

RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

THANK YOU for joining us for your monthly update, and for our new sign ups WELCOME! We're so glad you're here and have lots of great content to share with you!

We cannot believe December is here! How!? It's with real excitement that we see a return to in-person events. November was packed to say the least with a few highlights of mention:

- EPA Bushfire Generated Green Waste Program – Yep we got it! Lithgow City Council was among the 15 successful applicants out of a 50 eligible Councils for this important program
- Art of Recovery - Lead lighting Class
- Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation Celebration - Bushfire Community Recovery & Resilience Project and wonderful to see the completion of Stage 1 - Major Works
- Events at Bay Tree and Kilibinbin Nursery
- The Lithgow Readiness Rally: Be Aware and Prepare webinar
- The third Writing Resilience Zoom Workshop
- Women's Health Week Event - Self Care in times of Uncertainty, and
- The awaited opening of ReNew Exhibition of works by the local community that respond to the 2019/20 bushfires.

On Wednesday 1st December we kicked off one of the busiest retail periods of the year with the Browsing is the New Black Business Breakfast and a deep dive into the customer experience. You can watch a recording of the workshop here: <https://youtu.be/DwCwueFGBeo>

With end of year festivities starting to fill the calendar we have a few final things planned to give an extra push needed to get through this wild year!



Hosted by Lithgow City Council, in partnership with local emergency services, the Lithgow Readiness Rally brought together local residents to learn about disaster preparedness and to strengthen community resilience through resources and advice.

This FREE event was held online via Zoom on Saturday, 20 November 2021 from 6pm to 7pm. The session recordings and presentation PowerPoint slides are now available to watch back and access via the [WEBSITE](#).



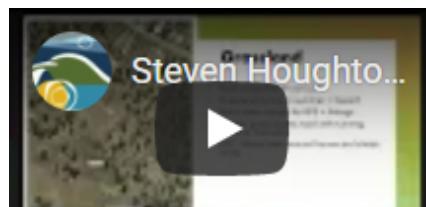
[NSW RFS Seasonal Update - Lithgow 2021](#)



[Chris Ferreria - The Forever Project](#)



[Nigel Bell - ECODesign Architects](#)



[Steven Houghton - Statewide Bushfire Consulting](#)



ReNew

ReNew is an exhibition of works by the local community that respond to the 2019/20 bushfires, capturing our collective experience and subsequent journey to recovery and resilience.

It documents and captures the spirit of our community during a challenging time, bringing neighbours and strangers together and forming new relationships with each other and with the landscape that surrounds us.

The artworks represent the experience of those that live, work or study in the Lithgow Region.

This is a Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund project through the joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Exhibition Details

The Annexe,
At The Foundations
30 Williwa Street,
Portland.



Enter at
Wolgan Street Intersection

Exhibition Times

27 & 28 November - 10am - 3pm
4 December - 10am - 8pm
5 December 10am - 3pm
11 & 12 December 10am - 3pm



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WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK EVENT

On Wednesday 24th November, four local women shared their personal stories and encouraged other local women to be "Self-full" as part of a free event to celebrate Women's Health Week.

Central West Media's Kellie Evans led the panel discussion with Three Tree Lodge CEO Kate Hurrell, Owner of YOU Fitness Kayler Leslie and Communications and Engagement Officer for Clarence/Dargan RFS and Coordinator of the Heads Up for Fire program Antonia Ravesi.

The event, held over due to Covid-19 lockdowns, provided an honest discussion, and real-life experiences on the impact of bushfires, social connection and disconnection, maintaining positive physical and mental health, as well as practical advice to cope with challenging times.

Learn more about the week and health tips at: www.womenshealthweek.com.au



STAY INFORMED

A GUIDE TO HELPING PROTECT YOUR HOME AGAINST BUSHFIRES

If you're living in a bushfire prone area or are planning to build in one, it's important to know the fire risks and what you can do to minimise them.

