

# STATEMENT

Mallacoota and District Recovery Association Inc.



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## **Jenny Lloyd inducted into Victorian Honour Roll of Women**

MADRA congratulates Jenny Lloyd on being inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women 2021.

Gabriel Williams MP, Minister for Women, Prevention of Family Violence and Aboriginal Affairs, announced on 13 November that Ms Jenny Lloyd is among the Inductees for the Victorian Honour Roll of Women 2021 in a new category of 'Leading Through Disaster', which recognises women's leadership in supporting communities to respond, recover and rebuild after the 2019/20 bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic. The award will be presented in a ceremony early in the New Year.

Each year, the Victorian Honour Roll of Women recognises women who have demonstrated remarkable leadership and excellence in their field of expertise, interest, endeavour, or through their commitment to the community. Jenny has been recognised by both her peers and the wider community for her work in bushfire recovery, showing her talent and dedication to others and building upon what can only be described as an outstanding career. The application process attracted an exceptional field of nominees and Jenny's selection is a testament to her leadership and indelible contribution to our state.

Jenny was one of 12 MADRA members voted onto the first MADRA committee in 2020 and she carried out the role of Deputy Chair until August 2021. Jenny brought to MADRA a wealth of knowledge from her working career in the public services, at both state and federal levels, as well as her valuable training and leadership skills as a Naval Officer in the Royal Australian Navy. Jenny took the lead role in developing the guidelines for our Recovery Plan and community consultation as well as being closely involved in many other projects as MADRA evolved.

The Recovery Plan was compiled and completed by Jenny and others after many hundreds of hours of work involving significant research, discussion and input from the community. The projects and ideas it contained were then taken to MADRA members for voting on and endorsement by the community in the second quarter of 2021. Again, this was a time when Jenny stood tall and worked tirelessly, explaining the process and ideas to the community and encouraging people to take an active role in the future of the town and vote. Jenny was the integral lead at many of the community discussion and information sessions that were held during the eight-week consultation and voting period. Jenny then worked with the external body to collate the results into a formal document, which now has overwhelming support from the community and is held in very high regard by all levels of government and the other stakeholders who are involved in our recovery and resilience.

The MADRA Recovery Plan is a document Jenny is still closely involved with, as she will oversee the Plan and maintain its value and integrity for government, organisation and funding bodies to refer to and use in the years to come.

Jenny's attention to detail, memory retention and quick wit often came to the surface during the many meetings she attended with federal, state and local government authorities, keeping them true to the promises made in the days and weeks after the fires and advocating for Mallacoota and District's needs to be communicated and acted on.

Without Jenny's tireless work and her measured attributes, enthusiasm and drive, there is no way MADRA would be in the strong position it holds today. MADRA is recognised by and listened to by government agencies at all levels, consults and works with NGOs, and advocates at all levels of government, other agencies and philanthropic organisations, with all these bodies ready and keen to hear what our community requires and how they can best support us in our recovery and our drive to build resilience.

MADRA is in debt to Jenny. She is a wonderful human being who made many sacrifices over the past 18 months, and she continues to be a leading light in the community in her ongoing roles with MADRA and other community organisations. We are all very proud to see Jenny's efforts formally recognised with her induction on the Victorian Honour Roll of Women 2021.

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