

## APPENDIX B. THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

**Table A1. Community Grants Program Round 1**

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>\$Amount of Project Incl GST</b>	<b>Brief Summary of Project</b>	<b>Shire</b>
Adelong Mens Shed	\$22,000.00	Replacement of roof on meeting building	SNOWY VALLEYS
Arbour Seedlings	\$5,225.00	Series of free wood turning workshops to complement Arbour Festival by engaging 5 local fire impacted artists from the Snowy Region	SNOWY VALLEYS
Batemans Bay Business and Tourism Chamber	\$21,635.90	Build a community garden	EUROBODALLA
Batlow Senior Citizens Village Association	\$3,297.80	Purchase and install reverse cycle air conditioner for Mountain Made Arts and Crafts retail outlet.	SNOWY VALLEYS
Bombala Urban & Indigenous Agriculture Project	\$22,000.00	Create and maintain a community based urban and indigenous agricultural learning space to grow crops that were traditionally grown and farmed in the area.	SNOWY MONARO
Braidwood Life Centre Inc and Vinnies Braidwood Conference	\$5,000.00	Provide craft activities for weekly gatherings of women in Braidwood and surrounding areas.	QUEANBEYAN PALERANG
Broulee Early Learning Centre	\$701.75	Purchase shade sail, ground cover and cart to transport water for outdoor learning area to complement the existing pre-school.	EUROBODALLA
Bumbalong Valley Progress Association	\$18,694.00	Resheet potholes and grade 5.4km of non-public maintained road that services the Bumbalong Community and was severely damaged during firefighting operations	SNOWY MONARO
Connecting Communities Australia Ltd Towamba	\$17,600.00	Construction of a community meeting area in Towamba	BEGA VALLEY
Eden Community Access Centre (newspaper)	\$22,000.00	Production of a community newsletter for 12 months	BEGA VALLEY
Ginger the Frog Community Arts Project (Cobargo Wellness Group)	\$11,600.00	Production expenses of producing a large-scale community event and streaming the event.	BEGA VALLEY

Grand Pacific Health	\$22,000.00	A series run in the community by a qualified Aboriginal Mental Health Worker, who is themselves a member of the local community. Red Dust Healing facilitates semi-structured groups to promote the processing of pain, grief and loss, to empower members to make choices for their own lives and to engender hope for the future.	BEGA VALLEY, EUROBODALLA
Moruya Public School P & C	\$20,000.00	Upgrade to playground equipment at the school	EUROBODALLA
Narooma Men's Shed	\$16,639.90	Upgrade to Men's shed to allow for older men in the community to meet safely.	EUROBODALLA
Nerriga Craft and Museum Centre	\$15,000.00	Repairs and upgrade to fire damaged historic building, including outdoor areas.	QUEANBEYAN PALERANG
Police Citizens Youth Club	\$6,047.80	For PCYC program at Mogo Primary School to assist with the purchase of sports equipment, cost of food for the breakfast component, and provide incentives	EUROBODALLA
Sapphire Community Projects - Water Trailers	\$22,000.00	Purchase of 3 water carting and pumping trailers to supply properties with small water storage capacity (i.e. so that they do not need to pay for a full load that they are unable store) and to provide assistance in future fire fighting.	BEGA VALLEY
Southern Women's Group - Bega Women's Resource Centre	\$1,650.00	Purchase equipment and materials for making face masks for distribution to community	BEGA VALLEY
St Mary's Primary School Batlow	\$17,765.00	Upgrade the school playground	SNOWY MONARO
Towamba Fireflies of the Towamba P & C Association	\$22,000.00	Upgrade to Community playground area.	BEGA VALLEY
Wonboyn Lake Rural Fire Service	\$1,550.00	Purchase local produce to provide Christmas Hampers to the community in place of usual Christmas Party that cannot be held under COVID-19 restrictions	BEGA VALLEY
Y Reignite YMCA Cooma	\$15,125.00	Two night camp for young people of the Monaro LGA who volunteered during the bushfires	SNOWY MONARO

**Table A2. Community Grants Program Round 2**

Name of Applicant	\$Amount of Project Incl GST	Brief Summary of Project	Shire
Anglicare on behalf of Nerrigundah Bushfire Recovery	\$6,458.87	Installation of concrete pathways and a disabled access ramp to the Community Shed to provide all weather access to the building.	EUROBODALLA
Batlow Apple Tree Learning Centre	\$21,681.00	Renew the playground which was damaged by fires	SNOWY MONARO
Bemboka Bush Cottage Inc	\$22,000.00	Maintenance/restoration to exterior of former Bush Nurses building and installation of internal toilet to make it available for community use	BEGA VALLEY
Boomerang Meeting Place - Gurrimbaaga Budjaan Project	\$18,372.20	Upgrade a shipping container into a workshop to re-establish the Disability and Cultural workshop in Mogo.	EUROBODALLA
Braidwood Preschool Association	\$14,510.82	Develop outdoor play area /garden including a sculpture	QUEANBEYAN PALERANG
Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre Incorporated	\$8,140.00	Running 3 workshops: ladies craft day - purchasing materials, men's gatherings, teenagers' workshop to learn new skills	BEGA VALLEY
Cobargo Bushfire Resilience Centre Inc	\$3,836.00	Purchase of laptop and digital recorder to be used for Stage One of the project – conduct, collate and preserve 30 interviews of Cobargo residents	BEGA VALLEY
Eden Canoes (Eden Community Access Centre Inc)	\$9,789.37	Purchase materials for 6-9 indigenous youth to construct, decorate and paddle three canoes. Explore options for canoe building as a local business.	BEGA VALLEY
GoFenceMe	\$22,000.00	Supply materials for perimeter fencing for bushfire impacted properties in the vicinity of Bemboka	BEGA VALLEY
Headspace	\$22,000.00	Outdoor community event to connect young people between the ages of 12 and 25 with mental health services	BEGA VALLEY, EUROBODALLA
Lions Club of Tathra	\$17,000.00	Community groups will work together to link existing nature tracks to create a walk between Tathra Wharf and Merimbula Wharf	BEGA VALLEY

