandilands.

“The Upper Murray communities need to be vigilant against the transmission of COVID-19, so we have therefore expanded this requirement across all services, not just Aged Care.”

“Masks will be mandatory for all visitors to Corryong Health inpatients and their use is also encouraged but not required, by clients attending outpatient appointments or the Day Activity Centre.

“Due to the need to preserve supplies of masks for workers, we require that from Monday 27th July, visitors bring their own disposal or re-usable mask,” Mr Sandilands added.

“Disposable masks must be discarded after a maximum of four hours use and re usable masks must be cleaned each day to be effective. Corryong Health will provide disposable masks until Monday.

“Disposable masks are available for purchase at Corryong and Khancoban Pharmacies and re usable masks are available online.”

“I would like to thank our Corryong Health workers for their ongoing commitment to the fight against COVID-19 and ensuring the safety of our most vulnerable citizens,” Mr Sandilands said.

“I would also like to thank our community for actively practicing good hygiene and keeping 1.5 metres of distance.

“If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and get tested by calling Corryong Health on 02 6076 3200.”

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This bulletin provides regular updates and stories about bushfire recovery across Victoria’s fire-affected areas. Bushfire Recovery Victoria proudly works in partnership with Towong Shire Council and the local community to support bushfire recovery.

### SHORT-TERM MODULAR HOMES COMING FOR FAMILIES

Families who lost their primary place of residence in the bushfires will have the option of moving into quality, modular homes on their property while they progress their permanent rebuild.

This is just one option that the government is providing for people, such as those who are currently in emergency accommodation, so they can return back to their land and live in a newly-built, high-quality modular home for up to three years while they complete their permanent rebuild.

Through the Case Support Program, we’ve been working with eligible families to discuss the option and conduct site inspections – and while that’s all happening, the homes are getting built at the factory so they’re ready to deliver and install on sites soon.

Recipients of the housing will pay hiring fees benchmarked to public housing rates, with hardship arrangements put in place if needed to ensure that fees do not exceed 25 per cent of a household’s total income.

This option won’t be for everyone, but it’s important the option is there. For those families who don’t want to take it up, we’ll keep working with them to make sure they can stay in DHHS emergency housing or other arrangements that are secure.

### BUSHFIRE CLEAN-UP IS 90 PER CENT COMPLETE

The 2020 Clean-up program is around 90 per cent complete.

The new COVID-19 restrictions have had little to no impact on the rate of the clean-up, with crews currently clearing around 30 properties per week.

In Towong Shire, 168 of 186 properties are completed.

483 of 551 properties in East Gippsland are complete.

Clean-up is also fully complete in Alpine Shire.

The program is on track for the estimated completion date of the end of August.

Clean-up is a huge project spread across hundreds of properties across the state cleared of bushfire debris as of July 30.

### PRIMARY PRODUCERS CAN:

- Apply for the $75,000 Emergency Bushfire in Primary Industries grant for directly-affected primary producers. Visit brv.vic.gov.au or ruralfinance.com.au for more information.
- Apply for the $10,000 Small Business Bushfire Support Grant to cover lost income. This grant is available if your farm business was directly or indirectly affected. Visit brv.vic.gov.au or ruralfinance.com.au.
- Apply for Concessional Loans of up to $500,000. Visit brv.vic.gov.au or ruralfinance.com.au.
- Access the fencing repair and upgrade program for fences bordering national parks, state parks and state forests. Visit brv.vic.gov.au or call DEWLP on 136 186.
- Seek free and confidential advice from the Rural Financial Counselling Service. Call 1800 686 175.
- Access the free Victorian Bushfires Case Support Program for more support. Call 1800 560 760.

This isn’t a full list of support available. You can find more at brv.vic.gov.au, by calling 1800 560 760 or visiting a Hub.

### WE’RE HERE TO HELP YOU

Bushfire Recovery Victoria can connect you to the support you need. If you’re seeking personal support, you can access the Victorian Bushfires Case Support Program free by calling 1800 560 760. Nothing is too big or too small, so please reach out.

