

Welcome to your June update...for those new to join us we're so glad you're here!

The chilly days and covid cancellations have caused some events to jump around the calendar more than a pogo stick, and as unbelievably disappointing as it initially was to see restrictions enter back into our lives. We are thinking of everyone isolating or in the Greater Sydney area as plans are halted and school holidays disrupted.


We are playing our part to ensure the safety of our team and our community over the next two weeks, and hope this next phase passes quickly!

For us, its Covid safe as usual. As we make a few adjustments to our plans in line with NSW Health guidelines. We also get a bit more time to make sure our offerings really deliver in helping you develop a strength, be quicker to recover or enjoy a creative outlet while having some fun!

BUT don't wait for us! YOU can also take ANY ACTION to do something or share your treasure with others.

Start with your health. Get some fresh air or sunshine. Move. Pet the dog (or cat) more. Call old friends. Make more new friends. Explore a new hobby or tackle that thing you've been putting off.

Maybe you've been waiting for the ideal thing to come along, or have an idea that you think others would benefit from? Let us know - we would love to hear from YOU, our clever community.

Yours, masked up! 

Rachel Nicoll - Community Recovery Officer (0419 100 085).



## 2021 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Congratulations David Peters and Geoffrey Ryan! David and Geoffrey were recognised in the seven NSW Rural Fire Service members receiving Australian Fire Service Medals (AFSM) in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Read the Lithgow Mercury article [HERE](#)

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TEAMS UP WITH LEVIS

"Everything we had ever done, worked for, saved for, everything we had... disappeared in that fire." - Elisabeth.

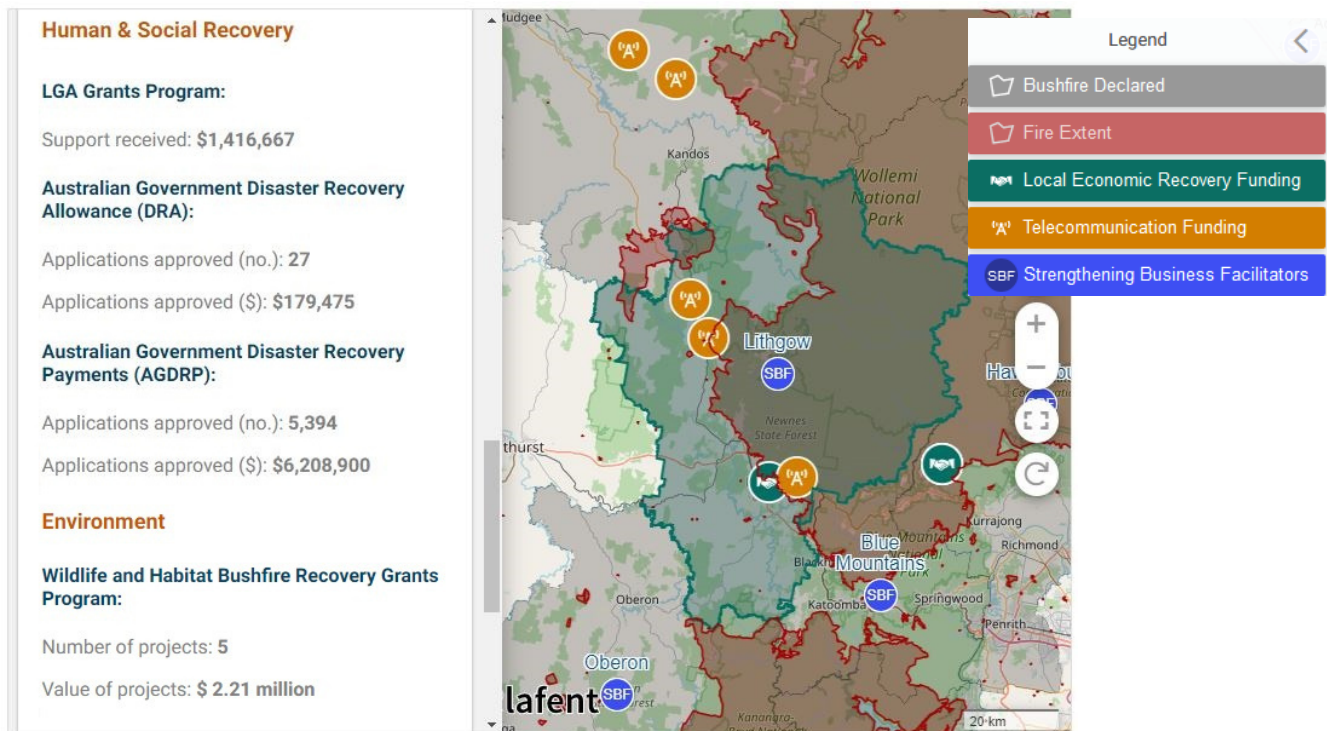
More than a year on, Habitat for Humanity teamed up with Levis\_anz on a special volunteer build to help rebuild and restore Elisabeth's property.