Mogendoura Farm and Horse Sense for Humans	\$11,000.00	Provide an outdoor toilet for use by people accessing the mental health programs at the farm	EUROBODALLA
Muddy Puddles	\$15,620.00	Increase monthly meetings to fortnightly - supporting young people and children with a disability	EUROBODALLA
Narooma Lions Club	\$20,000.00	Purchase of purpose built off-grid BBQ food and drink trailer for use in community events and to support disaster response activities	EUROBODALLA
Quaama Choir	\$7,540.00	Provide a weekly trained community choir with a goal to be at a standard to perform at the Cobargo Folk Festival.	BEGA VALLEY
Quaama Progress Association	\$20,000.00	Construction and installation of wood fired pizza oven and shelter extension for Quaama park. As there were significant barriers to operating the pizza oven, that was abandoned and the funding directed to earth works to make an area more suitable for events (e.g. markets)	BEGA VALLEY
Quaama Tennis Club	\$5,000.00	Purchase storage shed, tools and tennis sporting equipment and replace tap destroyed in the bushfire	BEGA VALLEY
Rocky Hall Community Centre	\$20,000.00	Repairs to building, pump water supply to preschool and clearance of surrounding areas.	BEGA VALLEY
Sapphire Community Projects	\$8,412.80	Build and design a website to provide information on services provided by the Sapphire Community Pantry and to allow community to shop on line.	BEGA VALLEY
South Coast Animal Rescue Inc	\$5,000.00	Purchase a shipping container to store donations	BEGA VALLEY
St Bernard's Primary School	\$22,000.00	Passive play area for students who would prefer to play away from the business of the regular playground.	EUROBODALLA
Sapphire Coast Skatepark Association - Tathra Skatepark	\$15,000.00	Replace current eroded concrete in Tathra skatepark.	BEGA VALLEY
The Crossing Land Education Trust	\$21,637.00	Provide shade roof between shipping containers and provide fire sprinklers in the shipping containers that	BEGA VALLEY, EUROBODALLA

		store camping gear. Fund four camps for young people affected by the bushfires (16 persons per camp)	
Towamba P & C Association	\$13,000.00	Addition of landscaping, extended shade area and pizza oven for the existing completed work.	BEGA VALLEY
Towamba Rural Fire Brigade	\$20,000.00	Purchase and install a quick fill water tank	BEGA VALLEY
Triangle Tool Library	\$10,000.00	Purchase of side opening shipping container which they currently lease, to house workshop and equipment storage.	BEGA VALLEY

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<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>\$Amount of Project Incl GST</b>	<b>Brief Summary of Project</b>	<b>Shire</b>
Adelong Tennis Club	\$3,740.00	Clean up tennis courts and sand to a level surface.	SNOWY VALLEYS
Batlow Search and Rescue	\$13,172.00	Purchase of a trailer to mount two slide-on tanks - one for fuel and one for water	SNOWY MONARO
Batlow Senior Citizens Village	\$15,990.00	Erect a shade sail over the assembly area. As they were unable to obtain Council approval for the to make shade sail, we approved use of the funding to build a retaining wall to make a walkway safer and plants to spruce up the area.	SNOWY MONARO
Bega Valley Shire Council on behalf of Quaama School of Arts Hall Committee	\$8,552.50	Renovations to hall and purchase of air conditioner to improve the craft area	BEGA VALLEY
Bemboka Public School P & C Association	\$23,156.20	Reprinting of booklet "Bemboka, Village in a Valley" for 125 <sup>th</sup> year school celebration	BEGA VALLEY
Braidwood Life Centre	\$9,000.00	Provide 10 week art therapy group	QUEANBEYAN PALERANG
Bumbalong Valley Progress Association	\$25,000.00	Install a septic system and connect to new ablutions block. Re-establish mains electricity. Construction of outdoor area.	SNOWY MONARO
Clyde River and Batemans Bay Historical Society	\$1,900.00	Write and digitise the history of Mogo	EUROBODALLA
Cobargo Wellness Group	\$32,978.00	Create an online recovery course including videos and quizzes	BEGA VALLEY
Enterprising Batlow	\$7,000.00	Build three ramps to allow disabled access to the building	SNOWY MONARO
Lower Towamba Recovery Group	\$30,000.00	Repair and rebuild 6.1km of common access road (non-public)	BEGA VALLEY
Rocky Hall Community Association Inc	\$28,000.00	Build a paved and sheltered barbecue area and install indoor audio-visual equipment	BEGA VALLEY

South Coast Health & Sustainability Alliance (Fruit Trees)	\$5,000.00	Purchase of fruit trees for 46 bushfire victims in Mogo and surrounds, Jerramadra and Bimbimbie	EUROBODALLA
South Coast Health & Sustainability Alliance (Moruya Pre School)	\$5,340.00	Provide firehose cart and hose to prepare the pre-school as a safe haven in emergencies.	EUROBODALLA
Tilba Playground and Oval update	\$33,000.00	Renovate existing playground to cater for all children	EUROBODALLA
Towamba Community Progress Assoc	\$30,000.00	Purchase and install heating/cooling and paint exterior of community hall	BEGA VALLEY
Wyndham Public School P & C	\$30,000.00	Materials and labour to purchase and erect fencing with gates around skate park	BEGA VALLEY

### APPENDIX C. SUMMARY OF CDO PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Eurobodalla	Extension to Nerrigundah Community Shed and Repair and Upgrading of Sports Courts	Assisted the community with their Black Summer Bushfire Grant Application. Chris Quick suggested changes to the approach being undertaken that improved the alignment of the application with the Grant Guidelines. She rewrote responses to several questions and reworked the budget.	Resilience	In-kind	\$796,218 obtained from Black Summer Bushfire Grants Program.
Eurobodalla	Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club Community BBQ	Community get-together on the anniversary of the 2019 NYE's bushfires.	Cohesion, resilience	\$5,000	
Eurobodalla/ Shoalhaven	Our Community Celebrates	A gathering of rural dwellers in Northern Eurobodalla/Southern Shoalhaven featuring a band, refreshments, and bushfire preparation information.	Resilience, preparedness	In-kind - Member of organising committee.	
Eurobodalla	Nelligan Community Event	Community fun day. Food, live music, prizes, gift bags, stalls, kid's events, pet parade, tug of war etc. Utilising local product and services.	Resilience	\$2000 plus in-kind	Marymead, The Family Place, RFS, NSW Health (Disaster Recovery Team)



