Welcome to this edition of our Special Committee newsletter. What a start to the year, bushfires and now we are in unprecedented territory with COVID-19!

Given these events it is more important than ever that we stay connected as a community and look at alternative ways in which this can be done.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

As advised a week ago, all hall booking are to be ceased until at least 30 June 2020. For your own safety as volunteers it is recommended that pre-existing bookings be cancelled where possible or kept to a minimum with social distancing of 1.5m respected.

We have included a link which provides useful information about how you and your families can cope with this unfolding event.


BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GATHERINGS

It was great to see a number of bushfire impacted communities come together to just relax and consider the challenges for future recovery.

These were recently held at Carboor Memorial Hall and at Edi Upper Hall, with a good turnout at each.

A further gathering proposed at Moyhu Recreation Reserve was cancelled in light of the quickly developing COVID-19 pandemic.

RURAL PLACEMAKING

We recently farewelled our Rural Placemaker, Jarryd Williams who is now working with Gateway Health in the Bushfire Recovery space. The role of Rural Placemaking will now be carried on within the Community Wellbeing Directorate.

SOME GOOD NEWS

- Milawa Public Hall committee have run a number of very successful markets, which hopefully can resume later in the year. Here are some great pics:
The Bowmans Murmungee Hall committee would like to acknowledge the donation of $500 from the Bright Paragliders which has been gratefully received.

See below the Australia Day Local Achievers award ceremony held at Everton Hall which was presented by councils Sarah Brindley, Director of Corporate Services to Ray and Jennie Glendenning for their outstanding contribution over many years to the community via local landcare and support of local schools.

SECTION 86 OPERATIONAL MATTERS

SECTION 86 Nominations

Please note that we have deferred nominations at this time due to changes in Local Government legislation which have been passed under the Local Government Bill 2019. We will advise you of the implications of this Bill in an email in due course.

Instrument of Delegation

The Instrument of Delegation provides the regulations for the control and management of your facilities. All committee members should familiarise themselves with this document. This Instrument together with the nomination form for new volunteers can be found at:


Minutes

Please ensure that all meeting minutes together with AGM minutes are emailed to Council as soon as completed after each meeting.

OH & S Inductions

The Rural City of Wangaratta is part of the North East Combined Council Volunteer Safety Induction program. This induction provides information to volunteers about committee roles and responsibilities.

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