

The Bega Valley Roundtable ***Monday 10 August 2020***

Chat Stream

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 01:52 PM

Hi everyone - don't mind me - I was just checking that I had the link etc all set up. See you at 2pm. :-)

From **jo risk** to Everyone: 02:34 PM

so beautiful

so beautiful -thank you

From **Wendy Tyrrell** to Everyone: 02:36 PM

This choir is glorious. Exceptionally beautiful

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 02:36 PM

What an incredible reminder of what we hold in our hands right now, all of us here today - these young people who are begging for us to keep them safe, to keep their futures alive, to deal with today's terrible problems....

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 02:36 PM

Wow, just amazing. Our future is in these amazing voices.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 02:36 PM

Our future is in good hands, strong voices and full hearts.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 02:37 PM

This is just beautiful. Brings tears to my eyes. Thank you.

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 02:37 PM

Just glorious. This is what matters most. Thank you.

From **Christine Kaine** to Everyone: 02:37 PM

So much talent, thank you.

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 02:37 PM

If this doesn't inspire us to pull together to design a stringer future, nothing will...

From **Kristy.McBain** to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Thank you to Geoffrey & the Bega Valley Youth Choir - truly amazing!

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Wow - absolutely heart ripping.... Xox

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Gives me hope for the future!

From **Donna Portland** to Everyone: 02:39 PM

If you have any questions for the discussion at the end of the session please express them here so that the Moderator can take them into account..

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 02:44 PM

My question: The biggest thing we can do for impacted communities is to make sure this doesn't happen again. Surely this means we must attend to the advice coming out of the Royal Commission, the NSW Inquiry, the Tathra and District Fire Coronial Inquest and the Senate Enquiry. All of these investigations are repeating the advice from the Emergency Leaders for Climate Action - that we MUST address climate change URGENTLY, if we are to prevent even hotter fires. So... why can't we stop playing politics over this and start acting on the immense amount of advice we are getting from a variety of experts?

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 02:48 PM

Part of the issue is that we were asked "what can we do to help" immediately after the fire. We were still in shock and really didn't have a handle on what we needed right then and there. We need to really learn from this experience for future events and recognise the need to give traumatised people some time to get over shock and work out what they really need.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 02:58 PM

We need to address the basics before disaster strikes

The underlying socio-economy efforts that undermine rural and regional communities have not gone away and are being accentuated by these traumatic events

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 02:59 PM

I agree with Zena - we don't have basic infrastructure for every day life let alone in a disaster - the Council is doing its best to attract funding from other levels of government to build/re-build - but let's do it better together!

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 02:59 PM

How do we think about the role of innovation in resilience? How do we plan for it and fund it?

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 02:59 PM

QUESTION: We must remember that it's now the second anniversary of the Yankees Gap fire. That fire burned for 7 weeks, over winter, while there was snow on the mountains above. How do we prepare for today's year-long fire seasons?

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 02:59 PM

Totally agree with Zena! We need to be prepared - always and for the long term!

From **Cathy Griff** to Everyone: 03:00 PM

We have so many community groups with excellent recovery projects - all needing funding. A dizzying number of grants and funding sources seem to be on offer including from the many visiting politicians. How can relevant funding sources be identified and help offered on complex grant applications?

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:02 PM

"socio-economic issues" - damn you auto-correct!

Thank you Wendy.

There are many challenges - but our communities don't see themselves in need of rescuing. We don't need solutions imposed upon us.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:02 PM

I think we need to accept that there will be another disaster sooner rather than later - fire, flood, storm - pandemic - and have purpose-created government agencies with a permanent presence in the regions so that they are part of our community response. We just can't keep relying on the goodwill of volunteers. We are volunteering champions here in the Bega Valley but we will have burnout if the time between disasters is shorter - as may well happen with climate change.

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 03:03 PM

If the stumbling block Cathy Griff is 'complex funding applications', maybe the time has come to simplify the process.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:03 PM

Success will come from within — learning from those who have been through similar events and informed by an honest and authentic conversation with those who want to help.

From **Murray Prior** to Everyone: 03:03 PM

Cathy - great question. Many big corporates have loads of talented people looking to volunteer. I think if you had an outreach program to big business, you will find people who can help

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:04 PM

Thank Wendy - this reflects so much of the thinking that is going on in Cobargo and the region.

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 03:04 PM

resilience and disaster fatigue..

From **Kerri.Hartland** to Everyone: 03:04 PM

Murray that's what we have been trying to do through BizRebuild - including finding mentors in big business for small business

From **Libby Hepburn** to Everyone: 03:05 PM

I have to echo what Cathy says, there appears to be numerous sources of funding for environmental and other re-generation, re-structuring and innovation for new work opportunities, but most of the people who would really benefit from these do not have the best skills, so a facilitating agency or organisation to filter and clarify and help, would be wonderful. Is this a role the Innovation Centre could play and/or Council?

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:05 PM

Resilience needs to be more than holding it together with both hands and sticky-tape for just long enough. We need to protect dignity - and to restore agency.

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 03:05 PM

prevention is better than cure we know that, so common purpose to protect the environment is the only path that supports humanity

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:05 PM

My experience was that the grant applications were relatively straightforward - but there is a minefield of how many and they are all targeting different groups. Definitely need for a case worker type approach so people can make their way through the quagmire to target what can help their own personal circumstances.

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 03:05 PM

I think we need all the usual partners to come to the table with an openness to new ways... governments, business, and NGOs. Wouldn't it be great if organisations with grants to offer did the work of the application process. What if we reversed the onus and organisations could access information about locals and offered grants to recipients, instead of making people apply for them all.... This would require resourcing.. and staffing. Perhaps by government?

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:06 PM

Awesome!

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 03:06 PM

As I think about it.... we could have an industry of grant brokers!!

