

Red Cross Workshop Feedback

Thursday, 25 February, 2021

HIGH PRIORITY

Short Term

- Community vulnerable persons register
- Clarify “Place of last resort”, “refuge” etc
- Education in the Community about the “safer places” (types)
- New residents to the area to be strongly advised to PREPARE A FIRE PLAN. They may not be aware of the extent of the risk
- Visitor vs Newcomer vs ‘Local’ knowledge. Breakdown info barrier
- Accuracy of warnings on Vic Emergency app. And also location key inaccurate
- Broader inclusion of various demographics/groups (gender, age, ethnic groups, traditional landowners)
- Training spontaneous volunteers and have a register of volunteers that can be called on
- Study the maps for evacuation routes. Take pets with you
- Check on your neighbours. Exchange phone numbers. Discuss you plan options. Transport help?
- Evacuation plan – clear, communication, long term education
- Unkept gardens – who cleans them up
- Petrol station closed. Pay after hours
- Everyone in Community has an individual / household plan
- Everyone in Community has a fire plan
- KCC to have a presence at the upcoming Community Events
- Volunteer register to help Red Cross with food etc. How do we do this?
- Does Council have a Relief Centre for pets?
- Identify vulnerable people and develop Community response / care plan

Long Term

- Develop a Community Resilience Plan and Disseminate widely
- Community Resilience Group formation
- Communication when power and/or poles are down and mobile reception
- Renewable Energy:
 - Battery storage to make communities independent with power source not reliant on grid
- Breathe
 - Try to remain calm and respectful and remember that everyone will have different copy strategies
- Everyone has an Emergency Box
 - Clothing
 - Food
 - Water
 - Blankets

- Down travel pillow
- Fire safe clothing
- Get younger parents involved
- Role of kids
- Childcare, schools, kinder engagement
- After the event – where do people go? What is the name of that “place”. “Relief Centre.
- Each Club/Community/Business develop their own Emergency Plan
- Roads, refuge, Clubs and Business Emergency Plan advice
- Black Spots
- Develop a Community Emergency Action Plan and disseminate widely
- Develop list of organisations that are available to ‘help’ and circulate to Community

LOW PRIORITY

Short Term

- Let someone know (who) if you plan to stay now matter what
- Include a folder and exercise book/notepad in you Emergency box. Somewhere to keep information and note who you talk to (services). Be prepared for information overload
- Take advantage of opportunities to engage with broader community ie. Young adults, families via clubs and events – even the Pub or takeaway
- Box – USB, toilet paper, toiletries, Will, passport, clothes, boots
- There are some items you use regularly or even daily, that you can’t put in your “grab bag”, so make a list of things to be added at the last minute and post it in a prominent place
- Identify important documents, jewellery, photos, backup storage devices. Plan for security of above eg. Metal/waterproof container that can be buried in the garden

Long Term

- Educate, advocate, assist/direct
- Community education plan – utilize Alpine Radio eg. to explain the role of agencies in the Community (and responsibilities)
- Create a ‘Contact tree’ of key people eg. extended resilience group
- Community representation – identify key people/groups for resilience planning