You can also call, visit the Hub or visit brv.vic.gov.au to access practical help such as assistance with grants. Hub locations are on our website. Drop in and say hello.
New Grants
The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Strengthening Rural Communities program has been expanded with flexible criteria. Grants are available for grassroots, community-led initiatives. Applications are ongoing and assessed quarterly. There are two funding streams available.
1. Small & Vital – grants up to $10,000. Communities with fewer than 15,000 people are prioritised.
2. Bushfire Recovery – grants up to $25,000 for projects that enhance the recovery of bushfire affected communities.

Go to frrr.org.au for more information or call the Recovery Hub.

Your town your say
WORK towards recovery and renewal is moving ahead with CRCs taking the reins on the community-led recovery process. It’s not too late for communities to get together to talk about recovery priorities. State Government funding is starting to roll out now and will be available for sometime to come.
Last Thursday, the Upper Murray Community Recovery Committee (CRC) was selected with Dominic Sandilands as chair.
UMCRC, which also factors in cross-border communities is a platform for advocacy, maximising resources and to facilitate cross-linking and strategic impact across the region.
CRCs are being established in towns and valleys, each with their own needs. These will be informed by their own communities and have a representative on the UMCRC.
The Walwa CRC, chaired by Janice Newnham, has submitted its first funding application.
A meeting was held in Cudgewa on July 2. This week postcards were delivered to all residents in the 3705 postcode, Colac Colac, Lucynale and Beringama inviting them to the next meeting on July 28 where a committee will be formed and priorities considered.
Other communities are at different stages of development. A meeting was held in Towong Hall on July 22 and at Thowgla Hall on July 24.
Nariel Valley is yet to organise a group and Tintaldra is working towards its Avenue of Honour.
COVID has slowed progress making it difficult for people to get together. Also, individuals are in different stages of recovery, so it’s hard for some to focus on community renewal.
If you would like to know more, contact the Recovery Hub in Corryong.

Recovery Contacts
Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub: 1800 518 222, email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au, cnr Donaldson St & Towong Rd Corryong, Open 9am-4.30pm Monday-Friday
Bushfire Recovery Victoria: 1800 560 760 or email connect@brv.vic.gov.au
Grants: Bushfire Support Finder www2.deloitte.com/au/bushfire
Workplace manslaughter is now a jailable offence.

As an employer, if a workplace death is caused by criminal negligence, you could face up to 25 years in jail, and fines up to $16.5 million. If you don’t take care of your employees at work, and make sure they can return home safe every day, we’ll make sure that you face the consequences.

Everyone. Every workplace.
One person’s trash is another’s treasure, so it goes and Wodonga engineer, Raymond Bertazzo, has brought the old saying to life.

Raymond, the Bertazzo Engineered owner, has delivered 11 Warm Your Heart and Bum fire pits to the Upper Murray Recovery Hub, all made from offcuts.

‘I saw an article on my newsfeed about shipping containers with tiny bathrooms and kitchens being delivered to people who’d lost their homes,’ Raymond said.

‘I thought ‘poor buggers, they must think everyone’s forgotten about them, they’re all worried about COVID-19’.’

‘If you remove the curtain of COVID, behind it there’s some people having a really rough time. I hate seeing that waste go into the bin so I thought ‘surely, we can make them a fire pit’.’

The offcuts weren’t quite enough, so Raymond called a mate, the managing director at Apex Metals in Melbourne, about his idea. He needed more materials and all his mate wanted to know was ‘how much?’.

Raymond’s mate, Nello Compagnino’s old school friend was Mark Vassello, chief executive at BlueScope Steel and with one phone call, the materials were sorted.

Next, he dropped in to see Michael Pryor, branch manager at Mainfreight in Wodonga and within an hour the transport to ‘anywhere’ was lined up.

He just needed something to put them in and local plant manager at Visy, Ricky Skye, jumped straight in.

‘All he asked was how many boxes we needed and whether we want something printed on them,’ Raymond said.