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 03:06 PM

With our region so deeply dependent on Tourism and the visitor economy these unprecedented catastrophes are very difficult to 'plan' for. We need to think about what we can do to pick up the businesses falling apart right now. It's a huge issue here in the Bega Valley Shire..

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 03:07 PM

I agree Margaret - if the community is already stressed and then has complex paperwork (as was found post-fires and continues) - it can be too much!

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:07 PM

Help Getting Help has been performing this function in Bermagui. We help people understand what they might be able to apply for, help them apply for it and help them follow up with inquiries about their applications with government agencies etc.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 03:07 PM

YES, Jenny, a model where needs are assessed then assistance is tailored to that is much better than a scattergun of grants, major and minor, that a stressed, tired, frustrated business/home owner has to plough through.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:07 PM

We're talking to Australian Business Volunteers about sourcing pro-bono support for grant preps etc.

From **Marc Eames** to Everyone: 03:08 PM

Can I get screen share rights please?

From **Libby Hepburn** to Everyone: 03:09 PM

and not just for recovery, but also for rebuild and new starts, new technology and environmental monitoring and regeneration/stewardship....

From **Kerri.Hartland** to Everyone: 03:11 PM
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From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:11 PM
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From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 03:11 PM
Innovation leads our future and the future is faster than we think. We need to upskill and reskill to new capabilities. Beyond the scale of the coming changes in workplace roles and activities, what matters most is the nature of those changes. Increasing automation and digitalisation will significantly shift the skill profiles of tomorrow's jobs.

From **Kerri.Hartland** to Everyone: 03:12 PM
Oops - Zena - hit the wrong key - BizRebuild has volunteers to help with grant applications if that helps

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:12 PM
That's great Kerri - volunteer fatigue is real.
Let's follow up offline

From **Kerri.Hartland** to Everyone: 03:12 PM
Sounds good.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:13 PM
The issue isn't so much how to apply for a grant. It's trying to get your head around what grants work for your particular circumstances - often with a tight timeline. And doing this whilst severely traumatised.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:13 PM
Too true Jenny.

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 03:13 PM
Yes exactly Jen

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:13 PM
Some of the grants started out with one agency, changed agencies, the amounts changed....it was hard for us to keep up and know what was relevant to us.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:13 PM
Quality of life in the home — brings us to the biggest challenge here in the BV - 600 homes lost in the fires.

From **Kerri.Hartland** to Everyone: 03:14 PM
Agree. We have some people from some of the big consulting firms who are working pro bono with us that have all the details about the myriad of programs and grants available and help identify the appropriate ones. Happy to chat offline

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:14 PM
Thanks.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:15 PM

Jenny Robb - it has been a tangle. And it is still changing. Give me a call if we can help you. The Rural Financial Counselling Service is also doing a lot of work here.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 03:15 PM

The acceleration of acceleration is our future.

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 03:16 PM

Marc - people work internationally from the Bega Valley Shire. We are already doing it.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:16 PM

I think we are okay thanks so much but do wonder about others. I met someone from Kiah last week who had lost their home, their farming infrastructure and had not yet register at the Bushfire Recovery Centre and asked me about getting a grant :(Hopefully I gave her the help she needed - but they were so traumatised this is the first time they've even thought of asking for help! Oh yes please - more 'localised' is the key

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:16 PM

Time to revisit local manufacturing.

From **Glenn Cotter** to Everyone: 03:17 PM

Local \$\$\$ spent equals local jobs

From **Iris** to Everyone: 03:17 PM

Absolutely agree Zena!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:18 PM

We know of people keen to set up local enterprises like an alpaca fleece processing plant, Cobargo butter! So many creative and innovative ideas - needs external investment.

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 03:18 PM

For the record, in 2019 the visitor economy in the BVS was estimated at \$482 million and directly and indirectly employed over 4,000 people... One can only wonder what it will look like for 2020.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 03:18 PM

Agreed Zena - Activation precincts and cluster manufacturing centres that address the challenges of our supply chain.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:19 PM

Energy infrastructure

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 03:19 PM

All of our clients have international sustainability standards that must be met - including 'social' sustainability - cultural impact, environmental impact etc. I think large corporate organisations in Australia do this too - but how to attract them to Bega Valley?

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:20 PM

Mark - we need to focus on energy as well. We lose power not just in bushfires but every time we have a bad storm.

From **Nigel Ayling** to Everyone: 03:20 PM

The Merimbula Chamber of Commerce is holding a Sea Change Expo in 2021 to try and attract new people to the area. Stay tuned for more information

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 03:20 PM

Local businesses here support the community all the time - it is part of their marketing plan but also because its the right thing to do when you live in an integrated community

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:20 PM

Definitely keen to see our efforts / marketing to visitors to now include inviting people to move here permanently.

From **Wendy Tyrrell** to Everyone: 03:21 PM

Australian communities rethinking local manufacturing can leap ahead - and I love that you are already thinking Zena about fundamentals for that like energy infrastructure

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 03:22 PM

QUESTION: How do we assist the forestry industry to transition to strong, sustainable practice that avoids destroying the very things we most value about this area - our pristine environment?

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 03:23 PM

spot on Barry - some of these challenges facing our community have been here for a long time!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:24 PM

We need the vision Barry — dreaming is good.

The grants are just seed funding - the plans/projects must be self-sustaining, otherwise we are just creating white elephants.

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 03:24 PM

social capital is the antidote to the growth model and community the antidote to consumer lifestyles. we need a lighter footprint setting an example for livelihoods and not continuing to commodify our locality. regenerative ideas ET love the Bega Cheese bee project

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:25 PM

Mixed regenerative farming. Great idea.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 03:27 PM

Business models that lead for our humanity should be our future. All businesses should commit to Global World Challenges and funding opportunities should make this compulsory. That's when we will see the change and see our economy invest in our future.

From **Paul Wellings** to Everyone: 03:29 PM

Marc makes a great point: Focus on unique brand and identity and Barry follows up: Consumers want convenient, unprocessed foods.

