



# Nambucca Valley Council



# 2019/2020 fire season impacts for Kian Road fire, Nambucca Valley LGA

- Lost 62 residential dwellings, 19 damaged
- Lost 135 outbuildings, 26 damaged
- Lost 2 bridges, 2 facilities, 2 damaged facilities
- Burnt over 30,000 hectares, including private property, NPWS and State Forest, Koala ARKs
- Fire perimeter of 320km
- 1 death, 1 severe burn, 10 firefighter injuries
- Fire burnt for 72 days
- Significant environmental and habitat loss
- Significant community disruption, multiple evacuations, smoke damage and health hazards



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# Recovery

- Council had Bushfire Recovery Officer in place since Late December 2019, Resilience NSW officer onboard in January. Direct contact and ongoing follow up with affected residents.
- Local Appeal launched and Bushfire Appeal Committee established
- Various financial assistance measures from Council, Govt and NFPs in the form of direct grants
- Various local assistance from orgs and business eg. Food pantry donations, Rotary caravan project, Lions Club water tanks, RSL shipping container storage etc
- Several coordination meetings with involved local groups
- BlazeAid camp operating since November 2019. Had 154 registered properties, done 70km fencing to date
- Held 3 initial large scale community meetings to connect residents with various services, eg Services NSW, Laing O'Rourke
- Multiple and ongoing outreach efforts, eg. Financial counselling, Legal Centre etc
- Local Health worker and DPI recovery worker onboard from March
- Red Cross phone outreach
- Local author engaged to write account of fire and valley's recovery
- Currently working towards one year on date and trying to bring community together in a positive way



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# Preparedness & Resilience

- 3 emergency preparedness sessions held, bringing together Red Cross, RFS, SES to inform, get residents “ready” and to provide direct contact with agencies
- Bringing bushfire consultant direct to residents’ properties to provide individualised advice
- Re-connecting local communities through a series of activities and wellbeing events
- Investigating potential improvements to communications in blackspot areas
- Investigating Emergency Operations Centre improvements
- Building local networks and capacity for potential future recovery plan



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