‘It was the same deal with Bill Brown from Signode who supplied strapping and Ben Kemp from Vitasy Australia who allowed us to upcycle their pallets.’

Brooke and Leanne McKimmie from Towong were among those grateful to collect their fire pit on Wednesday last week.

‘Something like this is fantastic,’ he said.

‘This will allow me to dry out and stay warm. We’re very grateful, thank you.’

The Corryong Relief Centre has received support from far and wide in the wake of the January bushfires, particularly in the early weeks after the disaster. One of the generous donors has been Bisley Workwear which contacted its local agent, Amare Safety in Albury, to see how they could assist.

Amare branch manager, Dale Smith, suggested that Bisley wait until later in the year to see what was needed when winter arrived. It was a smart decision as many locals have benefited from a recent $4000 donation of winter gear from Bisley Workwear including pants, shirts and coats.

Relief Centre co-ordinator, Kath Spicer, thanked Bisley Workwear for the timely donation and Dale Smith from Amare Safety for his efforts in cataloguing the clothing and working with Gateway Health to get it to Corryong.

Ms Spicer added that demand at the relief centre had eased in recent weeks and they were now able to supply the Batlow Relief Centre with stock as it had not received as much support as others.

Corryong has also received support from other groups including the Westmont Village Social Committee which donated men’s clothing and 30 x $50 shopping vouchers to be spent locally.

Foodshare has also been the recipient of a generous donation from Rotary Wodonga District 9790. FoodShare also has new 1,000 litre food grade water pods still available which have been donated by Shutz. Call Pastor Douglas on 0427 014 935 if you need water pods, furniture and white goods or Pastor Carol on 0427 762 051 for food, clothing and linen.
GET TESTED
IF YOU’VE GOT
THESE SYMPTOMS

If you have any of these symptoms get tested and stay home.

- Fever
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Chills or sweats
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

Getting tested means you keep yourself, your friends, family, workplace and your community safe.

It’s not over yet.

Find out where to get tested visit
vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS

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Rail trail leads to recovery

Towong Shire Council has been successful in securing a $160,000 grant for further development of the High Country Rail Trail.

The Australian government has recognised the importance of recovering the tourism industry in bushfire affected regions and has committed a total of $10 million to the program.

This new funding will support the development of a masterplan for the future of the High Country Rail Trail, design and installation of consistent signage en-route and the implementation of a significant cycle tourism marketing campaign over three years.

Towong mayor, Cr David Wortmann, said that investment in the rail trail will attract the growing cycle tourism market to the shire and stimulate the local economy.

"After parts of the trail were directly impacted by the bushfires, we knew that a strong future plan would help to fuel economic recovery in the region," he said.

"Opportunity exists to invest in the promotion of cycle tourism to bring visitors to the trail and ultimately, to the towns alongside it, which will be welcomed by fire impacted communities."

The High Country Rail Trail runs from Wodonga to Shelley and showcases several attractions within Towong Shire including the Sandy Creek Bridge, Lake Hume and the recently restored Boggy Creek Trestle Bridge.

The trail is entwined in unique local history, from the development of the rail line in 1887, through to the construction of the Hume Dam and relocation of Tallangatta in the 1950s. The line also shares a part in the Snowy Mountains hydro-electric scheme and Bonegilla Migrant Centre.

Council will work alongside Parklands, Albury Wodonga, The High Country Rail Trail Advisory Committee, and Tourism North East to deliver the project.

"Council continues to advocate for future opportunities to help our tourism industry recover from the summer’s bushfires and COVID-19 restrictions," Cr Wortmann added.

The funding is provided under the Australian government’s National Bushfire Recovery Agency, under the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery (RTBR) Grant Program - Stream 2.

Businesses backers get a tip of the hat

During July, which is Rural Aid’s month of thanks, the charity is shining a spotlight on the brands and businesses that quietly donate to Australian farmers throughout the year.

Rural Aid CEO, John Warlters, said that there are a large number of ways everyday Australians can support primary producers via brands and businesses supporting Rural Aid.

