

## **Council boosts community resilience**

Kyogle Council will distribute almost \$184,000 to community organisations and sporting and service clubs to build resilience and help the community get back on an even ground following the Black Summer Bushfires.

The grants will be used for a variety of projects ranging from an outdoor Christmas carnival at Bonalbo and a community choir at Tabulam to installing solar panels on the Woodenbong RSL Hall, and conducting two one-day practical solar power training workshops through the Shed of Hope at Tabulam.

Of the \$183,110 to be disbursed, \$100,000 was funded through the NSW Government's Bushfire Community Resilience and Recovery fund and \$61,366 was from previously allocated Federal Bushfire Recovery Funding for Kyogle Council area projects that either came in under budget or did not proceed and had to be redistributed.

Council also dissolved its Emergency Disaster Relief Fund, set up after the Norply fire, and distributed the remaining \$21,744 to support the wider community.

Annual Community Assistance Grants totalling \$33,271 were also distributed to local organisations and individuals.

Grants valued at \$500 for individuals and up to \$5,000 for organisations able to provide matching funding were awarded to five individuals and 14 community and sporting organisations.

Kyogle Council General Manager Graham Kennett said it was hoped the funding would not only boost community resilience and capacity, but help return a sense of 'normalcy' to communities battling the combined impacts of droughts, bushfires, floods and a world-wide pandemic.

"It is always great to see Council reward the efforts of local community groups through the allocation of funding through our annual one-off Community Assistance Grants," Mr Kennett said.

"But it is particularly gratifying on this occasion to provide additional funds through the State and Federal governments to help these community groups.

"The funds will not only help them recover from the adverse events we've experienced over recent years, but they will also help improve their ability to face similar events that will no doubt occur in the future.

"Council is looking forward to seeing this wide range of diverse projects delivered across the local government area, and I would take the opportunity to thank all those involved for their efforts.

All organisations and individuals who were successful in receiving either Bushfire Resilience and Recovery funds or Community Assistance Grants will be notified by mail in the coming weeks.

**Media enquiries: Kyogle Council General Manager Graham Kennett phone 6632 1611.**

**Note: Successful grant details attached.**

**Bushfire – reallocation from projects no longer going ahead (\$25,000) + cost savings (\$37,891) = \$62,891 – Decided by resolution of Council on 8 November 2021**

**Community Assistance Applications**

Bonalbo Rural Fire Brigade	Bonalbo	\$1,000	Purchase BBQ for catering at community information sessions and fundraisers / Firemapper Software
Bonalbo SOS Progress Association	Bonalbo	\$1,000	Celebrate A Brighter Christmas for Bonalbo community - building on successful 2020 lights and decorations bringing the community together for an outdoor Christmas Carnival. In the event of Covid a local business to cook a Christmassy gift for each household in Bonalbo, to be delivered with an acknowledgement card
Collins Creek Public Hall Land Manager	Collins Creek	\$1,000	Update current stove and associated wiring. Currently using a donated 2nd hand stove and would like to incorporate a new stove and range hood as part of partial kitchen renovation
Collins Creek P&C	Collins Creek	\$1,000	Purchase and erect protective netting for fruit trees in food forest
Grevillia Hall Committee	Grevillia	\$10,000	Previous administrative oversight – Grevillia Hall didn't receive any drought funding when the other halls did
Findon Public Recreation Reserve Land Manager (Known as Bundgeam Hall) Terrence Creek	Old Grevillia	\$3,115	New lighting throughout the Bundgeam Hall
Hanging Rock Hall	Wadeville	\$1,000	Gravel and road base and bobcat to repair and maintain gravel entrance to Hanging Rock Hall
The Risk Hall Committee	Kyogle	\$1,000	Upgrade the electrical board to install Safety Switches. Purchase a new BBQ for community functions
Kyogle Landcare	Kyogle	\$1,000	Nursery propagation and seedling house watering system upgrade
Kyogle Landcare Inc	Kyogle	\$1,000	Erect a street sign on Summerland Way to indicate Nursery and replace sign BUSH WALK at Fawcett's Creek end of oval at back of Caravan Park.
Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare Network	Kyogle	\$1,760	BRRVLN is the umbrella Landcare Network providing support service to local Landcare groups across the Kyogle (and Richmond Valley) LGA. The support required to each group varies according to their scale and activity focus. One commonality that extends across all groups is ensuring the health and safety of volunteers involved in their Landcare activities. BRRVLN would like to develop a WHS resource package to provide to all local Landcare groups and is seeking a financial contribution from Kyogle Council to enable provision of this for all groups in the Kyogle LGA. The funding will cover: • 7 x first aid kits @\$140 each - \$980 • 8 Resource packages including print costs to the value of \$200 and USB's to the value of \$80 (7 for local groups and 1 for BRRVLN) • Provisions for hall hire and lunch for the WHS induction / training - \$500 (2 small group events @\$250 each)
Janet Menzies	Roseberry Creek	\$255	Roseberry Creek Boules Flash Mob
Roseberry Creek Landcare	Roseberry Creek	\$1,000	Delivery of First Aid course to 10 x Roseberry Creek Landcare members.
Bundgeam Preschool Inc	Terrace Creek	\$1,500	To purchase and lay gravel or road base along the side entrance to the preschool to insure staff and parent cars have access to the preschool in wet weather. Originally asked for \$3k. Can match a request for \$1500