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Eurobodalla	Moruya River Lights - Celebrating 90 years Sydney Harbour Bridge	Community fun day. Street parade, a re-enactment of the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, live music from local artists, an indigenous performance, River Lights illuminated floats on the Moruya River and fireworks display.	Cohesion	\$2000 plus in-kind	The Rotary Club of Moruya, NSW Police, Marine Rescue and Eurobodalla Shire Council, among others. The matriarch of the local First Nations people and a senior member of the non-indigenous community from Moruya conducted a symbolic gesture in coming together and leading the parade.
Eurobodalla	Katungul Community Fishing Day	Community get-together based around fishing and the outdoors	Cohesion	\$103 plus in-kind	Katungul Aboriginal Corporation
Eurobodalla	Runnyford Community Event	Family activity-based event – 3-legged race, egg and spoon, gum boot throwing, sack races etc. with food and live music.	Cohesion, resilience and preparedness	\$1700 plus project planning, logistics, facilitation, marketing, seeking funds.	Eurobodalla Shire Council (\$1000)
Eurobodalla	The Big Map	A 'big map' Scenario Planning Exercise for Mogo Village and its surroundings.	Preparedness	In-kind	Disaster Recovery Agency, RFS
Eurobodalla	Mogo NAIDOC Week Working Group	Mogo Big Day Out with the theme this year of 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!'	Cohesion, resilience and preparedness	\$1695.43 plus secretariat for the local organising committee	Various agencies and community groups (in-kind and approx. \$20,000)

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Eurobodalla	Runnyford Community Notice Board	A Community Notice Board to advise to residents of meetings/get-togethers etc.	Preparedness, cohesion	\$2,645.50	
Eurobodalla	Tuross Valley Rebuild and Recovery	Assist residents with planning and applying for a grant	Resilience, preparedness	In-kind	
Eurobodalla	Eurobodalla Young Adults	Co-design activities with young people to engage them in range of pursuits that facilitate social connection and access to information and support, including training, employment, job seeking and health. The activities will be delivered through a social club, supporting monthly activities and events directed by the young members.	Cohesion, resilience	\$10,000	
Eurobodalla	Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council Motor Vehicle for Indigenous Rangers	Purchase a 4-wheel drive dual cab tray back vehicle with a slip-on skid firefighting unit to support Aboriginal employment and cultural practices. Increase the three person BBLALC Walbunja Ranger team to seven allowing them to conduct all aspects of indigenous land management.	Preparedness	\$40,000	

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Eurobodalla	Army Cadet Unit	Provision of two relocatable shipping containers for storage and classroom activities	Cohesion, resilience	\$19,420	
Eurobodalla	People Helping People builds in Nerrigundah	Travel and camping support for People Helping People volunteers to work on 12 properties in remote localities to build sheds, slabs, carry out minor electrical and plumbing jobs and conduct clean-ups.	Resilience	\$2,500	People Helping People supplied the volunteers
Eurobodalla	Community Events in Nerrigundah	Hold community events, including games afternoons, and music events, in early 2022	Cohesion, resilience	\$650	
Eurobodalla	Emergency Haven Fit-out	Provided funding to equip the Moruya Pre-school as an emergency safe haven	Preparedness	\$2,500	
Eurobodalla	Equine Therapy	Provided support for people suffering mental stress resulting from the bushfires	Resilience	In-kind	Fortem Australia was engaged to support responders to bushfires to undertake these courses
Eurobodalla	Community Homelessness Facilities	Assembled and facilitated a working group to develop a successful grant application to FRRR to provide hot showers and laundry facilities for homeless people in the Eurobodalla Shire. Temporary hot shower units were installed at Moruya North Head, and electronic payment facilities installed in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma laundromats to operate a voucher system used by multiple service providers.	Cohesion, resilience	In-kind	Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) provided funding. The Family Place, Anglicare, and Rotary were represented in the working group

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Eurobodalla	Eurobodalla Men's Leadership Group	Created and operated a monthly meeting of male community workers to create a supportive and cohesive environment for men's related work in the Eurobodalla Shire.	Cohesion, resilience, preparedness	In-kind	
Eurobodalla	Cultural Tourism with Aunty Deidre Martin	Working with a local Aboriginal Elder on options and two grant applications to grow cultural tourism.	Resilience	In-kind	
Eurobodalla	Boomerang Meeting Place Men's Group	Supporting local indigenous group to develop plans and secure funding for a new building for community activities. The application to Aboriginal Affairs was also supported by pledging up to \$57,000 to meet the shortfall between the maximum grant and the cost. The application was successful.	Cohesion, resilience	\$53,700	Red Cross; NSW Aboriginal Affairs (\$250,000)
Eurobodalla	TinPot Tool Library and Timber Mill	Working with Tin Pot community to develop community tool library and a timber mill	Preparedness, cohesion	\$90,000	
Eurobodalla	Safe Haven Needs Survey	Funding SHASA to map vulnerable population groups and buildings available to be converted into heatwave/bushfire havens to support grant applications to create such havens	Preparedness	\$23,000	

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Eurobodalla	Men's Shed Project	Connecting the three Men's Sheds in the LGA with bushfire recovery service clients and funding those Sheds to repair or replace sentimental items lost in the fires	Cohesion, resilience	\$4,500	Eurobodalla Shire Council Bushfire Recovery Service
Eurobodalla	Moruya Loneliness Event	Joined working group to conduct an event addressing loneliness in Moruya. A grant of \$5000 was won from Roses in the Ocean to conduct an event in Moruya in 2022, combined with efforts to connect with people at risk of suicide.	Cohesion, resilience	In-kind	Eurobodalla Shire Council, NSW Health, community members, Roses in the Ocean (\$5000)
Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Snowy Valleys	Men's Table Phase 1	Working with Men's Table to develop and test a project concept that works across their various tables in three LGAs to connect with reticent or hard to reach men	Cohesion, resilience	\$10,000 plus in-kind	
Eurobodalla, Bega Valley, Snowy Valleys	Men's Table Phase 2	Exploring options to fund training and capacity building for Men's Table members to increase their community reach, particularly hard to reach men.	Resilience, cohesion	in-kind	

