

Omeo District Recovery Update

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ORCRA meetings

The Omeo Region Community Recovery Association (ORCRA) held its first meeting for 2021 earlier this month. The group has decided to meet on a fortnightly basis to discuss all things bushfire recovery for Omeo and surrounds.

The next meeting will be 4pm 22 February.

Tambo Crossing Community Facility

Final designs for the new Tambo Crossing Community Facility are almost complete. The facility is intended as a multipurpose space for events, meetings and recovery support.

Construction will commence later this year, with intended completion by the end of 2021. Stay tuned for further updates as this project progresses.

Benambra Primary School site consultation sessions

We are planning community consultation sessions for an open discussion regarding future use of the old Benambra Primary School site.

Dates and times to be announced in the coming weeks.

Council to visit

Councillors are scheduled to visit the Omeo District on 3–4 May. The visit will include a Council Meeting on 4 May at 1.30pm (venue to be advised).

Rural Movie Nights

We have successfully secured Drought Recovery Funding to support drought

impacted communities across the shire.

The funding provides the opportunity for 10 outdoor movie nights and we have partnered with the team at Sun Cinema Bairnsdale, who will be bringing family movies to your community on The Sun Bus – a double decker bus fitted with big screen and complete with popcorn and choc tops!

Sun Cinema Bairnsdale is working in partnership with community groups to organise these family friendly movie nights, three of which will be held in Swifts Creek (Saturday 13 March), Omeo Friday 19 March) and Benambra (Saturday 20 March).

IGEM visits resume

Phase 2 of the Inspector General for Emergency Management's inquiry into the 2019-2020 fire season continues to progress.

Community meetings have been scheduled across Victoria, including several places in East Gippsland. Community members from Tambo Crossing and surrounding district are invited to meet for a cuppa and a chat with Inspector-General Tony Pearce about recovery activities 12 months since the 2019-20 fires.

IGEM will be visiting Tambo Crossing (3730 Great Alpine Road) for two community sessions on Wednesday 24 February, at 10.30am and 12.45pm. RSVP by 23 February by calling Jamie Johnson on 0400 457 928 or email jamiejohnson@live.com.au

Council news

The February edition of the My Council, My Community newsletter is out now

and includes plenty of information on council projects, services, decisions and upcoming events. There's also a section dedicated to Bushfire Recovery. To read the **newsletter** visit our website or **subscribe to the newsletter** to receive it straight in your inbox

Also, for updates on general local business support, activity and news, business operators are encouraged to sign up to Council's **Business Connect e-newsletter**. Alternatively you can always email the team on economic.development@egipps.vic.gov.au

New website

Our new website is desktop, tablet and mobile friendly and we invite you to take a look at www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au. We have received fantastic feedback on the website so far. There is a dedicated **Bushfire Recovery** section which includes an Omeo District page.

We'd also love your feedback, so please take the opportunity to complete the survey while on the new website.



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