See the video on [Facebook](#)



## Bushfire recovery work underway in Lithgow LGA

The NRRRA has created a mapping tool of bushfire affected local government areas (LGAs) which shows what recovery work is happening in each area.



The LGA mapping tool breaks down key statistical information about the LGA, the impact the bushfires had in the area and what recovery efforts and funding has been spent to date.

Each LGA profile snapshot includes information about the areas:

- Demographics
- Key business/industries and agricultural commodities
- Recovery activities and associated funding provided broken down into:
  - human and social recovery
  - economic recovery, and
  - Environmental recovery

The map is updated every month and will be expanded in the near future to include other disasters, not just bushfire.

The NRRRA has created this tool as part of its ongoing commitment to transparency and to keep communities aware of the recovery effort progress in their area. Visit the map [HERE](#)

## NSW Bushfire Inquiry 2020 progress report

Resilience NSW has recently released a progress report on the NSW Bushfire Inquiry for Quarter One (January to March) 2021. You can access the report [HERE](#)

## Asset Protection Zone Requirements

An Asset Protection Zone (APZ) is a fuel reduced area surrounding a built asset or structure. This can include any residential building or major building such as farm and machinery sheds, or industrial, commercial or heritage buildings.

The NSW RFS has a 'Standards for Asset Protection Zones' document that sets out the requirement for establishing and maintaining APZs. You can access the standards [HERE](#).

# GET YOUR GRANT ON

FREE GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS  
FRIDAY, 16 JULY 2021

<p><b>ZIG ZAG MOTEL, LITHGOW</b> 8AM - 10AM</p>	<p><b>BLACK GOLD MOTEL, WALLERAWANG</b> 12PM - 2PM</p>
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**GET READY!**  
Lithgow City





## GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

Do you have a 'big idea' that will benefit the Lithgow community? Are you seeking funding for a project but are unsure how to find, write and apply for grants?

Join Lithgow City Council and grant writer Melanie Trethowan to find, apply, write and acquire grants and funding.

This one-stop workshop will help you:

- Learn how to strengthen your application and ensure it matches the funding criteria
- Gain necessary skills to write a quality funding application
- Tips to make your application stand out
- Learn about potential grant funding available including Council Community Grants Programs as well as external funding opportunities

This workshop is for Not For Profit and Community Organisation leaders and volunteers looking for ideas and help to increase your chance of funding success for your community project or business dream.

Workshops will be held in Lithgow and Wallerawang and places may fill quickly, so please register if you wish to attend. Seats are limited.



Zig Zag Grant Writing Workshop:

Location: Zig Zag Motel, Lithgow

When: Friday, 16 July 2021

Time: 8.00am to 10.00am

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lithgow-city-council-free-grant-writing-workshop-tickets-159225209889>



Wallerawang Grant Writing Workshop

Location: Black Gold Motel, Wallerawang

When: Friday, 16 July 2021

Time: 12.00 noon to 2.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lithgow-city-council-free-grant-writing-workshop-tickets-160766427713>

Weekend and more workshops coming soon!!