Urbenville & District Bowling Club	Urbenville	\$5,000	Upgrade of Bowling Green and Car park Lighting to be safer for the community that use the club/Green
Urbenville (R 839461) Reserve Trust	Urbenville	\$5,000	To enable the completion of a new shed to be constructed replacing the old shed, the Trust is seeking assistance to help with paying for the concrete slab. The Trust was successful in obtaining funding for the shed project but the funding came up short due to the higher than expected price increase for the shed
Woodenbong Community Coffee Group	Woodenbong	\$1,000	To purchase and attach and awning for the coffee van so in wet weather customers do not get wet and in hot weather it provides shade both for customers ad volunteers working in the coffee van
Woodenbong Border Ranges Riding Club Inc.	Woodenbong	\$1,000	To cover the cost of Insurance for 2022. The club has again had not income since June due to Covid restrictions. The Insurance Company it expects it to continue to increase for several years
Woodenbong Show Society Inc.	Woodenbong	\$1,000	To attach an awning to the secretary Office for rain and sun protection and purchase covering for the floor.
Woodenbong RSL War Memorial Trust	Woodenbong	\$3,793	Two projects (1) a cupboard which is rodent, dust proof and lockable and (2) to install solar panels with the intention to become energy efficient with a zero-carbon footprint. The cupboard will enable the Woodenbong RSL War Memorial Trust to store memorabilia including framed maps from World War One and canvas photographic prints of our service men and women, storage for cleaning products, Covid-19 posters, and materials. Solar panels will have permanent environmental benefits: Solar energy does not pollute the air, Widespread use of solar energy slows climate change, Solar energy reduces the carbon footprint, Solar energy reduces the dependence on fossil fuels. Solar panels will also reduce ongoing energy costs for our volunteer non-profit organisation. The quoted costs for solar panels and installation will be \$4499. The RSL will contribute matching funds
<b>Community Resilience Applications</b>			
Jordan Edmeades	Green Pigeon	\$9,840	“Lessons from the Fenceline” is an impact documentary project that seeks to engage local audiences with local stories, to listen, understand and learn the lessons from the Black Summer bushfires in 2019/2020. We will walk the paddocks with farmers, volunteers and local community organisations in Kyogle and surrounds to capture the moments of reflection, the hard-fought lessons and hear about the realities of the recovery process, both personal and professional.
Mallanganee & District Progress Association Inc.	Mallanganee	\$2,922	Re-purpose two of the now defunct tennis courts adjacent Sandilands St. into a Community Garden for use by all residents of Mallanganee.
Roseberry Creek Landcare	Roseberry Creek	\$2,475	Employ Bush Regenerator to mentor guided creek walk/assessment with 5 x Landholders on their properties. Each Landholder to receive a site action plan to work toward with in-kind labour contribution.
Roseberry Creek Landcare	Roseberry Creek	\$1,615.70	Erect Landcare/ community sign on existing environmental signage site at entry to Roseberry Creek Rd (approx 45 metres from Summerland Way). Project details, Quotes, Sample signage - attached.
Tabulam and District Progress Association	Tabulam	\$1,080	Facilitate one year of Tabulam Community Choir. Covering hall hire and teachers fee Ms Jill Adam B.MUS.EDS.,DSME,A.MUS.A ( Pianoforte and singing) FFCE and MEMBER Of the Royal Academy of Dance.
Tabulam Public Hall	Tabulam	\$1,010	Urgent funding required to pay an outstanding electrical bill from on August 25th 2021
<b>Bushfire - \$62,891</b>		<b>\$61,366</b>	

