



BUSHFIRE INFORMATION UPDATE #14

14th September

The following events have been organized with a connection to Bushfire Recovery and Resilience

Council extends an invitation to you to attend one of the events below. These events provide an opportunity for community residents impacted by the fires to come together.

RSVP is essential for COVID and catering purposes

Dates will be finalised quickly and confirmation will be received.

MEN'S FOCUS EVENT



Join us at the Bowraville Recreation Club
Come along and challenge your mate
for a round of golf or bowls and a
good old sausage sizzle
Date to be confirmed based on numbers

WOMENS PAMPERING DAY

Join us for a day of pampering
**SOME
ME TIME**

Date to be confirmed based on numbers



If you would like to attend one of these events please Phone Alison on 6568 0243 to register your interest. **RSVP is essential** for COVID and catering purposes

Phone 6568 0243

To ensure you don't miss out!!

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There is one activity you really deserve to experience... that's **whale watching Coffs Harbour** aboard their charter boat.

An incredible spectacle is a humpback whale leaping out of the water – called breaching – and then rolling in the air before making a huge splash

Enjoy an up close and personal experience with whales with uninterrupted viewing
Date to be confirmed based on numbers

If you would like to attend one of the events advertise above

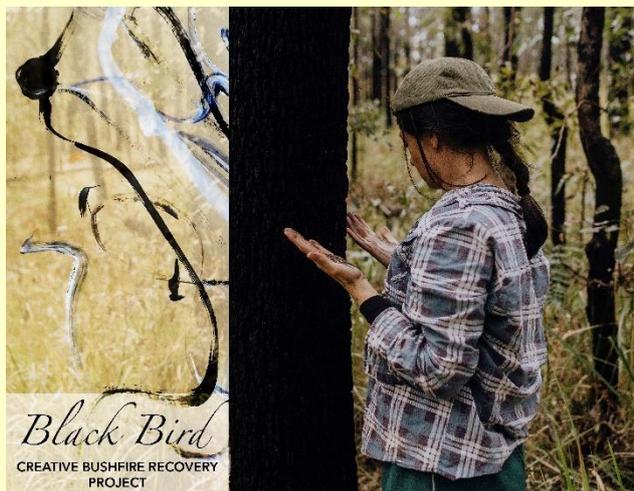
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SAVE THE DATE - BLACK BIRD BUSHFIRE CREATIVE RECOVERY PROJECT

A half day workshop for community members of the Nambucca Valley to explore the benefits of the creative arts. Supported by local artists, performer Nancy Sposato and creative arts therapist Marg Coutts, participants will work in the landscape and be guided through movement, visual arts and creative writing activities. In the aftermath of the bushfires this is an opportunity for community members to take time to process, creatively respond and connect to others.



What will we do?

- Basic physical relaxation exercises.
- Sensory based painting and drawing activities.
- Stream of consciousness creative writing exercises.
- A lunch will be provided to culminate the workshop.

Dates & Times:

Taylor's Arm Hall Sunday 18th October 9am – 2.30pm

Utungun Hall Sunday 1st November 9am – 2.30pm

No fee required, spaces are limited. Express your interest to: Alison Laverty 6568 0243



Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre is funded to provide free civil law legal help to eligible people living between Coffs Harbour and Nambucca. They are able to help you with problems like insurance, workplace issues, debts and other bushfire related legal questions you may have.

**Come visit Solicitor Zac Keizer
South Arm Hall
Wednesday 16th September
10am-12noon**

If you'd like to talk to a solicitor to get advice, contact the office on 6580 2111 and they can talk with you about whether they are able to help with your issue and how that will happen

South Arm Hall

**Wednesday 23rd September
10am-12noon**

Come Visit Jennifer Jeffrey The National Drought and Flood Agency Regional Recovery Officer for Information regarding the Australian Government's response to Drought and the support measures that are available.

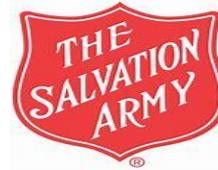


The National Drought and Flood Agency

Come Visit Sarah Earsman Rural Financial Counsellor for a free and confidential discussion and to start your journey today

**South Arm Hall
Wednesday 23rd September
10am-12noon**

A free, confidential, professional and impartial service



**Bush Fire Assistance
Support available for those who have lost their homes or are experiencing ongoing hardship**

**Contact:
Bev Kingston 0411 279 034**

Come Visit Bev Kingston
Bushfire Recovery Outreach Officer
Salvation Army
**South Arm Hall
Wednesday 30th September
10am-12noon**



DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR STORY ON THE IMPACT OF THE FIRE?