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Eurobodalla, Bega Valley	Gulaga Reconciliation Group	Four non-indigenous members of the Gulaga Reconciliation Group received ally-ship training	Cohesion, resilience	\$4,840	
Bega Valley	Mustering Ground Road Repair Works	Assist community in submitting proposals to Pope Logging and Cutting edge to enable residents to access their properties after the damage resulting from the bushfires.	Preparedness	In-kind	Pope Logging and Cutting Edge Rural completed the road repair, with the community only required to pay for road base.
Bega Valley	Build it Up South of Eden	A free event with lucky door prizes, kid's activities, face painting, show bags and live bands. Primary purpose was for social engagement, a stress-free, relaxing day for all to enjoy. Connect with health services if needed on the day.	Cohesion, resilience	\$1,500 plus in-kind for fund-raising and organisation of the event	\$6,414 from various local donors. Police Citizens Youth Clubs and Pambula Rotary Club assisted with running the event
Bega Valley	Ladies Day Out	Primary focus was on mental health and wellbeing for ladies who were affected by the bushfires. They were able to take some time out just for them and be spoilt with some beauty treatments at Bega TAFE and engaging socially over morning tea and lunch. Transport was provided.	Cohesion, resilience	In-kind - organisation, including sourcing funding	Bega Valley Shire Council (\$990).

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Bega Valley	Barefoot Bega Bowls	A day out just for bushfire-affected men to enjoy with barefoot bowls, lunch and refreshments provided at Club Sapphire Merimbula. Transport provided. Some mental health awareness support.	Cohesion, resilience	\$220 plus in-kind organisational support and a funding application	\$360 from the Bega Valley Shire Council Bushfire Recovery Fund
Bega Valley	Sowing Seeds of Hope	Work with community to engage Sydney Botanic Gardens in creating community garden beds to landscape the new pizza oven currently being built with a SVDP-CG Community Grant.	Cohesion	In-kind	Sydney Botanic Gardens
Bega Valley	Movie Nights	Movie nights using the word "Hope" for the youth to create a short film. Movies will be displayed on the big screen followed by prizes and a special movie. Suitable refreshments provided. Conducted in three communities.	Resilience, cohesion	\$514.15 over three nights plus in-kind organisation	Bega Valley Shire Council (\$960). Police Citizens Youth Clubs (in kind)
Bega Valley	Kiah Christmas Party	Assist the RFS and Kiah Hall Friends Committee create their Christmas Party	Cohesion	\$114.50 plus in-kind organisational support	

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Bega Valley	Working Bee Kiah	Organising a community working bee to prepare the tennis/basketball courts for an upcoming event. Mow, Whipper Snip and clear all weeds and trees with chainsaws etc. Stain outdoor furniture.	Cohesion	\$124.61 plus in-kind in organising personnel, equipment and consumables	Eden Community Access Centre Inc.
Bega Valley	Bounce into Kiah	A family fun day based around the set-up of a new tennis net and sporting equipment. Re-establish inter-town tennis competition.	Cohesion, resilience	\$781.50 plus in-kind in organisation	Red Cross, Eden Community Access Centre Inc, Police Citizens Youth Club
Bega Valley	Kiah Community Garden	Creating a community garden to improve the ongoing maintenance and environment of the area between BBQ and tennis courts. Workshops with the community.	Cohesion, environment	In-kind (organisation and liaison with Sydney Botanic Gardens)	Sydney Botanic Gardens (200 plants, workshops)
Bega Valley	Creating a Community Space	Add air conditioning, windows and furniture to an existing RFS shed to allow the community to utilise the space for meetings, events, training, etc	Cohesion, resilience	\$8,000	Kiah Rural Fire Service
Bega Valley	Defibrillator for Rocky Hall	The community of Rocky Hall had no access to a DEFIB and the nearest hospital is an hour away	Preparedness	\$2,700	
Bega Valley	Defibrillator for Kiah	The community of Kiah had no access to a DEFIB and the nearest hospital is an hour away	Preparedness	\$2,744	



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Bega Valley	Bus shelter and gazebo	Replace the gazebo lost in fires and erect a bus shelter for the school bus run. Gazebo will be in honour to all who fought the 19/20 fires. Bus shelter will incorporate local children's artwork.	Cohesion	\$30,000 plus in-kind in project management	Local land owner gave approval for the gazebo and bus shelter to be built on his land
Bega Valley	Myrtle Cove Shelter and BBQ	Replace the picnic tables and shelters lost in the 2019/20 bushfire and incorporate a BBQ/picnic area to provide the only social gathering space for the community.	Cohesion, resilience	\$40,000	
Bega Valley	Bemboka Community Dinner and tales as old as time	A free community evening for dinner and a history sharing event, involving local indigenous and non-indigenous people recounting stories of the past assisted by a professional compere.	Cohesion preparedness, resilience	\$1770 plus in-kind as member of the organising committee.	Red Cross
Bega Valley	10x10 Backyard Veggies with friends	Boosting fire-affected households through offering wicking beds and mentoring. The program worked with 10 households for 10 weeks to re-invigorate their kitchen gardens, with mentoring from a professional market gardener and installation of wicking beds for people still in temporary arrangements	Cohesion, resilience	\$1,493.99 plus in-kind organisation	Red Cross (\$400), Salvation Army (\$800), Bega Valley Shire Council
Bega Valley	Ryefield Hops Grant Application	Assist Ryefield Hops Bemboka in submitting an NRRRA grant for community centre on their farm	Cohesion	In-kind	

