

Cann Valley Recovery Update

NOVEMBER 2022



Farewell from Annie

Hello from me for the last time as Cann Valley District Place Manager. I am handing over this role to Meg Allan (Mallacoota Place Manager) who will be Place Manager for the Far East (drawing together the Mallacoota and Cann Valley districts).

I have been in the role for around 2.5 years and it has been an honour and privilege to work with community throughout this period. For much of that time, it was a rollercoaster of events, or more accurately non-events, due to the pandemic. We experienced lockdowns and border closures, vaccination requirements, telecommunications, and communication issues etc. On many occasions it was more about recovery work being done behind the scenes rather than on the frontline.

However, with the warmer months coming and restrictions very much loosening up, it finally feels like it is a new era for community and businesses to re-energise and enable activities moving forward as best and as timely as possible.

Ernie Vare will continue to assist Meg as our Community Recovery Administration Officer, so you will still have a familiar and local face working on recovery issues, and I will still be around the district so please stop and say hello. Council will also be advertising shortly for a Place Manager Support Officer

to assist Ernie and Meg in the Far East. I wish you all the very best and I know the community is in good hands with Meg, Ernie and the commitment and conviction of the Cann Valley District Representative Group. Please stay well and dry and I look forward to seeing you around the place.

Changes to Recovery Communications

The Cann Valley Recovery Update has been produced since December 2020 following the 2019-20 bushfires. Eight issues have been produced containing over 60 articles of local information and updates on recovery projects, infrastructure, events, and relevant shire-wide information. Whilst the recovery journey still has some way to go, recovery-specific information will transition to community newsletters and social media, My Council My Community online monthly newsletter, and Council's Facebook page from January 2023. A final copy of the District Recovery Update will be provided in December.

Raised Community Spirits In Tamboon South

During the fires the people of Tamboon South worked with the Tamboon community to battle the fires. Since then, the Tamboon South community has seen Tamboon build its emergency shed and obtain firefighting equipment and have since made the decision to put in place similar arrangements.

The arduous work in building a shed that will eventually house firefighting equipment has been admirable and a display of true community spirit. While the entrance to the lake is currently closed and the water levels are slowly rising, all jetties are still useable to their full length allowing the project to continue.

Stage One of the construction of the new fire equipment shed is complete. Fourteen pallets of sand and aggregate are now at Tamboon South, weighing over seven tonnes. Hundreds of sandbags were hand-filled by volunteers at the Cann quarry, with more volunteers transferring the heavy bags to Furnell Landing before unloading them by trolley to the barge.



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After the slow trip down to Tamboon South, they were finally unloaded to the foreshore.

Large generators and several concrete mixers were provided by community members with a plan to bring in around 125 bags of cement, the reno and the boxing. Volunteers will also work on filling large strong plastic buckets with precise amounts of concrete mix and bringing in equipment to remove the old tree stumps and level the ground. Rumour has it that the workers may get to enjoy Maureen's scones at half time.

Seasonal Preparedness

Current weather models indicate increased chances of above-average rainfall for Eastern Australia during spring and summer, bringing a feeling of relief to those in our bushfire affected areas. The Bureau of Meteorology says this La Niña event may peak during spring and return to neutral conditions early in 2023. Our Emergency Management team is monitoring flooding events across the border and local river catchment levels. With the increased rainfall, the weeds and grass are growing rapidly and our Parks and



Gardens team is doing its best to keep up with maintenance across the shire; however, the continual wet weather is impacting schedules.

During the coming weeks our teams will be inspecting static water tanks, Neighbourhood Safer Places and Community Assembly Areas in preparation for the coming season. Fire prevention inspections on private properties will commence in November, so this is a reminder to increase your property maintenance and preparedness for the summer season.

Cann River Rainforest Caravan Park Temporary Closure

Due to heavy rain, we have been forced to close Cann River Rainforest Caravan Park. The campground became badly rutted and damaged as a result of vehicles getting bogged and the attempts to free them. To avoid further damage and bogged vehicles, we have closed the caravan park until the surface dries out.



Relief Centre Training

As part of Council's Resilience Preparedness program our Emergency Management team, together with the SES and CFA, is looking for people in the district who are interested in being trained to run a Community-led Relief Facility. This role will be based at the Cann River Community Hall for the first 72 hours in an emergency, and to help establish Local Incident Management Plans (LIMPs). For more information or express your interest in participating in the session, please contact Ernie Vare at ErnestV@egipps.vic.gov.au or on 0475 796 720.

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