My question: How do we focus on the brand and not the commodity?



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From **Michelle** = Pambula Business Chamber to Everyone: 03:31 PM
Regarding grant applications - I agree. The energy required to apply for grants is huge. And as David Hurley said that energy is contagious. But it's also very fragile and has grown out of exhaustion and shock. We need to make sure that the red tape and admin of the next level up doesn't extinguish this energy. Ideas/projects/collaborations should be supported and applauded rather than questioned, stalled, shunted desk-to-desk and shelved. If we are to re-build and re-imagine a future for our community, we need all levels to share that energy.

From **Christine Kaine** to Everyone: 03:32 PM
We have the opportunity to encourage/inspire/support innovation and very importantly, encourage locals to invest in and support/mentor our innovators. This removes reliance on govt. funding and can speed up growth. Angel Investors have been doing this for over a century.

From **Alisa Camplin-Warner** to Everyone: 03:32 PM
Agree with you Mia, up-skilling required on multiple levels, including for work/new trends/innovation but also personal resilience skills so individuals are better able to adapt, recover, pivot and importantly manage mental/emotional wellbeing as we continue to face local/global challenges of all varieties. Australia needs to become a world leader in mental wellbeing and upskilling, through shared responsibility across Govt/Business/Communities/Families. Well and skilled people is an imperative.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:35 PM
Question: when is Tourism going to be fully recognised as an 'industry'. I have to write that my business is "other" on too many!

From **Cathy Griff** to Everyone: 03:36 PM
Wise words from Rob re forests where the balance between conservation and consumption is a problem that will have a harsh impact on ourselves, animals and far afield

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:36 PM
Our region is in the box seat for the recovery of tourism - they want space, nature, natural beauty, no crowds, good food. We have it all.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 03:36 PM
The Bega Valley CAN become a world leader!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:37 PM
Has to be managed carefully. The impact on Queenstown NZ is a salutary lesson.

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 03:37 PM
Agreed Jenny. Eco-tourism, Indigenous tourism.... tourism to reclaim and renew the environment including helping to recover the environment and remove weeds and pests?

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:38 PM
We have loads of new unique content....

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 03:39 PM
photography and artists..... to capture the stark beauty as well....

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 03:39 PM
As Jen said - when will our BVS recognise a \$480 million 'industry'?

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:39 PM
Totally Margaret - there is study tourism (recovery of the bush is worthy of interest and will attract students studying ecology, botany, fire!) - so many opportunities and we should be able to welcome these specialist groups.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:39 PM
Musicians and artists
Tree planting efforts.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:39 PM
yes Zena!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:39 PM
Participatory and educational tourism.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:40 PM
Sponge always seems to get himself in the headlines lol.
Thanks for mentioning cruise! It will come back.

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 03:40 PM
regenerative volunteering... Land care is overwhelmed let's all step into healing the land ... include tourists in projects

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:40 PM
What about social media as market teasers? There are amazing content creators all around the world - surely our community has some great stories to tell too...

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:40 PM
Someone tell Margy that Optus doesn't work well in our region lol.

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 03:41 PM
"COVID Safe" tourism is the way we need to go - to make our businesses as COVID Safe as we can... for the community and for visitors...

From **Doug Reckord** to Everyone: 03:41 PM
Just wanted to leave this quote here in response to Rob's comments. "Governments have left most protected areas with too little money for management. Globally protected areas are underfunded to the tune of \$18 billion a year: three times as much as is currently spent on managing protected areas (\$6 billion). The poor management of these areas opens the door to any number of human impacts including poaching, illegal logging, habitat destruction, illegal fishing, etc." That is true of the international experience and also in Australia. Globally and domestically, when protected areas are properly managed they achieve good biodiversity outcomes. <https://earth.org/protected-areas-the-past-present-and-future-of-conservation/>

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:42 PM
Actually, what about virtual tourism?

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:42 PM
Go for it Liam!

From **shannon** to Everyone: 03:43 PM
Bega Valley can engage in a digital tourism strategy to promote knowledge of the region and its produce in clever ways in overseas markets. People

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 03:43 PM
Good idea Anne!

From **Libby Hepburn** to Everyone: 03:43 PM
One of the biggest attractions to our region is the Blue Pool tide pool - look at Trip Advisor, it attracts many many international and national visitors. Bega Valley can promote all its natural beauties. If there is funding available for infrastructure development, let's push for tide pools at Merimbula and Eden too. These are not only great for playing and exercising in, but also natural, safe learning laboratories which showcase all the wonders of our coast that people can't usually see.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:43 PM
Agreed Shannon. What about a computer game based in our region?

From **jo risk** to Everyone: 03:43 PM
...listening to community for ideas about non-clinical health and wellbeing support needed in the short to medium term as we all navigate the recovery- in collaboration with NBRA and MH Commission - online community survey open now . please share widely
<https://communityconnect.coordinare.org.au/communityhealthandwellbeing>

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 03:43 PM
Virtual tourism doesn't fill hotels nor bring visitors to the restaurants and cafes, shops, tours etc...

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:44 PM
Great idea Liam!

From **shannon** to Everyone: 03:44 PM
People offshore are dreaming of Australia, virtual tourism tied to local produce already in market, or new products coming into market, would be well received.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 03:44 PM
Hi Anne - it is a great concept and one that has been being worked on at the Bega Valley Innovation Hub and with Eden Gaming Development Centre.

From **Christine Kaine** to Everyone: 03:44 PM
Local investing is an excellent suggestion Liam.

From **Nigel Ayling** to Everyone: 03:44 PM
Yes let's do it Liam. The Merimbula Chamber of Commerce would support it

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:44 PM
Mia - thought you'd be all over it! Goddess!

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 03:45 PM
Virtual tourism could lead to online shopping local artists and businesses....

