

Community On Ground Assistance (COGA) Project

Matt Falla

Project Coordinator

Diploma of Business Management, Diploma of Sustainability, Certified Building Practitioner, Cert III in Cabinet Making, Cert II in Emergency Medical Response, Intermediate Tree Falling Cert, Cross Cut and Maintain Chainsaw Cert, Licensed Bobcat and Front End Loader Operator

Matt coordinates and manages the trade assistance component of the Community on Ground Assistance project in and around the Kinglake Ranges. Matt and his team provide practical on-ground assistance carried out by trade professionals which includes client advocacy, project planning and coordination, advice to clients around rebuilding and property recovery, carpentry based medium-sized construction and building repairs as well as specialised fencing projects.

Janeden River

Project Coordinator

Master of Education, Graduate Diploma in Tech Ed, Diploma of Business Management, Cert IV in Workplace Assessment and Training, Cert IV in Engineering, Cert III Automotive Engineering, Cert in OH&S, Intermediate Tree Falling Cert, Cross Cut and Maintain Chainsaw Cert, Licensed Bobcat and Front End Loader Operator

Janeden coordinates and manages the property recovery component of the Community on Ground Assistance project in and around the Kinglake Ranges. Janeden's team is qualified to provide assistance with removal of dangerous trees, block clearing, regrowth removal, splitting and stacking timber produced by tree removal to produce firewood for the client and community members in need, bobcat and machinery operation to facilitate the removal of site debris and garden re-establishment. Janeden's team also coordinates corporate volunteers to provide assistance to fire affected residents.

Deborah Oakes

Administrator

Deborah performs intake of referrals for the COGA program and coordinates corporate volunteer days.

Kinglake Ranges Volunteer Resource Centre

Marie McMahon

Coordinator of Volunteers

Diploma of Community Development, Cert IV in Volunteer Management

Marie's role involves building a strong volunteer network across the Ranges by working with local volunteer agencies and coordinating school and corporate volunteer groups in volunteer activities that support the Kinglake Ranges community.

She also provides a matching service for community members to local volunteer opportunities.

Peter Heywood

Administrator of Volunteer Coordination

Peter provides administrative support to the Kinglake Ranges Volunteer Resource Centre and Community On Ground Assistance teams. He also liaises with local volunteer groups to provide resources and support as they re-establish themselves after the bushfires.

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Bushfire Community Recovery Service Team Members

Walking the journey with community members



Strengthening families and communities

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CatholicCare's Bushfire Community Recovery Service provides counselling, support and community development services to people from the bushfire affected communities. The team members are committed to providing ongoing assistance free of charge and working in partnership with local communities.

Janet Cribbes

Manager

BA in Social Work and in Social Sciences, La Trobe University

Janet manages the work done by the Bushfire Community Recovery Service. She has experience in community service and community development work, including Alcohol and Drug prevention programs with communities and Victorian and Commonwealth Government agencies. Janet also has counselling experience in depth psychology, grief and loss and family and relationships; with many years experience in consulting and advising in personal and community development. Janet was Mayor of an inner city council in 2008 and Councillor from 2004 – 2008.

Jodie Harris

Senior Administration Officer

Advanced Diploma of Gestalt Therapy

Jodie provides executive support to the Manager, Bushfire Community Recovery Service.

Counsellors

Tracey Bowden

Counsellor

Diploma in Community Service Welfare

Tracey has experience in areas of homelessness using a strengths based approach. She also has experience counselling and supporting youth and single mothers in crisis, and draws from a feminist perspective that utilises Maslow's hierarchy of needs. With CatholicCare, Tracey has been doing complex case management and family support using an holistic approach.

Aicha Brogan

Counsellor

*Masters Counselling and Human Services, La Trobe University
Clinical Member of CAPAV and PACFA
Graduate Diploma Counselling and Human Services, La Trobe University, Bachelor of Music, VCA*

Aicha works with individuals, couples and children aged over 7 years who are experiencing relationship issues, depression, mental illness, grief, loss, anxiety or trauma. Aicha practises from a Human Centred therapeutic framework, and draws from Gestalt, Narrative, Family Systems and Existential modalities.

Andrea Collins

Counsellor

*Advanced Diploma of Relational Gestalt Psychotherapy
Diploma of Psychodynamic Psychotherapy
Advanced Certificate in Marriage and Relationship Counselling
Certificate in Relationship, Marriage and Family Education
Clinical Member of CAPAV and PACFA*

Andrea works with individuals and couples who are experiencing relationship issues, depression, early childhood trauma, anxiety, grief and loss. Andrea practises from a person-centred therapeutic perspective and draws on Gestalt, Existential, Person-Centred, Solution Focused, Cognitive and Behavioural therapeutic modalities. Andrea has ten years experience in private practice and enjoys been part of a multi-disciplinary team.

Fiona Dixon

Counsellor

*Bachelor of Social Science (Psych)
BA (Hons) Registered Psychologist*

Fiona has 13 years of counselling experience, working with suicidal ideation, trauma and grief and loss, as well as anxiety, depression and relationship issues. She works with individuals, couples and families and she also has a background in Mediation, Training, Group Facilitation and Critical Incident Debriefing.

Sheryl Lyons

Counsellor

*Masters of Psychotherapy, Georgia State University (USA)
Graduate Diploma in Social Sciences (Health Counselling),
Uni. SA*

Prior to returning to Australia, Sheryl was working with the University of Georgia at the Institute of Behavioural Research. Predominant areas of work include grief and bereavement issues and relationship counselling.

Sr Margaret Ryan AO

Pastoral Associate

*RSM, Member of Sisters of Mercy
BA LLB, La Trobe University
Pastoral Associate St Mary's Church Kinglake and Member of
Board of Kinglake Community Foundation*

Sr Margaret assists the Kinglake Ranges Volunteer Resource Centre and provides pastoral care through CatholicCare