"Aussie farmers, so we want to make sure that Australians support these businesses in return," Mr Warlters said.

Due for a new work kit? King Gee will kick in $5 to Rural Aid for each pair of tradie utility cargo pants purchased.

Need new sannies? Ugly Fish Eyewear see it to that Rural Aid receives $2 for each pair sold.

For the keen cook, Mr Warlters said you can help by buying flour and pasta through Good Harvest Co.

"Known who they are in a simple way you can make your next shop count. Whether it’s five cents or five dollars donated, we thank you for supporting these brands."

Purchases of Woolworths’ Spring Water 24 packs, Nulite Fruit Juices, Capilano Honey’s Hive and Wellness packs, bottles dropped at TORMA recycling centres, wedding specialists Bush Registry, and country designer Bandicute’s bee earrings all include a donation to Rural Aid.

Get involved or find the list of our supporters at: www.ruralaid.org.au/retail

"Especially at a time when financial uncertainty is very real, our donors and followers can continue to support our farmers just by doing their normal shopping, without having to commit a monetary donation that may not be feasible for many at this time," Mr Warlters said.

For the keen cook, Mr Warlters said that King Gee will kick in $5 to Rural Aid for each pair of tradie utility cargo pants purchased.
Obituary:- Andy Alston Albert

Centenarian led a fulfilling life with family coming first

Andy was born on February 4th, 1920 to parents Arthur Albert and Christina Albert (Bailey).

His siblings were Nita Fuller, Stanley Albert, James Albert, Marjorie Bentley and Andy’s twin Hughie (all dec.).

Andy met his future wife June when she was 17 and they went together for four years, finally marrying on March 12th, 1953. They have three children - Greg, Kate and Jack (dec.).

Andy welcomed his son and daughters-in-law Alice, Hans and Marita into the family. He enjoyed spending time and joking with his eight grandsons and one beautiful granddaughter.

Andy walked to school at Colac Colac. Upon finishing school, he began working on the family farm and helping his father as a builder. He helped with milking on the farm after school and then at 15 took up horse breaking and finally mustering cattle in the bush with Don Benson, Osie Bentley, Ernie Boardman and Johnnie Pierce.

Andy drove cattle for the Nankervis brothers, Harry and George, from Groggin Station to the Tin Mine and Davies Plain after the peak of winter. Sometimes he drove through the snow and swam the horses and cattle through the Geehi River. Andy would never let go of his horse as he couldn’t swim a lick but the horse would swim and swim.

After saving up enough from mustering cattle, Andy bought a truck and began doing carting for Younghusbands and the Murray Brothers piggery in Albury.

The manager of Younghusbands, Bob McIlroy, called Andy in one day and offered for him to be an agent for the company. Andy took the job and started a long and illustrious career as a stock and station agent. After leaving Younghusbands he joined his friends Neil Bottrell and Jeff Smith and worked with them as a stock agent. His final years as an agent were spent with Elders Agency until the ripe old age of 90.

Andy’s father-in-law, Doug Schintler, took Greg to the Pony Club at Towong and he came home so excited he had learnt to “jump”, this meant laying sticks on the road and walking over them with his horse. This made Andy join the whole family up. After a number of years, he became the Chief Instructor for two years and then spent eight years in total with the club.

His interests included camping and fishing, the Corryong Football Club, the Show Society and in later years, the Cudgewa Football Club, where he had nine grandchildren playing.

Andy and June spent many years camping and fishing with close friends Jo and Francis Campbell and family, Barry and Wendy Hunt and family. He was also lifelong friends Bev and Eric Simpson who he met through his cattle work.

Andy lived a very full life to the age of 100 and he was very impressed with the letter that he received from the Queen.

Andy passed away peacefully with his loving family beside him on June 19th, 2020.
Cheeky bard’s memory will live on through her many legacies

Bush poet, historic store owner, environmental warrior, fierce lawn bowler, community minded, devout parishioner, mother and grandmother.

These are just a few of the terms that to spring to mind when remembering local legend, Betty Bracken Walton.