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 03:45 PM
It will take a great collaboration to make it happen.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:45 PM
How would you get this started, Liam? This is a really really good idea!

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:45 PM
Chris, virtual tourism leads to visitation. It's just another way to market. Social media marketing is just that - virtual. It plants a seed that means when people can really travel, we will be front and centre in their minds.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:45 PM
Can we link this with a shire-wide approach to an energy transition Liam?

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 03:45 PM
Local investing gets my vote!!

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 03:45 PM
It is realistic if we want it to be!

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 03:46 PM
Good idea Zena - energy transition for entire Shire

From **shannon** to Everyone: 03:46 PM
Anne it would depend on your target audience, gamification is a great strategy for certain segments. for the more discerning, videos from producers, food samples, meal delivery featuring regional produce etc

From **Margy Osmond** to Everyone: 03:46 PM
Supporting performing and visual arts definitely critical to recovery - at TTF we are working to get governments to focus on this - live music such a winner for locals and visitors to regional communities

From **Libby Hepburn** to Everyone: 03:46 P
Tech development, Ag Tech and energy tech - great ideas by themselves, but really strong when encouraged as an integrated strategy - go Liam!

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 03:46 PM
Right now is a perfect time to work on this initiative Liam. My 37 year old son said he'd never move back - until Covid locked him in for months. He now realises he can live here and work anywhere.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 03:47 PM
Shannon - I think you'd need a stratified strategy. But it would be worth exploring, I think.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:47 PM

We do have an opportunity to be an exemplar - it takes commitment and investment.

From **shannon** to Everyone: 03:47 PM

Chris - virtual tourism could boost produce sales if done effectively and put Bega first place on the map when borders do open

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 03:47 PM

I live in Torquay VIC and we have a Geelong Foundation. Locals contribute a minimum of \$500 per year and contribute to a fund that supports local innovation and projects..... local investment and philanthropy builds local economic and social programs.....

From **Samantha Avitaia** to Everyone: 03:47 PM

Agree - our local uni programs are indicating that our youth and our not so young are looking for exciting new local opportunities for 2021

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 03:47 PM

Jenny - we have businesses going out of business now. Like I said, it can't fill hotels not cafes and restaurants. By all means do whatever we can, but until we can bring real tourism back, places like Tathra, Merimbula and Bermagui will be struggling to survive...

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 03:48 PM

GHD needs to unequivocally and honestly step out of fossil fuels for a sustainable future.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:49 PM

We need to take a hard look at how we diversify our economy.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 03:49 PM

Sal Brown !!!!

From **shannon** to Everyone: 03:51 PM

Anne, worth talking to Tourism Australia - they are working on similar, and/or State Trade representatives or your local Trade Start rep

From **Alisa Camplin-Warner** to Everyone: 03:51 PM

That sounds like a great program Margaret - I'd like to learn more about that. We need to do a lot more cross community funding/support or money/skills/experience. I think Australian's want to do more to help a mate doing it harder, in a way that gets straight to the source and helps create impact in a shared value way.

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From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 03:53 PM

<https://www.geelongfoundation.org/> Have a peek here for info about the Geelong Foundation model - locals supporting local resilience. I also buy gifts and homewares from this spot as a way of supporting local communities.... <https://www.facebook.com/buyfromthebush/>

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:53 PM

We can't lose sight of one of the biggest challenges for us though - 600 homes lost, so much property lost, farms destroyed. We need to bring focus on helping these people back onto their feet as quickly as possible. If we don't succeed at this people will simply give up.

From **jaclyn brown** to Everyone: 03:54 PM

I would love to see a local "leaders of the future" program, targeting potential local leaders (not just school students), put them in touch with local mentors/ empower them to take on local leadership. I am a local doctor born and bred - during my time in Bunbury Western Australia - I joined a local 'professionals' group which was a helpful way to collaborate and extend myself professionally. These future leaders may be able to self identify further training they need and support in form of scholarship grants. Being invited/ supported is important for many of our great local minds that suffer imposter syndrome!

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 03:55 PM

Agree, Zena. The levels of exhaustion and despair are high. And no plan for us 'moving forward' should leave anyone behind. It's time to stop saying this, and start DOING IT.

From **Pat Turner** to Everyone: 03:55 PM

For all information about the coalitionofpeaks.org.au is the website to view the work of the Coalition of Peaks working with all govts on Closing the Gap. The historic new National Agreement on Closing the Gap was signed by the Prime Minister, all Premiers and Chief Ministers and the President of the Aust Local Govt Association with myself representing the Coalition of Peaks was launched last week by the Prime Minister, Minister Ken Wyatt and I in Canberra and is available on the website. Follow us on social media too. thanks Pat Turner

From **Kristy.McBain** to Everyone: 03:56 PM

Great idea Jaclyn - i was part of a similar group when i started my career in Canberra.

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 03:57 PM

thank you Pat

From **Zena** to Everyone: 03:57 PM

Agree - the community voice must be heard, respected and acknowledged as the driver of our own recovery and strategic direction. Our work - which is already well underway in so many areas - must be acknowledged as a legitimate, authoritative and credible contribution, offering locally developed and locally appropriate solutions to our challenges.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 03:59 PM

I agree Jacklyn - we need this now more than ever before. We need to support our leaders, create our leaders and collaborate with our leaders so that we can transform business, industries and our lives. We can have this here if we are willing to invest in our leaders. Let's start a local professional group here in the Bega Valley.

From **Pat Turner** to Everyone: 03:59 PM

Thank you Bunja good to be part of this Roundtable cheers Pat

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:01 PM
Great point Bunja - what happens when we leave today?

From **Christine Kaine** to Everyone: 04:02 PM
WE have many wealthy people in this region, and they have backgrounds in many industries at a high level. These are the investors I speak of.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 04:02 PM
I like the sound of that Jaclyn - I dream of a central online portal where mentors can put a link, outline their own area of expertise and invite young people to connect that way first. No judgement, no stigma. That may eventuate in a relationship that can be built on. I think young people are shy/reluctant to make the first move but are looking for guidance.

