

# Tawonga and District Community Association Inc.

## Spring 2020 Newsletter



The TDCA Committee meets 7.00pm first Friday of February, May, August and November. Existing and new members are welcome!

### Chairperson:

Eric Napier

### Vice Chairperson:

Trish Ryder

### Secretary:

Sue Ryder

### Treasurer:

Meryn Deans

### Committee members:

Barbara Talbot

Claire Lucas - Gear

Marie Lucas - Gear

Melissa Wiffen

Mark Redmond

### CFA Nominees:

Bruce Vine

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The Tawonga and District Community Association committee recognise the dedicated efforts by community members and organisations in their commitment towards maintaining community health and continuing to support each other. Our community fabric fosters our community resilience.

The TDCA Committee held its AGM via Zoom on 7 August 2020 and we welcome new committee members Claire - Lucas Gear, Marie Lucas - Gear and Mark Redmond. We also welcome back existing members and thank past committee members Gina Sauervein and Joan Evans for their support over recent years.

Tawonga community members were invited to have their say on the draft concept plans for the Alpine Better Places - Tawonga initiative at a webinar in July 2020. Alpine Shire Council and MDG Landscape Architects have released the draft phase one plans which are now available to view on the Alpine Shire website. The phase one plans provide a visual of where the community have placed their support for the initial concept ideas.

The TDCA continues to pursue funding opportunities and thank the Alpine Shire Community Grants Program for a grant to paint a children's games area in the old tennis courts area in Pioneer Park.

In 1957 the Tawonga community united to build - with voluntary labour - the Tawonga Memorial Hall.

The Hall continues to be the hub of the community hosting community groups and a myriad of activities.

The Hall is also designated as a *Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort*.

**TAWONGA MEMORIAL HALL**  
OPENED 17th MARCH 1961

*VOLUNTEER WORK COMMENCED IN 1954 ON A WOODEN BUILDING ON THIS SITE BUT AFTER THE STUMPS WERE IN WAS ABANDONED AS THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH SUPPORT. IN 1957 THE PLAN WAS CHANGED TO CEMENT BRICK CONSTRUCTION AND A FRESH START MADE.*

**VOLUNTEER WORK DONE**  
*LOADING AND CARTING OF SAND AND GRAVEL FOR FOUNDATIONS AND CEMENT FLOOR SECTIONS. LOADING AND CARTAGE OF SAND FOR BRICKS (LOADING - FARM TRACTORS - CARTAGE - FARM TRUCKS AND TRACTORS) MAKING OF 27000 BRICK SIZE BRICKS. MAKING AND INSTALLATION OF JOINTERS. CARTAGE OF CEMENT AND OTHER SUPPLIES FROM ALPINE (LOCAL FARMERS AND COARRS) STUMPS BEARERS JOISTS THROUGHOUT. FLOORS IN KITCHEN STAGE DRESSING ROOMS FOYER TOILETS AND BATHROOMS. PORTION OF MAIN HALL FLOOR. INSTALLING DOORS AND WINDOWS. ALL PLUMBING AND PAINTING. KITCHEN COOKHOODS. SEPTIC TANK AND SEWAGE SYSTEM. SKAWATING AND BASTERING OVER ENTRANCE.*

*LAND DONATED BY MR HARRY COOPER.*

**CONTRACT WORK DONE**  
*BRICKLAYING - C.S MILLER STEEL TRUSSES - A.B. MA GUYCK  
ROOFING - C.S MILLER PLASTERING INSIDE - C.S MILLER CEILING - S. WING  
ELECTRICAL - I.M. GUFFIE ENTRANCE STONEMWORK - I. WALKER.*

**FINANCE 17 3 61**

QUEEN COMPETITION (RSH WIN) RAISED	15.00	AREA
OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED OR RAISED BY SPECIAL EFFORTS	11.50	473 SQUARES
GOVERNMENT GRANT	15.00	
LOAN STATE SAVINGS BANK	15.00	VALUATION
LOCAL INTEREST FREE LOANS	400	£16 000
ACCOUNTS DUE	650	
TOTAL COST INCLUDING CHAIRS AND PIANO	£6700	

The TDCA are currently exploring funding opportunities for infrastructure improvements for the Tawonga Memorial Hall to strengthen its capacity to cater for events and to serve as an emergency relief centre.

