

COBARGO COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE RECOVERY FUND INC. Summary of funded projects (Working doc)

Project Name	Organisation	Project Description - please tell us about your project	
The Cobargo Creators Studios	The Creative Workers and Producers of Cobargo Association Inc	To provide studio space in Cobargo Village for local artists and craftspeople who lost their homes and studios in the fires.	
Quaama Bike Skills Training Course	Quaama Public School P&C	Quaama Public School P and C wish to apply for funding to create a bike skills training course, as a recovery project following the recent bushfires.	
Cobargo Community Garden Project	Cobargo Community Garden	The goal of our fledgling group is to grow veggies in and around Cobargo village. As part of Bushfire recovery this is about new growth in the village and staying connected. In response to COVID19 we feel that ramping up backyard village food production is a great way for people to spend time safely and to ensure food supply. Before the virus and the fires our objective was to enhance village life by having a beautiful permaculture model garden as a place of learning and inspiration for domestic scale food production - that still stands	
Woodies Working for the Community 2	Bega District Woodcraft Association Inc. - ended involvement and returned funding July 2020 Project now taken over by Don Firth.	Construct 40 self-standing shelving units at a cost of \$100 each to provide to people who lost their homes in the fires.	
Sapphire Community Pantry Crisis Support	Sapphire Community Pantry Inc	Fund emergency food provision support. The Sapphire Community Pantry services the whole of the Bega Valley and has been providing services since September 2017. Since Christmas this year we have provided ongoing support for those impacted by the bushfires, this will be further compounded by Covid19. We are currently exploring how we can do this as restrictions tighten with an aim to continue to assist with bushfire recovery. Many of our customers come from more isolated community localities, particularly smaller rural clusters in areas including Verona, Yowrie, Wandella Dignams Creek, Akolele, the Wallaga Lake Aboriginal community, Coolagolite etc and our course the towns of the north including Cobargo, Quaama, and Tilba Tilba.	
Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre Operations	Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre	Ongoing operation of the Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre, providing material support to bushfire affected community members	
Making the Narira Creek walking track safe again	Cobargo Community Action Network - sponsored by Far South Coast Landcare Association	Financial support to clean up burnt, dangerous trees on the walking track behind the swimming pool in Cobargo to make it safe for people to enjoy again.	
Fire retardant landscape design hub and pilot youth landscape design program	The Crossing Land Education Trust	Development and piloting of a 'fire retardant landscape design program for youth of the Triangle region. The program will include initial development of an online design hub to help support community workshops as well as the youth program. The hub will summarise scientific findings and botanical knowledge relating to fire retardant landscapes putting information into an easily searchable format with links to more detail.	
IBC Water Tanks for Bega Shire fire affected people - Forklift Hire	Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre	Hire of forklift to unload 200 IBC water tanks to be distributed to fire affected people throughout Bega Valley Shire	

