



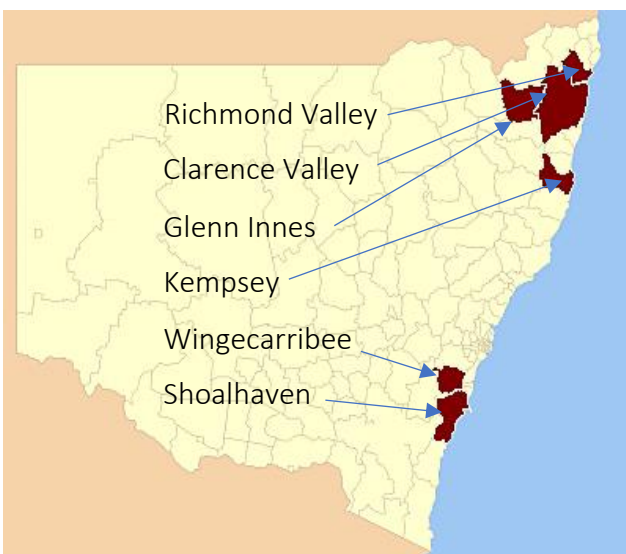
BUSHFIRE RECOVERY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Project Name	Bushfire Recovery and Community Development, NSW
Start Date	December 2020
Completion Date	December 2022
Delivery Method	Mixed model - direct implementation (Vinnies staff); partnerships with community-based organisations; and support for existing projects
Locations	6 Local Government Areas (LGAs)
Target Groups	All ages but focused on whole of community – additional emphasis on vulnerable groups in community including those with a disability/health issue, indigenous, socially isolated.

Program Goal: To take a community development approach to recovery and enable long term and sustainable development for communities.

Objectives:

1. To improve community resilience and disaster preparedness capacity
2. To strengthen community cohesion and increase individual sense of wellbeing and positive outlook.
3. To support local environment rehabilitation, regeneration, and productivity



In each LGA, we develop a local workplan that is suited to the needs of that community. But some of the examples of activities being run, include:

- Art and music therapy
- Mental health and peer support groups
- BBQs and Banter sessions
- Digital literacy training
- Support to develop individual emergency plans
- Plant fairs and swaps
- Garden therapy
- Environmental sustainability training
- Basic trauma management skills

The program will continue into 2022 and possibly 2023. For more information contact the state manager of the program, John Fenech – john.fenech@vinnies.org.au/ 0404038544