Her memory is etched across the Upper Murray, where she moved with her husband, the late Alan Walton and six children - Robin, Brian (dec.), Anthony (Tony), Diane, Tina and Denise - in 1974 from Cronulla, Sydney.

Her memory is embedded in every corner of Tintaldra, where she operated the historic 150-year-old Tintaldra Store & Tearooms and adjoining property which she would eventually turn into a Bed & Breakfast.

The store was one of Betty’s largest legacies where she ran successful events and hosted groups of bus tours for many years.

The grand old store meant so much to Betty and during her ownership, she arranged for its flooring to be restumped and restored as well as building an extension to house her museum.

Laden with ancient artefacts from yesteryear, the Tintaldra Store & Tearooms and adjoining property - the store was like truly stepping back in time.

Whether it was the array of tea sets lining the walls, the many bush poetry trophies displayed in the window or the pianola – a source of entertainment for Betty’s many Devonshire tea customers - the store is filled with her memory.

It wasn’t uncommon to drive past the store on a sunny day and hear the clinking of enamel plates topped with jumbuck stew and damper.

Or the joyful sounds of Murray Reeves or Trevor Best performing on their guitars while Betty rallied her guests to join in the fun.

Betty’s love of her stage shone during her years as a successful bush poet.

Betty collected trophy after trophy as she travelled the country reciting her original poetry.

While the performances waned in her later years, everyday life became a stage for our Betty B who would recite her poetry at events and during her ownership, the store was always up for a sharing a yarn.

Her poetry ranged from depictions of high-country life, to philosophical musings about the modern world.

Literacy was incredibly important to Betty after spending her early adulthood as a primary school teacher in Sydney.

A true trailblazer, Betty had always been a working mother, despite her rambunctious hordes of children.

An incredibly hard worker, Betty was constantly thinking of ways she could improve things – whether it was the business, the Tintaldra community, or most importantly, the environment.

It wasn’t uncommon for Betty to ruffle a few feathers along the way. As she did when it came to her exploits on the bowling green – sending many fellow players crazy with her loud cheering and antics.

From the magpies over the verandah in the morning, to the many people who visited the store, Betty was always up for a sharing a yarn.

With an incredible ability to listen, so many friends and family found her a stoic shoulder to cry on.

But our Betty was about positivity and always encouraged everyone around her to appreciate every single day – as she did right to the end.

Her memory will forever be held in the beautiful flora and fauna around her. Betty’s magpies are already missing their morning crumbs.

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Betty fought hard for the beautiful landscape she lived in, organising for the removal of willows on the banks of the Murray River, volunteering for Landcare and arranging special events to appreciate the nature around her.

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And we’ll never forget how proud our Betty was when she was the first woman to ditch the bowling skirt, after ladies were given permission to wear pants.

It was inevitably her zest for life that saw her maintain her mind and body throughout her 93 years – just months ago dancing in the main street of Corryong during a live ABC radio broadcast.

Betty had a huge passion for the ABC Goulburn Murray radio station and was a regular caller.

Never one to shy away from the limelight, Betty thoroughly enjoyed her phone calls to the station and many listeners will never forget the ABC’s ‘Upper Murray correspondent’.

A highly opinionated caller, it was not unusual for Betty to ruffle a few feathers along the way. As she did when it came to her exploits on the bowling green – sending many fellow players crazy with her loud cheering and antics.

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And we’ll never forget how proud our Betty was when she was the first woman to ditch the bowling skirt, after ladies were given permission to wear pants.

Because no matter what Betty was doing, she was never afraid what other people thought.

She always gave it all her all and always stood out in a crowd, despite her petite stature.

In the same way that Betty was synonymous with lawn bowling, she was also a staunch supporter of the Catholic Church. Betty was a dedicated and devoted parishioner, firmly believing in God and trusting him to guide her through life.

Betty went on to become a dear grandmother to her eight grandchildren - Sam, Zoe, Kellie, Errol, Darcy, Tara, Elaine and Quinn - and eventually two great grandchildren - Angus and Olivia.