Creative Recovery	The Lazy Lizard Gallery	This project will assist the gallery to continue its operations by assisting three gallery artists who lost their homes, studios, and art materials in the bushfires. This will allow these artists to create new unique artworks to help them, the Gallery collective and the community recover. The Gallery is an important part of Cobargo's tourism business sector, which has been badly damaged by the bushfires.	
DIGITAL MEDIA and VIDEO CAPTURE SEEDING GRANT	COBARGO BUSHFIRE RESILIENCE CENTRE INC.	To establish a multi media and social media presence as per attached information sheet for the COBARGO BUSHFIRE RESILIENCE CENTRE.	
The Triangle Tool Library	The Triangle Tool Library (to be incorporated)	In the fires of this summer, many local people lost some or all of their tools and equipment. This has presented a challenge for people trying to rebuild their properties and make repairs to damaged houses, sheds, fencing, machinery and other infrastructure. The drive to establish the Triangle Tool Library (TTL) is based on the belief that there are great benefits in empowering people to fix their own problems and a desire to help the community recover more quickly from the disaster. It is proposed that a community tool library could function to supply local people with the tools and equipment they require to undertake recovery, rebuilding and maintenance without the need to spend significant amounts of time and money to acquire all the various tools that might be useful. With the help of members of the community to run the Library as volunteers, we believe it can become a viable long-term community asset after the process of recovering from the fires is complete.	
Shed for Cobargo Community Garden.	Cobargo Community Garden in association with Building Angels.	Building Angels have committed to building a basic shed on the Community Garden site as a display prototype for future sheds to be built in the area. Consultation with members of the community garden group, neighbours and the land owners resulted in a number of suggestions on how to improve the functionality and sustainability of the Community Garden Shed. This funding application is for additional building elements that will ensure that the shed is a useful and delightful space for the volunteers in the community garden to meet and to work as well as being available for the wider community for meetings and training events. The additional building elements include a verandah roof to provide a sheltered outdoor area, glazed doors to the north to let in light and warmth, a skylight to provide light to the interior when the doors are closed, a 5000L water tank to store water harvested from the roof, insulation and internal linings to make the internal space more comfortable and a workbench with a sink that can be used for gardening activities.	
Relocation and Ongoing Operation of Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre (Incorporated)	Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre (Incorporated)	The relocation from the Cobargo Showground to a location in Cobargo township and the ongoing operations of the Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre	
Cobargo Community Building, Community Fire Refuge and Neighbourhood Safer Space: design concept	Yuin Folk Club Inc Cobargo Showground Land Manager supported by Cobargo Show Society	Preparation of the design concept for the proposed new community building/community fire refuge/neighbourhood safer space at the Cobargo Showground	

<p>Healing the Country of Cobargo to heal people</p>	<p>Back To Country: a non-for profit Aboriginal cultural organization</p>	<p>The project is all about healing Country and in turn this healing of Country heals people, which is required in this time we are living in today of recovery from drought, fire, flood and covid -19. This project will run a number of cultural workshops providing cultural wisdom's through teachings and hands on experiences. The project will run workshops on plants, water, tools, and weaving. Uncle Max cherishes the human interactions of working together. In addition the project will provide a smoking ceremony for the land, animals, plants, insects and people and finish the day through a cultural dance that will invite all people present to be involved. Taking care of Mother Earth is central in all our workshops and ceremonies that will be guided by both women and men.</p>	
<p>Wildlife Habitat Box Program</p>	<p>Cobargo Pre-school as of Nov</p>	<p>The aim of this wildlife habitat box project is to help as many animals on bush fire affected land in our local community as possible. We will be working with private property owners to supply and install these boxes in the local area. My aim is to target particular species such as -Glossy Black Cockatoos; Brush tail possums; Pygmy possums; Sugar gliders; Lorikeets; Microbats; Feathertail gliders</p> <p>Working with property owners will allow us to have a greater understanding of which species are in what areas. This will ensure we provide appropriate boxes for these species and numbers (quantities of boxes etc)</p> <p>It is my hope that once installed the animals will have a much better chance of survival with shelter and continued assistance in their recovery since the fires.</p> <p>We will be making these boxes free of charge for anyone who feels they are needed on their burnt out properties.</p>	
<p>Ginger the Frog Community Arts Project</p>	<p>Cobargo Wellness Group</p>	<p>GINGER THE FROG COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT contains two components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An extensive creative community arts project 2. A professional theatre show <p>We are seeking funding for the community arts component only, where we will deliver workshops & theatrical previews in remote local communities.</p>	
<p>Quaama Tennis Courts BBQ area</p>	<p>Quaama Tennis Courts</p>	<p>We aim to provide a space for the community to come together. The tennis courts are under utilised in Quaama and since the fires have suffered with damage to the grounds. We would love to improve and enhance the grounds but making it a multipurpose sporting space for young and old. We want to install a BBQ area with shelter and additional seating.</p>	
<p>Holding the rhythm - Cobargo</p>	<p>Stonewave Taiko Inc</p>	<p>Stonewave Taiko's mission is to build community by sharing Japanese Taiko (drum) culture with local character, developing skills through teaching, training and performing. Our Cobargo outreach drumming class at the School of Arts started late in 2018 and built a group of dedicated players, many new to making music but enthused by the challenge and joy of playing together.</p> <p>The project seeks to build secure storage at the School of Arts and establish a suite of 11 taiko to house there. These drums will have a good depth of tonal range and will provide the core equipment for the class. With Stonewave supervision they will be available for Cobargo community events, helping make the local recovery more vibrant.</p>	

