

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY INFORMATION

APRIL 1, 2021

Upcoming events

Community recovery update and dinner

Dinner and drinks provided, and includes a short information session about planning and building permits.

🕒 Wednesday, April 14, 6 - 7.30pm

📍 Gidgegannup Recreation Club,
1990 Toodyay Road

Events for young people

We have a great line-up of events for young people in Gidgegannup, including free skateboarding coaching, karaoke, laser tag and social events.

📄 www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021 and click on the news and events tab

Latest updates

Residential clean-up program:

McMahon Services has been awarded a contract for demolition and debris removal as part of the Wooroloo Bushfire Coordinated Residential Clean-up Program. It is expected work will commence shortly after Easter.

Site planning meetings are underway, with environmental contractor GHD continuing to contact residents to set up times to meet.

A new hotline is now available for questions about site planning meetings: **1800 328 997**

A second hotline for the demolition and debris removal bookings will be set up once works commence.

Clean-up and recovery help from Disaster Relief Australia

A team from Disaster Relief Australia, a non-profit organisation that unites the skills and experience of military veterans with emergency services specialists after a natural disaster, is conducting bushfire clean-up and recovery activities until late April.

Their Damage Assessment Teams are available to visit impacted residents and business owners now to see what work needs to be done. This includes assisting private property owners.

! DRA will complete their deployment in late April, therefore if you haven't yet made contact with them for assistance, please do so ASAP, so they can add you to their schedule.

i If you would like assistance in undertaking clean up works on your property please email info@disasterreliefaus.org or visit www.disasterreliefaus.org

Update on skip bins

We are continuing to empty skip bins around Gidgegannup. To ensure waste gets picked up and disposed of quickly, below are some guidelines of what can and can't be placed in a skip bin.

Thank you for working with us to help get the fire area cleaned up.

Find a list of skip-bin locations at www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021 under the waste and property clean-up tab.

Please do:

- Call the City of Swan if the skip bin is full
- If you need to dispose of a mattress, book a free mattress collection online
- Stack tyres a small distance away from the bins so they can be collected separately and recycled.

Please don't:

- Put items next to the bin, other than stacked tyres. This may prevent us from safely collecting the skip bin.
- Stack waste above the top rail of the bin - if the bin is overfull, it can no longer be lifted or carried legally and safely.
- Put mattresses in skip bins (these are not accepted at Red Hill)

Other items which cannot be disposed of in a skip bin:

- Construction materials like sand and rubble
- Hazardous waste like paint, car batteries, chemicals or asbestos
- Food waste
- Tree stumps over 30cm in diameter
- Supersix fencing
- Car tyres - please place these a small distance away from the bins so they can be collected separately and recycled
- Liquids including oil

General waste and green waste tip passes are also available at the Bushfire Recovery Centre. Other items may be eligible for disposal if you have registered for the government-funded residential clean-up program.

Many materials you throw away can be sold, recycled or donated instead. For more information about where to get rid of waste visit

www.swan.wa.gov.au/waste

Donations update

The City of Swan are working with numerous local and not-for-profit agencies to establish a virtual donations warehouse. This warehouse allows people to apply to make donations, which we will then work with the locally identified agencies to match and marry up needs to requests.

If you need anything in particular, please contact us by email at bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au or pop down to the Bushfire Community Recovery Centre.

Bushfire Community Connect Space

Fire affected residents can visit the Gidgegannup Recreation Club volunteers at Percy Cullen Oval and Pavilion, who are there to support you with fencing supplies and tools, pod and temporary housing, outfitting, health and wellness services and general requests,

As the community's needs evolve, so will the various ways the volunteers will offer support.

No general donations are being accepted at the moment. Please contact Sharon on **0466 430 979** or sharon@sharonpegrum.com.au if you have a specific item to donate prior to visiting.

From April 5, opening hours are as follows:

Monday by appointment

Tuesday - 10am - 2pm

Wednesday - by appointment

Thursday - 10am - 2pm

Friday - 10am - 2pm

Saturday - 10am - 4pm


Sunday - by appointment


The Bushfire Recovery Centre is moving

From Tuesday, April 6, the Bushfire Community Recovery Centre will move to the Gidgegannup Place Office (next to the Bakery).

The CWA will also be moving their physical donations and other support, such as food, to the CWA Hall at the Gidgegannup Showgrounds - where support with stock feed will also continue to be available.

CWA are not accepting general donations at the moment, such as clothing and toys.

 Open 9am until 5pm Wednesday to Friday and 9am until 12pm on Saturday

 Unit 4, 2125 Toodyay Road (next to the Gidgegannup Bakery and Cafe)

Thank you!