Community Assistance Applications Recommendations – Decided by resolution of Council on 8 November 2021			
Kyogle Bowling Club	Kyogle	\$4,675	Change lighting in club to energy saving fittings to meet environmental requirements and save on electricity
Kyogle Golf Club Limited	New Park	\$3,000	Enhance golf course facilities - concrete pathways to the 2nd and 11th tees; near the pipe on the 3rd/12th fairway; extend the path down the 9th fairway by 10 metres and the road from the men's 7th tee some 20 metres down past the machinery shed using local suppliers and in-kind voluntary labour.
Kyogle Bushwalkers		\$1,000	GPS Map66 and Annual subscription satellite phone
Bonalbo Community Men's Shed Inc	OLD BONALBO	\$1,000	Provide solid work benches in our new Shed extension, that ensure members can work safely on projects.
Bonalbo Louisa Johnston Centre Incorporated	Old Bonalbo	\$1,000	Install lockable cupboard doors to existing shelves in the centre to be used by various community groups, to store their particular activity/craft equipment and materials
Cawongla Community Centre and Playhouse	Cawongla	\$5,000	Purchase an oven and install kitchen base units and sink. We will make up the cost of anything in addition to the amount Kyogle Council can provide.
Kyogle Community Gym	New Park	\$1,000	Equipment for the gym's fitness classes plus a device to activate digital signage in gym: Minisforum N40 Mini PC. This would allow us to advertise classes and create motivational content and provide safety information.
Kyogle Public School P & C	Kyogle	\$596	The Kyogle Public School P & C seeks funding to purchase a laptop for the group. Currently the P & C uses USB's for data storage and personal desktops for the preparation of minutes and correspondence.
Kyogle Rotary Club	Kyogle	\$1,000	Purchase Square Eftpos Terminal, Replacement of folding tables and ezi up gazebos
Tabulam Turtle Divers	Tabulam	\$1,000	To support the Tabulam Turtle Divers Football club with essential equipment, Men and women's teams, encouraging female participation in this sport.
Urbenville and District Campdraft Association Inc	Urbenville	\$1,000	To assist with the start-up of our Campdraft association which will allow us to hold events and upgrade facilities
Woodenbong Campdraft Association Incorporated	Woodenbong	\$5,000	Replace approximately half the showground ring fence. The fence had to be cut up and removed prior to the resurfacing of the ring. A grant was obtained to do the resurface but did not include replacing the fence
Woodenbong Common	Woodenbong	\$5,000	Remove and replace 500m of barb wire fence. Purchase of several crush gates and paddock gates.
Ama Cedar	Tabulam	\$500	To purchase computer accessories such as wireless keyboard and printer.
Marion Conrow	Bonalbo	\$500	To screen one of my projection sculptures in Bonalbo at Norman Johnson Park or The Bonalbo Hall Memorial Park, for 3 days at night for the general public
Bonalbo District Memorial Hall	Bonalbo	\$500	As groundsman of Patrick McNamee Memorial Park, it is imperative to repair damage caused recent construction at the hall. Ongoing park maintenance and beautification.
Sharon Tucker	Bonalbo	\$500	Publication of the book History of Bonalbo
John Cieslak	Geneva	\$500	Raw materials to conduct leather craft lessons to interested local Aboriginal youth. The goal would be to begin with key chains that could be sold in the tourist information centre and local businesses. The income would go toward buying more materials.
David Buckingham	Findon Creek	\$500	To repair Findon creek bank washed away by the Tuesday March 23rd Flood
<b>Budget \$33,385</b>		<b>\$33,271</b>	

