

MILLGROVE HAPPENINGS



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DID YOU KNOW THAT MRAG HAS RAISED FUNDS AND BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GRANTS TALLING \$1 MILLION

Yes that's right, an incredible amount of money that has been spent to improve Millgrove and help our residents as **MRAG Proudly CELEBRATES 20 YEARS** of community service.

CONGRATULATIONS MRAG – 20th Anniversary

This amount doesn't include the enormous amount of inkind work contributed by its members and friends to **"Get Things Done"**, which is priceless, but estimated at well over \$1 Million.

Project funding has included:

- River road trail funding from the state government of \$192,000
- Bendigo Bank grants for our open days and light trail of \$40,000
- Numerous Yarra Ranges Council grants for office equipment, giant games, shipping containers, light trail, Community Plan, totalling \$38,000
- Federal government grants for equipment & Ave of honour \$24,000
- AusNet grants of \$300,000 for Solar and battery installation at the Community Hall & for education and literacy workshops
- Minderoo & AIDR grants \$220,000 to implement resilience programs
- State government grants of \$55,000 for the Dee Rd Trail restoration & History records digitization
- MRAG distribution of funds on average about \$5,000 per year over 20 years

Stronger Communities Programme Round 9 - Successful application

MRAG has been notified by Aaron Violi MP, that we were successful with a grant to upgrade the Ave of Honour.

The grant will ensure that World War II veterans are recognised on new signage and that guards & up lighting will be added to the Illawarra Flame trees.

This will be a respectful recognition for the Millgrove veterans who served to ensure we could live in peace.



Photo above of the Millgrove Avenue of Honour

AusNet
Energy Resilience Community Fund

Interim Report
June 2025



Photos above, Community Hall Solar & Battery Project site.

MILLGROVES' MCKENZIE KING PLAYGROUND OFFICIALLY OPENED

The Mayor Cr Jim Child, council representatives and some MRAG members attended the official opening of the upgraded McKenzie King playground on the 11 July 2025. The playground boasts different play areas for the various age groups and challenges for the adventurous, Phil's two grandchildren recently visited the park and said ***"it is the best playground ever"***. MRAG hope to have a community opening event in the near future. p.s. We wish Jim and wife Theresa a speedy recovery from illness & a hip replacement respectively.



Want to HELP MRAG raise funds for the community?
Have unused and unwanted good quality Bric a Brac?
Why not donate it to MRAG to sell at the Millgrove Market,
we can pick up (contact details below) or you can drop it off
to the Millgrove Dairy cheese shop!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED: UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES – FREE PLACES AVAILABLE

- Community Garden Planning Meetings (Contact MRAG for dates, meet Tuesdays at 5pm)
- Resilience training workshop: Sunday 3 August 2025
- Energy training workshop: Saturday 23 August 2025

Expression of interest to:

- Join in training about managing a river maintenance crew [LINK to expression of interest:](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RiverCrew)
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Millgrove Community Resilience Workshop
Join us for a community workshop to help build a stronger, more connected Millgrove

Sunday, 3rd August
10am-4pm
Millgrove Soccer Pavillion
Lunch provided

Why should you sign up?
This is an exciting opportunity to take part in a small-group session, with practical training, connection, and community building.

Together we will explore how to:

- Understand the foundations of community resilience
- Strengthen Millgrove's resilience and social networks
- Prepare and support our Community-led Emergency Hub
- Get involved in local community resilience planning

Whether you're new to the community or already involved with the Millgrove Resident's Action Group, this is a great way to build skills, connect with neighbours, and support our shared vision for a stronger, safer, and more prepared community.

Register Now
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Or complete the EOI
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B63RCY7>

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