Betty loved her family dearly and nothing made her happier than seeing the Walton clan come together at The Store – the location of family Christmases, birthdays and get-togethers over the years.

There is a piece of Betty in each and every family member and her memory will live on through her beautiful children who will continue to keep her legacy alive.

Written by Betty’s granddaughter, Robin B. Walton.

ABC’s ‘Upper Murray' will never forget the station and many listeners. Betty thoroughly enjoyed her phone calls to the station and many listeners will never forget the ABC’s ‘Upper Murray correspondent’.
Council budget eases rates burden

In its proposed 2020-21 budget, Towong Shire Council has flagged that it will not increase rates and instead, use state government funding to cover increased expenditure.

“We are pleased to announce that this financial year we will not be passing per cent rate increase,” said Towong mayor, Cr David Wortmann.

“Instead, we will use state government funding to cover the increased service delivery and infrastructure needs of the community.”

These funds have come from the Victorian government’s Department of Premier and Cabinet (Bushfire Recovery Victoria) through the Council Assistance Fund.

“The work of council is driven by its mission of enhancing the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Towong Shire now and in the future,” Cr Wortmann said.

“We have carefully considered the needs of each region within the shire, with particular focus on enhancing community wellbeing and stimulating economic and tourism development.

“The next twelve months and beyond is a critical time as we rebuild from the bushfires and COVID-19,” he stressed.

“We have a small rate base compared to most other rural councils which means we naturally cannot do everything and we need to use the funds in the most responsible and effective way for ratepayers.

“We look forward to receiving community feedback on the proposed budget and we really encourage people to share their views and concerns through a written submission,” he added.

The budget aims to deliver on the following six strategic objectives set out in the Council Plan.-

1. Organisational improvement
2. Community wellbeing
3. Asset management
4. Land-use planning
5. Environmental sustainability
6. Economic and tourism development

The proposed budget delivers on a range of key projects for the community including:-

• Continuing the Colac Colac Caravan Park upgrade
• Continuing upgrades to the Tallangatta Holiday Park

• Delivering the Bullioh Netball Court upgrade
• Continuing the Corryong town streetscape upgrade
• Commencing Dartmouth and Mitta streetscape upgrades
• Attracting business and government agencies to operate within the shire
• This budget also contains the new Bushfire Relief and Recovery Directorate which will deliver the relief and recovery programs for the whole shire,” Cr Wortmann said.

“The rebuild and recovery focus will not only focus on the Upper Murray but also other communities throughout Victoria and during the COVID-19,” he stressed.

“Council endorses the budget as financially responsible and I would like to thank my fellow councillors and our staff for their tireless efforts to achieve the best possible long term outcomes for the communities we serve,” he added.


Council is now inviting public submissions on the proposed budget, which must be received no later than 5pm on Thursday 20 August, 2020. Council will consider any submissions received prior to final adoption at a Special Meeting on Tuesday 25 August, 2020.

See council’s advertisement on page 11 of today’s paper for further details.

For more information contact Council on (02) 6071 5100 or 1300 365 222 (local call cost) or email info@towong.vic.gov.au.

Cash for cancelled bookings

Thousands of accommodation providers across regional Victoria are being urged to access Victorian Government funding to cover the cost of lost refunds during the coronavirus pandemic.

Applications are now open on the Business Victoria website for eligible accommodation operators to claim up to $225 per night for up to five nights for each and every room cancelled due to the return of Stage 3 restrictions in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, provided they refund the booking in full.

To apply, go to https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/expanded-business-support-fund/. “We know that our regional accommodation providers are doing it tough at a time when tourists would normally be making bookings - that’s why we’re stepping in to provide much needed, immediate support,” Ms Symes said.

“This is a critical opportunity for regional accommodation providers to recoup some of their losses and we’re encouraging those affected to get in early.”

Get a job, keep a job — with JobKeeper!

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Rural girls can take a leadership trip

Young Victorian rural women will have an opportunity to win a once-in-a-lifetime “Power Trip” to the nation’s capital through a new initiative.