Community Resilience Grants = \$100,000 – Decided by staff under delegation			
Old Bonalbo Soldiers Memorial Hall Inc	Old Bonalbo	\$10,000	Build a disabled access ramp into the Hall.
Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce	Kyogle	\$10,000	" Just imagine Kyogle " a project to engage CBD business and its community in an ongoing process of developing new ways of doing business in the CBD.
Hanging Rock Hall LM	Lillian Rock	\$10,000	Town Planning Statement of Environmental Effects for a proposed Primitive Camping Ground for Development Application to Council
Woodenbong Progress Association Inc	Woodenbong	\$7,650	Promote all community and not for profit organizations with the aim of improving volunteerism. Many community groups are struggling to attract committee members and remain viable
Woodenbong Progress Association	WOODENBONG	\$4,003	Purchase of communication equipment to assist in dealing with an emergency
Mallanganee Public Hall Land Manager	Mallanganee	\$5,000	The Mallanganee Hall does not currently meet all the legislative guidelines for emergency lighting. This funding will permit the hall to upgrade to the necessary legislative requirements in terms of emergency lighting.
Mummulgum Public Hall	Mummulgum	\$9,513	Install 2 new 35000 L Water Tanks at the Mummulgum Hall
Bonalbo District Memorial Hall	Bonalbo	\$10,000	Improvements to an existing walking track on Bonalbo common. Improvements included: slashing/mowing of existing track, installation of new access gates, installation of seating, installation of signage and heritage related plaques.
Tunglebung Public Recreation Reserve Land Manager	Tunglebung	\$1,385	Funding will provide exit light to the toilet. (Inspection of power to the hall requested by Origin Energy). New crockery and cutlery for the kitchen, and replace rotted threshold to the doorway on the northern side of the hall.
Roseberry Creek Landcare Inc	Roseberry Creek	\$2,475	As per attached quotes, this is a subsidised 10-week yoga term that employs a newly local yoga teacher (Tori Bail). The funding sought will provide wages for the yoga teacher, a subsidised class fee and hall hire.
Wiangaree Community Resilience Group	Wiangaree	\$5,000	Add a water tank, pump and filtration system to the Wiangaree Hall

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Bonalbo and District Memorial Hall	Bonalbo	\$4,000	Commission a Yarning Chair - a mosaic (concrete and tile) lounge chair to be placed in the Bonalbo CBD
The Shed Of Hope	Tabulam	\$1,640	Facilitate 2 x one day Practical Solar Power Training workshops with Peter Solar. Food and equipment supplies.
Green Pigeon Community Hall	Kyogle	\$2,100	Purchase an AED and a wall mounted alarmed wall cabinet
Richmond Range Rugby Club	Mallanganee	\$4,322.97	Purchase sporting equipment.
Kyogle Food Pantry	Kyogle LGA	\$1,061 (\$1,000 requested)	50 Subsidised Food Hampers for Kyogle Community Members in Need of Support
Kyogle Family Support Services partnering with Kyogle Together	Kyogle LGA	\$1,350	Storm Birds Training Package for Children Impacted by Bushfires
Kyogle Together	Kyogle / Wiangaree	\$500	Subsidised Food Hampers for Kyogle/Wiangaree Community Members in need of support
Kyogle Council	Kyogle LGA	\$6,800	First Aid Training for 40 people across the LGA at \$150 ea + catering (40 x \$20ea)
Kyogle Council	Kyogle LGA	\$800	RFS Hot Spots Program = catering for 40 people@\$20ea
Kyogle Council	Kyogle LGA	\$800	LLS Property Farm Planning catering for 40 people@\$20ea
Kyogle Council	Kyogle LGA	\$1,600	Get Ready Days Catering for 80 people@\$20ea
<b>Budget : \$32,500</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>	

