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REJUVENATING PASTURES AND PADDOCKS

In response to questions about rejuvenating paddocks and pastures for crops or the return of animals, the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources has provided the following links to information.

Growers focus on protecting cropping soils after fire -

<http://www.grdc.com.au/Media-Centre/Media-News/South/2015/12/Growers-focus-on-protecting-cropping-soils-after-fire>

Paddock Practice: Managing base soils following a fire

<http://grdc.com.au/Media-Centre/Media-News/South/2015/12/Managing-bare-soils-following-a-fire>

Case Study with Steve Whillas

<http://grdc.com.au/Media-Centre/Media-News/South/2015/12/Outside-advice-helped-following-devastating-blaze>

RECOVERY CENTRE HOURS

Buninyong Community House at 407
Warrenheip Street, Buninyong.

Opening Hours

- Thursday 11 February—closed
- Friday 12 February, 10am - 2pm
- Monday 15 February, 10am to 2pm
- Thursday 18 February, 10am to 2pm
- Friday 19 February, 10am to 2pm

REPLAY OF RECORDING OF DR ROB GORDON SESSION

If you missed the Dr Rob Gordon session on 6 January or would like to hear it again, come along on Thursday evening to listen to the recording.

On Thursday 11 February from 6pm, the Dr Rob Gordon session will be replayed at the Sebastopol Library, 181 Albert Street.



Tea and coffee
will be
supplied.

RSVP to

0400 324 551.

THANKS FOR JOINING THE PARTY

The Pool Party held on Friday 5 February was a great success. Thanks to everyone who attended.

More than 100 young people and families joined us at the Buninyong pool for an afternoon of fun activities and a free BBQ.

Great to see everyone relaxing.



YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We'd like to hear suggestions from you and your children on future recovery activities for young people.

Over the coming months the State Government, Moorabool Shire Council and Ballarat City Council would like to run some more activities for our young people and families. To ensure we deliver activities that will appeal to the broadest group of young people, we'd like your suggestions on what those activities should be and if we should have separate activities for older and younger groups.

Please send us your suggestions via info@moorabool.vic.gov.au, Facebook, text to 0400 324 551 or the Recovery Survey.

RATE PAYMENT ASSISTANCE STILL AVAILABLE

If you haven't been in touch with Moorabool Shire Council about rate payment assistance, you can still get in touch.

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 form for residents to complete to be considered for rate assistance.

The form 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE SCOTSBURN FIRE

Register for the Grocon Clean-Up in Scotsburn

Grocon has been appointed by the Victorian Government to manage the clean up of the Scotsburn area following the fire.

To have your property included in the clean-up you need to register by calling 1300 799 232.



FUNDRAISING FOR SCOTSBURN — Q & A

In the immediate aftermath of the Scotsburn fire, the broader community responded strongly to donate funds to assist those affected to get back on their feet. To capture and manage those funds for the entire community, a Scotsburn Fire Appeal account was established with the Bendigo Bank. The following is an update on the process for managing those funds for this community.

How are the funds being managed?

A management committee has been formed which has three important objectives:

- Raise sufficient funds to help meet the needs of fire affected families and individuals
- Manage the distribution of the funds in a compassionate, timely and fair manner
- To raise at least \$100,000 for distribution. At this stage, this appears to be a reachable objective.

Who is on the Committee?

The Scotsburn Fire Appeal Administration Committee is made up of representatives from a range of concerned organisations, and builds on lessons learnt from managing similar fire appeal funds in Chepstowe and Dereel:

- Robyn Reeves, Chair of Ballarat Community Health
- Steve Falconer, Chair of Buninyong Community Bank
- Cr. Tom Sullivan, Moorabool Shire Council
- Cr. Des Hudson, Mayor, City of Ballarat
- Jason Adams, Community representative
- David Impey, CEO of Bendigo Bank

What are the timelines for funds to be distributed from the Bendigo Bank account to the community?

The Committee will meet again in the next few weeks.

Following this meeting, the Moorabool and Ballarat officers will contact the affected residents in each Shire to provide information on the process for the distribution of appeal funds.

Can people still donate?

Yes, through Bendigo Bank

Account Name: Scotsburn Bushfire Appeal

BSB: 63300

Account Number: 156382715

What about the other fundraising that has been done?

The community have also raised funds through fundraising pages and locally managed events. These funds are being managed by those individuals and groups.

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.

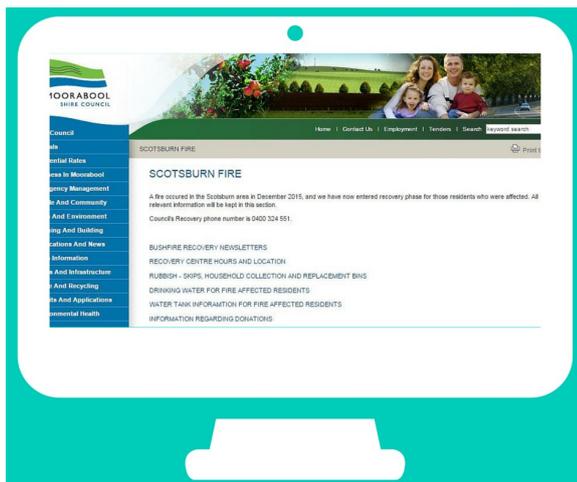
Contact Mike Gray Plumbing on 0419 337 361 or mikegrayplumbing@yahoo.com.au

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR RECOVERY

The Moorabool Shire Council website has a dedicated Scotsburn fire recovery section.

The website is regularly updated with information and resources to assist with your recovery and that of your family and property.

Visit the website for previous copies of the Recovery Newsletters, factsheets, links to useful websites and other relevant information.



STORY OF MY LIFE SEGMENT ON SUNRISE—BLAZE AID

Kevin Butler is the founder of BlazeAid. His property was affected by the 2009 bushfires.

Watch his story of rebuilding and starting BlazeAid here

<https://www.facebook.com/Sunrise/videos/10153331864535887/>



BlazeAid will be working in the Scotsburn area until the end of March.

To register for assistance with fencing, clean up and other property works please contact David on 0419 875 432 or blazeaid.scotsburn@gmail.com before the end of February 2016.

Moorabool Shire Council

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Darley Civic & Community Hub: 182 Halletts Way, Darley

Lerderderg Library: 215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

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