

# Bushfire Recovery

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## Service Updates



### Bushfire Helpline

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



### Blaze Aid

3,220 volunteer days,  
69 km new fencing,  
84 km cleared fencing.



### Clean Up

Clean-up will meet the 30 June deadline with all eligible properties cleaned and debris removed.



### From Our Community

A yellow tufted honeyeater in Kangaroo Valley. Image: Carla Jackett, Birding Shoalhaven.

## A Word From Vince

Council's call back service continues to contact the 1,488 bushfire affected residents who registered with Council. The Recovery Helpline and Council front desk Customer Service Team has done extraordinary work contacting two thirds of all registrants to date. The feedback is positive, and Council was able to redirect or refer customers to the right places to have their concerns addressed.

The clean-up of our City is nearly complete and Laing O'Rourke's presence in the Shoalhaven is rapidly drawing to a close. Of the 424 eligible properties for the Government funded clean-up, more than 392 properties have been cleaned and debris removed. The specially built non-contaminated waste management area at West Nowra completed its designated task and has been decommissioned. Of almost 18,000 tonnes of waste accepted and recycled, only approx. 380 tonnes was placed in landfill. This is an extraordinary result with over 93% of non-contaminated waste being repurposed or recycled.

Shoalhaven Recovery is in a very good place to transition from Recovery to Council business as usual by 30 June. Regrettably COVID-19 is still with us and needs our ongoing collective attention. Stay well and safe.

**Vince Di Pietro** - Recovery Co-ordinator

## Built Recovery

The clean-up will meet the 30 June deadline with all registered and eligible properties cleaned and debris removed.

Our West Nowra processing plant is completing the final processing of non-contaminated waste with a total of 17,797 tonnes cleared, 7,946 in the processing stockpile for recycling. To date 93% has been recycled into other purposes and 250 tonnes to landfill.

### **Warwick Papworth**

*Built Recovery Action Team Leader*

## Economic/Tourism

The National Bushfire Recovery Agency has some great information online at [bushfirerecovery.gov.au](http://bushfirerecovery.gov.au). Information includes the bushfire impact, relief and recovery support services for bushfire affected areas, as well as details on the funds allocated to bushfire recovery programs. The website is also kept updated with details on how to access support, and the next steps in the recovery process.

### **Shannan Perry-Hall**

*Economic/Tourism Recovery Action Team Leader*

## Environment

When it comes to caring for our wildlife, it's the silent army of volunteers that have truly shone post-bushfires. The efforts of all volunteers, whether working with WIRES, Wildlife Rescue South Coast, Wildlife Stations Shoalhaven, the Shoalhaven Bat Clinic and Friends of the Brush-tailed Wallaby, to name just a few, have been simply amazing.

Thank you for caring, your selflessness has not gone unnoticed.

### **Shane Pickering**

*Environment Recovery Action Team Leader*

## Social Recovery

Thread Together will be coming to the Shoalhaven this week with their mobile vans. This amazing group supports communities in crisis by delivering new, good quality clothing and shoes to people in need. Check Council's website for further information and visit [www.threadtogether.org](http://www.threadtogether.org) to find out more.

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