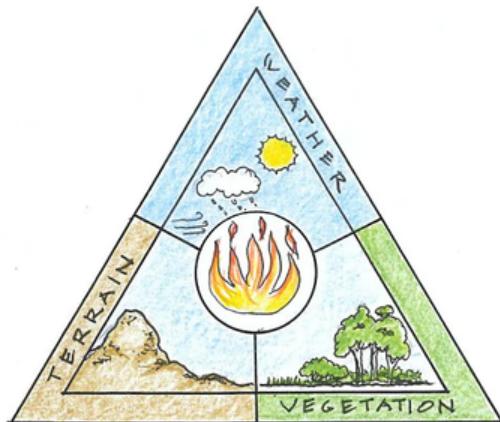
To help Aussies prepare for bushfire season, the CSIRO has put together a [bushfire best practice guide](#) to answer any and all bushfire-related questions, particularly when it comes to building and renovating your home.

The bushfire best practice guide is thorough and comprehensive, touching on everything from bushfire basics to proper design and maintenance of your home. It helps homeowners address the following areas:

- understanding that bushfires are a natural part of the Australian landscape
- understanding how bushfires interact with homes and gardens
- using principles of design to reduce bushfire risks (including injury and the loss of life)
- improving on existing bushfire regulatory controls
- building or retrofitting a house or garden

The CSIRO have also published a 10 steps to increase bushfire resilience. Read the 10 Steps [HERE](#)

Image: CSIRO



SMALL FARMS AND BUSHFIRES

The Small Farms Network - Capital Region has produced a Small Farms and Bushfire Webinar covering property preparation, bushfire management zones, bushfire survival plans, equipment, managing livestock and bushfire mitigation.

View the webinar [HERE](#)



IS YOUR ORGANISATION CONTACTABLE IN AN EMERGENCY?

There are many benefits to keeping your business contact details current, especially during bushfire and storm season.

For instance, did you know that during emergencies or natural disasters, emergency services and government agencies use ABN details to identify businesses in affected areas that might need help or support?

Keeping your ABN details up to date means you can receive important assistance, updates or opportunities such as grants.

[Be prepared for an emergency.](#)

Monitor weather forecasts, warnings and river levels.



View all current weather warnings, visit bom.gov.au



For information on your flood risk, visit ses.nsw.gov.au



For emergency help in flood, storm and tsunami, call NSW SES on 132 500.

FLOODING - STAY INFORMED

FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN FLOOD, STORM AND TSUNAMI

132 500



Following recent rainfall we have received across the region, water levels are continuing to rise and impacting our local roads, river systems and communities.

Stay up to date by following the SES in your local area and visit their website for the latest information. Please stay safe.

<https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/>

For more information visit council.lithgow.com/bushfire-assistance/ or call 02 6354 9960



PREPARATION A COMMUNITY EFFORT WHEN IT COMES TO DISASTER SEASON

nbn has launched its 2021 Emergency Preparedness campaign by reminding Australians to put safety measures in place this disaster season and follow some simple tips to help maintain communications during emergency events.

Briefings will also be available for local councils to outline how nbn responds during an emergency event and raise awareness about what the community can do to also be prepared.

Disaster season provides an opportunity to refresh contingency plans and make sure family members are aware of what to do, and nbn has offered the following tips to households.

Read the simple tips to prepare for disaster season and help manage communications and stay safe [HERE](#)

WHAT THE BAREFOOT INVESTOR WANTS YOU TO KNOW ABOUT PREPARING FOR FIRES AND FLOODS

Scott Pape has spent years helping Australians get better with their money.

But when the Barefoot Investor's own home burned down in 2014, he realised he wasn't completely prepared.

Read some of the important considerations relating to insurance when catastrophe hits [HERE](#)



GRANTS

EVENTS FUNDING AND TOURISM GRANTS

The NSW Government has announced that it will invest more than \$8 million in a suite of grant programs to accelerate the recovery of the NSW visitor economy as the state reopens to visitors. This will include a new round of both the Refresh & Renew Fund and the Experience Enhancement Fund, as well as Cooperative Marketing and Event Development opportunities.

Thinking of bringing an event to the regions? Need a delivery partner? We might be able to help or host!

Click [HERE](#) for more information on what's available, and get in touch with us to discuss bringing your ideas to Lithgow!

VINNIES AND LINC WORK TOGETHER TO HELP BUSHFIRE AFFECTED RESIDENTS

Vinnies Community Grants program is helping the Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre's efforts to help the community's ongoing recovery from the Black Summer bushfires.

LINC's Community Hub Manager Leanne Walding said they will be using the money from the Vinnies Community Grants program to hold engagement days for people at all points in their recovery journey.

Read the full article [HERE](#)