

## Draft Community Recovery Plan – Chapter Three Summary

COVID-19 prevented us from holding community workshops and meetings to work through our draft Community Led Recovery Plan so we are having to do things ‘back to front’ by progressively putting out chapters of the plan for your thoughts and comments.

Plan chapters will be disseminated by email link to our website ([madrecovery.com](http://madrecovery.com)) and hard copies will be available at the Recovery Hub and the Genoa Pub for those not connected to the internet. Comments can be submitted via the MADRA suggestions boxes outside the Post Office and Genoa Pub or by email to [mallacoota.district.assoc.2020@gmail.com](mailto:mallacoota.district.assoc.2020@gmail.com).

In addition to our community, the Plan has been written with a number of audiences in mind including politicians, government agencies and philanthropic organisations. In other words, those entities which have a major role in funding and delivering our recovery initiatives. To this end, Chapters One to Four build the case for our recovery proposals. Lots of bureaucrat speak alas! Hopefully, our story is written in such a way that agreeing to our proposals is ‘no brainer’.

Chapters Five to Nine contain your thoughts on recovery projects and preferences and community endorsement of these projects will be sought as these chapters are released.

Chapter Three is now available.

### What’s in Chapter Three?

In Chapter Three we outline the frameworks within which we operate.

First up is understanding what is meant by ‘community led’ recovery. This will be different for every community. In our case it’s about 1. identifying problems and offering solutions based on local preferences and 2. sticking up for our community as needed (advocacy).

We also describe:

- Our legal and funding arrangements
- Our recovery priorities - ‘right now’, short term and strategic.
- Government bushfire recovery pillars – Aboriginal healing and culture, people and wellbeing, buildings and infrastructure, business and economy, and environment and biodiversity.

Finally, we recognise the need to understand what projects are in the pipeline so we can influence design aspects and convey community priorities. We are working closely with East Gippsland Shire Council and Parks Victoria to ensure replacement infrastructure is enduring and provides better amenity and access.

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

Not too late at all. The Plan is a dynamic document and will change over time as projects are completed and new ideas emerge.

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