

Moorabool Shire Council

MOORABOOL STORM EVENT 2021— COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER NO 5



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Community Pop Up Hubs

We are pleased that our Pop Up Community Hubs are now back up and running again. Come down and meet our friendly Storm Recovery Team to discuss all matters around the June 9 Storm event and recovery. The upcoming hubs will be:

Korweinguboorra Recreation Reserve: Thursday 19th August, 10am - 3pm

Blackwood Memorial Hall: Thursday 26th August, 10am - 3pm

Registrations are open for **Bushfire Recovery Victoria's Storm and Flood Clean-Up program**, and the assessment of hazardous trees on private property.

Learn more, check your eligibility and register your property today by visiting www.brvc.vic.gov.au/cleanup or calling the Storm and Flood Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760 between 8am - 7pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 1pm on weekends.

How the Clean-Up program works

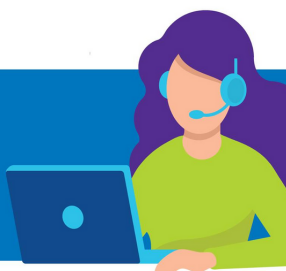
There are four phases to the Clean-Up program:

1. Initial assessment of properties to identify hazards, understand the scope and type of work required, confirm the cause of the damage and assign a priority categorisation.
2. Making properties safe by removing hazards to eligible sites, particularly hazardous trees and materials.
3. Demolition and removal of structures and/or hazards that were removed to access a structure.
4. Remediation works including post site clearance and rectification works.

Every property is different and will be managed on a case-by-case basis. BRV will contact registered property owners and work with them to ensure the clean-up process is explained, and that works are done as safely and efficiently as possible.



**REGISTER FOR
CLEAN-UP ON
PRIVATE PROPERTY**



**STORM AND FLOOD
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Fallen trees

Private property owners with fallen trees that haven't damaged or destroyed a structure can reach out to VicForests for advice. VicForests is a State-owned business that harvests, sells and regrows sustainable timber from Victoria's native forests. They can advise property owners on the potential for fallen trees to be used as timber products. This advice could include contact details of businesses that may be interested in utilising the timber and may remove the timber for a fee.

Property owners can contact VicForests for an assessment of the timber on their property by emailing vfs.admin@vicforests.com.au and detailing their location, how much wood is on their properties and dimensions.



Recovery Support Workers

Provide practical support and advice, and help people access financial and health and wellbeing support services. To access recovery support, call the Recovery Support Hotline on 1800 560 760.



Agriculture Victoria's Support for Primary Producers

Agriculture Victoria's Ag Recovery Team can provide support to producers following the June storms and floods across Victoria.



Agriculture Victoria can offer technical advice on pasture recovery and grazing management, soil erosion management, animal health, nutrition & feed budgeting, whole farm planning, water quality, budgeting, farm water reticulation and dam management, farm business planning. Producers and growers are encouraged to phone the Agriculture Victoria Ag Recovery Team on 0427 694 185 or email recovery@agriculture.vic.gov.au or visit agriculture.vic.gov.au

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Moorabool Shire Council is currently investigating options to process storm vegetation debris into firewood for potential offering to the community, and is in frequent communication with our Disaster Recovery Funding Assessor to seek approval to start this process. Further updates will be provided in coming weeks.

Forest Fire Management Victoria Update

DELWP and Parks Victoria crews have been on the ground working on the clean up of public land since the June 9 Storm Event. The storm impacted 1,500km of roads and 150km of walking tracks across 82,000 hectares.