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Bega Valley	Kids activity packs for first nations families	Provided activity packs for children to families connected through the local LALCs for lockdown and holidays	Cohesion	\$508	Red Cross
Bega Valley	Bemboka Pool Family Day	Organised in response to a request from the local community as an opportunity to meet new members of the town. It was run at the local pool, with free pizza for each family, kids' activities, and an RFS truck for the kids. More than 100 attended.	Cohesion	In-kind	Police Citizens Youth Club, Bega Valley Shire Council, Red Cross
Bega Valley	Bega Youth Speak forum and future shapers camp	Youth focused events. Youth forum, camp for project ideas development and project mentoring. Made a presentation at the youth camp.	Cohesion, preparedness	In-kind	Bega Valley Shire Council (funding)
Bega Valley	Bemboka Engagement	After identifying a gap in services supporting the Bemboka community, SVDP-CG initiated a coordinated engagement to provide wrap around support to the community. This involved surveys, information dissemination, engagement, project development	Cohesion, resilience, preparedness	\$200	Bega Valley Shire Council, Red Cross
Bega Valley	Eden Preparedness Project Youth Forum	Workshop for young people at Eden High School to incubate disaster preparedness projects. Presentation on stakeholder engagement and team set-up	Preparedness	In-kind	Eden Access Centre, Bega Valley Shire Council

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Bega Valley	CREW Network Co-ordination	CREW is a network of organisations working in recovery in the Bega Valley. The purpose of the network is to help support community-led recovery through inter-agency collaboration. The model for the CREW network grew out of a set of fundamental principles focused on relationships, trust, and letting communities lead the way, supporting and leading from behind.	Cohesion, resilience, preparedness	\$335 plus in-kind (running a workshop, chairing meeting, participation in monthly meetings)	
Bega Valley	Support for individuals and accessing SVDP-CG grants	Working with companions and case workers to obtain SVDP-CG emergency relief grant, including purchasing, delivery and coordination	Emergency relief	In-kind (financial contribution is recorded through the Emergency Relief data)	Bega Valley Shire Council case workers, SVDP-CG Conferences
Bega Valley	Triangle Youth Projects	Supported community group to host two youth events and infrastructure projects (tree planting, maintaining BBQ facilities, etc.). Offering strategy and support whilst the community recovery reduced capacity in the group.	Cohesion, resilience	In-kind	Cobargo Green Recovery Group, BVSC, NSW DPI, Red Cross
Bega Valley	Deconstructing Construction Dinners	Two events involving a community dinner and speed dating with a construction, planning or rebuilding expert. The community dinner offers people a space to share triumphs and setbacks in rebuilding.	Cohesion, resilience, preparedness	\$3,905.50	

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Bega Valley	Support for Quaama Progress Association	Letter of support and grant application assistance for Quaama Progress Association to further develop their park	Cohesion, resilience	In-kind	
Bega Valley	Recycled Windows	Toby O'Connor (SVDP National) offered a house of windows for distribution amongst bushfire impacted communities. We offered these windows to the people of the Cobargo/Quaama area and paid for delivery from Exeter to the Triangle Tool Library in Cobargo	Resilience	\$3,025.00	Triangle Tool Library (storage and distribution). Windows valued at >\$5000 were donated
Bega Valley	Developing Cultural Burning Capacity	Increasing the ability of the local koori community to manage land with cultural burning practices by providing a vehicle. The vehicle enables the LALC to recruit an additional team to broaden the scope of works and to train up to 12 people in cultural burning practices.	Preparedness	\$40,000	
Bega Valley	Rocky Hall Memorial Project	Photos and words recorded by the community from the Black Summer fires compiled in a printed book as a community memorial	Cohesion, resilience	\$4,000	

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Bega Valley	Bemboka Community Services	Install a defibrillator at the Bemboka Post office, which is currently the town's main business premises	Preparedness	\$2,700	
Bega Valley	Bemboka Hall Heating/Cooling Upgrade	Install aircon units in the Bemboka Hall, which is a venue that is very well utilised by the community for services, events and meetings and is part of the local "cooler places in a hotter climate project". The hall has its own back-up power so it can be a really useful haven for people in extreme weather.	Cohesion, preparedness	\$21,000	
Bega Valley	Cobargo Preschool Greenhouse	Supply and install of a greenhouse to improve the function and sustainability of the new preschool kitchen garden program	Resilience	\$9,248	
Bega Valley	Creative Recovery Training	A three day program for artists from bushfire affected communities to learn how to work in a trauma informed way and gain confidence to work in the emergency response space.	Resilience, preparedness	\$12,800	Southeast Arts
Bega Valley	Community Hub Co-op, Bemboka	The establishment of a community hub, that can support a co-op run shop, an arts and crafts enterprise and visiting professionals for mental health, Centrelink, transport etc. This required a lot of input to planning, assistance with some community days and provision of an espresso machine and barista training.	Cohesion, resilience, preparedness	\$8,024 plus in-kind	

LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Bega Valley	Brite Anniversary Event	New Year's Eve party commemorating the 3rd anniversary of the fires. Separate children's and adult's dance parties. No bar, no lollies or canned drinks but lots of activities for the children.	Cohesion, resilience	\$15,120 plus in-kind (organisation)	Anglicare (\$2000), Red Cross (\$1200), BVSC (\$2000), Cobargo Community Bushfire Fund (\$4600), Yuin Folk Club (in-kind)
Bega Valley	50 Sheds	Fire affected families pool their labour to build a shed for themselves and 3 other households. They pay for the materials for their own shed and SVDP-CG pays for a qualified local carpenter's time onsite building and teaching the shed build.	Cohesion, resilience, preparedness	\$28,000	Triangle Tool Library (tools and insurance)
Bega Valley	Cobargo Community Tree Project	Local welders will build a stainless steel tree and supervise all interested members from the community in making their own leaf. The tree will become part of the Cobargo main street post-fire redevelopment	Cohesion	\$5,799.93 plus in-kind (mentoring)	
Bega Valley	Cobargo Preschool Sun Garden	The Sun Garden is a playful teaching space for the community of children, families, teachers and the broader Cobargo community. This project provides funding for a greenhouse propagation space and an automatic garden watering system.	Cohesion, resilience	\$9,248	

LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Snowy Valleys	Rosewood Community Event and Golf Club Grand re-opening	This community had successfully run this event for years up until the bushfires and COVID ended it and also resulted in the closure of their golf club. A new committee has reopened the club as a NFP and aims to reinvigorate this event to bring people back together. Rosewood hasn't held any community event for over 2 years	Cohesion	\$5,000 plus in-kind	
Snowy Valleys	External Defib Installation at Khancoban Community Hall	Purchase and install defibrillator	Preparedness	\$2,500	Installation by qualified community members
Snowy Valleys	PA equipment	The Khancoban Events Committee is focused on creating events to bring the community together and provide an economic boost to the town. They require a PA set to run events	Cohesion	\$5,225	
Snowy Valleys	External Defib Installation for Wondalga RFS	During the 2019/2020 bushfires, Wondalga lost a community member to cardiac arrest. The community will purchase a portable defib for their RFS Shed to ensure the community is protected in the future	Preparedness	\$3,217.42	
Snowy Valleys	Tumbarumba Pre-school	Funded architectural drawings, development application and project management costs, enabling the pre-school to access \$1.9M from NSW Education Dept.	Cohesion, preparedness	\$50,000	The building will be funded by the Dept of Education Start Strong Capital Grant program (\$1.9M). The Snowy Valleys Council is providing the land.

LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Snowy Valleys	Christmas Snags	Low-key gathering of fire-shed members and their families before Christmas	Cohesion	\$334.55	
Snowy Valleys	Snowy Valleys Sculpture Trail	Sculptures by the Sea have been working with local community groups across the Snowy Valleys to deliver a sculptures trail to encourage economic recovery from the 2019/2020 bushfires	Cohesion	In-kind.	
Snowy Valleys	Solar Panel Installation	Guidance and support in submitting a grant application to Snowy Hydro	Preparedness, resilience	In-kind	
Snowy Valleys	Humula Carpathon	Carp fishing competition and auction to raise funds for the Alpine Schools Group	Cohesion, resilience	\$4,000	Humula P&C
Snowy Valleys	Tumbarumba Community Church	Families will have access to a 3hr children's event that includes a live show, jumping castle, balloon sculptures, healthy snacks, barbeque, craft activities, games, and party bags	Cohesion	\$2,000	Tumbarumba Community Church
Snowy Valleys	Adelong Family Picnic	Riverina Landcare are organising a catered family picnic day to encourage local families to engage and interact with the creek scape and sculpture trail on the Adelong Falls walk. SVDP-CG will fund the catering.	Cohesion, resilience	\$2,635	Riverina Landcare



LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Snowy Valleys	UHF for emergency response in the Snowy Valleys	There are some specific locations across the Snowy Valleys where communication facilities were inadequate for informing residents of the approach of bushfires, for many it was too late to take action. This project delivers 100 UHF handsets to deal with areas that have no landline or mobile facilities	Preparedness	\$52,350	20 RFS teams
Snowy Valleys	Care Flight Advanced Trauma Care Workshop	An all-day certified training course centred around advanced trauma care in the face of disaster response for 25 emergency services personnel from across the Snowy Valleys	Preparedness	\$5,000	Resilient Towns Initiative
Snowy Valleys	Mobile External Defibrillator	Provide Rotary Tumberumba with an external defibrillator that they can mount on their BBQ trailer for use in remote parts of the Snowy Mts	Preparedness	\$3,000	
Snowy Valleys	Talbingo Tatoo	This community event started in 2013 and ran successfully every year until Nov 2019 and now needs resurrecting. Seven bands from across the state have already committed to donating their time to this year's event. The SVDP-CG funding will cover the accommodation and transport costs for band members.	Cohesion, resilience	\$5,100	

LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Snowy Valleys	Delivery of Clip-lock Roofing Iron	Rotary in Bungendore reached out to Rotary in Tumut regarding the distribution and use of old clip-lock roofing iron that is being replaced at ANU Canberra	Preparedness	In-kind. Helping to organise the logistics around delivery and distribution of 500m <sup>2</sup> of 9m lengths for multiple sites	Snowy Valleys Council, People Helping People, Rotary Tumut
Snowy Valleys	Rosewood Defibrillator	The community of Rosewood identified that there is no easily accessible defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. Install an alarmed defib on the rear of the toilet block at the park accompanied by lighting and signage.	Preparedness	\$5,045	The Student Representative Council for the Rosewood Public School
Snowy Valleys	Ngarigo Infrastructure Recovery and Build	The Ngarigo TKNIC Inc. committee requested the assistance of SVDP-CG to find and apply for relevant funding to re-build their shed that was lost in the 19/20 bushfires, and add infrastructure to their new walk and yarning circle	Cohesion, resilience	In-kind	
Snowy Valleys	Community Grants Register	Review grants currently available in the landscape of community development, tabulate them, then forward them to a list of community contacts	Cohesion, resilience, preparedness	In-kind	

LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Snowy Valleys	Are You Bogged Mate?	A mental health presentation that focusses mostly on men's mental health in rural Australia. It acknowledges that men deal with stress, depression, and anxiety differently to women. It encourages helping your mates	Cohesion, resilience	In-kind by advertising on social media and through a community organisations list.	
Snowy Valleys	Small Business Month - Economic Strategic Plan	Motivational speaker Peter Kenyon to join an event organised by Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce with the aim of engaging local businesses and community groups. Overall, the desired outcome would be a plan that ensures the economic sustainability of Tumbarumba and surrounds in the new economic and political landscape	Resilience, preparedness	\$10,000	
Snowy Valleys	Community Garden Equipment	Purchase of gardening equipment to be owned and utilised by the Adelong community.	Cohesion, environment	\$4,000	
Snowy Valleys	Adelong Goldfields Re-enactment	Many of the smaller schools in the district will be invited to a local history day. The Adelong Alive Museum will put on a re-enactment of life on the Adelong goldfields. The event will be catered with a bbq. There will also be a talk about the creek rehabilitation to accommodate platypus.	Cohesion, Environment	\$3,565.35	Adelong Alive Museum

LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Snowy Valleys	People Helping People at Courabyra	Support People Helping People volunteers to assist with repairs to the Courabaya community hall and repairs to 20 properties affected by the bushfire. Jobs include refurbishing the community hall, building wood, tool, machinery and chook, sheds, gardening, painting, fencing, shed fit outs to make liveable.	Cohesion	\$15,800	People Helping People
Snowy Valleys	Defibrillator for Batlow Mens Shed	The Batlow Men's shed played a pivotal role for the town in bringing people back together post-bushfires. They have recently built a new shed in the middle of town and acknowledge that to be prepared for any incident that may crop up, an available defib is required	Preparedness	\$3,185	
Snowy Valleys	Talbingo Country Club Upgrades	The local community identified that the current Community Safe Place was inadequate. Deficits in the design of the Country Club as the emergency evac centre have been identified and upgrades are necessary. The main requirement was for a generator and connection costs.	Preparedness	\$41,609 plus in-kind	

LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Snowy Valleys	Rosewood Preparedness Project	The school, which is a designated safe haven for the community, loses water when power is lost. The project provided a transportable generator and showers so that these amenities could also be used in nearby localities as required. It also provided a digital fire danger sign for the RFS shed.	Preparedness	\$66,572	
Snowy Valleys	Ngarigo Toomarombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation - New Beginnings	Having specialty office equipment will consolidate the corporation into one area which will improve time and travel constraints and alleviate the burden of administration on board members. Communication equipment will assist board members to maintain internal and external communication pathways and facilitate contact by third parties.	Cohesion, preparedness	\$7,632	
Snowy Valleys	Khancoban Country Club Improvements	Repair of the Khancoban Country Club house will provide a community owned asset for social occasions, meetings, training and recreation activities. Work will be carried out by community working bees	Cohesion, resilience, preparedness	\$17,578	

LGA	NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORT ALIGNMENT	SVDP-CG INPUT	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (in-kind unless otherwise specified)
Snowy Valleys	Adelong Showgrounds Kitchen upgrade	The Adelong Showground is a designated evacuation centre in the Snowy Valleys. Post-bushfires, a number of donations for kitchen facilities and air-conditioning were made to assist in the upgrade of the pavilion. Final touches (commercial grade flooring, painting, lighting and electrical work) are required to meet specification.	Preparedness	\$10,000	

## APPENDIX D. GOVERNANCE WORKSHOPS



### GOVERNANCE WORKSHOPS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS - FINAL REPORT

#### OVERVIEW

Through working with community groups throughout bushfire affected shires the Community Development Officers (CDOs) recognised a need for governance support for many members of community organisations. Issues raised by community members included: community organisation structures, understanding the roles and responsibilities of committee members, reporting requirements, fundraising, and funding, legal responsibilities, conflict of interest, dealing with complaints, transparency, confidentiality, risk management and forward planning. As a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and many years' experience in corporate governance, CDO Christine Quick (CQ) sought and received approval to provide support to these groups through face-to-face workshops which included a PowerPoint presentation (attached).

#### DETAIL

Governance workshops were arranged with 12 presented in nine locations in the Eurobodalla, Bega Valley and Snowy Valleys Shires; Cobargo, Bodalla, Bemboka, Batlow, Adelong, Khancoban, Talbingo, Tooma and Rosewood. The aim of these workshops was to share information and get attendees to think about how to adapt it to their group. The information provided was general in nature and offered to assist the community group understand the importance of having a good governance structure in place. Prior to each workshop CQ was provided with the name of the organisation/s attending, any pressing concerns or questions and any other relevant details to assist in customising the presentation to best suit the attendees. Where possible a review of any public documents was carried out prior to the workshop. During the workshops participants were encouraged to carry out an organisation health check with the following questions posed where relevant:

What key organisational processes are in place in regard to governance?

- Is your Constitution current?
- Do you have Policies and Procedures in place for Conflict of Interest and a Code of Conduct?
- Do you have appropriate Insurance coverage?
- Is your Committee structure correct?
- Do you have role descriptions for Office Bearers?
- What record keeping systems do you use?
- How do you recruit new members?
- Do you have an Induction process?

The presentations were well supported, and participants left with a clearer understanding of good governance, including risk management, legal responsibilities, planning, funding, Auspicising, the Constitution, roles and responsibilities and reporting requirements.

Post workshop included providing the PowerPoint presentation together with links to information and linking to appropriate service providers if required. A three-page information sheet (attached) was also provided to those groups considering incorporation.

## **OUTCOMES**

Feedback from the workshops confirm that several groups have been very proactive after attending a session and progressed further than they may have without the workshop. Actions to improve access to available funding opportunities include applying for ABN's, opening bank accounts, and purchasing public liability insurance. Improvements in understanding roles and responsibilities and reporting on meeting outcomes have also been advised as has consideration of receiving professional forward planning assistance, review of Constitutions and a process around dealing with conflicts of interest including a register of declarations and regular reviews.

## **COMMENTS/TESTIMONIALS**

*'Dear Chris, it was a fantastic presentation, and I can't thank you enough!'*

*'This was so good, at the start I thought this is all going to be too hard, but it's actually easier than I thought, and we are looking forward to taking it on.'*

*'Hi Chris, thanks again for coming to do these courses in Batlow. Also, thank you for the reply on my By-law curly one the other night.'*

*'Hi Christine, I have sent a review to our little team this morning and asked for their input – I think this is a good way to include everyone and to develop a master list of what we need to be working on. Thank you for your support and encouragement. Any comments about the list would be welcome and hopefully others will have their own ideas/points.'*

## **PHOTOS**





# APPENDIX E. SANITATION PROJECTS

## Appendix E1. Final Report



### EUROBODALLA SANITATION FACILITIES PROJECT - FINAL REPORT

#### OVERVIEW

The Eurobodalla Sanitation Facilities project was put in place to deliver basic bathroom and/or toilet facilities to people whose homes were lost in the Black Summer bushfires and were waiting to rebuild. The project was a co-operative effort involving St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra-Goulburn (Vinnies CG), Catholic Social Services (CSS), Service NSW, National Recovery and Resilience Agency (NRRRA), Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC), Eurobodalla Bushfire Recovery Support Service (BRSS), DPI Local Land Services (LLS) and volunteers. The Eurobodalla Sanitation Facilities Project Team (ESFPT) was formed and included representatives from each of the above, with the Vinnies CG leading and managing the project. The families and individuals supported include eight in Nerrigundah/Eurobodalla; seven in Mogo; four in Batemans Bay; and two in both Narooma and the Deua River Valley.

