

Bushfire Recovery

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Shoalhaven
City Council



Service Updates



Clean Up Update

360 deeds have been signed with Shoalhaven landowners and 240 sites have been cleared.



Economic Update

Over 50 businesses have taken part in the Business Mentoring Sessions.



Waste Update

15,588 tonnes of bushfire demolition waste were delivered to West Nowra for processing from 216 houses.



From Our Community

Kangaroo Valley BlazeAid volunteers teaching volunteers how to clear and fence safely and correctly.

A Word From Vince

The Bushfires Royal Commission is underway, with Council's submissions made to both the Royal Commission and the State Government Independent Inquiry. The clean-up is nearing the 30 June completion deadline. By all indications, Laing O'Rourke will meet this date in the Shoalhaven. Registered owners should have been contacted by the clean-up team by now. Some damaged properties remain, as registration has not been received. We are currently pursuing these landowners. Planning is underway for the next round of (virtual) community meetings to prepare for the next fire season. The meetings will be promoted in the RFS 'Get Ready' campaign.

Work is underway to compile project proposals for the final tranche of Federal funding. Among these proposals is progressing Council's community-led resilience work with Griffith University and proposals to explore improvements to communication and power resilience across the Shoalhaven. Early indications for workable solutions are encouraging. Throughout, we need to stay true to the constraints and guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Stay well and safe.

Vince Di Pietro - Recovery Co-ordinator

Social Recovery

Call-backs Continue and Care Services

Council is continuing call-backs to those who registered at Recovery Centres, to check in and ensure they receive the help they need. The recovery assistance hotline is available for support on [02 4429 5888](tel:0244295888).

The Care Navigation Service (soon to be renamed Shoalhaven Recovery Support Service), operated by Barnados offers case management services to anyone affected by the bushfires. To self-refer call [1800 663 863](tel:1800663863) or email familyreferral@barnados.org.au.

Michael Paine
Social Recovery Action Team Leader

Environment

Waste Recycling Plant - The Bushfire Waste Recovery Team have been working tirelessly to clean up the great volume of waste. The team aimed to recycle 50% of the bushfire waste through the Processing Plant. The good news is we are far exceeding that target and achieving an incredible 70% of the received waste being recycled. Fantastic effort team. Take a look behind the scenes at: bit.ly/3d5YW80

Shane Pickering
Environment Recovery Action Team Leader

Economic/Tourism

Bushfire Industry Recovery Package

Supply Chain Support Grants are one of two funding streams in the Bushfire Industry Recovery Package, supporting short-term recovery and resilience of the forestry, horticulture and agriculture industries in NSW impacted by the bushfires from 31 August 2019. Funding is available for projects to help producers and businesses rebuild and recover in the immediate, to short term, underpinning job security and enabling future production. For more information visit bit.ly/2X0i7KU

Shannan Perry-Hall
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Built Recovery

Reconstruction works - The reconstruction of the bridge over Lucy King Creek on Wheelbarrow Road, Morton is on schedule for completion by the end of May. Council expects to complete, by October 2020, a seven-metre wide bitumen sealed surface on the remaining unsealed two kilometres of the Road. Residents will be able to access Wheelbarrow Road via Woodstock Road.

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