The “Country to Canberra” prestigious leadership competition returns in 2020 to award young women with all-expenses paid trip to the nation’s capital to meet with politicians and CEOs, undertake leadership training, advocate on key issues, tour Parliament and more.

“Country to Canberra” Deputy CEO, Han Worsley, says the trip is about empowering young rural women to step outside of their comfort zone.

“From Julie Bishop and Tanya Plibersek to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Minister for Women, I know the trip is an incredible opportunity,” Ms Worsley said.

“Through bushfires, drought and now COVID-19, 2020 has been a challenging year for many rural communities, and we’d like the entrants to reflect on the impact this has had on themselves and their communities.

“We want to hear young people’s views on how we can push through these challenges.

“Time, distance and funding can make it tough for rural students at the best of times and we believe the training and ongoing mentorship that “Country to Canberra” provides is crucial now more than ever.”

Ms Worsley said.

Last year’s winner, Imogen McDonald, said the Power Trip was a game-changer.

“Gender equality is one of my biggest passions and when I discovered the competition, I knew I couldn’t overlook such an incredible opportunity,” she said.

For further information contact Jan Craig on 0428 762 0438 761 420 or Sylvia Montgomery on 0428 762 356.

The 2019 trip winners at Parliament House.

Auxiliary feels virus effects

The COVID-19 virus is impacting on all parts of our lives and the Corryong Health Auxiliary is no exception. In her annual report, Sandra Benton, said that income had been down this year as it had only been possible to hold five street stalls which had brought in $5760.

Despite the setback, the auxiliary was able to purchase ‘Betty’ the training doll for the Corryong Hospital at a cost of $9000. “We have 16 members and without these wonderful ladies we would not be able to buy the great things we do for our hospital,” Sandra said.

The auxiliary has now gone into recess for an indefinite period. The annual meeting will not be held next month. It is planned to resume activities in 2021.

Church support winds down

The Anglican Church in Corryong has received support from a number of Melbourne organisations including donations of clothing, bedding and other items.

It is proposed to close the support centre on Thursday July 30th at 2pm.

For further information contact Jan Craig on 0438 761 420 or Sylvia Montgomery on 0428 762 356.

Submissions Invited: Proposed Budget 2020/21

At the Special Council Meeting held on 21 July 2020, Towong Shire Council endorsed the Proposed Budget 2020/21 and now invites public submissions.


Written submissions are now invited and will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act.

Any person wishing to be heard or represented in support of their submission must specify this in their submission.

Submissions must be received in writing no later than 5pm on Thursday 20 August 2020 and can be provided in the following ways:

- Emailed to info@towong.vic.gov.au and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer
- By mail addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Submissions, Towong Shire Council, PO Box 55, Tallangatta Victoria 3700.

Council will consider any submissions received regarding the Proposed Budget 2020/21 prior to final adoption at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 25 August 2020.

For more information contact Council on (02) 6071 5100 or info@towong.vic.gov.au.
New troop gets the thumbs up

Well known Australian actor and comedian, Shane Jacobson, who is also Chief Scout of Victoria, has given his support for the reformation of a Corryong group.

In a video message to the inaugural meeting of parents and 12 children last Thursday, Mr Jacobson said “I’m very jealous, all of you people in a room together.”

“Congratulations to all of you for starting a scouting group despite the COVID-19 pandemic.” The Scouting movement has not had a presence in Corryong for around 15 years. A call-out on the Corryong Happenings Facebook group in February resulted in 20 youth members registering in the Joey Scout, Cub Scout and Scout sections.

The COVID-19 pandemic may have slowed progress but Corryong now has the distinction of being the first Scout Group in Australia and perhaps the world, to not only be formed but commence activities during the lockdown.

Initially, the Cubs met online with their counterparts at 1st Wodonga Group and this relationship has continued. Now that restrictions have been eased, the group is looking forward to commencing face-to-face scouting.

The ‘grassroots’ troop has faced several challenges including a regular place to meet, uniforms, more leaders and equipment, however the community support so far has encouraged the organisers. The group now has 25 registered members and a second meeting has been organised for tonight at 7pm at the Corryong & District Memorial Hall.