Cobargo Community Library	Auspice by Cobargo Wellness Group	<p>The Cobargo Community Library. This project is a community lending library. The aim of the library is to build local resiliency by providing literature and audio that supports individuals and groups to achieve emotional, physical, mental and spiritual health and wellness.</p> <p>It is the intention that this library will support our community to rebuild this new world in which we find ourselves after the bushfires and COVID. To rebuild not only in the physical sense but mentally, emotionally and spiritually, so that our community can become more connected and healthy and therefore more resilient.</p>	
Australian Business Volunteers support to bushfire affected Cobargo for an integrated roadmap	Volunteers in Cobargo region working with the not-for-profit Australian Business Volunteers agency	<p>We are seeking community seed funding to contribute to funding being donated by NAB, IAG and Arup and a contribution from the Coordinare to deliver critical support and community consultation to our community with the support of Australian Business Volunteers (ABV). Cobargo community teams are developing major infrastructure projects for submission to the NSW Govt Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Grant fund. These projects are: the re-development of the Cobargo CBD precinct that was destroyed in the fires; the Cobargo Bushfire Resilience Centre; the Cobargo Showground Community Hall and disaster refuge; and a community driven holistic landscape plan to transform Cobargo into a vibrant place with inspiring green spaces. Linking all these projects is a proposal to use renewable technology to improve energy resilience and security in Cobargo and Quaama, with a possible community micro-grid.</p> <p>With the assistance of Australian Business Volunteers (ABV), the Cobargo project teams are now refining the project details and budgets ready for submission to the NSW Government on 11 December for funding under the NSW Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.</p> <p>This will entail inclusive stakeholder consultations and collaboration with community organisations and individuals.</p>	

<p>Addressing stress and emerging trauma responses ahead of the first anniversary of the NYE Bushfires using physical, somatic therapies</p>	<p>Cobargo Wellness Group</p>	<p>The Cobargo Wellness Group is experiencing an increasing demand for therapeutic massage, osteopathy and other somatic therapies that (1) cannot be met by the small number of practitioners in our local area and (2) cannot be afforded by many fire-affected people in our region.</p> <p>Post-fires, Cobargo has seen a drop in the number of practising therapists. The business premises where a lot of practitioners worked were destroyed in the NYE fire. CWG is currently the only professionally-equipped centre in Cobargo able to host practitioners on a consistent basis. CWG will make this available FOC.</p> <p>This grant will support the CWG to provide heavily subsidised access to a range of local holistic practitioners to the community of Cobargo and surrounding districts. This work becomes even more pertinent as we stand on the threshold of another summer and the first anniversary of the event that forever changed the lives of our community.</p> <p>We are requesting funding for a three month program to provide subsidised therapeutic massage, osteopathy and other somatic therapies to help people address re-emerging trauma, fear, stress and anxiety responses associated with the one year anniversary of the fires and the massive recovery processes now underway in the village.</p>	
<p>GINGER THE FROG - DIGITAL</p>	<p>COBARGO WELLNESS GROUP</p>	<p>AUSPICED DONATION</p> <p>The primary aged children at Arndell Anglican College in Hawkesbury raised \$23,700 for a project to help bushfire recovery in Cobargo. In CCBRF discussions with the school several projects were mentioned, including Ginger the Frog. The School discussed the projects with the students who decided they wanted to support development of a Digital Resource Kit of animated stories, voiceovers, songs, & soundscapes to entertain & assist children (& parents) to counter negative feelings resulting from trauma. The program is for children & families & uses simple animal characters to tell stories of transformation, friendship, courage, recovery & dealing with tricky emotions.</p>	
<p>Concept Architect Plan - Cobargo Resilience Centre</p>	<p>Cobargo Resilience Centre Inc.</p>	<p>The success of any submission for funding to the NSW Govt Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund requires that strict criteria be met. Foremost among these is the requirement to furnish robust and clear architect concept preliminary plans. it is to this end that we seek funding to engage professional services to develop the plans and submission.</p>	
<p>Cobargo Showground Community Hall and Disaster Refuge</p>	<p>Cobargo Showground Land Manager supported by the Cobargo Show Society and the Yuin Folk Club</p>	<p>Funding for architects TAKT Studio for Design for development of the design, budget, project timelines, community consultation etc for the proposed new community hall/disaster refuge at the Cobargo Showground for the NSW Bushfire Local Economic Recovery fund grant application.</p>	

