

Moorabool Recovery—Scotsburn Fire

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RATE PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Residents who have experienced damage to their homes or a loss of income or livelihood as a result of the Scotsburn fires may be eligible for assistance with paying rates. Moorabool Shire Council has developed a one page application which is available from:

- the Recovery Centre,
- Council Offices in Ballan, Darley and Bacchus Marsh
- www.moorabool.vic.gov.au
- Or call the Revenue Services Team via 5366 7100.

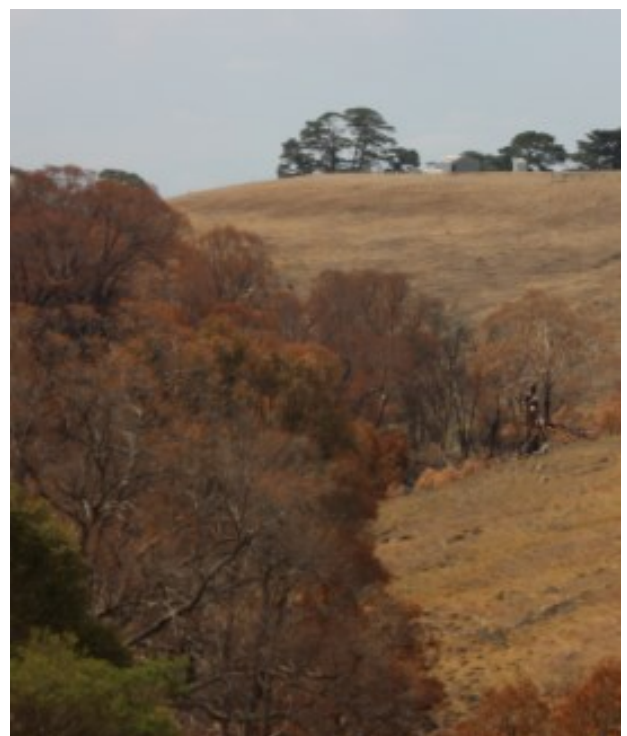
NEED FOR FEED – DOG & CAT FOOD AVAILABLE

The Need for Feed run on Australia Day also provided approximately 400 kg of Dog Food, cat feed and various other bags of feed. This food will be available from the Recovery Centre from Monday 1 February for residents affected by the Fire. Please visit the Recovery Centre to source some of this food.

WATERWAY INSPECTIONS AFTER SCOTSBURN FIRE

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA) in conjunction with the Leigh Catchment Group, Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, Moorabool Shire Council and Ballarat City Council will be undertaking inspections Monday 8 February, Tuesday 9 February and Wednesday 10 February of the riverways that have been affected by the Scotsburn Fire.

The representatives are happy to meet with landowners that abut waterways on specific issues and an appointment can be made by phoning Wayne McLaren at the CCMA on 0457 533215 or email Wayne on wayne.mclaren@ccma.vic.gov.au



SCOTSBURN FIRE RECOVERY EVENT

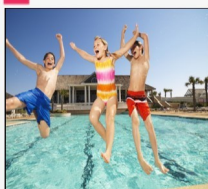
POOL PARTY

FRIDAY 5 February

4:00PM - 7:00PM

BUNINYONG SWIMMING POOL

FOREST STREET BUNINYONG



The sun is hot and the water is cool, it's time for a summer party by the pool! Following on from the recent Scotsburn, Finns Road fires children, young people and families are invited to attend a free community event

Children under the age of 10 must be actively supervised by an adult at all times



BBQ MUSIC MECHANICAL SURFBOARD



Bendigo Bank



CITY OF BALLARAT

MOYNE SHIRE OFFERS FREE CAMPSITES TO RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE SCOTSBURN FIRES

PEOPLE who lost houses in the Scotsburn fires will be able to take a break in Port Fairy for free as part of an offer from Moyne Shire.

Moyne Shire will provide free of charge camp sites at the Southcombe Park and Gardens caravan parks during 2016, excluding the Easter and Folkie weekends.

The details will be worked out with Moorabool Shire and Ballarat Shire and more information will follow.

Source: <http://www.standard.net.au/story/3691318/generosity-from-the-ashes/>

MIKE GRAY PLUMBING

SPECIAL OFFER FOR SCOTSBURN RESIDENTS

To support the Scotsburn community to get back on their feet, I am offering a free onsite septic system assessment and advice to home owners on the health and suitability of their system.

This service is free of charge.

Contact Mike Gray Plumbing on 0419 337 361 or mikegrayplumbing@yahoo.com.au

RECOVERY CENTRE HOURS

Buninyong Community House at 407 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong.

Opening Hours

- Friday 29 January, 10am - 2pm
- Monday 1 February, 10am to 2pm
- Tuesday 2 February —closed
- Wednesday 3 February, 10am to 2pm
- Thursday 4 February—closed
- Friday 5 February, 10am - 2pm

FLOODS & STORMS AFTER FIRES—SES FACT SHEET

How does fire affect the environment?

Bushfires have a significant impact on the landscape due to the loss of vegetation caused by fire. The reduction or loss of vegetation changes how floods and storms affect the environment in a number of ways, including:

- Trees that have been burnt or damaged by heat and fire can become unstable and are more prone to falling in windy or wet conditions.
- The lack of vegetation on the ground, and the potential change in soil properties, can increase the runoff of water during rainfall, changing how floods behave.
- During heavy rain, runoff may cause flash flooding. Flash floods after fires are more likely to cause erosion of river beds and banks due to an increase of debris.
- Rocks and soil are more easily dislodged, with the potential to trigger a landslide in wet conditions.

How long will the effect last?

Depending on the intensity of the fire, the potential for damage from storms and floods in the area can remain high for over two years. The effects of floods and storms in the area will remain unpredictable as vegetation regrows.

What should I look out for?

Fire damaged trees are more prone to falling in high winds or wet conditions. If you have burnt trees in close proximity to your house, you may need to consider having these trees inspected. If your house is near or on low-lying land near a creek or river, you need to be aware of the increased risk of flooding after fires.

Staying safe

There are a few simple steps you can take:

- Avoid walking in burnt areas or along stream banks during or directly after heavy rainfall due to the risk of flash flooding.
- Do not drive in adverse conditions such as storms and heavy rain.
- Follow any cautionary road signs including detours.
- Call Triple Zero (000) for a life-threatening emergency.
- Call 132 500 for the SES if you require emergency assistance during a flood or storm.

Source: <http://www.ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready/floodsafe/floodsafe-resources/Floods%20and%20Storms%20After%20Fires%20Guide.pdf>



BlazeAid is working in the Scotsburn area to provide assistance with fencing, clean up and other works. If you require assistance please contact David on 0419 875 432 or blazeaid.scotsburn@gmail.com

**Scotsburn Hall Committee &
Upper Williamson's Creek Landcare Group**

Scotsburn Fire Community

Get Together and BBQ

Friday, 29th January, 6pm—10pm

Scotsburn Hall,

Midland Hwy

(next to the Primary School)

Food and drink supplied

.....for those
affected by the
recent fire in
Scotsburn,
Durham Lead,
Clarendon,
Elaine
and the whole
community....



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Lerderderg Library: 215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

Website: www.moorabool.vic.gov.au



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