

Council Storm Recovery Number: 5366 1323

Moorabool Storm Event 2021 – Community Newsletter No. 8

Online Community Sessions

In partnership with Bushfire Recovery Victoria, Moorabool will be hosting two online community sessions in October to engage with the communities recovering from the June Storms.

Please join us as our independent facilitator Steve Ray facilitates these sessions where residents can be a part of the key discussions about the initial impact and response to the storm along with the recovery process so far. We will also have other government agencies and groups in attendance who will be able to engage in conversation and answer questions that residents have raised during their registration process.

Blackwood and surrounds Community Storm Information Session and Lessons Learned

Thursday 7 October 6-7.30pm

Book online here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/blackwood-and-surrounds-lessons-learned-and-recovery-update-session-tickets-179662323847>

This session has been planned by members of the community with Council and is specifically tailored for storm impacted communities residing in Blackwood and surrounding towns. The focus will be on the lessons learned from the initial community led activities when the storm impacted the area and also on the next phases of community emergency planning. There will be an update on the recovery process and community led themes to get involved in.

Korweinguboora, Spargo Creek, Barkstead and surrounds Community Storm Debrief Session

Monday 11 October 6pm – 7.30pm

Book online here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/korweinguboora-and-surrounds-debrief-and-storm-recovery-information-session-tickets-179694780927>

This debrief session will be an engaging session for the community to assist us in knowing what worked well, what didn't work well and what needs improving. This helps to inform our future emergency management planning.

Storm debris for firewood and mulch

Moorabool Shire Council has commenced the processing of storm vegetation debris into unseasoned split firewood. Once this has been completed and sufficient stockpiles are available, firewood and mulch will be offered to the community in controlled quantities via a booking system. Further updates will be provided in coming weeks. Keep your eyes peeled.



Creative Recovery Small Grants Program

Regional Arts Victoria have announced The Creative Recovery Small Grants Program: 2021 Storms. This program will support creatives and creative communities in regions significantly impacted by the storms and floods in June 2021. Successful applicants will receive up to \$1,500.

Apply by Friday 1 October online via <http://www.rav.net.au/fundingopportunities/creative-recovery-smallgrants-2021-storms/>

Meet the Moorabool Shire Council Storm Recovery team

Moorabool Shire Council has now recruited a full Storm Recovery team to assist residents following the significant impact of the June storm event. Meet the friendly faces who are working hard to assist you in your recovery.



Cherie Graham
Chief Emergency Management Officer

"I worked in the Incident Control Centre with the emergency service agencies to assist our communities impacted by the Storm Event over the first couple of days. I am now working closely with Bushfire Recovery Victoria and State Government agencies to work through the storm recovery process. We have now put in place a Storm Recovery Team funded through the State and Federal Governments to work with our community over the next 12 months."



Kristi Sullivan
Community Recovery Officer

"I'm the current Community Recovery Officer and am assisting to lead the Storm Recovery Team. Having worked previously at Golden Plains Shire Council in an Emergency Management Officer role and also on the Forest Fire Crew with DELWP during the 2019-20 bushfires, working through emergencies and on community recovery is my passion. When the June 9 Storm hit I was in the Incident Control Centre during the initial response phase. Having been fully immersed in the Storm Event from day 1 sparked my desire to see the recovery through to the end."



Julie Wilson
Senior Administration Officer

"I would like to introduce myself as the Senior Administration Officer with the Storm Recovery Team. I have had many years experience in the Administration and Finance fields within Local Government, Not for Profit Organisations and private industry. I will be assisting with the claims processes and with various community initiatives. I look forward to working with everyone to support where I can to assist the community in the recovery process."



Sandi Thacker
Case Support Officer

"I have been working with the Shire for 26 years and doing Duty MRM, opening relief centres and helping out in all of the emergencies for about that many years also. I have been dealing with the storm event since it first happened, making phone calls to all residents and facilitating Pop Up Hubs in Korweinguboora and Blackwood. Working as a Case Support Officer is a great opportunity to follow through with the work that I have already been doing and see the recovery to the end."



Linda Cole
Case Support Officer

"I joined the team in mid-August, although I have been assisting the community in a part time capacity following the June Storm. I have come to the team from the Customer Service Team where I have been one of the faces of Moorabool for seven years. Previous to Moorabool Shire Council I have had extensive Local Government experience with various departments for a number of Victorian LGA's as well as working in Queensland Local government. I have been a local of Moorabool for over 20 years and am a proud resident of Mount Egerton."



Debra Giles
Administration Support Officer

"I am the Administration Support Officer with the Storm Recovery Team. I am enjoying and look forward to continuing supporting the team. I come from a background in Administration and The Arts."



Tarnay Sass
Communications Officer

"I was living in Trentham during the storm and reported on the impact for The Courier newspaper in Ballarat while experiencing the traumatic event personally. I am looking forward to continuing to share the stories of the Moorabool community in this position, as well as communicating all updates on the recovery process to keep storm impacted residents up-to-date."



