

Bushfire Recovery

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Shoalhaven
City Council



Service Updates



Clean Up

350 sites have been cleared (growing at a rate of 30 per week across our LGA).



Waste Update

8,740 tonnes bushfire waste recycled, which is 90% of non-contaminated waste & debris.



Bushfire Helpline

The Bushfire Assistance Helpline is available Monday to Friday during business hours on 02 4429 5888.



From Our Community

A baby grey-headed flying fox in care at the Shoalhaven Bat Clinic.

A Word From Vince

If your property was fire affected but your location does not appear on current bushfire maps, I urge you to send us your details, as we are collating accurate data of places that have been missed. Please provide a photo of the damage, a concise address and if possible a GPS or grid reference.

Over 500 calls have been made to members of the community who registered with Council following the bushfires. Most of these calls have been very positive with a number referred to the most appropriate agency. Calls of a more urgent nature have been dealt with immediately by Council. Over 1200 registrations have been received and Council will call each registrant.

Waste from 245 homes, totalling 16,239 tonnes of non-contaminated waste and debris from the clean-up, have been received and processed by the West Nowra Waste Management Centre. It is never too late to congratulate an extraordinary effort by the Waste Management team.

The Recovery Committee's focus remains on continued response to emerging work and improving resilience and readiness in our community during the winter months. COVID remains with us, as does the advice to observe social distancing and isolation as much as possible.

Vince Di Pietro - Recovery Co-ordinator

Social Recovery

Nowra CWA's 'Shoalhaven Bushfire Recovery Hub' is open 10am to 2pm on Tuesdays and Sundays at 39 Berry Street, Nowra, until 30 August or until the items run out.

Good quality, preloved items are available, free of charge, for people impacted by the fires. Available items include; bedlinen such as quilts and, blankets, new and used toys, shoes and, work/men's/women's/baby clothes.

For information, contact CWA President Julie Morris on **0439 518 365**.

Michael Paine

Social Recovery Action Team Leader

Environment

A little-known consequence of the bushfires this year was the movement of large numbers of the grey-headed Flying Fox into urban bushland. Locally we have removed over 15,000 deceased animals from these colonies and more than 550 have been rehabilitated and released from the Shoalhaven Bat Clinic. It has taken a significant effort by all the volunteers and staff involved and they should be commended for their efforts.

Shane Pickering

Environment Recovery Action Team Leader

Economic/Tourism

Small businesses impacted by COVID-19 have more time to apply for a \$10,000 Small Business Support Fund grant, to help pay for unavoidable expenses. Applications close on 30 June.

NSW Business COVID-19 Research is open until 31 July. Small business stakeholder feedback will be invaluable for Government agencies to make the case for positive change, visit bit.ly/2AsGic7.

The NSW Small Business Bushfire Information webinar is now available to view on the Service NSW website at bit.ly/3eS2kEj

Shannan Perry-Hall

Economic/Tourism Recovery Action Team Leader

Built Recovery

Clean up works are progressing well with the target of completion by end June looking achievable. Of 416 sites scoped by Laing O'Rourke, 351 have been completed with only 65 left to be completed. Council is urging landowners of fire-affected properties who are yet to register, to do so immediately so their circumstances can be assessed and approved before the Laing O'Rourke team leaves.

Warwick Papworth

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Financial Relief Package

The \$300 COVID-19 Financial Relief Package demonstrates Shoalhaven City Council's commitment to helping property owners through this significant health and economic crisis.

This program allows property owners to opt-in and access \$300 of financial relief to be applied across rates, domestic waste, water and sewer charges collectively and will apply to their first 2020/21 rates instalment and future water accounts.

Shoalhaven property owners must advise Council that they wish to receive this relief and the most efficient opt-in process is completing the online form that will soon be available on Council's website. For more information contact our COVID-19 Financial Relief Hotline on **4429 5886** or visit www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au for full details.



Reopening Advice for Food Business Operators

To assist food business operators as restrictions begin to ease, food regulators have developed a voluntary checklist for food businesses to recommence operations. View the checklist at bit.ly/3e00fFB. Cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs can now seat 10 patrons at any one time, with this number increasing to 50 by 1 June.

Food businesses are reminded to continue to comply with existing requirements under the Food Standards Code, with vigilance on maintaining good hygiene practices. For additional information and support, visit www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/help/covid-19-advice-for-businesses.



Volunteering Opportunities During COVID-19

In response to the current health crisis, and the desire of many to help their community safely in this environment, The Centre for Volunteering has launched a new platform. This platform enables emergency volunteering to happen more easily at a local level. Members of the public who wish to volunteer their time to assist in this climate can register on the www.volunteering.com.au platform detailing their skills and location.

Most volunteer roles do not require previous volunteering experience, and many provide training. The Centre for Volunteering provides the contact details of volunteers who meet requirements and specific needs to registered volunteer organisations.



Cabins & touch surfaces at our Bushfire Recycling Processing plant are disinfected before & after operating.



Staff sanitising lockers at Bay & Basin Leisure Centre.