From **mattl** to Everyone: 04:02 PM
Thanks Zena and Mia - yes you are best placed to tackle the challenges ahead. Building capability in others is very much part of this and the more positional leaders with authority engage non-positional leaders the healthier and more adaptive your community will be in realising a different future

From **Samantha Avitaia** to Everyone: 04:02 PM
Our local community is just as keen to learn more about our local culture too Bunja - I did one of these tours locally last year - most amazing thing I've ever done and I only had to travel 30mins!

From **Jen-Ru** to Everyone: 04:04 PM
I so agree with you Jenny. there are terrific younger people who would love to stay in the valley, they just need opportunity.

From Dani Condon - NBRA to Everyone: 04:05 PM
Great idea Jaclyn - this reminds me of a recent RDA Central West project- details :
<https://rdacentralwest.org.au/projects/ten4ten-2/>

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 04:05 PM
We wish you had more than 4 mins as well. Amazing conversation starters.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:05 PM
Thanks for the offer, Bunja! Great to hear you speak today...

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 04:05 PM
Thanks Bunja - partnerships are essential moving forward..

From **jaclyn brown** to Everyone: 04:06 PM
@Jenni and @ Danni yes! Absolutely that was my train of thought exactly.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:06 PM
Matti and Mia - many people are stepping into leadership roles as a result of this prolonged disaster. We are seeing a lot of women and young people coming forward and doing amazing work. The Cobargo Community Bushfire Recovery Fund has now funded \$100,000 of projects run by local people. Many of them are "future-proofing" - heaps of innovative and creative thinking.



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From **Doug Reckord** to Everyone: 04:08 PM
Yay New Graces!!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:08 PM
Kate, Mel and Robyn! So good to see The New Graces here. Bega Valley has such a rich music culture.

From **mattl** to Everyone: 04:08 PM
great thanks Zena - we too are seeing more women developing their leadership and stepping into leadership roles - in Australia and globally

From **Kristy.McBain** to Everyone: 04:08 PM
Beautiful!!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:09 PM
Thanks for the dedication guys! Oh for the chance to hold a festival! We all need one!

From **Jen-Ru** to Everyone: 04:09 PM
wow awesome so talented thank you for sharing

From **Samantha Avitaia** to Everyone: 04:09 PM
I heard Candelo has more musicians per capita than anywhere in Oz !

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 04:09 PM
Filling my cup....my soul...my heart. Thank you!

From **Wendy Tyrrell** to Everyone: 04:09 PM
Gorgeous voices, music, and words....

From **Donna Portland** to Everyone: 04:09 PM
Thank you Thank you Thank you to The New Graces. What a beautiful sound!!

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 04:09 PM
home grown riches

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:09 PM
The Bega Valley Festival of Hope

From **Graham.Moore** to Everyone: 04:10 PM
Deadly

From **Andrew Colvin** to Everyone: 04:10 PM
Wow!

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 04:10 PM
Candelo!!!!!!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:10 PM
Now everyone — go and buy their CD! The New Graces: Seasons.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:10 PM
Just... wow!

From **Natalie Godward** to Everyone: 04:11 PM
Absolutely beautiful :)

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:11 PM
<https://thenewgraces.bandcamp.com>

From **Jen-Ru** to Everyone: 04:11 PM
they demonstrate how we need to provide younger people opportunity in the Valley so we do not lose such talent and future potential

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 04:11 PM
A cultural revival for the Bega Valley Shire and one we can export all over the world!

From **Leanne.Barnes** to Everyone: 04:12 PM
Bega Valley - brought to life by music

From **Pat Turner** to Everyone: 04:12 PM
thank you for those joyful words and music

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:12 PM
One of the reasons that the Bega Valley is such a great place to live. Beautiful.

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 04:12 PM
Fabulous music. :-)

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 04:12 PM
Fantastic. Thanks!

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:13 PM
New Graces ROCK

From **Frank Brennan** to Everyone: 04:13 PM
Beautiful. Thank you for firing our resilience.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:15 PM
While we think about what motivates and lifts us, it's pretty clear that music - the arts - has a power way beyond any other. It unites, touches our hearts, takes us beyond ourselves...

From **mattl** to Everyone: 04:20 PM
Thanks Pat and Bunja - totally agree that aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders must be a vital part of any regional planning and pathways to the future. we have been developing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders leaders for almost 30 years and they make up around 17% of our alumni around Australia



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From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 04:21 PM

Frank Brennan - would love other your thoughts on this discussion so far - and how to convert it into long term sustainable actions!

From **Steve Howard** to Everyone: 04:21 PM

This is historic stuff, led by Pat

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

Thank you Pat and Bunja. Would like to explore how we can work more closely together in this recovery.

From **Samantha Avitaia** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

Fantastic Pat - thanks so much for sharing your experience with us.

From **jo risk** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

wow- great vision!

From **Graham.Moore** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

Too deadly Aunt and important issues bought forward

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

Great offer from Pat - thank you.

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

Pat is inspiring - and would love to see a place based partnership here for indigenous community members

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

Great offer Pat!

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

Wow. This is huge. Thank you so much Pat and our local Indigenous leaders!

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

Thank you Pat! What a remarkable thing that would be. How can I help?

From **Leanne.Barnes** to Everyone: 04:22 PM

A fabulous offer Pat thank you

From **Graham.Moore** to Everyone: 04:23 PM

Will definitely love to talk with you to bring this forward

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 04:23 PM

*with

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:23 PM

Graham - how can I help?

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 04:24 PM
Excellent.... Great ideas for a closer relationship between all in the shire...

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 04:24 PM
Thank you Pat. Yes that is an amazing opportunity.

