

## Draft Community Recovery Plan – Chapter Six People and Wellbeing Summary

This week draft Recovery Plan Chapter Six – People and Wellbeing will be available for your thoughts and comments. This chapter will be disseminated by email link to our website (madrecovery.com) and hard copies will be available at the Recovery Hub and the Genoa Pub for those not connected to the internet.

At its very heart, recovery is about people. A priority is ensuring those who lost their homes or suffered other significant stress - such as post-traumatic stress disorder, property damage and loss of income - have the supports they need to get back on their feet. This means looking out for those who may be ‘slipping between the cracks’ and advocating for community members whose cases may not fit neatly within assistance guidelines.

The beauty is we *do* look out for our own. Isolation means we are a DIY community with over fifty clubs, interest groups and volunteer organisations which places us well for recovery. Continuing to foster healthy networks and social connections is key to building resilience and entrenches our sense of belonging and optimism for the future.

Importantly, we need to capture the lessons learned during and after the bushfires/COVID-19 and build on these. We need to feel assured that in the event of another disaster we are prepared.

### What’s in Chapter Six?

Chapter Six contains the suggestions put forward by you about what is important for individual and community wellbeing in the recovery context.

<b>CHAPTER SIX – PEOPLE AND WELLBEING</b>	
<b><i>Category</i></b>	<b><i>Ideas</i></b>
Support and Advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MADRA Community Wellbeing Working Group</li> <li>● Recovery Management Team</li> <li>● The Child and Youth Recovery Working Group</li> </ul> <p>Identified needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Full time youth/social worker for Mallacoota and Cann Valley districts</li> <li>● Ongoing funding for school social worker</li> <li>● Drug and Alcohol counsellor</li> <li>● Vocational/TAFE outreach worker</li> <li>● Child and youth psychologist</li> <li>● Cultural support for Aboriginal communities for Mallacoota and Cann Valley districts</li> <li>● Communications support officer</li> <li>● Family violence support person</li> <li>● Ongoing case management past contract expiration date for those that need</li> <li>● Ongoing business and economic support and advice</li> </ul>
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shortfalls</li> <li>● Emergency and transitional housing</li> <li>● Rebuilding</li> </ul>
Emergency Health Beds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Respite and emergency beds</li> </ul>
Community Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Social opportunities                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pop-up drive-in cinema</li> <li>○ Off lead dog beach</li> <li>○ Kinder kids sunflower trail</li> <li>○ Dances</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recreational opportunities on our fire trails</li> <li>○ Sports and social clubs</li> <li>○ More concerts, festivals and events, such as a busking showcase.</li> <li>● Reclink</li> <li>● Volunteering and mentoring opportunities</li> <li>● Community gymnasium</li> </ul>
Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Sanctuary Youth forum</li> <li>● Pathways to employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Apprenticeships</li> <li>○ Training</li> <li>○ Digital economy</li> <li>○ Skill sets through volunteering ie Green Army Corps, emergency services</li> <li>○ VET/TAFE/Jobs and Skills Network</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Family Fun Day</li> </ul>
Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Debriefing and lessons learned</li> <li>● Information and protocols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Educating emergency response crews re local features</li> <li>○ Develop a local emergency handbook</li> <li>○ Develop a formal evacuation plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Infrastructure (see also Chapter Seven – Buildings and Infrastructure)</li> </ul>
Commemorating the Bushfires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Media interest</li> <li>● ADF memorial storyboards</li> <li>● Reflections Park</li> </ul>
The Arts, Music and Creative Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Film festival featuring local productions</li> <li>● Writing workshops and storytelling</li> <li>● Café Culture and theatrical productions</li> <li>● Multimedia projects and skills</li> <li>● Dance workshops</li> <li>● Local sculpture exhibition</li> <li>● Photography lessons, tours and exhibitions</li> </ul>
Our History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An audit of cultural and history icons to ensure these are preserved and protected.</li> <li>● Contributing to the Bunker museum bushfire collection.</li> <li>● Re-establishing the Bunker museum bush tucker walk.</li> <li>● Re-establishing the old Genoa School museum site.</li> <li>● Capturing our stories on film and in writing and songs.</li> </ul>

We also take stock of what has been achieved over the last year. It's important to acknowledge how far we have already regrouped through the efforts of many dedicated community members. A strong base has been built for future recovery endeavours.

### Is it too late to send in our ideas?

Perhaps the summary above sparked other ideas for individual and community wellbeing?

Any suggestions can be submitted via the MADRA suggestion boxes outside the Post Office and Genoa Pub, by email to [mallacoota.district.assoc.2020@gmail.com](mailto:mallacoota.district.assoc.2020@gmail.com) or by letter to Locked Bag 1005 Mallacoota VIC 3892. Comments on Chapter Six can also be sent via these avenues.