*Ballan Transfer Station –
Sorting reusable timber from Storm Debris and
processing debris into mulch*

At this point in time the Wombat State Forest is still closed until the 31st August with Public Safety Zones which have been allocated throughout. Crews are still actively working to clear tracks within the forest, so please ensure road closures are adhered to in order to allow recovery activities to be undertaken safely. Crews are working on getting roads open through public land, with a focus on roads surrounding the community which are used for access to private properties. Roads are also being prioritised which are required for fuel management activities throughout the fire season. FFMVic are hoping to have some recreation sites open by the school holidays, however foresee that not all will be able to be accessed by the public by then. For a full list of park and forest closures please visit: www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures

Subcontractor positions available to help with the storm clean up

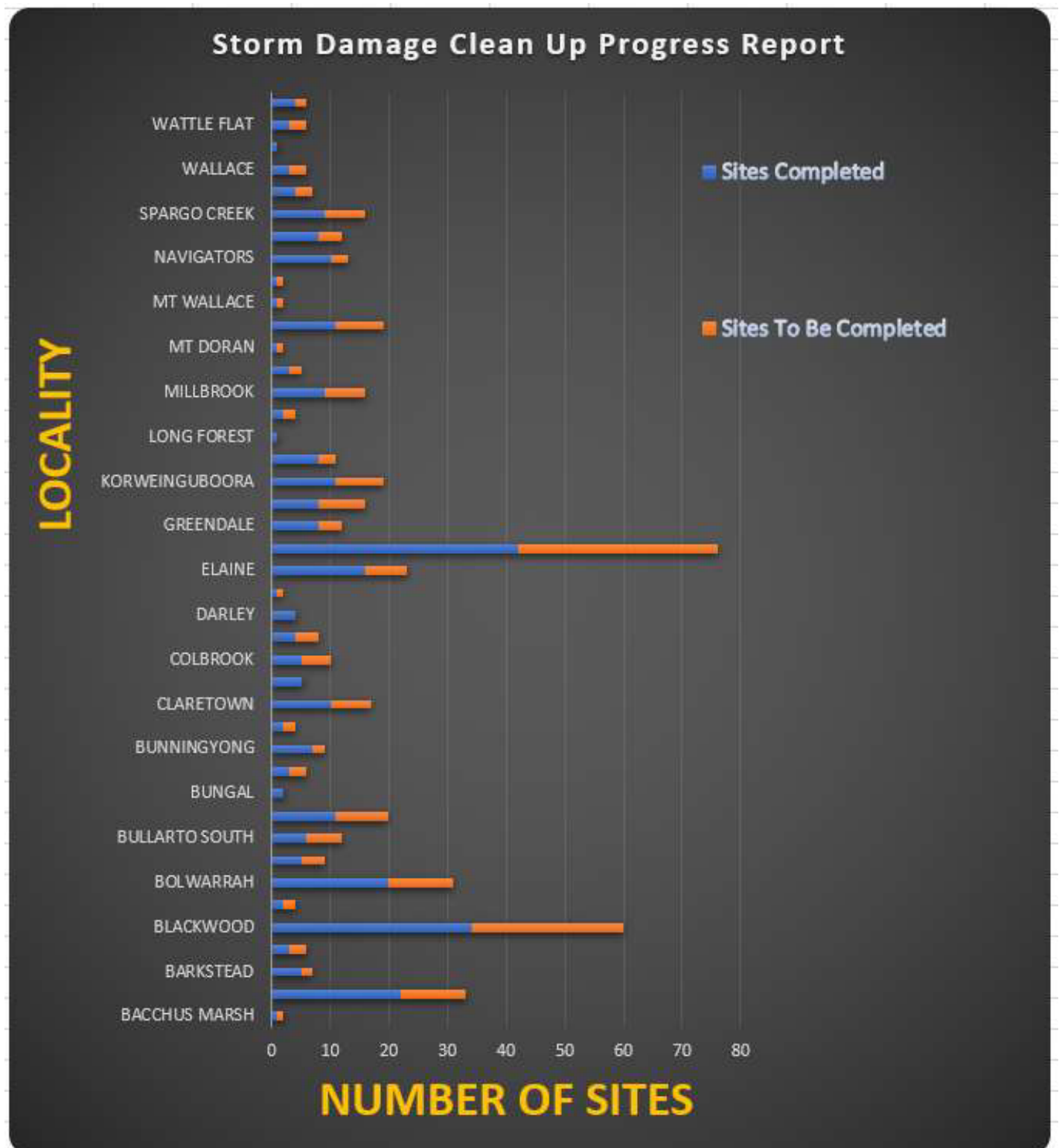
There are opportunities available for a range of trades to assist with the clean-up works associated with the Central Highlands June storm event. The requirements range from arborists, tree loppers, demolition crews, rubbish and debris cartage, drainage contractors, carpenters, roofers, tilers, plumbers and electricians.

