

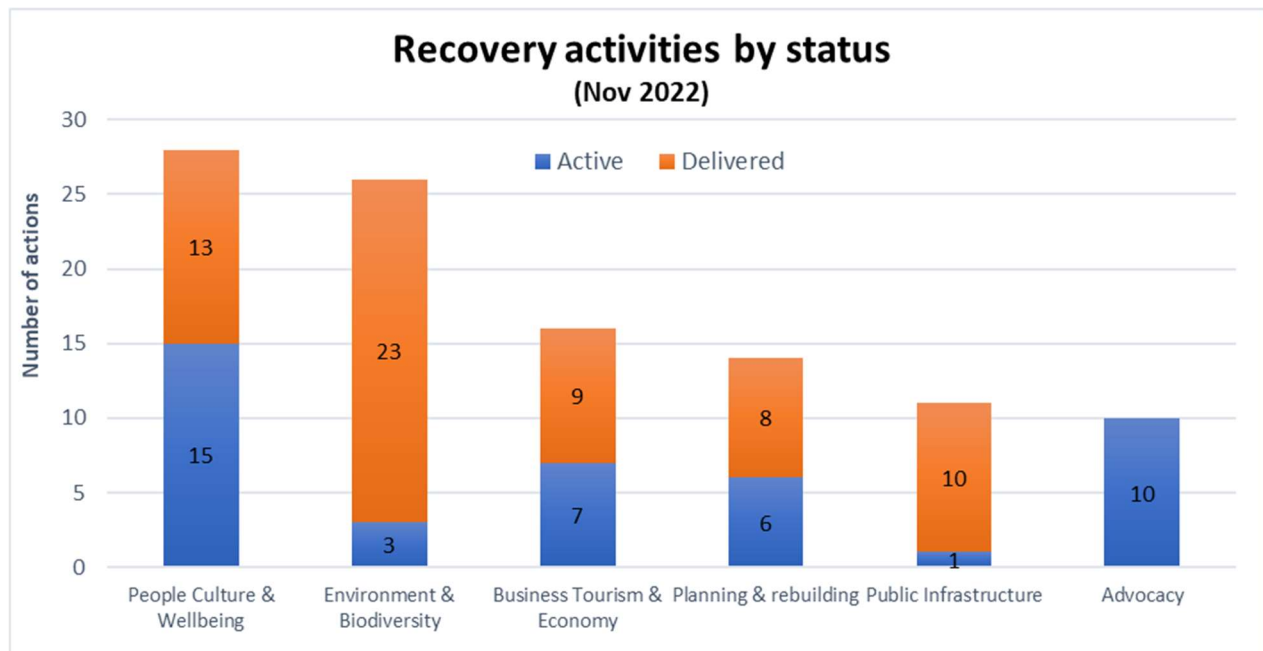
Attachment 2 - Progress Against Recovery Activities

Overview

The chart below provides an overview of progress against recovery activities as of November 2022. It shows a total of 105 activities of which 63 were delivered over 2021-22. As of November 2022 a total of 42 activities are classified as being active.

The largest category falls under People Culture & Wellbeing stream accounting for 27% of all activities followed by Environment and Biodiversity (25%), Business Tourism & the Economy (15%), Planning and Rebuilding (13%), Public Infrastructure (10%) and Advocacy making up the remaining 10%.

| Recovery activities by status at November 2022 | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Action type | Active | Delivered | Total | % of total |
| People Culture & Wellbeing | 15 | 13 | 28 | 27% |
| Environment & Biodiversity | 3 | 23 | 26 | 25% |
| Business Tourism & Economy | 7 | 9 | 16 | 15% |
| Planning & rebuilding | 6 | 8 | 14 | 13% |
| Public Infrastructure | 1 | 10 | 11 | 10% |
| Advocacy | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10% |
| Total | 42 | 63 | 105 | 100% |



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Recovery activities by completion date

Active recovery activities by their expected completion date are shown in the table below. It indicates that a high proportion of active recovery activities are expected to be completed by June 2023 (53%) and that by June 2024 it is anticipated that 78% of active activities will be completed.

In the final year of the Municipal Recovery Plan, it is anticipated that there will be only 5 remaining activities to be delivered. In the event that an activity is not fully completed by June 2026, it will be implemented through other existing Council plans.

| Active recovery activities by expected completion date | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Activity completion date | Bus Tourism & the Economy | Environment & Biodiversity | People Culture & Wellbeing | Planning & rebuilding | Public Infrastructure | Total | % of total |
| Dec-22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3% |
| Jun-23 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 50% |
| Jun-24 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 25% |
| Jun-25 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6% |
| Jun-26 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 16% |
| Total | 7 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 32 | 100% |

Source: MRP Recovery Action Plan at November 2022

Note: Advocacy activities have been omitted from this table as there is no confirmed funding for these tasks

Recovery activities delivered over 2021-22

Recovery activities that have been delivered over 2021-22 are listed below with infographics, descriptions and participation statistics provided where appropriate.