From **Adele Howard** to Everyone: 04:24 PM
Thank you so much Pat for your extraordinary leadership!

From **Pat Turner** to Everyone: 04:26 PM
my email is Pat.Turner@naccho.org.au or contact the head of the coalition of peaks secretariat
Alice.Kemble@coalitionofpeaks.org.au to follow up, thankyou Pat Turner

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:26 PM
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mum, Iris. My sincere condolences.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 04:26 PM
Deepest condolences Iris.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:27 PM
Condolences to you and your family, Aunty Iris...

From **Jen-Ru** to Everyone: 04:28 PM
That's really tough Iris, made much harder my separation am very sorry for your loss. If our society is measured on how we look after our most vulnerable we must not forget while we are rebuilding our lives that we do not forget the most vulnerable and proactively work together not leave people behind.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:29 PM
The disconnect between government intention and program delivery - this has been a huge issue for our community.

From **jo risk** to Everyone: 04:31 PM
spot on Iris -relationships and respect - keeping it real. Thank you

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 04:31 PM
we have more hope for justice now

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 04:31 PM
Thank you Iris. So brave..

From **Zena to Everyone**: 04:31 PM
Thank you for these insights and reminders about the depth of trauma in this community, Iris.

From **Wendy Tyrrell** to Everyone: 04:31 PM
Oh Iris - thank you for your personal reflections - so powerful and beautiful - offered with great authority and care. Making space for conversations - coming together. That's the foundation...



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From **Susie Diver** to Everyone: 04:32 PM
So sorry to hear of your loss Iris, thinking of you all..

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:35 PM
The music and arts community has been totally smashed by bushfires and Covid - and has had less help from government than other sectors.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 04:35 PM
Too true Zena. And they have kept us all sane in lockdown. Such a valuable industry - needs much more support.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:36 PM
Musicians, artists and Cobargo Folk Festival supporters have contributed a huge amount in donations to the community fund.

From **Alisa Camplin-Warner** to Everyone: 04:37 PM
Yes sports too Zena! The arts and sport both have great power to help communities come together, have fun with purpose, be healthy, find belief and improve mental & physical wellbeing.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:37 PM
The Arts bridge those gaps that language leaves so exposed.

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 04:37 PM
Hear hear Zena and Jenny... Culture is such a key component of our lives - and we are blessed with a rich diversity in the arts...

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:37 PM
The Waifs, John Butler and others raised \$700,000 in bushfire benefit concerts just after the fires. They donated \$100,000 to the community fund.

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 04:37 PM
...here in the BVS...

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 04:38 PM
Great suggestion Lindy. Our culture, first nations and interactions with our abundant creative arts needs to be part of our recovery.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:38 PM
This is the space where we get to imagine the future we want...

From **Iris** to Everyone: 04:38 PM
Thank you Everyone let's find the opportunities and work together for a shared future in a way that brings our communities together and values what we each bring to the table.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 04:39 PM
I love that Jo.....we need to imagine and then design our future.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:39 PM
Amen Iris

From **Cathy Griff** to Everyone: 04:40 PM

Artists are another of the unique attributes of our shire in terms of variety and outstanding talent. South East Arts has done a huge amount to support local practitioners who have received little but done so much in boosting us in these touch times

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:41 PM

Hear hear David!!

From **Jen-Ru** to Everyone: 04:42 PM

The valley has extensive diversity in every sense of the word we need to embrace it much more and look to these diverse communities to share what they have to offer including people with disability, cultures, gay and lesbian community etc. we are mostly a tolerant and accepting of difference it is possible to value add to this.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 04:42 PM

So much wisdom. Thank you.

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 04:42 PM

Indeed they have - South East Arts is a brilliant ideas hub and facilitator of creative projects.

From **Samantha Avitaia** to Everyone: 04:42 PM

Thank you David, so well said

From **Iris** to Everyone: 04:42 PM

Well said David!

From **Murray Prior** to Everyone: 04:42 PM

Superbly put. Thank you

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 04:43 PM

Challenge accepted David!

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:43 PM

Challenge accepted.

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 04:43 PM

Good challenge... we can rise to it...

From **Iris** to Everyone: 04:43 PM

Make a safe space for Traditional Owners to speak

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:43 PM

Hear Here

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 04:43 PM

thank you for calling that David



From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:43 PM
Hear Hear

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 04:43 PM
Well said and thanks for such great contributions and time for Indigenous wisdom today.

From **Frank Brennan** to Everyone: 04:43 PM
Mary Grealy, I have placed my reflection on the Bega Valley Facebook page. Thanks for asking

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 04:43 PM
Thanks Iris - and David. That's exactly what needs to happen.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:44 PM
Great clip!

From **Kristy.McBain** to Everyone: 04:44 PM
Another great advertisement

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 04:45 PM
So many great things to celebrate!

From **Doug Reckord** to Everyone: 04:47 PM
National Science Week is 15-23rd August and info on the Sapphire Coast Science Festival, including many online activities, is available at <https://bourndaeec.nsw.edu.au/scsf2020/>

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 04:48 PM
A diversity of culture, people, landscape, produce, opportunity, resilience, capacity and one of the most beautiful natural landscapes in Australia... we are blessed even through these calamities.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:48 PM
THANK YOU Sheridan for acknowledging climate change so explicitly.

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 04:49 PM
again prevention is better than cure thank you Sheridan

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:49 PM
Those investment priorities align very closely with the recovery priorities identified by the Cobargo and Cobargo region community.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 04:49 PM
Spotlight on climate action - this is now more urgent than ever.

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 04:50 PM
I think you just found an investment partner possibly Zena!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 04:53 PM
How do small communities - not just Cobargo, but those of us all through the Bega Valley, and in the Upper Murray, lake Conjola, Balmoral, Nymboide (so many!!) link more direct with global investors like Amundi? Thank you for stating this so clearly.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 04:53 PM
COVID-19 is a brilliant opportunity for us to review our global priorities!