The City of Swan would like to convey our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Gidgegannup Recreation Club for their support and hospitality over the last two months. Movement of the Recovery Centre will now enable other community activities to recommence at Percy Cullen Oval.

Where to get help

Financial support

Get information on the latest financial support available at www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021
Some key options available:

State Government funding: \$4k to those whose homes have been destroyed and \$2k to those whose homes have been damaged. Apply now at www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfirerelief

Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund:
Open for all owner/occupiers who had property destroyed or damaged. Apply now at www.swan.wa.gov.au/lordmayorfund

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment and/or Allowance: If you've lost income as a direct result of the bushfires, or have been adversely affected. To claim: call **180 22 66** or visit www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/disaster

Government-funded clean-up of residential properties

If buildings, structures or vehicles on your residential property have been damaged or destroyed by the bushfire and require removal, you can register for the Wooroloo Bushfire Coordinated Residential Clean-Up Program.

i For more information on the process and eligibility visit www.wa.gov.au/wooroolobushfirecleanup

📞 Questions about site planning meetings **1800 328 997**

If you have any questions, contact the City's bushfire recovery team

📞 **0438 242 356**

✉️ bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au

Fencing

BlazeAid volunteers can help you rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed.

📞 Camp Coordinator Jo Delaney on **0417614446**

✉️ blazeaid.wooroloo@gmail.com

Property clean-up

In addition to the State-Government led residential clean-up program, volunteers from Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) can help clean-up your property.

📞 **0419 193 301**

✉️ info@disasterreliefaus.org

i www.disasterreliefaus.org

Access free animal feed

Access free animal feed from Gidgegannup Showgrounds.

🕒 10am - 2pm daily, closed Monday and Wednesday

📍 Corner of Toodyay Road and Old Coach Road West

i For general enquiries and to volunteer call Karen Andrich on **0419005312**. For enquiries about stock call Dusty, EASE WA, on **0436389445**.

Rural Revegetation Program

This year, the City of Swan is expanding its eligibility criteria for the Rural Revegetation Program to include City residents that have been affected by the Wooroloo bushfires. Applications open April 2 and close 4pm sharp on April 30.

Visit www.swan.wa.gov.au/revegetation to apply.

Looking after yourself and others

Traumatic experiences - like being involved in a fire - can be sudden and overwhelming. It's normal to feel unsettled and disrupted for a while.

With time, some simple steps, and the support of people close to them, most people will cope well with the stress of a crisis.

Red Cross and City of Swan staff are currently visiting more than 1,500 properties to check in with our community, offer information and provide support.

Red Cross are also continuing to provide psychosocial support at community gatherings and training for staff and community leaders. These initiatives will continue for at least the next 12 months.

Help to manage your wellbeing:

- Your GP is a good place to start, and they can also refer you to other services.
- If you are worried about your child, please contact your school to discuss support available.
- If it is a life threatening emergency, call **000** or visit your nearest emergency department.
- Lifeline's Bushfire Recovery Phonenumber **13 HELP (13 43 57)** is available for anyone impacted by fires, no matter how you're struggling
- In a crisis, call Lifeline on **13 11 14**
- Kids Help Line: **1800 551 800**
- Beyondblue: **1300 22 4636** - plus online chat and forums at **beyondblue.org.au**
- Alcohol and Drug Support Line: **08 9442 5000** or **1800 198 024** (country toll free)
- For other types of crisis - like concern about a child's safety, or if you have lost your home and have nowhere to stay, call the Department of Communities Crisis Care line on **08 9223 1111**
- Red Cross: **1800 733 276** or email **recovery@redcross.org.au**

Bushfire Community Recovery Centre

Get the latest information and chat to the City's bushfire recovery team.

🕒 Open Wednesday to Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday from 9am - 12pm

📍 Gidgegannup Place Office, Unit 4, 2125 Toodyay Road (next to the Gidgegannup Bakery and Cafe)*

*Moving to Gidgegannup Place Office from Tuesday, April 6 (prior location Percy Cullen Pavillion and Oval)

Who to contact

General query about the bushfire recovery process:

✉ **bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au**

☎ **0438 242 356** during business hours

Injured wildlife: Wildcare Helpline - 9474 9055

Water Corporation: 13 13 85

Western Power: 13 13 51

Telstra: 1800 888 888

Insurance Council of Australia: 1300 728 228

Find the latest information

Visit **www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021** or scan the QR code.



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Get email updates

Sign up to our weekly emails for updates on the bushfire recovery process, including events and the clean-up program.

How to sign up: Scan the QR code on the left > follow the link to our website > click the blue sign-up button on the top of the page > enter your name and email.