

Moyne Shire Council Community Recovery Plan (4/4/18)



Late on 17 March 2018 two large fires impacted the communities of Hawkesdale and Garvoc. These two fires burnt over 10,000 ha, destroyed two homes, 23 farm buildings and killed thousands of livestock. Emergency response continues but recovery is well underway.

RECOVERY NARRATIVE

Values

- **Accountability** – being open, diligent and ethical in our decision and actions
- **Unity** – working together to get things done
- **Trust** – in our team mates, our service partners and our customers
- **Community** – putting the community at the forefront of all we do
- **Communication** – we will provide timely and easily accessible public information

Moyne Shire Recovery Committee

- Established 20 March 2018
- Chaired by – Manager Environmental & Regulatory Services

Regional Recovery Committee

- Established 28 March 2018
- Chaired by – Adam Reilly (DHHS)
- Four Pillars – - **Social - Agriculture - Economic - Built/Natural Environment**

Principles of Recovery

Moyne Shire has adopted the national principles of disaster recovery:

- understanding the **context** • recognising **complexity** • using **community-led** approaches • ensuring **coordination** of all activities • employing effective **communication** • acknowledging and building **capacity**



The Moyne Shire recovery objectives are to strive to **build back better** through increasing social capital, stimulating livelihoods and economies, rebuilding more-resilient infrastructure, strengthening institutions, and investing in the health and wellbeing of our community.

RECOVERY OBJECTIVES

Built/Natural Environment

1. Remove hazardous trees and assist in clearing trees to repair fence lines.
2. Assess and restore Council owned roads as necessary.
3. Provide advice to communities wanting to rebuild.
4. Develop a waste strategy to assist the community in clean-up activities.
5. Provide advice on asbestos handling and disposal.
6. Conduct secondary impact assessments.

Social Environment

1. Work with and engage communities on issues of local concern, and develop localised community recovery plans and projects.
2. Ensure programs and services are flexible and adaptable, to meet the specific and changing needs of affected communities.
3. Support community events & leaders.
4. Continue to liaise with agencies to direct community to appropriate services.
5. Communicate financial assistance options.
6. Provide timely and easily accessible public information to encourage two way conversations.

Economic & Agriculture Environment

1. Provide assistance to Agriculture Victoria in the disposal of deceased stock.
2. Continue to participate in the South West Industry Leadership Group (SWILG).
3. Liaise with peak industry bodies along with Regional Development Victoria and DEDJTR.
4. Monitor pasture recovery, breeding and genetic replacement along with utilising best practice for farm infrastructure.
5. Continue to liaise with Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism to support tourism operators in the medium to long term recovery.
6. Assist directly impacted businesses and identify support initiatives.

OUTCOMES

A community:

- That is informed and aware.
- That has access to appropriate services, facilities and resources.
- In which people feel safe.
- Which lives and promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Where the development of cooperative partnerships is encouraged.
- That works together with respect for differences.
- That builds on its capacity.