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 04:58 PM
carbon credits and sequestering
nourish our forests with cultural knowledge
🙏👏👏👏👏

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 04:58 PM
Investment in tree farms and carbon sequestering as a way to do two things - rebuild forests and diversity and store carbon...
Snap Sal...

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 04:59 PM
We need Amundi to join our transition. We've got so many of the elements already here, we just need a big push to do it. I think there are many investors here who'd also relish the chance to pitch in.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:02 PM
I think we also have a lot of businesses and agribusiness that could benefit from Arundi's kind of investment.

From **Cathy Griff** to Everyone: 05:03 PM
Australia being a bit slow is a polite understatement. Amundi green investment vision is way above Oz government consideration

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 05:05 PM
so good to honour that growing belonging to change. we still need federal leadership in climate policy

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 05:06 PM
This is a key point with so many opportunities linked to it. Get them out of the city and working from home in regional areas.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:07 PM
Thanks Murray - great to hear your wisdom.

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 05:07 PM
migration yes and protect the environment from rapacious business as usual development

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 05:07 PM
And get local people skilled up to work from here - not just migration from city....

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:07 PM
Thank you Murray.

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 05:08 PM
Yes thanks Murray that was great!



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From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 05:08 PM
tafe, new trades, mentoring programmes

From **Liam O'Duibhir** to Everyone: 05:09 PM
@maryGrealy - I concur. We can have both, methinks!

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 05:10 PM
Yes exactly Liam

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:10 PM
Building on our well-being. Together. As partners.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:11 PM
We've started negotiations for cultural burning on our property. Looking forward to learning a lot more about country by working alongside the practitioners....

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:11 PM
Thank you Graham!

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:11 PM
Thanks Graham!

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 05:11 PM
Thanks Graham - so good to see and hear you!

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 05:11 PM
Thank you Graeme

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:13 PM
Thank you Graham - such important points. Renewal must not cause any more destruction to what we have. It has to be regenerative not exploitative.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:15 PM
Sorry we can't hear more from Cyrille...

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:15 PM
Good summary Steve.

From **Samantha Avitaia** to Everyone: 05:19 PM
Well done Matthew!

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 05:19 PM
100% renewable is worth a discussion.... next steps are going to be very important after today's meeting....

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:20 PM
It's cheaper than fossil fuels, cleaner than fossil fuels, creates jobs, and doesn't cause climate change! So why does the Labor Party still support more coal mines?



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From **matthew nott** to Everyone: 05:21 PM

renewable energy is now so cheap that we don't need to look at gas as a transition fuel

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 05:21 PM

Hope is an essential element of psychological health and wellbeing... Let's use the suffering we have experienced to change how we live and the future we create.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:22 PM

CEFE and Cobargo have been working on an energy transition proposal for the northern end of the shire. DM me if you want to follow up.

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 05:22 PM

yes Matthew and save our water

From **Cathy Griff** to Everyone: 05:23 PM

Clean Energy for Eternity has shown what is possible in our Shire. It has helped prompt the Council to adopt a 100% renewable by 2030 target (electricity at least)

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 05:23 PM

We could have a marketplace for our community to sell our valuable recycled plastic? Turning plastic into recycling profit. We could capture more of the recycling supply chain, create more employment and generate greater profit for the community.

From **Christine Kaine** to Everyone: 05:23 PM

well said Aly

From **Samantha Avitaia** to Everyone: 05:23 PM

Bega Valley, a zero waste economy - has a nice ring to it!

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 05:23 PM

go Ali... there is no away !

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:24 PM

Bega Valley Shire Council Waste team is ahead of the pack on recovery and best practice. Thanks Ali!!

From **Cathy Griff** to Everyone: 05:24 PM

Bega Valley's waste staff are exceptional

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 05:24 PM

So many opportunities for increasing visitation around renewable energy discussions. Let's do it.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 05:25 PM

Well done Aly! Huge supporter for us to become Plastic neutral individuals, businesses and groups.

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 05:25 PM

I like this 'what if?' thinking? To innovate we need to take risks and think laterally!



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From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 05:25 PM
Gold, gold, gold! For Australia - here in the Bega Valley Shire!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:25 PM
Is there an instrument you can't play, Kate Burke!

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:26 PM
Thank you everyone. So much wisdom and inspiration! Best wishes to all.

From **Donna Portland** to Everyone: 05:27 PM
Adding the New Graces to my playlist!

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 05:27 PM
Great talent. Such a fabulous addition to today/ :-)

From **Kristy.McBain** to Everyone: 05:28 PM
Have added to my playlist already! Just gorgeous ladies....definitely missing live music

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:28 PM
Buy their CD!

From **Margaret Moreton** to Everyone: 05:28 PM
Where and how do we buy this CD??!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:28 PM
Bandcamp

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:28 PM
i tunes has it. I bought it a few minutes ago!

From **Tegwen le berthe** to Everyone: 05:29 PM
BRAVO !

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 05:29 PM
Woo hoo!!!!!!

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:29 PM
YES!!

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 05:29 PM
Bega Valley has SO many amazing musicians and artists! X

From **Laura** to Everyone: 05:29 PM
Great Clarity of voice and message.

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 05:31 PM
Merimbula is a special place surrounded by many other special places!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:32 PM
Infrastructure probs!

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:34 PM
This whole session is yet another example of how desperately we need a reliable internet - particularly in regional areas. It's very hard to shine when there's difficulty getting connection...

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:35 PM
There's a couple of young entrepreneurs in Bermagui taking on the comms issue.

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 05:35 PM
Thank you Kristy!

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 05:35 PM
A rich heritage of agriculture and aquaculture...
Going back many thousands of years actually...

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:36 PM
Rural and regional Australia could provide the economic boost so needed during and post-Covid.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:39 PM
Hear hear!
If we don't have increased BAL ratings we are encouraging houses to be rebuilt unsafely.