<p>Cobargo and District Energy Transition Community Microgrid for Resilience and Recovery</p>	<p>Cobargo and Region Energy Transition team</p>	<p>Local Economic Recovery Fund Application The Cobargo and Region Energy Transition Group is seeking funding assistance to engage expert help to prepare an application to the Local Economic Recovery Fund for development of a Community Micro-grid in Cobargo. The core of this Micro-grid will likely be community owned, while privately owned PV and battery systems will also be able to connect. It will provide affordable, locally owned power supplies for the township, while also providing stand-alone emergency power supplies to designated services in the event of an emergency or power outage.</p> <p>There is demonstrated community support from this project, identified through community consultation and analysis of responses to a survey of local energy usage and attitudes towards renewable energy in the Triangle area.</p>	
<p>Help Cobargo Recover and Rebuild</p>	<p>Cobargo Quaama Business Recovery Group Incorporated</p>	<p>Help Cobargo Recover and Rebuild</p> <p>This project aims to assist in the visioning and re-imagining of a future rebuild of Cobargo, specifically the buildings and associated public domains that were razed to the ground on NYE by the 2019-2020 Bushfires.</p> <p>To have concept designs of the proposed new buildings/ infrastructure that was lost due to bushfire designed to assist in recovery.</p> <p>Concept designs will not only help the property owners, who need to consider the future re-design and rebuild in practical terms, but also importantly the broader community, as these images will be used to assist in public consultations for community feedback and input as well as key communications to local government planning, all levels of government and other funding organisations offering aid and funding opportunities to support the recovery of bushfire affected towns.</p> <p>The concept designs will also help the CQBR Group, as a local lead recovery group with a purely volunteer committee who were all, as so many in the community, directly affected by the bushfires, in their efforts to attract needed recovery funding into the township through applications for bushfire recovery and rebuild funding.</p>	

Project Mural	Benny Family	<p>Project Mural</p> <p>Aim : To add character , nostalgia , colour and talking piece to the Cobargo town Objective : Create an artwork , that grabs the attention of both locals and visitors and in-turn a talking point . Nostalgic for locals and inquisitive for visitors . Another reason to stop in town and spend some time . Lifting the aesthetic of the town and generating optimism and in-turn stimulating surrounding upgrades.</p> <p>These objectives help the community in creating a new talking point in the re-build and creating a reason for tourism to stop and spend time in the town , in turn spending money and then spreading the word of the experience . It will create pride among the existing local community , and a significant step in moving the town forward .</p> <p>Delivering the project consists of the location - which will be the side of Benny's Butchery Shop . This is a blank canvas as you first enter the town from the south . So would be a great Welcome to town .</p>	
Giving our Cobargo Children, Families and Teachers the tools to learn and heal.	Cobargo Public School P&C	<p>Our aim is to purchase a Smart TV on wheels, for the Library at Cobargo Public School. The out-of-date smart board in the library does not meet the appropriate standards needed to access media and content on the internet, the screen is blurry, hard to see and has limited accessing options. This needs to be fixed.</p> <p>The school library in many ways is the hub of Cobargo Public School, however the access to IT is out dated, the addition of a smart TV will enhance the opportunities available in our school's community hub.</p>	
Cobargo Community Tree Project	Mother Mountain Forge	To create a memorial tree sculpture, made of stainless steel, with each leaf forged by every member of the community. Each leaf will have the creator's name stamped into the underside as a recognition of their involvement.	
Cobargo Preschool's Growing-Growers Project with Costa Georgiadis & Paul West	Cobargo Preschool	In response to the impact of the recent bushfire, prolonged drought and Covid 19 restrictions, Cobargo Preschool seeks support to work in collaboration with Merrimans Indigenous Lands Council, local business, Narooma High School, Bermagui's Moodji Farm and the Bermagui Farmers Market to deliver a range of activities to enhance preschool playscapes, support local artists, promote local growers, augment regional recovery projects and celebrate community resilience efforts.	

