

# Moorabool Recovery—Scotsburn Fire

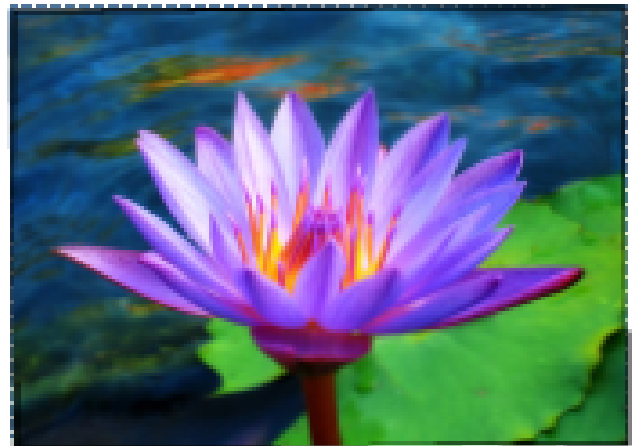
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## POOL PARTY POSTPONED DUE TO ELECTRICAL STORM



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meditation

guided by

*Lotus Sylph*

### POOL PARTY RESCHEDULED

Due to the high risk of electrical storms on Friday 22 January, the Pool Party was rescheduled.

The Party will go ahead on Friday 5 February 2016 from 4pm to 7pm at the Buninyong Pool.

All are welcome at the Pool Party. Please pass this information onto your children's friends

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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## Post Fire information for Septic Systems

If you have a septic system there is the possibility that it may have sustained damage during the bushfire. Treatment plants that have concrete tanks should generally be okay, however the effluent disposal/sub-surface irrigation area may require checking to ensure it is OK.

Moorabool Shire Council's Environmental Health Unit can assist owners with an initial assessment of the septic tank system. Should you wish to discuss any related matter or arrange for a site inspection please call 5366 7100.

### What should I do with my septic system?

If you have a concrete all waste septic tank, the tank should be able to last prior to a pump-out being required.

If you have a plastic septic tank, it is more likely that system may have been damaged by the heat.

### What happens if the lid of my septic is damaged?

If the lid to your septic system is damaged it will be important to obtain a replacement lid immediately due to the safety risk. A temporary lid/cover should be applied to the open tank while in the process of obtaining a new lid.

### What about my sub-surface irrigation and lines?

Sub-surface irrigation, pumps and electrical components will probably be damaged due to the exposure of the system to heat and fire. Owners can dig up part of their lines and assess the damage. Once your electricity is reconnected and there is wastewater in the tank, the system can be

turned on to ascertain if wastewater is able to get through to the irrigation lines; however your system may need to be recommissioned by the manufacturer or checked by a licensed plumber. The pump alarm should sound if the irrigation lines are damaged or blocked.

### My septic system has trenches

Trenches should generally be okay, especially if in a grassed areas (treed areas will have been exposed to higher temperatures). Damaged trenches may show signs of failure quickly by overflowing out of the distribution box.

### What if my system looks okay?

If your system looks okay, you may still like to contact Council for some advice or to arrange an inspection. Any rebuilding process will require detail to be provided by your builder in relation to the type of system and whether any alterations are required.

### Protecting your septic system

It is important that your septic system (e.g. septic tank and disposal areas) are fenced off to prevent vehicles driving over them and causing damage. This is considered good preventative maintenance towards the longevity of the system.

### Where can I go for further information?

It is best to speak with Council's Environmental Health Officers and arrange an inspection prior to using your system, or if you notice any system failure. Please phone Council's Environmental Health Unit on 5366 7100 to make an appointment, or to obtain further information.

**Need more info on your septic system? Meet with Allan May, Environmental Health Technical Officer on Thursday 28 January from 10am to 2pm at the Recovery Centre, 407 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong**

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## Aussie Spirit comes through with Australia Day delivery

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.

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## KEEPING FLAME RETARDANTS OUT OF YOUR WATER TANK

The use of flame retardants in fighting the fire may have left a residue on many roofs.

Consider disconnecting your tank from the roof and giving your roof a wash down to enable the retardant to be washed away with the rain.

## RSVP to Parents and Teacher's session with Dr Rob Gordon

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.**

## RECOVERY CENTRE HOURS

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

### Opening Hours

- Monday 25 January—closed
- Tuesday 26 January—closed
- Wednesday 27 January, 10am to 2pm
- Thursday 28 January, 10am - 2pm
- Friday 29 January, 10am - 2pm



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 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**

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

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