



# FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

NUMBER 27: JANUARY



CORANGAMITE SHIRE



## District says thanks, farewell to BlazeAid



About 300 members of the community gathered at the Cobden South West Go Kart Club on Sunday 16 December to thank BlazeAid and organisations that supported it during its nine months in the Shire.

1. South Central Ward Councillor Jo Beard addresses the crowd.
2. Attendees enjoy the free lunch.
- 3 and 4. Mayor Neil Trotter speaks.
5. Brett Clarke performs smoking ceremony.
6. Linda Morgan shares her story.



### Best wishes for 2019

Council's fire recovery team and the on-farm community support team will provide ongoing support in the New Year. In addition, activities and events will continue to be advertised through the newsletter. For more information on **5593 7100**.

### Rural Finance

Do you need help with challenging financial conditions? Rural Financial Counselling Service is a free service that can help. A rural financial counsellor can meet you on your property, in the office or another convenient location Call **1300 735 578** or **www.wswrcs.com.au** to make your appointment.

### Send your photos

We would love to share your stories of the great things you've achieved as the district gets back to a new normal. Take a pic of your new buildings, stock, crops, or anything that shows the Shire's recovery and email them to **sarah.troisi@corangamite.vic.gov.au**.



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## EVENTS

### JANUARY

**Camperdown  
Car & Bike Show,  
Camperdown**

Friday 11-Sunday 13

**Camperdown Cup**  
Saturday 19,  
Camperdown Turf Club

**Timboon parkrun**  
Every Saturday, skate  
park,  
7:50 am

**Farmers' Night**  
Every Saturday South  
West Kart Club -  
Grayland St, Cobden.

**Shakespeare's The  
Tempest**  
Saturday 19, Sunday  
20, Saturday 26 &  
Sunday 27, Loch Ard  
Gorge

**Australia Day  
Celebrations**  
Saturday 26, Terang  
Civic Hall

### FEBRUARY

**Shine for Samuel Golf  
Day**  
Saturday 2, 11 am,  
Camperdown Golf Club

**Relay for Life**  
Saturday 23,  
5 pm, Leura Oval,  
Camperdown

**Terang Races**  
Wednesday 27, noon,  
Terang Racecourse

**Planning an event? Tell  
us on 5593 7100 or  
shire@corangamite.  
vic.gov.au**

## P12 RESILIENCE WIN

Timboon P-12 TAP (Timboon Agricultural Program) has been kicking goals. The program was a highlight at this year's Disaster Resilient Australian-New Zealand School Education Forum in Melbourne. The forum provides insight for schools to build resilience in their students especially around disasters.

At Timboon P-12 the TAP builds partnerships between agriculture and curriculum to enhance student learning. Natural Disaster is a part of living on farm and the focus of the Year 6 students each year. Besides understanding what causes natural disasters, such as bushfires and floods, the students incorporate probability of a natural disaster impacting a property in math's class along with mapping their own farm and home to create a bushfire survival plans.

Students also calculate the cost to replace fences and laneway damage from flood waters, then determine insurance eligibility and grants eligibility. These projects include local farmers discussing their own impacts from flood and fire as well as the CFA, SES and ambulance imparting their knowledge. Students are engaged and involved in past emergencies in the area and explore how to live in an environment where natural hazards occur.

## EVENTS GRANTS

'Look Over the Farm Gate' is a wellbeing initiative which provides grants for one-off events or a series of events. It encourages rural communities to look out for one another, promote social inclusion, and create awareness about mental health, thus reducing the impact on rural communities. Events can range from regular fitness meet-ups, free community barbecues, community tree planting or a family movie night - whatever your community needs to come together and take a break. Online applications are open at [lookoverthefarmgate.org.au](http://lookoverthefarmgate.org.au).

## PLANNING

Are you considering rebuilding your shedding, home or dairy? Planning and building permits are part of the process, and checking with Council early to determine any requirements will be advantageous in your rebuilding. For advice and information, contact the Planning Team on 5593 7100 or email at [shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au).

## SW BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The final distribution from the South West Bushfire Appeal Fund was received in mid-December. The community from far and wide donated over \$360,000 with more than 98% benefiting those directly impacted. The remaining 2% supported the non-profit organisation Re-green 4 Fire Aid, set up to assist with replanting trees, gardens, windbreaks and shelter belts. The fund has now closed. For further information please contact Committee Chair James Green on 0418 529 201.

## PROPERTY ADVICE

CFA provides Property Advice Visits (PAVs) in townships around the Shire. The free service for residents focuses on fire risk and preparation for people who live in identified very high and extreme risk areas. CFA has scheduled visits in high risk areas to target particular towns and areas to align with other fire planning activities. The program can also offer visits in rural areas to provide fire preparedness advice. To access the service, call 0428 343 241.

## Support services

**Mental Health Services:**

..... 1800 808 284

**beyondblue:**..... 1300 22 4636

**Lifeline:** ..... 13 11 14

**Kid's Helpline:**..... 1800 55 1800

**MensLine:** ..... 1300 78 978

**Nurse on Call:** ..... 1800 02 2222

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