Alison Acevedo
Graphic Designer

"I am a local to Blackwood and love our beautiful forest. It is a privilege to be able to contribute to the recovery from such a massive event in all our lives. I come to the team with 20 plus years experience in graphic design from 3 different continents. I hope to be able to make your reading a pleasant and easily accessible experience."



Rory Thomson-Ball
Community Engagement Officer

Rory will be commencing on the Storm Recovery Team on Monday 4th October as our Community Engagement Officer. His focus will be on engaging and liaising with the community throughout the recovery process so keep an eye out for him as he does some fantastic work throughout the area in the coming months.

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Fire Access Tracks

We are very happy to report that all council managed Fire Access Tracks across the Shire have now been cleared for emergency vehicles. Council has been working alongside DELWP to clear the Cricket Ground Track in Blakeville that sits across land managed by both. Trees may still fall on tracks after works have been completed. Please call the Council Emergency Recovery Number on 5366 1323 if you see a fire track that needs to be cleared. Vehicles can now enter this track, however there is still storm debris to be cleared on the road edges.



Work is ongoing to clear Fire Access Tracks on land managed by DELWP and Parks Victoria by the beginning of fire season. About 43% of these roads have been cleared and we expect this figure to continue to rapidly increase as crews use heavy machinery to remove hazardous trees.

The following are Council managed fire tracks which have now been cleared:

Barrys Road (off Bush Inn) Wattle Flat
Thomas Court Gordon
Scenic Court Gordon
Callaghans Lane Gordon
Cricket Ground Track (topend) Blakeville
Skeltons Road Scotsburn
Yuulong Road Scotsburn (undeveloped section up to Yendon No. 2)
Cockatoo Road Lal Lal
Racecourse Lane, Elaine Morrisons (off Angees Road)
Hopgoods Road Clarendon
Mystery Lane Mt Doran
All Nations Gully Mt Egerton
Long Gully Road Greendale
Wattle Gully Road Greendale
Coles Lane Greendale
Angees Road Elaine/Morrisons
Greystones (Private Property Rowsley)
Seerys Road, Coimadai
Swans Road Darley
Bradys Lane Greendale
Ted Lyons Road, Navigators
Skinners Road, Blackwood



Givit

Givit are an organisation who manage and assist with the distribution of essentials and resources. They will record your donations online and as someone in need requests it, your donation can be distributed straight to them. Furthermore, if you have any essentials or resources which you need due to the impact of the storm event, you can request this on their website and they will work to match you up with a donation or offer.

To find out more or to donate or request assistance, visit <https://www.givit.org.au/>

Storm and flood residential clean-up program

Registrations for BRV's Residential Storm and Flood Clean-up program will be closing from 11:59pm on Sunday 31 October 2021.

If you were impacted by the June storms and floods and your property is eligible for our clean-up program, make sure you register now so you don't miss out.

To find out more and register your property, call 1800 560 760 (available Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm) or go online at <http://www.brv.vic.gov.au/cleanup>

**Registrations close
Sunday 31 October at 11.59pm**

Contractor call out

If you're a local wood contractor who would like to add your details to a list being made available to storm impacted residents in Moorabool Shire, please call the Council Storm Recovery Number on 5366 1323. This list will be published on Council's website for residents to contact contractors directly to arrange works.

Mental Health Support

Supporting storm impacted residents through the mentally distressing impact of the storm is very important to Council. There are a range of support

services available to you if you require additional assistance. Please call the Council Storm Recovery Number on 5366 1323 if you would like to confidentially speak to our team about being referred to a funded service.

Partners in Wellbeing Helpline

Free and confidential wellbeing coaching for businesses and individuals. This service is available 7 days a week via email, chat or phone call. Find more info at: <https://www.partnersinwellbeing.org.au/>

Australian Red Cross


Support and resources to look after yourself and your family when disasters happen. Visit <https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/emergencies/looking-after-yourself>

Beyond Blue

Provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live. Call 1300 22 4636 or visit <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention. Call 13 11 14 or visit <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>



ACCESS A RECOVERY SUPPORT WORKER

STORM AND FLOOD RECOVERY SUPPORT HOTLINE **1800 560 760**

Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline

The Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline is a single state-wide number, [1800 560 760](https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/Emergencies/Storm-emergency/Storm-event-newsletters), that Victorians impacted by the June 2021 storms and floods can call for help or assistance.

Operators can assist you with registering for Clean-Up of structures on private property or accessing your own Recovery Support Worker, mental health and wellbeing support, financial counselling and information on available payments.

The Recovery Hotline is open from 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) and 9am to 1pm on weekends.

Call 1800 560 760

Did you miss our previous Storm Community Newsletters?

Read them all on our website:
<https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/Emergencies/Storm-emergency/Storm-event-newsletters>

When to call VICSES during a flood or storm emergency



When to call during a flood



About to flood



Flooding



When to call during a storm



Storm damage to roof



Tree damage to home



Tree blocking exit



Call VICSES
132 500



If life threatening
call triple zero 000

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