

Moorabool Shire Council

MOORABOOL STORM EVENT 2021— COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER NO 7



Council Storm Recovery Number: 5366 1323

Community Pop Up Hubs on hold

Unfortunately due to the current lockdown in Regional Victoria, our Community Pop Up Hubs have been temporarily cancelled. Please keep your eye out for new dates to be announced post-lockdown. You can still chat to our friendly Storm Recovery Team to discuss all matters around the June 9 Storm event and recovery by calling Council's Storm Recovery Number on 5366 1323.

Roadside clean-up progress

Since June 9, Council has facilitated the clean-up of **364** storm affected roadside sites across the Moorabool Shire. This is 75% of the overall reported damage with new sites added daily by our roadside audit teams. The below infographic represents Bushfire Recovery Victoria's roadside clean-up progress across all impacted Shires.

Residential Storm & Flood Clean-up Progress Report



Active registrations

Hazardous trees Structures



84%



16%



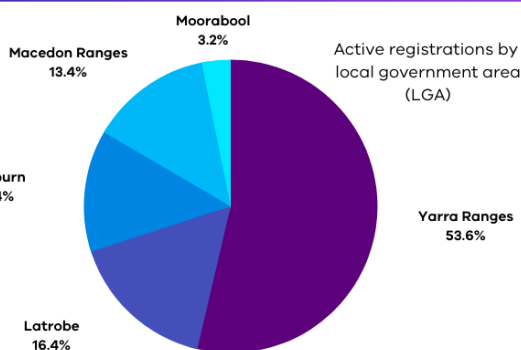
+19

Site inspections completed



+32

Site inspections booked



Make-safe works



Commenced Completed



Clean-up works



Commenced



19th August



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Mental Health Support

The accumulative impact of the June storm event and the global pandemic have resulted in a particularly stressful time for everyone. There are a range of support services available to you if you require additional assistance.

Windermere Recovery Support program

This is a free service where a recovery support case worker can refer you to 12 months worth of visits with a local health service, alongside a range of other support. View more info via <https://www.windermere.org.au/services/victorian-storm-recovery-support-program>

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/>

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.



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Storm debris for firewood

Upon receiving pre-approval from the Victorian Disaster Relief Funding body on 19 August, Moorabool Shire Council will be commencing the processing of storm vegetation debris into unseasoned split firewood this week. 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.

Storm and flood residential clean-up program

A reminder that Bushfire Recovery Victoria will support the clean-up and recovery work for the owners of private property damaged by the storms and floods.

This includes:

- Clean-up of structures on private property
- Registration of trees that are still standing but have become hazardous

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.



To find out if you're eligible and for more info visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/storm-clean-up-program> or call 1800 560 760.

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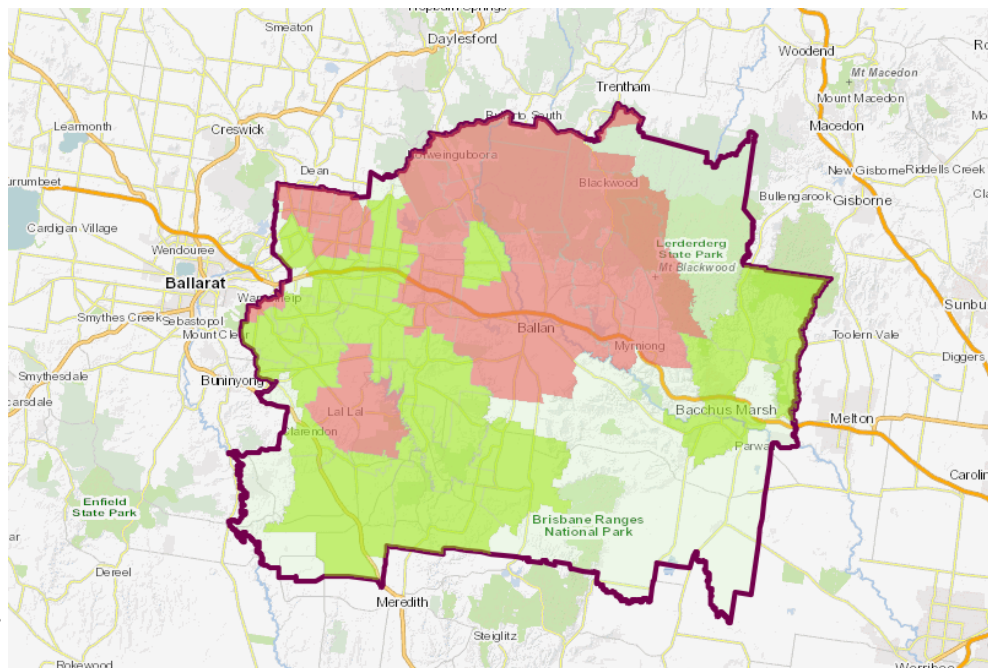


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Storm affected areas interactive map

To keep up-to-date on Council's clean-up progress, you can jump on our website and search for a location via our interactive map.

Green represents areas that have now been fully cleared, and red represents storm event areas that still have roadside debris to be cleared. All council roads are now open but please practice caution when travelling in areas where roadside works are still being undertaken.



View the map online at

<https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/Emergencies/Storm-emergency/Storm-affected-areas-interactive-map>

Small Business Mentoring Service

The Small Business Mentoring Service (SBMS) with the support of Small Business Victoria is offering free mentoring sessions to storm impacted businesses. Businesses can access the service via the QR code below and entering the code STORM1. To find out more you can also visit their website: <https://www.sbms.org.au/storm-support-program.html>



STORM IMPACTED BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM



Scan QR code
to register
Voucher Code:
STORM1

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Planning permits for rebuilding

The quickest and easiest way to work out whether you need a planning permit to rebuild a structure that was damaged by the storm is to call Moorabool's planning department on 03 5366 7100. Select option 6 for Planning and Subdivisions.

General information can be found here: <https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/Building-and-planning/Planning-permits-and-approvals/Learn-about-planning-permits>

Application forms and checklists can be accessed here: <https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/Building-and-planning/Planning-permits-and-approvals/Application-forms-checklists-and-templates>

Fees can be viewed here: <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/legislation-regulations-and-fees/planning-and-subdivision-fees>

Some permits for re-buliding as part of storm recovery will be eligible for fast tracking. Please speak to the planning department regarding your permit to enquire about this.

DELWP and FFMVic Firewood Collection Season

Spring Firewood Collection Season opens across Victoria tomorrow. There will be six collection points within Wombat State Forest where residents will be allowed to collect 2 m3, per person, per day.

For more information regarding rules and locations for firewood collection, visit:
<https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region>



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