We are also in the process of finalising an agreement with Alpine Shire Council to manage the Hall on behalf of the council through appointing a sub committee.

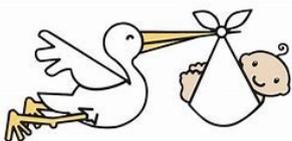
This is a key asset to our community , and we encourage ideas and support in keeping the Hall running in it's best capacity to service the community . If you would like to serve your community on the Hall sub committee please email us at [tdca@tawonga.vic.au](mailto:tdca@tawonga.vic.au) or have a chat with a committee member.

## **'Isolation Creations' Gathering to be rescheduled**

**We would like to send a big thank you to all who have shared their 'isolation creations' which are displayed at the Old Tawonga Store.** It is wonderful to be able to enjoy the creations of our gifted community members from all ages. The intended gathering on Saturday 10th October 2020 was postponed due to the current health guidelines around public gatherings. We look forward to confirming the new date as soon as we can confidently hold a community gathering that ensures best health practices for our community.



Congratulations to Max Kruiser and Nicola Arnet on the birth of their first child, Hamish Ted. Grandparents Richie Kruiser and Gina Sauervein, and Theo and Jenny Arnet are very proud of the new addition to the family.



Congratulations also to Michael and Sarah Maddison on the arrival of Leo Denis Maddison Jnr! First grandson of Leo and Linda Maddison of Mongans Bridge, and Denis and Diane Hinde.



Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Patricia Deuchar from Upper Gundowring a good friend of the late Hazel Coad of Tawonga.

## A sixth generation of Maddison's in the Kiewa Valley!

John Maddison and his wife Mary Padman emigrated from London to Australia in 1850 with their five sons.

The youngest, George (1846-1930) married Henrietta Caldwell (1857-1949) and they had a family of eight – 6 boys and 2 girls. Their 2nd born, Thomas George (1881-1959) married Gertrude Fanny Keat and they had 3 boys and 3 girls. The youngest, Jack (1912 - 1979) married Marion Schultz and they had 3 boys – John, Brian and Leo. Leo married Linda McKendrick and they had twins, Michael and Jane, and Ryan.

Michael married Sarah Hinde and they welcomed Leo Denis into the world on the 5th October, 2020.



George and Anesta Maddison



Michael Maddison and Adam Ryder on the Bogong High Plains May 1998

# Tawonga Primary School

## VIRTUAL TOUR

Is your child ready to begin their school journey in 2021?  
Have you checked out all the options?  
Term 3 is the time to make your decision prior to the formal Prep Transition Program commencement in Term 4.

While we can't show you around our beautiful school at the moment, we would still love to give you a tour? Please contact our Principal Kim Franzke on 5754 4468 or email [kim.franzke@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kim.franzke@education.vic.gov.au) to make an individual appointment or small group appointment with a friend.

We teach using evidence based teaching approaches and are accredited with the Australian Dyslexic Association.

**ada** Australian Dyslexia Association  
Solutions for those who learn differently.

# Tawonga Fire Brigade

Now is the time to start preparing your property for this summer.

1. Clean up your property, gardens, yards and boundaries
2. Burning off info: What to do, how to burn off safely (tips)
3. Building maintenance, gutters, flywire screens, verandas, wood piles
4. Property access, rural roadside numbering, gates and driveways, firefighting water points
5. Firefighting equipment, protective clothing, mops, buckets, watering cans and hoses, firefighting pumps and firefighting units.
6. Bushfire survival plan,
7. Where to get more information

Visit the CFA Website for details <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>

**HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST**

- Smoke alarms**
  - Test and clean regularly.
  - At least one on each level.
  - One in every bedroom where someone sleeps with the door closed.
- Heaters**
  - Install, maintain and operate according to manufacturer's instructions.
  - Keep 1 metre clear space around.
  - Turn off before going to bed or going out.
- Candles**
  - Keep away from curtains.
  - Always use on non-combustible surfaces.
- Kitchen**
  - Never leave cooking unattended.
  - Keep combustibles such as tea towels and curtains away from cooking and heat sources.
  - Keep pot handles turned in.
  - Keep grills, fans and cooking surfaces free of grease residue.
- Laundry**
  - Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load.
  - Let the dryer complete its cool-down cycle before stopping.
- Front door**
  - Never deadlock doors when you're at home. If you must keep doors deadlocked, leave your keys in the lock.
  - Develop and practise your home fire escape plan – have two ways to escape each room and a designated safe meeting point outside your home, e.g. letterbox.
- Open fire place**
  - Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
  - Put out fires before going to bed or going out.
  - Keep 1 metre clear space around
- Bedroom**
  - Never smoke in bed.
  - Don't leave laptops on bed
- Electric blankets**
  - Turn on no more than 30 minutes before bed.
  - Turn off before you get into bed.
  - Remove heavy items from bed when on.
  - Keep flat with controls at the side of the bed.
  - Regularly check for broken and worn wiring.
- Chimneys and flues**
  - Clean yearly.

**Remember...**

- ▶ If your smoke alarms have removable batteries replace them every year.
- ▶ Supervise children near heating equipment.
- ▶ Turn off electrical appliances at the power point when not in use.
- ▶ Keep electrical appliances and equipment in good working order.
- ▶ Replace damaged equipment e.g. power cords.
- ▶ Don't overload power boards.
- ▶ Have and know how to use your fire blanket and extinguisher.

[cfa.vic.gov.au/homechecklist](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/homechecklist)



# Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter

## SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter, a joint initiative by Alpine Shire Council and Bushfire Recovery Victoria. This monthly newsletter will provide residents, ratepayers and businesses with updates and information on community recovery.

## Community Bushfire Recovery Grants

Alpine Shire Council is offering the Alpine Shire a share of \$400,000 for individuals and groups to develop community projects that will contribute to community recovery following the 2019-2020 bushfires. This grant funding is an opportunity for the community to engage with a project, program or event which benefits the local community and stimulates the economy.

This opportunity is supported by Bushfire Recovery Victoria with valuable input from the Community Recovery Committee. Find out more information by visiting [www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community-bushfire-recovery-grants-program-2020-2021](http://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community-bushfire-recovery-grants-program-2020-2021).

Applications close 21 October, 2020.

## State Recovery Plan

The Victorian Government has announced its Eastern Victorian Fires 2019-20 State Recovery Plan. This ongoing plan offers a detailed account of the support and services available to bushfire-affected regions for the next 12-18 months and will be updated in consultation with local Community Recovery Committees across Victoria.

To access the State Recovery Plan, visit [www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-programs-and-initiatives](http://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-programs-and-initiatives).

## Additional Funding Opportunities

**Community Sport Sector Short-Term Survival Package** – the Victorian Government has announced Round 2 of funding for the sporting sector across Victoria. The first round supported more than 5,000 clubs with \$1,000 grants each. Find out more information by visiting <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding>. Applications close October, 21 2020.

**Regional Arts Victoria Community Recovery Small Grants Program** – Regional Arts Victoria is inviting individuals and organisations in the Alpine region to apply for up to \$5,000 in their Community Recovery Small Grants Program. Applicants must speak to Regional Arts Victoria staff member, Kellie Sutherland, before applying. Contact Kellie via email [ksutherland@rav.net.au](mailto:ksutherland@rav.net.au) or via phone 0459 257 637. Applications close October 31, 2020.

## Support Local Businesses

Whether you're a local or a visitor, buying from Bright and surrounds online at [www.buyfrombright.com.au](http://www.buyfrombright.com.au) is an easy and safe way for people to support their favourite Bright, Myrtleford and Mount Beauty businesses. With 38 stores from wineries, gifts, gourmet food, fashion, sportswear or toys all in one place, there really is something for everyone. With Christmas rapidly approaching, what better way to help our local businesses!

Businesses will find it's easy to set up their online shop on [www.buyfrombright.com.au](http://www.buyfrombright.com.au) by signing up and following the prompts. There is no fee to sign up, no monthly fees and lots of support to make sure your business gets the exposure it deserves.



## Reach Out for Support

You are not alone during this time. There are a number of support services available to help you with consideration of your specific needs.

Talk to someone.

**Agriculture Victoria** – one-on-one phone consultations are available during business hours to discuss agricultural recovery decisions. Contact Kylie Macreadie on 0428 975 728.