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 05:39 PM
Hear hear Russell...

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:40 PM
Governments tend to treat "rural and regional" as one place with uniform needs and characters - somehow just smaller and more distant than cities. We need to find a way to change this.

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 05:40 PM
Living at Kiah, I would suggest we definitely need to build to the future - bushfires are going to be here and they will be severe. Our 2 neighbours have already got their DAs passed and hope to start the rebuild soon. Bravo to BVSC for getting these DAs out so quickly. But the houses **MUST** be built to withstand serious fires or we will face unnecessary deaths.

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:40 PM
Agree, there is no one size fits all.

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:44 PM
Lack of respect for our biodiversity is exactly what has brought us to these extreme conditions. I agree with much of what Russell is saying but disagree on the treatment of the environment. Amazing effort from the people of Lae. And the people of Villeurs Bretton. So many connections to the Bega Valley.

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 05:46 PM
energy, water and air - make the food. all must be clean

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:46 PM

Bushfires and Covid have been great levellers. They have brought us to focus on what we've been doing wrong and how to do things differently.

The thoughtful manner in which CEOs have engaged in this forum has been very welcome.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:48 PM

We need not to be afraid to fail!

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 05:48 PM

Agree - risk is essential for innovation.

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 05:48 PM

collective purpose creates resilience

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 05:48 PM

A community of communities...

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 05:48 PM

It starts with us.

From **Christine Kaine** to Everyone: 05:48 PM

It starts with us!

From **Iris** to Everyone: 05:48 PM

"Social Justice must always be considered from a perspective which is grounded in the daily lives of Indigenous Australian"...Quote from the Annual report by the Social Justice Commissioner, 1993....I think we can all relate to this quote given what we have experienced this year

From **mattl** to Everyone: 05:49 PM

Thanks to the wonderful Bega Valley community and to Steve and the Global Foundation

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:49 PM

We need more young voices in this discussion. They are so much more flexible than us and able to move with fast change.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:49 PM

Recovery = risk + resilience?

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:50 PM

Thanks for this initiative GF. Our communities are in it for the long haul and we hope we can count on your ongoing support and engagement.

From **Wendy Tyrrell** to Everyone: 05:50 PM

Big strong solidarity and partnership. Beautiful closing words...

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:51 PM

Perhaps the new normal needs to be partnership - government and communities, communities and business, business and government...

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 05:51 PM

Thanks Sharon and Bega Valley Shire Council - and to Global Foundation - and everyone for making this such a fantastic meeting and gathering. Eye opening...

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 05:51 PM

Good on you @kristy. kmcbain for making this happen!

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:51 PM

Thank you to the Global Foundation. We really appreciate you coming here and working with us!

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Hear hear Jenny

From **Iris** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Bundian Way is not a Traditional Pathway....

From **lindyhume** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Great conversation - lots to take away.

From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Thank you to everyone who made this happen! And to everybody who contributed. You are truly inspiring!

From **Mia Maze** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Thank you to everyone!!! What an amazing and special afternoon.

From **jaclyn brown** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Thank you for the invitation, I am very inspired.

From **Stefania Baldassarri** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Wonderful event! Thank you for this opportunity to integrate so many important topics and values: green recovery, sustainability, people, culture & arts...

From **Liam O'Duibhir** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Brain fried...but what a fine afternoon. Good luck everyone with the next steps.

From **marygrealy** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Thanks for setting this up BVSC and GF - and Kristy for setting the challenge in the first place!

From **Jenny Robb** to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Thanks for including a small local tour operator in this important discussion. Onwards and upwards Bega Valley Shire!

From **Adele Howard** to Everyone: 05:53 PM

Extraordinary afternoon Thanks you and congratulations to the Bega Valley Shire Council and the Global Foundation - it has given me hope and a vision of what is possible - from a cold and locked down Melbourne!!



From **Anne Pullen** to Everyone: 05:53 PM
Bermagui says thanks!

From **Zena** to Everyone: 05:53 PM
Thanks Steve, BVSC, Mayor Tapscott, Aunty Colleen and Djiringanj elders past, present and emerging, Kristy and everyone involved. Top event.

From **Glenn Cotter** to Everyone: 05:53 PM
Thank you to all involved,

From **Andrew Colvin** to Everyone: 05:54 PM
Thx BVSC and The Global Foundation. This has been a great afternoon and very informative for myself and the NBRA. It underscores the leadership of the BVSC!! The community is well served.

From **Dani Condon** - NBRA to Everyone: 05:54 PM
Great event! Well done to the Global Foundation and Bega Valley Shire Council.

From **christophernicholls** to Everyone: 05:54 PM
Just the beginning of something wonderful...

From **Alisa Camplin-Warner** to Everyone: 05:54 PM
Applause to one and all involved! Let's all commit to action where we have control and influence!

From **Cathy Griff** to Everyone: 05:54 PM
Thankyou to those who beamed in from abroad but had little time - we will follow your work

From **Jo Dodds** to Everyone: 05:55 PM
Thanks for the fantastic pushy, Aron!

From **Wendy Tyrrell** to Everyone: 05:55 PM
Thank you Steve Howard, Global Foundation, all the beautiful, magnificent voices of strength and vision from the Bega Valley Shire to the world. Wonderful to see this partnership and sense of the future...

From **IrvinB** to Everyone: 05:55 PM
thankyou to all involved

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 05:55 PM
that was worth the time

From **Rob Knott** to Everyone: 05:55 PM
Thanks to all who have been a part of this afternoon. Well hosted and facilitated and a great exchange of ideas. Listen, Learn and Lead!

From **Sal Brown** to Everyone: 05:55 PM



From **May Ngui** to Everyone: 05:56 PM
Thanks everyone, we can leverage our adaptive capacity to keep learning and lead - together.