#### DETAIL

Initial discussions on viability of the project were held during March 2021 with the first Project team meeting held in April. The first referrals were received in May, at which time site visits commenced. The first of 14 composting toilet units were ordered in June and the first of 17 flatpack bathroom units ordered in August. During October 2021 the first onsite support was provided with plumbing and electrical works required to install a composting toilet unit already purchased by the recipient. Just prior to Christmas 2021 contract tradespersons completed the first full bathroom suite installation including supply and assembly of a shed to house it in. The final installation utilising the contract tradespersons was completed in November 2022.

Potential recipients were referred to the ESFPT through several agencies including the BRSS, Service NSW, LLS, and a local Business Chamber. Referrals, including the potential recipient's name, address, current situation, number of residents, and any other comments that would assist in prioritising assessment, were entered into a Client Database. The ESFPT met regularly and reviewed the Client Database, discussed the additions since the last meeting and endorsed the assessments to be carried out at the potential recipients' properties.

Each property was individually assessed to determine the nature and size of facilities required. The assessment involved a site visit by members of the project team who discussed with the property owner the types and sizes of bathroom/toilet and where, when, and how the facilities would be installed. An assessment checklist was completed, including the number of people in residence, sewerage arrangements, site preparation requirements, water access, power availability and what arrangements were in place for bathroom protection. A conversation with

each owner was used to determine whether professional assistance would be required for the installation. This checklist was then provided to the Project Manager. Approval of the installation for each site rested with the Project Manager. Once approved, the necessary units were ordered and subsequently delivered to a local storage facility until such time as the recipient was ready for delivery.

The types of facilities that the project delivered included bathrooms, toilets, hot water systems, sheds to house the bathrooms/toilets, septic tanks or other sewage options, site preparation and other items required to provide a functional sanitation unit. The bathrooms/toilets were delivered as flatpacks and where assistance in installation was required, suitably qualified contract tradespersons were engaged to provide their expertise. Those who did not require tradespersons' assistance were provided with Bunnings Gift Cards to purchase additional supplies, e.g., cladding, where required. Of the 33 potential recipients referred, 23 were provided with sanitation facilities. Five received a compost toilet only; 18 received a bathroom flatpack and nine received assistance from the contract tradespersons. The majority of the remaining 10 referrals were recipients of Minderoo Pods which included a sleeping area and sanitation facilities, making these a lower priority. As the project progressed and with funds still available these potential recipients were contacted again with most advising they no longer required assistance.

Council public and environmental health legislation also had to be addressed. To ensure each recipient was aware of their responsibilities, they were required to sign a document setting out their responsibilities as a recipient of temporary sanitation facilities through this project. The acknowledgement also stated there would be no recourse to the Vinnies CG for costs incurred during usage of these temporary system/s once installed.

## CHALLENGES

Of the 23 provided with sanitation facilities at the time of writing sixteen installations have been completed. Of the remaining, those undertaking to do it themselves have been slower to get the facilities in place for varying reasons. Some of these are owner/building their replacement home, some are in a state mentally where they are finding it difficult to make decisions or settle and complete tasks and all of course have their everyday jobs and responsibilities to deal with. All have been contacted regularly for progress reports and again offered assistance from the contract tradespersons, but most have declined these offers.

With access to most sites compromised, logistics issues including sourcing safe and secure storage for the units was challenging with local facilities mostly fully booked during the period. Initial delivery from suppliers occurred with little or no warning and coordination of delivery by local freight to participant's sites at times was problematic.

Throughout the life of the project, Covid-19 restrictions, including lockdowns, caused delays to site assessments and delivery of product. Participants were kept informed of any delays and the reasons why. Ongoing weather events, mainly floods have also impacted the ability to complete some of the works outdoors, with road and bridge closures delaying progress. The

subsequent floods in Northern NSW during early 2022 also caused delays to product delivery due to the focus on supporting those in need at that time.

## CONCLUSION

In the event of a further major emergency response, there are several recommendations:

- The Assessment Checklist should be more substantial than the one utilised to ensure all relevant details are captured for consideration by the Project Manager (attached).
- Logistics, including freight, storage, and timing of delivery of individual items to recipients need to be considered.
- To ensure that the individual receives the available assistance in a timely manner the Project Scope should include the requirement to utilise assistance from appropriate contractors.

Once approved an additional document detailing the responsibilities of the Recipient (e.g., access to their property and timeframes relating to the installation and use of facilities provided) should be agreed and signed by the Recipient to ensure that once ordered the units are delivered and installed without delay.

This project has been very worthwhile and beneficial for those who were assisted, increasing their ability to remain on, or return to their properties while waiting to rebuild. All those involved, including the ESFPT and their colleagues have been rewarded by being able to meet and assist so many families and individuals, admiring the resilience shown by those who lost their homes during the Black Summer Bushfires.

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## COMMENTS/TESTIMONIALS

*Andy – I'm over the moon and the bathroom installation was life changing. Really appreciate the shower especially on cold days for a warm shower.*

*Troy – We are very grateful for the assistance and for the tradesmen who did an excellent job.*

*Brett - Thank you very much for everything Vinnies CG have provided. I am very grateful and appreciate far more than I could ever articulate all that has been done to assist me. I'm looking forward to trying out the shower tonight.*

*Ash – Thanks for everything, appreciated.*

*Phil – Really happy with the result and very grateful.*

*Jess – I didn't expect to receive this and I'm very grateful for all the help I have received.*

PHOTOS

