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\$970,136 in grants awarded

12 August 2020: The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), in partnership with the Pratt Foundation, has granted a further \$241,386 to support 13 community-led projects in the Snowy Valleys region.

The [Visy Tumut Region Recovery Fund](#) was established in February 2020 to support community-led projects designed to address a diverse range of bushfire recovery needs and community priorities in the Snowy Valleys. A total of \$970,136 in funding has been granted to 36 projects over the last seven months, and the program is now closed.



Anthony Pratt, Executive Chairman of Visy, said the organisation has been so pleased to have been able to support the Snowy Valleys region.

"It is wonderful to have seen how these grants have been put into action by community groups to make a real difference to the region's recovery," said Mr Pratt.

Natalie Egleton, CEO of FRRR, said that there have been many great projects funded through the Visy Tumut Region Recovery Fund.

"Thanks to the early response and support of the Pratt Foundation, many recovery projects in the Snowy Valleys region have already been able to get underway, such as the RegenerART project. With funds received in a previous grant round, the Tumut Art Society is running workshops in Talbingo, Adelong, Batlow and Tumbarumba to ensure that there are local opportunities to come together and enjoy learning diverse art practices.

"I'm just as confident that the local organisations that have been awarded grants for projects this final round will play a critical role in the ongoing recovery of these communities. Projects like Eastern Riverina Arts' Woodlands Film Festival and the Sounds of Summer Camerata String Orchestra Snowy Valleys Council Tour will help to build community spirit and strengthen social connections.

"Other local organisations have been awarded grants for projects that support the recovery of their community by updating, rebuilding or developing community infrastructure, including the Ournie Fire Brigade's shed, the Adelong Men's Shed entrance and the Batlow Sound Shell, memorialising the Batlow Cannery lost in the Dunn's Rd Fire. These are all great examples of local community groups playing a vital role in disaster recovery because they are on the ground and best placed to know what is needed," said Ms Egleton.

Visy Tumut Region Recovery Fund grant recipients for this round are below:

Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Grant
Adelong Men's Shed Inc	Concrete Driveway Build organisational capacity of Adelong Men's Shed with the construction of a concrete driveway to improve member access.	Adelong	\$19,223
Adelong Swimming Club Inc	Adelong Community Aquatic Centre Shade and Solar Improve community infrastructure and capacity, upgrading the Adelong Community Pool with	Adelong	\$35,000

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		adequate shading and a structure to support solar heating for increased winter patronage.		
Adelong Tennis Club Inc	Adelong Tennis Clubhouse Roof Replacement	Improve community infrastructure by replacing the Adelong Tennis Clubhouse roof to support community group meetings.	Adelong	\$10,000
Batlow Apple Tree Learning Centre Co-operative Ltd	Outdoor Play Space Upgrade	Build community capacity and resilience, upgrading the outdoor play space at Batlow Apple Tree Learning Centre to support early years learning.	Batlow	\$15,000
Batlow Development League	Sounds and History of Batlow	Increase community capacity and support economic recovery in Batlow by constructing a sound shell to memorialise the Batlow Cannery and support local events.	Batlow	\$30,000
Cycle Tumbarumba Inc	Link to Mason's Hill Trails	Improve community infrastructure for local and tourist use through extending the trail bike link with a safe off-road bike path for children and adults.	Tumbarumba	\$10,000
Eastern Riverina Arts	The Woodlands Film Festival	Build community spirit through reviving the Woodland Film Festival and presenting local stories at a landmark site for all the community to enjoy.	Pilot Hill Arboretum	\$19,390
Montreal Community Theatre Inc	Montreal Community Theatre Shop (Cafe/Bar)	Build organisational capacity developing a café shop front at the Montreal Theatre Space to provide a retail and cultural hub for community development.	Tumut	\$30,000
Ournie Rural Fire Brigade	Ournie Community Recovery Project	Build community resilience and connectedness by improving the Ournie Fire Brigade shed facilities to create a community meeting space and better local RFS facility.	Ournie	\$10,000
Snowy Valleys Council	Tooma Hall Transfer Pump and Water Storage	Build community resilience by upgrading community infrastructure at the Tooma Hall with water storage for evacuation and everyday community use.	Tooma	\$32,000
Talbingo MTB Club Inc	Talbingo Mountain Bike Park Shelters	Enhance community facilities through the installation of bike shelters to support local and tourist patronage.	Talbingo	\$11,373
Tumbarumba Artists on Parade Co-Operative Limited	Sounds of Summer Camerata String Orchestra Tour	Enhance the cultural vibrancy of the Snowy Valleys with performances by classical musicians at local venues in Tumut, Tumbarumba and Khancoban.	Khancoban	\$13,400
Upper Murray Community Radio	Training of Additional Volunteers for Operation of Community Radio -3 RUM		Tumbarumba	\$6,000

Inc

(Tumbarumba site)

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