



Greetings everyone,

Well, it has well and truly felt like Winter over the last month or so. I would enjoy this weather a lot more if not for the wind. I hope you are all safe and healthy.

Blue Mountains Bushfire Control Centre

Being the optimist I am, I'm planning a tour of the Bushfire Control Centre in Katoomba for September. If you haven't been to the Control Centre before, I found my visit a few years ago to be very worthwhile and reassuring.

The centre is undergoing some renovations at the moment but should be finished by end of August. There is the possibility of two visits, both are midweek as the centre is used for operational purposes on weekends.

At this stage, I'm calling for an expression of interest from HUFF Facilitators only. If you would like to attend, please email huff@banc.org.au to express your interest. I will advise dates once they come to hand.



Looking ahead

BANC is planning to hold a range of workshops starting early next year based on community resilience. Some of the aims are to build community connections, increase social participation and improve mental health in the community. When all these aspects are strong, a community is more resilient and better able to cope with any difficulties that may arise.

We would like you to give some thought to what type of workshops you would like to participate in or what might be beneficial for our community. The workshops can be based on practical, physiological or emotional issues communities might face.

What would you like to learn more about, see or do? Practical elements of potential workshops could be learning about HUFF, information on fire plans, irrigation and sprinkler systems, what plants are good in the garden. As a community what can we do to assist our environment? Perhaps a workshop based on First Nations knowledge around Caring for Country.

Please put on your thinking caps as we would like to release a survey in September to gather your thoughts and ideas.

Until the next newsletter, take care of yourselves
Regards Cornelia