**Dissolution of the Emergency Disaster Relief Fund. Allocate to these project resolved by Council on 8 November 2021**

**Community Assistance Applications**

Private person	Mallanganee	\$500	Doing the electricity in the house because the house has no lights and I spent all my money putting the stove in
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**Community Resilience Applications**

Kyogle Lions	Kyogle LGA	\$11,244 (applied for \$10,000)	"Reload" the Kyogle chemist credit account with the Kyogle pharmacy that was set up following the drought, fires and Covid outbreak. Local donations totalling \$8k have been depleted to \$400 over 15 months it is down. They requested \$10,000 – of which \$6k would go to pharmacy vouches, \$2k to IGA vouchers and \$2k for petrol vouchers. There is an intact interview process to assess eligibility.
Kyogle Family Support Services Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Kyogle	\$10,000	Building on relationships with Louisa Johnson Centre, Bonalbo Men's Shed and the Bonalbo CWA, Kyogle Family Support Services and Food Pantry to support food security, control and availability through a community garden and orchard & engage TAFE to train volunteers in Food Safe Handling and Food Safety Supervision, delivered in Bonalbo. This will allow the community of Bonalbo to access the Food Pantry and commercial kitchen to safely prepare, store and make available meals to front line responders, emergency workers, evacuation centres and displaced peoples as access to Bonalbo could be cut during disasters.
Available funds <b>\$21,744</b>		<b>\$21,744</b>	

Projects to be implemented through previously funded projects – Community Assistance Applications.				
<b>Economic Development – annual budget</b>	Woodenbong Muli Warriors	Woodenbong	\$5,000	3 Nations Tournament – already funded through ED from previous year sponsorship.
<b>Bushfire - VOV</b>	Kyogle Fish Acclimatisation Society		\$1,000	Restocking Toonumbar Dam with bass fingerlings – already funded from VOV last year. Were unable to go ahead as all fingerlings died before delivery to the club.
<b>Bushfire – CAG - Real Art Works</b>	Anna Jackowaik Hoare	Lower Duck Creek	\$450	To pay artist to hold two creative art workshops for the Bonalbo community which will bring people together for an opportunity to learn new skills and to enhance and develop a sense of community, belonging and wellbeing through positive artistic expression and social interaction.
<b>Bushfire – CAG - Real Art Works</b>	Bonalbo District Memorial Hall	Bonalbo	\$1,000	Promoting resilience and cultural appreciation in the community by art exhibitions, community workshops and support of artists. Workshops featuring key themes will be given and the outcomes of these will be the basis of an art show in the hall. Bonalbo Artists' Alliance, part of the hall's community program, has identified local artists and promoted their artmaking in past years. Exhibitions in the hall provides the community with ongoing leisure and discussion points and encourages positivity in these trying times.
<b>Bushfire – CAG - Real Art Works</b>	Bonalbo and Upper Clarence Seniors Christmas Party Committee	Old Bonalbo	\$1,000	To support our committee to continue to provide a yearly Christmas party especially for the Seniors in our area. Each year we subsidise this event to make it affordable for all seniors to attend. It is an important social outing to reduce the feeling of isolation experienced by many older folks in our area.
<b>Bushfire – CAG - Real Art Works</b>	Mallanganee Public Hall Land Manager	Mallanganee	\$1,000	Assist in the staging of a folk concert organised by the Festival of Small Halls
<b>Bushfire – CAG Real Art Works</b>	Tabulam and District Progress Association	Tabulam	\$3,630	Facilitate a 2-day weed weaving workshop with Weaving Connections for 20 people at Tabulam Public Hall.
		<b>Total</b>	<b>13,080</b>	
Projects to be funded from Economic Development Program annual budget– Community Assistance Applications.				
	Kyogle Tidy Towns	Kyogle	\$3,000	Marketing of Watermelon Festival
	Tabulam and District Progress Association	Tabulam	\$4,000	Hold the 2nd Annual Tabulam Community Bridge Festival
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	