

# BUSHFIRE RECOVERY INFORMATION

## APRIL 9, 2021

### Change in frequency of updates

From this week, information sheets will be updated fortnightly instead of weekly. You can continue to find the latest information at [www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021)

If you have any questions or suggestions for future content, please email us at [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au) or call **0438 242 356**.

### 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](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021)  
and click on the news and events tab

### Latest updates

#### Residential clean-up program:

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has now processed 140 Authority to Act forms from residents impacted by the Woorloo bushfires in the City of Swan (127) and the Shire of Mundaring (13). The next step is meeting residents on their properties to develop a site-specific plan for the clean-up.

By the end of last week, 17 site planning meetings had been completed. Another 22 have been scheduled for this week. The aim is to complete all site planning meetings within the next six weeks.

GHD, who are coordinating the meetings, have established a hotline for residents to contact regarding scheduling of the site planning meetings and can be contacted on **1800 328 997**.

Demolition works and debris removal will overlap with site planning meetings. Works are expected to start from April 12.

The City of Swan has also completed all verge safety works. Our next steps are to re-install or fix road infrastructure, signage and asphalt, and complete bridge maintenance where there is damage.

Find more information on the clean-up program at [www.wa.gov.au/woorloobushfirecleanup](http://www.wa.gov.au/woorloobushfirecleanup)

### The Bushfire Recovery Centre has moved

The Bushfire Community Recovery Centre has moved to the Gidgegannup Place Office (next to the Bakery).

 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)

### Help with planning processes

A City of Swan Planning Officer will be stationed at the Bushfire Recovery Centre every Thursday until April 29. If you have an enquiry about the planning process around rebuilding a house or shed, please come and have a chat with us.

## 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@sharonpegum.com.au** if you have a specific item to donate prior to visiting.

Opening hours are as follows:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 10am to 2pm

Saturday - 10 am - 4pm

Monday, Wednesday and Sunday - by appointment

## CWA supply storeroom has moved

The CWA has also moved 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.

 Wednesday 10am - 2pm and Friday 9.30am - 11.30am

 CWA Hall at Gidgegannup Showgrounds, 2171 Toodyay Road

## Where to get help

### Financial support

Get information on the latest financial support available at [www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021](http://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](http://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](http://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.servicessaustralia.gov.au/disaster](http://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/disaster)

### 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 close 4pm sharp on April 30.

Visit [www.swan.wa.gov.au/revegetation](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/revegetation) to apply

### Government-funded clean-up of residential properties

The Wooroloo Bushfire Coordinated Residential Clean-Up Program is underway, assisting residents whose homes, structures or vehicles have been damaged.

 For more information on the process visit [www.wa.gov.au/wooroolobushfirecleanup](http://www.wa.gov.au/wooroolobushfirecleanup)

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

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

 **0438 242 356**

 [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto: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.woorloo@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**

 **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

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

## 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**

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## Who to contact

General query about the bushfire recovery process:

✉️ [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto: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](http://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.