**AusIndustry**  
Entrepreneurs' Programme



## Small Business Workshops

Help get your bushfire-affected business back on track.

Join us for free on Thursday 22 July, 2021

- 8:00 AM-10:00 AM: Zig Zag Motel, Lithgow
- 12:00 PM-2:00 PM: Black Gold Motel, Wallerawang

Presented by Lithgow City Council and Business Australia.



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## SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Lithgow's Small Businesses Get a Free Helping Hand For Business Challenges and Recovery From Bushfire and Other Events

Every business faces exposure to risk, whether it be a natural crisis such as a bushfire or flood, or man-made such as accident or illness.

Not having a plan in place in the event of an emergency can seriously compromise your ability to protect your business and act in times of crisis. Lithgow City Council, in partnership with the Strengthening Business Service, part of the Australian Government Entrepreneurs' Programme, is providing free two-hour workshops to help you build resilience in your business and get it back on track.

Places may fill quickly, so please register if you wish to attend.

Location: Zig Zag Motel, Lithgow When: Thursday, 22 July 2021 Time: 8.00am to 10.00am

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-small-business-workshop-tickets-161605086163>

Location: Black Gold Motel, Wallerawang When: Thursday, 22 July 2021 Time: 12.00 noon to 2.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-small-business-workshop-tickets-161607248631>

For more information on how the program can transform your business, visit [www.business.gov.au/EP](http://www.business.gov.au/EP)

Businesses can also access the Small Business bushfire counselling support line on 1800 413 828 or

[www.smallbusinessbushfire.org.au](http://www.smallbusinessbushfire.org.au)

## REVENUE NSW SUPPORT

Revenue NSW have developed a number of options to support people affected by recent natural disasters. These include allowing additional time to pay fines, fees, taxes and royalties. Find more information on the [Revenue NSW website](#)



### Save the Date | 18 September 2021

The Bushfire Recovery & Community Day is BACK with a NEW name, NEW location and a NEW and IMPROVED program.

You can still let us know what you would like to see and hear about.

Our survey closes soon [TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

We value your thoughts and feedback.

## NEW COVID-19 SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR BUSINESSES

A new grants package has been announced by the NSW Treasurer this week to support small businesses and people across the state impacted by the current restrictions.

This includes the extension of the Dine & Discover vouchers to Tuesday, 31 August 2021. The Dine vouchers will also apply to takeaway orders delivered directly to homes.

The Small Business Support Grants will help businesses by alleviating cashflow constraints while trading is restricted. This can be used for expenses like rent, utilities and wages for which no other government support is available.

The package includes grants that are dependent on the decline in turnover experienced during the restrictions:

\$10,000 for a 70% decline  
\$7,000 for a 50% decline  
\$5,000 for a 30% decline

The grants will be divided into two streams:

- A) Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant
- B) Hospitality and Tourism COVID-19 Support Grant

The criteria will be available on the **Service NSW** website in the coming days.

## LOCAL BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

A total of 9 local projects within the Lithgow LGA will receive a well-deserved funding boost, resulting from the crippling 2019/2020 bushfire season.

A total of 15 projects across the Calare electorate will share in \$16.5 million in funding, close to half that funding coming to the Lithgow region.

Lithgow LGA projects include:-

- \$2,763,500.00 to upgrade the Glow Worm Tunnel visitor precinct.
- \$990,000.00 to construct an emergency fire shelter in the centre of the Wolgan Valley
- \$919,206.00 for Habitat for Humanity to work alongside vulnerable residents and volunteers to clear burned debris and fire prone vegetation
- \$720,500.00 will go to the Australian Ecosystems Foundation Inc (AEFI) to build a Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Hospital adjacent to Secret Creek Sanctuary.
- \$615,500.00 to construct a Community/Visitor Centre in Lithgow.
- \$503,000.00 to support the Lithgow District Chamber of Commerce's efforts to boost jobs and investment through the Lithgow business revival program.
- \$486,747.00 to fund the purchase of a fixed diesel generator for Lithgow's evacuation centre.
- \$326,675.00 for Headspace Lithgow and Chifley/Lithgow Rural Fire Service (RFS) to establish an RFS cadetship program titled 'Youth Beyond the Flame.'
- \$270,000.00 to construct the Capertee Recreation Reserve Bike and Walking Trail.