For further information about the new group contact the Group Leader 1st Corryong, Sarah Austin, via email at sajaaustin30@gmail.com.

**New troop gets the thumbs up**
Find-a-Word
Starting with ‘H’

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H H L P E R E M M A H A X I
K H A R P O O N R H I R E D D
K C A B P M U H K O M H S R D
H H A N D L E Y L F I D R N E
R A E H D E F F U C D N A H N
E O W A R W E L H I P L E A L
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T H G L H I G H E L T A G O
R E D N I H E N T T R O G O P
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E I C S H R I I H B N A L E I
H A S T E H A M B U R G E R N
Y L N E V A E H C A D A E H G
E H A P P Y T I D U M H Y T

16 letters left over. Solution: Retail therapy

Joke Of The Week:-
Question: Why did the chicken cross the playground?

Answer: To get to the other slide!

Brain Teaser
Your task: Find the word that contains the most number of letters that start with the letter ‘H’.

Solution: Retail therapy

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The Merger working party kicks off.

Despite the 2020 Upper Murray Football Netball League season being cancelled, work is continuing to secure its future with the establishment of a working party to develop a model for a potential new entity in the area.

The working party is a result of the completion of the UMFNL Feasibility Study conducted by AFL North East Border (NEB).

“The model of a new sporting entity is being considered to mitigate the risks of the Upper Murray league collapsing, given its declining state and the impacts of the COVID-19 virus as well as having no local sporting opportunities available,” said AFL NEB general manager, John O’Donohue.

“The working party will present the model for the consideration of the Upper Murray communities and all clubs. “This is a proactive initiative to secure the future of football and netball in the Upper Murray. “Ultimately, the decision taken will be owned by the communities of the Upper Murray however, with the UMFNL considered vulnerable, it is important that alternate models for participation are developed and considered.

“Obviously, the preference of all stakeholders is a vibrant UMFNL, however, while the league and its clubs have proud histories, they are experiencing negative trends which can’t be ignored,” Mr O’Donohue explained.

“In the discussions and planning undertaken by the independent Working party, those rich traditions and acknowledgement of the role football and netball play in the Upper Murray communities have been of the highest consideration.

“With the working party progressing in the planning phase, they will look to engage the community in the process with opportunities in the coming weeks for individuals to assist in the naming, mascot, branding and colours while the governance, financial and operational aspects of the new entity are being developed concurrently.

“In establishing a new inclusive Upper Murray club it should be owned by the local communities and having them buy into the process early will assist in taking football and netball forward,” he added.

The process being followed by the Working Party in directed by a Terms of Reference with a final proposition to be completed by August 15th at which point it will be delivered to the community and clubs for consideration.

Mr O’Donohue acknowledged that this is an emotional subject but one that must be discussed given the changing environment for community sport.

“The past 24 months have been particularly difficult for the league and its clubs, the COVID-19 situation has compounded the challenges.

“While change can be hard to accept, the Upper Murray communities must have options to continue sport in the region.”

Basketball's future rests with you.

An open letter to all basketball enthusiasts and interested individuals:

The Corryong Basketball Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting via a Zoom conference to be held online (no face to face required) on Monday 27th July at 7:00pm. A meeting invite will be emailed to all players and parents prior to the meeting.

Corryong Basketball last year had approximately 250 registered players across all grades including Aussie Hoops, Division 1, 2A and 2B as well as Division 1 Men and Women. Basketball is an increasingly popular sport in our community and one that plays an integral role in keeping us active.

The AGM will outline the financial position of the Association (healthy) as well as an overview of the season. However, with the cancellation of football and netball this year, we believe it is now more important than ever to get basketball up and running and to do that we need community support.

I would encourage all people who are interested in playing, have children who play or children who would like to play to come along and get involved at some level. All positions will be vacated from the executive and general committee and they will need to be filled for the season to go ahead.

I look forward to seeing you.

Kelly Galbraith,
(CABA President)