Garden Heart	Green Craft	<p>Garden Heart is working with the Cobargo School of Arts Hall to provide an example for those that are struggling with the regeneration and redevelopment of their outdoor spaces. We will use our experience of fire, landscapes and gardens to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to identify and manage new weeds, Planning and prioritising jobs of the rebuild, Choosing species with fire and drought resistance, and Designing low maintenance gardens. <p>Most of all, Garden Heart is about finding that sense of home that was so badly damaged on the night of the fire.</p>	
Cobargo Showgrounds Support Facility reimbursement.	Cobargo Showground Land Manager	<p>To compensate the Cobargo Showground Land Manager and user organisations for loss of capital goods provided to the recovery process where levels of Government and other means have been unavailable. These organisations and their members are moving into the reestablishment of their services but have lost most of over a years worth of income generation from events such as facility hire, as the show and the folk festival.</p>	
The Painted Poles of Cobargo	The Creative Workers and Producers of Cobargo Assoc Inc aka Cobargo Creators Gallery	<p>In about 2000 a group of local people came together and painted the power poles in the village street and around the corner in Bermagui Road. Pole by pole stories were told that linked the community to people and events.</p> <p>The tragic loss during the 2019 Black Summer fires to the village of iconic buildings and places has severed many of our historic links.</p> <p>The Painted Poles of Cobargo project will help all the community; boost self-esteem, straighten shoulders, lift heads, heal hearts, raise spirits and give much needed support to a community that has / is deeply traumatized. This sign of recovery in the street that will engage locals and visitors will lift morale as well as inspiring further confidence in the rebuilding of Cobargo.</p> <p>Previous artists will be given first option to paint their pole. Some have taken up the opportunity and those that are unable due to health or distance have given their blessings for their pole to be assigned to another local artist. Every previous artist approached has been excited by this project and wishes it every success.</p> <p>All 'new' artists approached have a direct identifiable historical link to Cobargo and the local area. It is a local project for locals by locals.</p>	
Quaama school feature and shade tree replanting.	Quaama public school p and c association	<p>The aim of this project is to supplement some existing funding to replace burnt feature and shade trees in the immediate school yard environment, that were destroyed during the bushfires. Numerous established trees were destroyed in the fires, and also many trees were removed post fires due to fire damage, or due to future fire risk. The aim of this project is to replace these trees with semi established trees, and also plant additional deciduous shade trees to decrease fire risk in the future and improve resilience of the school environment. The native bushland area of the school was severely impacted by the fires, and by adding fire resistant deciduous species, this will not only help protect the school in years to come, but provide shade for the students and beautify the area after such destruction.</p>	

<p>Young Hearts - Intergenerational Dance Program delivered by FLING Physical Theatre in partnership with Cobargo Pre School</p>	<p>FLING Physical Theatre</p>	<p>Young Hearts - Intergenerational Dance Project is a health and wellbeing initiative designed to aid older members of the Cobargo Community in their recovery from 2020 Bushfire Trauma through dance and connection with Pre School aged children. It is a partnership between FLING Physical Theatre and Cobargo Pre School.</p> <p>Inspired by the ABC program 'Old People's Home for Four Year Olds', this project seeks to bring together two disparate generations to connect, dance and play together. Within this exchange we hope to see both generations having fun, building relationships, learning to work together, building skills in communication, empathy, adapting to change and enjoying their bodies.</p>	
<p>Community Consultation & Media Strategy Project</p>	<p>Cobargo Community Development Corporation Limited</p>	<p>The project has the following elements: Completion of professionally produced video presentations by the CCDC Limited and Takt Architects for use in the forthcoming Community Engagement event on 23 October, and for inclusion on the CCDC Limited's Website •The upgrading of the CCDC Limited's website to provide integrated digital capability and connectivity with other platforms for continuous deployment of digital content community engagement •Generation and inclusion of additional digital content promoting the REBUILD COBARGO projects on the CCDC Limited website. •Ongoing Development of the Community Engagement and Media Strategy Plan Please See Appendix 1 - CCDC Grant Application @ Budget - 11/10-2021 for full details</p>	
<p>Celebrate Cobargo</p>	<p>Cobargo Tourist and Business Association Incorporated</p>	<p>Celebrate Cobargo Project</p> <p>This objective of the Celebrate Cobargo Project is to help boost confidence and moral in our community of Cobargo, Quaama, and district, it will also help our businesses that are struggling in the current economic conditions as well as encouraging visitors and locals to shop and spend their money locally.</p> <p>The project seeks funding for Web Site development, Stickers and Flags, Celebrate Cobargo Formerly known as Light Up Cobargo, this successful event brings the town together to celebrate our village, we are looking at expanding the event this year as it will be the first time the event has been held since the bushfires.</p>	
<p>Little Yuin Pre School Playground Upgrade</p>	<p>Little Yuin Pre School</p>	<p>To date Little Yuin Preschool has received no funding to assist in the recovery of trauma experienced due to the catastrophic event. The need for healing, recovery and restoration for our children and their families is critical. Our children express an innate connection to Country through their play and behaviour, and it is one of the most vital tools in our kit as educators. Unfortunately, the outdoor areas at the school are no longer conducive to this. The funding will provide a place for celebration, reflection and yarning which will give the children an opportunity to learn the culture that they will be future custodians of.</p>	