If you would like to register your interest, please visit:

<https://app.estimateone.com/s/jlmakesafe/stage/248299>

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Below is a graph depicting the localities and number of sites Moorabool Shire Council has attended as part of our Storm Damage Clean Up Program.



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GIVIT - Donations and Requests for Essentials

Givit are a fantastic 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.



Council has received requests to accept donations from our generous community members to assist those who have been affected by the June 9 Storm Event. Thank you to those who have donated, with items being distributed to those who have been impacted and have attended our community pop up hubs. Some items have also been added to our Emergency Relief Centre Trailer, with further essentials being passed on to the Red Cross and the Ballan Food Bank. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to accept further donations, however if you are interested in donating essentials or resources, please register this with Givit at www.givit.org.au

Free wellbeing support for small business owners and employees

Plus practical business advice and financial counselling

It's only normal in these challenging times for small business owners to sometimes feel stressed or overwhelmed. It's also normal - and important - to get support.

And it's now easy to do. Just call the Partners in Wellbeing Helpline and talk to one of our trained wellbeing coaches, financial counsellors or business advisors.

It's free. And there for you seven days a week.

**PARTNERS IN
WELLBEING HELPLINE**

1300 375 330

9am-10pm Mon-Fri
9am-5pm Sat/Sun

business.vic.gov.au/wellbeing



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Reminder - Greenwaste skips

Following the June Storm Event, the free greenwaste skips at the transfer stations have been well utilised by our impacted towns. We are now starting to see a decline in usage, and we will be removing the skips at this stage. Throughout the storm recovery process, we will continue to review and monitor the requirements for greenwaste removal.

Resources to help you

If you want to prepare for disasters, have experienced a disaster or are recovering from a disaster, Red Cross has a host of useful emergency management resources that can help.

<https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/emergencies/resources-about-disasters>

Personal and Family Support

Lifeline	24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services.	Call 131 114 or visit lifeline.org.au
Beyondblue	24/7 telephone information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health.	Call 1300 224 636 or visit beyondblue.org.au
MensLine Australia	24/7 service for men with relationship and family concerns.	Call 1300 78 99 78 or visit mensline.org.au
Family Relationship Service	Providing families with access to information about family relationship issues.	Call 1800 050 321 or visit familyrelationships.gov.au
Mental Health Care Plan	A mental health care plan provides Medicare rebates for up to 10 individual or 10 group appointments per year with a psychologist, occupational therapist or social worker.	Contact your local GP for a referral healthdirect.gov.au/mental-health-care-plan
GPs and Community Health Care providers	If you or a loved one need support during difficult times, visit your local Doctor (GP). Community health services also provide a range of primary health care services that could include: acute hospital care, medical centre, home and community care, district nursing, women's health, allied health services (podiatry, occupational therapy etc.), counselling, pharmacy, referrals.	Contact your local GP Contact your local Community Health service to confirm their services.
NURSE-ON-CALL	Expert health information and advice (14 hours, 7 days)	Phone: 1300 60 60 24
Australian Red Cross	For people affected by Victorian Severe Weather and Flood.	Phone: 1800 733 276 www.redcross.org.au/
Emergency Management Victoria	Advice for responding in an emergency to COVID-19 confirmed cases or close contacts or Family Violence.	https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief/#leaving_during_an_emergency

Stay up to date with Moorabool Shire Emergency Communications by signing up to our e-newsletter at <https://bit.ly/3BCNVrN>

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