

# Moorabool Recovery—Scotsburn Fire

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20 January 2016

## POOL PARTY

FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 2016



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## DR ROB GORDON SESSION FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

An information session will be held on Thursday 28 January in the Buninyong area for parents and teachers of children affected by the Scotsburn Fire.

**To ensure that schools and teachers involved in the care of your children can be invited to attend could you please reply via SMS – 0400 324 551 or email [info@moorabool.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@moorabool.vic.gov.au) with the name of the school and teacher for 2016 (if known). You can also drop into the Recovery Centre in Buninyong to provide these details.**

This event is by invitation, please call 0400 324 551 for more information or to register to attend.

## INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

### Road and Infrastructure Works

Gravel sheeting works commenced on the 18th of January on Bridge Rd, Sand Rd and Hopgoods Rd. Routine maintenance, pothole works and minor pavement repairs will be undertaken on Rosenows Rd and Smith Lane as priority.

### Forestry

Pine plantation harvesting is scheduled to commence off Bridge Rd and off Sand Rd over the next two weeks. Haul routes for harvested timber include Sand Rd, Bridge Rd and Horsehill West Rd. Gravel sheeting works are being co-ordinated with the Plantation Operators.

## ATO ADVICE FOR BUSINESS OPERATORS AFFECTED BY THE SCOTSBURN FIRE

If you've been impacted by the recent bushfires, you don't need to worry about your tax affairs right away.

The ATO understands that you may need time to deal with more immediate concerns and can help you sort out your tax affairs later, including giving you more time to lodge or pay.

If you have records that have been damaged, the ATO may also be able to help you construct your tax records.

Phone the ATO on **1800 806 218** if you need assistance and to discuss your situation.

## VISIT BY MINISTER JAALA PULFORD

The Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development visited the recovery Centre on Monday 18 Jan to announce funding to assist with the clean-up, recovery efforts and community events.

Assistance provided for demolition and clean-up of properties in Wye River and Separation Creek has been extended to include fire affected properties in Scotsburn.

Clean up costs for properties and roads will be shared between insurers and by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

The assistance announced is in addition to support already being provided under NDRRA, announced on 21 December.

Read the press release at <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/additional-assistance-for-fire-affected-scotsburn/>



Image: Minister Pulford with Mayor, Cr Allan Comrie.

## RECOVERY CENTRE HOURS

Location: Buninyong Community House at 407 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong.

### Opening Hours

- Tuesday 19 January, 10am to 2pm
- Wednesday 20 January, 10am to 2pm
- Thursday 21 January, 10am - 2pm
- Friday 22 January, 10am - 2pm

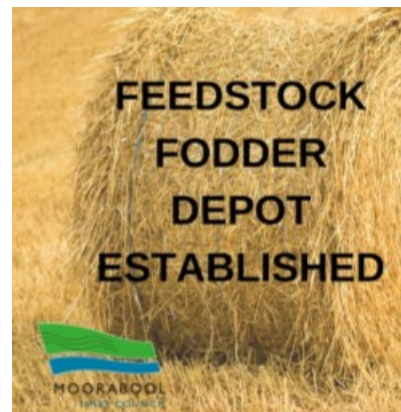
Please note the recovery centre will be closed on Monday 25 January and Tuesday 26 January.

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## Aussie Spirit comes through with Australia Day delivery

Four semi trailers, trucks and utes will be delivering Hay and Feed into the Scotsburn area on Australia Day, thanks to the generosity of people all over Victoria. The Need for Feed Program run by the Lions Club have been an integral part of the coordination efforts.

The feed will be distributed amongst residents requiring feed for stock following the Scotsburn fire. For more information contact Shannon Walsh, Community Safety Officer on 5366 7100.



BlazeAid works alongside rural families to help rebuild fences that have been damaged or destroyed by the recent fires. If you require assistance please contact BlazeAid [blazeaid.scotsburn@gmail.com](mailto:blazeaid.scotsburn@gmail.com) or telephone David on 0419 875 432.

## SCOTSBURN FIRE RECOVERY EVENT

# POOL PARTY

**FRIDAY 22 JANUARY**

**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





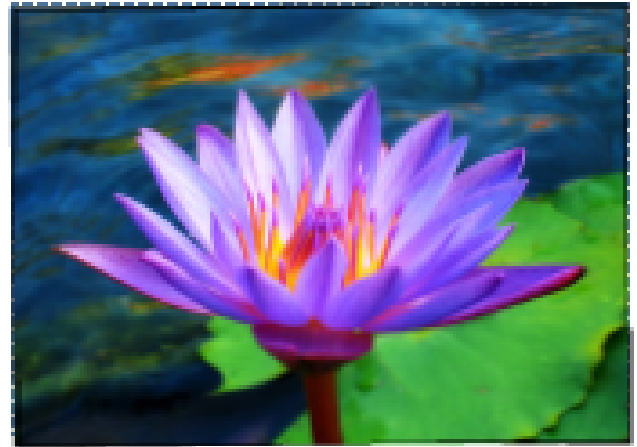
## VISIT BY MINISTER CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH, JENNY MIKAKOS

On Tuesday we welcomed Minister Jenny Mikakos to the two Shires. The Minister spent half a day inspecting the fire area, meeting with some families affected by the fire and visiting the Buninyong Men's Shed.

Across the tow Shires, there are more than 60 children and young people affected by the fire through loss of homes, possessions or trauma from evacuation or other incident.

Joining the Minister were Geoff Howard MP, the Mayor of Moorabool Shire, Cr Allan Comrie, Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Cr Des Phelan and Cr Peter Innes from the City of Ballarat.

Image: Cr Allan Comrie and Minster Jenny Mikakos MP



meditation

guided by

*Lotus Sylph*

Free Healing Meditation  
for those affected by the  
Scotsburn, Finns Road fires  
Set in a Safe, Protected  
environment at the Buninyong  
Town Hall  
10am Saturday 23 January  
Come for the story and Relax

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Lerderberg Library: 215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

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