<p>Cobargo RFS Station Resilience Upgrade - Stage 3</p>	<p>Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade</p>	<p>The Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade's Wandella Road Fire Station was severely impacted by the Badja Forest Road Fires of News Year's Eve 2019/20. That fire's unprecedented speed and severity exposed the vulnerability of the station's design, location and level of resilience. The Cobargo RFS has implemented a 5-stage program to upgrade the Station's resilience and capacity.</p> <p>This request for funding applies to Stage 3 of the upgrade strategy, including the provision and Installation of 2 x105,000 litre bulk water storage tanks. Since the fires, the Brigade has raised significant funds through donations and fundraising activities and has spent more than \$71,000 of its funds directly on the station upgrade. NSW RFS has indicated that no funds for the project are available.</p> <p>The Brigade has also sought alternative funding for the project including from the "Celeste Barber" fund administered by the RFS. These funds have been fully allocated across all NSW Brigades under the courtimposed terms and are not available to this project.</p>	
<p>The Painted Poles of Cobargo - Stage 2</p>	<p>The Creative Workers & Producers of Cobargo Assoc. Inc. (aka Cobargo Creators) in collaboration with The Lazy Lizard Gallery</p>	<p>The initial Part 1 funding allowed for the painting of 22 poles along the main street of Cobargo and a short way up the Cobargo-Bermagui Road. 17 of the 22 poles have been completed and the remainder are ready to be painted, with artists already allocated.</p> <p>This project was intended as a boost for the Village and the community of the South Coast. We have been inundated with positive feedback about the Poles, including how they have added a vibrancy to the village.</p> <p>Unfortunately, ongoing Covid 19 lockdowns and wet weather has placed many delays upon the project but despite the project is planned to be completed by the end of 2021.</p> <p>This new submission seeks to add a further 34 painted poles to our Village. Our aim is to extend the painting of poles along Cobargo-Bermagui Road to the Showgrounds and along Wandella Road to the Cobargo Primary School, which is celebrating their 150th anniversary this year. The Cobargo Primary School is particularly interested in painting the 4 poles outside the School in honour of this anniversary.</p>	
<p>Cobargo Microgrid Project: Community Outreach and Information Sharing</p>	<p>Cobargo and District Energy Transition Inc</p>	<p>The Cobargo and District Energy Transition (CaDET) team is partnering with ITP Renewables to deliver a \$1.36m grant from the Federal Government's Remote and Regional Communities Reliability Fund. The RRRCRF grant is for a microgrid feasibility study and load sharing trial for Cobargo and the region, and will result in a locally-led design for the microgrid. The success of the feasibility and the load management trial depends upon well-informed community participation. CaDET wishes to put in place measures to enable us to engage with and to provide the local community with up-to-date information about the progress of the project. This project will reduce the vulnerability of the Cobargo district during extended power outages, improve energy security and overall resilience.</p>	