

Fire Recovery Newsletter

**If you have any questions, or need more information please call
1300 656 564 or email recovery@moyne.vic.gov.au**

How Moyne Shire is Helping

Council has set up a dedicated support team that has contacted almost all affected landholders. We have also received over fifty calls for assistance. Requests for help have included, water supply, fodder, fencing, and asbestos and waste removal. Our team is here to help **please call:** 1300 656 564.

Financial Assistance

Emergency Relief and Re-establishment Assistance is now being made available to eligible fire-affected community members. Individuals in Moyne can now access emergency assistance to relieve personal hardship and distress:

- Personal Hardship Assistance Payments, which provide payments of up to \$540 per adult and \$270 per child (up to a maximum of \$1,890 per household) are available to help meet immediate needs, including emergency food, shelter, clothing, and personal items.
- Emergency Re-establishment Assistance provides up to \$40,700 per eligible household that has been affected by fire at their primary place of residence. The grants are available for eligible clean-up, emergency accommodation, repairs, rebuilding (a principal place of residence), and replacing some damaged contents.

Please call: VicEmergency on 1800 226 226 for more information.

Contaminated Water

If you live in a fire-affected area your drinking water tank could have become contaminated from debris, ash, dead animals or aerial fire retardants.

If the water tastes, looks or smells unusual, do not drink it or give it to animals.

Use bottled water for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth et cetera until tanks can be cleaned and refilled.

please call: Wannon Water on 1300 926 666 to flush clean and refill your tanks.

Wannon Water will arrange for a water carter to refill the tanks with potable water. This will be one 14,000L load per household, unless specific circumstances require more.

Town water is not affected.

Tax Office Assistance

If you have been affected by the recent fires, tax support is available while you recover. Find out more at www.ato.gov.au/individuals/dealing-with-disasters **please call:** 1800 806 218.

Legal Advice

Disaster Legal Help Victoria provides free legal advice, assistance and referrals to people affected by a disaster. For assistance, please phone Disaster Legal Help Victoria's free helpline **please call:** 1800 113 432. This phone line is open 8:45 am-5:15 pm, Monday to Friday.

Free Haircuts

Salt Hair is offering free haircuts to all volunteers, and residents affected by the fire on Sunday 8 April between 10.30am and 2.30pm. No appointments are necessary please turn up to Salt Hair, 39 Bank Street, Port Fairy

If you want to help

South West Victorian Bushfire Appeal

Funds raised will be distributed to charitable organisations working with communities that are directly impacted by recent fires or subsequent aftermath of the disaster.

Donate at your nearest Bendigo Bank branch or online at bendigobank.com.au/southwestvicbushfire

Victorian Farmers Disaster Relief Fund for the South West Fires

All donations are tax-deductable. Donations to the Fund will be used to cover the cost of fodder transport to fire affected farmers and facilitate collection and distribution of feed. Donations may also assist apiarists and provide emergency stock water. Donate or find out more on the VFF website <http://www.vff.org.au/donations>.

Need for Feed Disaster Relief

Established by Lions Club, Need For Feed is a major supplier of emergency fodder & transport in an emergency. They are supplying animal feed to affected communities across the south west. To donate fodder or pet food, non-perishable food or volunteer to support their hay runs go to <http://www.needforfeed.org/> or **please call:** 0459 444 111.

BlazeAid

Working alongside the rural families, BlazeAid volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed. There are currently Blaze Aid teams based in Cobden, Terang and Macarthur areas.

To find out about volunteering or make a donation to their efforts in the South West go to <http://blazeaid.com.au/> or **please call:** 0418 990 172.

Personal Support

Lifeline: 1300 11 14. Men's Line: 1300 78 9978. Kid's Help Line: 1800 55 1800.
Nurse on Call: 1300 60 6024