

# Moorabool Recovery—Scotsburn Fire

Newsletter 2



## Health Alert 31st December

The Chief Health Officer has issued a **heat health alert to notify you of forecast** extreme heat conditions at or above heat health temperature thresholds (based on the Bureau of Meteorology 7 Day Forecast) for

**Central District  
New Years Eve  
Thursday 31 December, 2015**

### Survive the Heat

Heat kills more Australians than any other natural disaster. For heat health information please access the Better Health website on [betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat)



Drink water



Hot cars kill



Keep cool



Plan ahead



Help others

## Health Information

For health information and emergency assistance availability:

**Department of Health & Human Services**  
[www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/environmental-health](http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/environmental-health)

**Better Health Channel—Bushfires & Water Tanks**  
[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/bushfires-and-water-tanks](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/bushfires-and-water-tanks)

**Nurse on Call—1300 60 60 24**

This is a phone service that allows you to discuss any health related issue with a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the cost of a local call anywhere in Victoria.

## Community Recovery Event

**Wednesday 6 January, 2016 at 6pm  
Buninyong Town Hall**

This community recovery event will be facilitated by Dr Rob Gordon. Rob is a clinical psychologist who meets with impacted communities across Australia to assist them to understand and protect themselves through the recovery process.

### Why You Should Come

- ⇒ Can't talk about how the fires have impacted you?
- ⇒ Want to know what are normal reactions to events like this?
- ⇒ Interested to know how you can support friends and family?
- ⇒ Want to find out when and how to get extra support?

## AFTER THE FIRES

The Department of Health & Human Services offer a range of support services including personal, emotional, psychological and financial help. For further information go to [www.recovery.vic.gov.au](http://www.recovery.vic.gov.au)



## Return to Your Property

Moorabool Shire Council is committed to working with its community to respond and recover from the Scotsburn fire.

We understand this is a stressful and emotional time for residents, and we will assist in making the return to your property and associated issues as smooth as possible.

Updates relating to recovery services will be published on our website [moorabool.vic.gov.au](http://moorabool.vic.gov.au) under News and Information and on our Facebook page: Moorabool Shire Council and our Twitter account @mooraboolshire.

## Protective Clothing

Make sure you wear protective clothing before entering your property, including:

- ⇒ Sturdy footwear and heavy duty work gloves.
- ⇒ Disposable overalls with long sleeves and trousers.
- ⇒ Wear a P2 face mask (P2 face masks are also referred to as N95 masks).

## Insurance

The Insurance Council of Australia can provide general advice about your rights and claims, and can assist in addressing any issues or complaints that you may have about your insurer's actions or policies. Contact Insurance Council of Australia on 1300 728 228 or visit [www.insurancecouncil.com.au](http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au). Specific issues relating to your claim should be discussed with your insurer. If you are not satisfied with the decision, the Insurance Contracts Act requires that all insurers provide an internal disputes resolution officer to independently review your claim. If you are still not satisfied with the decision after it has been reviewed, you have a right to appeal the decision through the insurance ombudsman.

## Hazardous Materials

Hazardous materials that may be present after a bushfire include:

- ⇒ Asbestos
- ⇒ Ashes, especially from burnt treated timbers (such as copper chrome arsenate or 'CCA')
- ⇒ LPG gas cylinders
- ⇒ Medication
- ⇒ Garden chemicals
- ⇒ Farm chemicals
- ⇒ Other general chemicals (e.g. cleaning products)
- ⇒ Metal and other residues from burnt household appliances
- ⇒ Dust

It is unsafe to spread ash around your property, particularly if asbestos materials were used in your home or other structure, or if CCA treated timber was burnt.

It is also unsafe to disturb the dust when walking around your property.

## Skips for Rubbish Clean Up

Council has organised 21 skips to go out into the Scotsburn area for fire-affected residents to dispose of household rubbish (not burnt material). The skips will be emptied on Wednesday's and Friday's.

- ⇒ Cnr Midland Highway and Pryors Road.
- ⇒ Cnr Midland Highway and McKees Road
- ⇒ Cnr Midland Highway and Clarendon-Blue Bridge Road
- ⇒ Cnr Midland Highway and Courts Road
- ⇒ Cnr Midland Highway and Woolshed Road
- ⇒ Cnr Midland Highway and Murphys Road
- ⇒ Cnr Narmbool Road and Horsehill Road North
- ⇒ Cnr Elaine-Mt Mercer Road and Horsehill Road South
- ⇒ Cnr Clarendon-Blue Bridge Road and Courts Road

## Asbestos Removal Kits

Asbestos Removal Kits are available from the Relief Centre from Wednesday 22 December, 2015.

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Bacchus Marsh Service Centre: **182 Halletts Way, Darley**

Lerderderg Library: **215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh**

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