Business, Tourism & Economy Recovery Activities Delivered 2021-22

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Business outreach engagement – Council officers provided support to local businesses through outreach activities including free gift wrapping and visiting and distributing 'Buy Local' marketing collateral
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Buy local campaign – marketing campaign developed to encourage the community to support local business
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Have a Yarra Ranges Christmas – marketing campaign developed to encourage the community and visitors to support local business during the Christmas period
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Waiving business fees – Council waived business fees over the 2021-22 renewal period to reduce business costs during the pandemic
- 
Facilitating employment in the Yarra Ranges – helping YR youth transition into hospitality careers as well as the creation of the Yarra Ranges Joblink website
- 
Hospitality Training – Through a partnership with training providers including CIRE and Box Hill Institute
- 
Advocacy for improvements to telecommunications network – Direct advocacy with State Government and NBN Co and mobile carriers
- 
Region of choice – Initiative to promote businesses that practise employer of choice qualities
- 
Temporary outdoor dining – Businesses create appealing outdoor dining areas for their patrons using a \$5,000 State grant.

People, Culture & Wellbeing Recovery Activities Delivered 2021-22



Mental health first aid - delivered 10 courses to more than 160 participants



David Younger webinars – Understanding the emotional effects of a severe weather event - weekly webinars held by David Younger (Clinical Psychologist). 1,000+ views of these webinars



Mental health & wellbeing sessions – Delivered by Rob Gordon (Psychologist), 1,000+ views of these sessions.



Online community forums – Held with State Government and other key agencies as requested by the community. Several forums were held and were well attended by up to 50+ participants per session



Storm response community meetings – Council, emergency services and State Government agencies hosted three community meetings to provide in person debriefs on storm recovery. These meetings were held in Olinda, Kalorama and Mount Evelyn and were well attended with up to 100+ residents in attendance per meeting.



Lessons learned sessions – Sessions delivered by Council and partner agencies to share lessons learned on relief response to the June. These sessions were well attended with up to 50+ residents in attendance per meeting.



Pop up recovery hubs – Delivered storm recovery resources and referrals to residents in storm affected areas over the medium to longer term. During the emergency response phase, up to 7 recovery hubs were in operation with total attendance numbers of approximately 15,000 residents. Pop up hubs operating over the recovery phase engaged 500+ residents.



Outreach door knocking program – The aim of this program is to understand the ongoing recovery needs of community members across storm impacted areas in the Yarra Ranges. Outreach conducted over the second quarter of 2022 focused on the Hills region across 8 townships engaging with approximately 200+ residents.



Pandemic and storm impact survey – Measures impacts on the community and enables tracking of recovery. Has been conducted three times in 12 months with approximately 1500 residents responding to the survey.



Regional Community Recovery Committees – Four committees established to support community led recovery. The first round of community led recovery grants have been delivered with a total of \$264,000 having been approved for implementation as at October 2022.



Art Attack program – 35 arts & cultural experiences provided by local artists to enliven retail strips and encourage social connection



Insurance events – Council conducted several insurance events with residents providing free advice on insurance matters. These sessions were well attended including those whose homes were damaged by the June storm.

Planning and Rebuilding Recovery Activities Delivered 2021-22



Reimagining your rebuild – Several in person workshops have been held that offer expert planning and building guidance to storm impacted residents. A maximum of 30 residents per attended session.



Outreach to private property owners – 183 residents who own storm damaged structures have been contacted and had the progress of their planning applications monitored. A total of 132 of these planning applications have now been closed with the remaining 51 potential applications to be finalised.



Private property clean up – Removal of extensive volumes of green waste on properties of residents who are financially or physically unable to do so themselves. Undertaken by two not-for-profit organisations who specialise in disaster recovery. More than 200 resident properties have been registered to receive this service.

Environment & Biodiversity Recovery Activities Delivered 2021-22



Two kerbside branch collections – Council collection of bulky tree branches from resident properties across the Urban, Valley and Hills regions. More than 45,000 cubic metres of branch material collected.



Processing storm timber debris – Timber debris was processed into useful products and returned to the community. This included:

- 250 logs given to community groups for pony club jumps etc
- 50 hollow bearing logs used for bushland habitat
- 8 truck loads of root balls used to create a fish habitat
- Materials provided to Olinda Botanical Garden, Healesville Sanctuary and Coranderrk
- Milling logs returned to Council as 13000 items such as planting stakes, bollards and fencing materials,
- 8000 cubic metres of mulch going to the community and Council parks
- 2000 cubic metres of firewood to community



Removal of Hazardous Trees – Removed on all Council owned land, roadsides, play spaces and reserves

Public Infrastructure Recovery Activities Delivered 2021-22



Repairs to 35 Council facilities – Works to repair 35 Council facilities, including extensive works needed at the Monbulk Aquatic Centre (re –opened in September 2022) and the relocation of the Mount Dandenong Preschool



Repairs to Council roads, paths, drainage systems, bridges – These works included repairs to roads, reinstatement of pavement surfaces, repairs to tunnels and removal of storm debris along roadsides. The total number of storm related requests completed by job type are **Roads: 288, Drainage: 644, Trees: 2,318**



Storm related drainage material – This material was tested, sorted and repurposed where possible or sent for disposal