**Rural Health Connect** – a convenient and reliable online psychology platform for anyone wishing to speak to a psychologist. With no waiting lists and bulk billing available, this service is available for anyone with access to a smartphone, tablet or computer. Visit [www.ruralhealthconnect.com.au](http://www.ruralhealthconnect.com.au) or contact 0427 692 377 for more information.

**Victorian Bushfires Case Support Program** – get one-to-one help with your personal, financial and emotional needs, as well as advice as to where to go from here. Free call 1800 560 760.

**LifeLine** – speak to a support person on a dedicated line for people living through bushfire recovery. Contact 13 HELP (13 43 57).

**Beyond Blue** – get expert information about signs and symptoms of depression and how to seek help. Call the 24/7 Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service on 1800 512 348.

**headspace Albury Wodonga** – your young ones can access free support with headspace Albury Wodonga. Contact (02) 6055 9555 or email [headspaceAW@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:headspaceAW@gatewayhealth.org.au).

**Medical Centres** –  
5755 0100 (Bright)  
5754 3500 (Mount Beauty)  
5751 9300 (Myrtleford)

## CRC Update

The Community Recovery Committee (CRC) offers a warm farewell to Jodee Betheras and Michael Jowett, who have left to pursue other ventures. We thank them for their time and contributions to the establishment of the CRC. Following a selection process, we welcome Nick Wright to the CRC.

The CRC is excited to announce that they will have a new look in our newsletters! With much to share, they will provide monthly updates to present an ongoing voice for our community and keep you informed.

For more information about your CRC representatives, visit our Community Recovery Committee page: [www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community-recovery-committee](http://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/community-recovery-committee).

## Letter from the Chair

Chair of the CRC, Fiona Nicholls, provides an update:

The CRC have been meeting regularly for three months now and I think we feel a mixture of being excited, overwhelmed and frustrated.

**Excited** – by now being able to commence a formal consultation process. As we are all aware, opportunities for our normal face to face community consultation processes have been in short supply. The committee believes that hearing from the community is essential to understand what recovery means for you and what we can do to take responsibility for our own future. We have designed a short survey which we plan to launch in late September. The survey will be tailored to reflect our different regions and will be available with both electronic and real paper options. The information collected will be used to develop our Community Recovery Plan and actions. We plan to make the findings we receive publicly available and provide ongoing opportunities for community input.

**Overwhelmed** – by how many activities and funding opportunities are potentially available. There is no single 'pot of money' nor approach to grant funding. I personally feel like it is a complex jigsaw puzzle with State and Federal Government, local Council and philanthropic grants available – all with different objectives, timelines, hurdles and value. What we do know is that there will be a range of opportunities over a period of time (at least a couple of years). The ideal action for our community today is to identify what recovery projects are needed and to scope out what needs to be done. Successful applications for funds generally go to project plans rather than great ideas.

**Frustrated** – about how long we feel our own progress is taking. In our heads we know that a co-ordinated approach across the range of regional areas, with volunteers who also work full time, requires planning and a common understanding for there to be success. But in our hearts, we want to be in a position to be advocating now on behalf of the community for the necessary programmes, information, policy change or funding. We want our communities to feel that their needs are being met. We want to be aiding government processes and to be an effective enabler.

We look forward to listening to our communities.

## Delivered to You

Have the Alpine Community Recovery Newsletter delivered straight to you. Sign up by emailing [info@alpineshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@alpineshire.vic.gov.au).



**The capacity of a Community Association is reliant on the strength of its membership.**

The TDCA continue to welcome new members and embrace the voice of the community in contributing ideas around future initiatives in the building of a safe, healthy, connected and progressive community. If you would like more context around the role the committee and how members can contribute please email us on [tdca@tawonga.vic.au](mailto:tdca@tawonga.vic.au)

## **TAWONGA and DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act # A 0053005U)

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/We..... of

Residential Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

hereby apply to become a member of the Tawonga and District Community Association Inc. for the 2020 – 2021 financial year.

**Membership Fee:** Single \$5.00    Couple \$10    Business/Corporate \$15

Payment: Cash or Cheque – please place your payment in an envelope with your name and membership category clearly indicated and return to The Old Tawonga Store.

EFT Payment to TDCA: BSB: 063-722

Account Number: 1006 0869

Account Name: Tawonga & District Community Association Inc

*Please remember to add your name as a reference*

I / we agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

**SIGNATURE** .....      **DATE** .....