Details of successful local economic recovery projects in New South Wales – and across other states – are available on the National Recovery and Resilience Agency website at <https://recovery.gov.au/our-community/local-bushfire-recovery-projects>

# CREATIVE ARTS

## INMATE ART'S FIERY ORIGINS

Lithgow Correctional Centre staff and inmates have collaborated in the aftermath of the Gosper's Mountain bushfire to create a unique sculpture series.

The sculptures are displayed on the mountainside next to the prison and were created from lengths of charred, scrap barbed wire from fences destroyed by the December 2019 fire.

Overseer Steven Redman gathered the wire and with the help of inmates, recycled it into three, tree-like sculptures that stand in memory of the blaze.

Head to [Facebook](#) for more details.



## People's choice voting is open for the 2021 Resilient Australia Photography Awards!

Now in its 22nd year, the Resilient Australia Awards celebrate initiatives that build community resilience to disasters and emergencies, as well as images that capture resilience in action.

The image with the most likes and reactions from each state or territory will win its jurisdictional photography award.

Head to the [AIDR Facebook](#) page and cast your vote by liking or reacting to your favourite images. Voting closes 8 July.

## SALVAGE

The installation and performance entitled **Salvage** is based on the recovery experience following the bushfires that devastated Lithgow and surrounding localities. The work, which is created by participants from the Lithgow community under the guidance of Trybal productions, involves the creation of sound and music works, Video storytelling, digital modalities, Virtual Reality, augmented reality and live performance.

One of the key themes Salvage will focus on is "we can learn from the past but we don't have to live there" the project will help to bring out a positive narrative which will show how resilient the Lithgow community is as individuals work together to support each through difficult times and despite the difficulties we can learn and together create a positive sustainable future.

The Free Art Installation and performance is driven by people's lived experiences of the catastrophic bushfires, with personal stories at the heart of the work. Salvage will be held at the Lithgow Union Theatre on Saturday 9th October.

Anyone who would like to learn more about Salvage or would be interested in participating is invited to contact James Daley, Trybal Productions at [guijd55@gmail.com](mailto:guijd55@gmail.com) or phone 0429 785 449.



## Bushfire restoration tree planting grants

Have you heard about Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife's (FNPW) Tree Planting grants?

Eligible applicants are invited to support tree planting projects as part of bushfire restoration projects in and around regions affected by the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires.

The FNPW bushfire recovery project goal is to plant one million trees throughout fire-affected areas by December 2024.

Grants in this round are for in-kind support for the supply of trees sourced through one of the FNPW Bushfire Recovery Nurseries.

Visit: <https://fnpw.org.au/grant/bushfire-restoration-grants/>



## Small Environmental Grant Scheme

Grants are available from Wettenhall Environment Trust for grassroots organisations and individuals to undertake projects that will make a positive difference to flora and fauna conservation and threatened mammal conservation.

The grant scheme supports projects which involve monitoring, recording and sharing data, community education and capacity building or research.

For more information and to apply, visit the [Wettenhall Environment Trust website](#)

## How are your pastures recovering after bushfire?

As part of the Weeds in Bushfire Recovery project, Central Tablelands Local Land Services Pastures Officer Clare Edwards has made a series of videos talking about the impact of bushfires on pastures and how that may influence pasture composition and management into the future.

Further information on pasture recovery after bushfires can also be found in [DPI Primefact 539](#).

Click to view the series of short videos [HERE](#) that take you through the following topics:

- Conditions before the burn
- Fire intensity
- Species composition
- Ongoing management



### Tip Fees

Did you or someone you know incur tip fees for bushfire generated waste?

Council is seeking advice from residents who can provide evidence that they incurred excessive tip fees from the 2019/20 bush fires for a report to be submitted to Council.

Please contact your recovery support service or community recovery officer (0419 100 085) for information or assistance.