Carrolline Rhodes is the author of seven published histories which include the centenary histories of Nambucca Valley Council, the Nambucca River Cooperative, and Telling the Tale of Talarm, which celebrated the centenary of Talarm Hall.

'It is an honour to be asked by Nambucca Valley Council to create an account of the fire that ravaged our shire in 2019,' she says.

'I look forward to giving a voice to the people who were devastated, to the firefighters, to the volunteers who gave so much, to the animals and to the landscape.'

To share your story, please **COME VISIT CARROLLINE.**

South Arm Hall

Wednesday 23rd September

10am-12noon

Or contact Carrolline via email on carrollinerhodes@gmail.com

Not too late to RSVP to attend the Emergency Preparedness session including lunch

12noon-3pm
Saturday September 26th
Taylor Arm Hall

This *Red Cross Emergency Preparedness* session looks at:

- An emergency plan for your household – Emergency RediPlan
- What's the plan? - Intro to Emergency Management in NSW
- Supporting your community during an emergency – Intro to Community Action Teams (CATs)

Please come along and speak directly with your Local RFS and SES about your Needs and concerns

Please RSVP for catering and COVID purposes, Call Alison on 6568 0243 or 0418 377 430



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Have your Say - Survey in Partnership with Resilience NSW

The Nambucca Valley Council and the NSW Government are committed to continuing to support you on your recovery journey, following the devastating bushfires.

In the months since the disaster, we have been in touch with many of those in the community whose residence was damaged or destroyed in the fires through face to face and phone contact, newsletters, community meetings and through outreach activities.

COVID 19 has had an impact on everyone so we are exploring other ways to get in touch. To this end, Council has partnered with Service NSW and Resilience NSW to disseminate a survey. Your answers will help us:

- Further understand your needs and identify how we can help you and your community
- Keep you informed about assistance that is available and refer you to services that could help you.

We know that email doesn't work for everyone so to make sure we are providing as many people the opportunity to participate in this survey as possible you will have the option to complete this survey by either;

- Completing a paper version and returning it in a self-addressed envelop
- Answering the survey on your computer, tablet or smart phone or
- Completing it over the telephone

Connecting with impacted community members and hearing from you helps us provide support to you and the community.

If you need help filling out the survey or wish to discuss it, please contact Alison Laverty The Bushfire Recovery Officer from the Nambucca Valley Council on 6568 0243 or by email on Alison.Laverty@nambucca.nsw.gov.au

Revegetation? Weeds!

Using part of The Nambucca Valley Council's bushfire funding, a joint project between Nambucca Valley Landcare and private donations through the North Arm Farms bushfire appeal drive is now well underway.

This project is focused on revegetating/weeding burnt or previously degraded waterways, reducing stock pressure on burnt waterways and bushland through fencing and off-stream watering points. Properties are spread across South Arm, Yarrenbella, Utungun and Talarm.

Agreements with landholders are currently being finalizing, with the following being scheduled:

Number of participating properties	19
Total trees to be planted	1505
Total length of fencing to be installed	1.7km
Total area of weed control	1.65ha
Number of stock troughs	3
Total new conservation agreements	9
Total new grant applications	8

Nambucca Valley Landcare would be happy to host anyone interested at one of their planting working-bees.

Please Contact; Logan Zingus

Nambucca Valley Landcare

lzingus@nvlandcare.org.au

Phone: 6564 7838 Mobile: 0490 087 497 for more information

CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS **SEPTEMBER** **AT SOUTH ARM HALL**

Every Wednesday 10am to 12noon

Come down to the Hall for a chat with local services who can provide support and help bring the community together.....

- **Wednesday 16th September-** Zac Keizer from **Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre**
- **Wednesday 23rd September-** Rural Financial Counsellor Sarah Earsman and Drought and **Flood Recovery Officer** Jennifer Jeffrey
- **Wednesday 23rd September-** Carrolline Rhodes Author, Share your stories of the bushfires
- **Wednesday 30th September-** Salvation Army Bev Kingston

Feel free to get in touch with Alison Laverty 6568 0243

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