

# BUSHFIRE RECOVERY INFORMATION

## MAY 14, 2021

### Upcoming events

#### Gidgegannup bushfire information session

Organisations attending include DFES, WA Police Force, City of Swan and Red Cross.

This session is a further opportunity to debrief and be updated on events during and soon after the bushfire.

**i** You are welcome to send questions in advance. Please email [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au) or call **0438 242 356**.

**🕒** Thursday, May 20, 6-8pm

**📍** Percy Cullen Oval at Gidgegannup Recreation Club, 1990 Toodyay Road

#### Charity football match

Raise money for our fires and support our local football club as they go up against Mt Helena, with junior games starting at 1.30pm and seniors kicking off at 6pm.

With food kindly provided by BlazeAid and live music by Resonate this is sure to be an enjoyable day for the whole family.

Hosted by Gidgegannup Recreation Club

**🕒** Saturday, May 22

**📍** Percy Cullen Oval, 1990 Toodyay Road

**i** **Entry is \$10** at the gate, to be donated to the volunteer fire brigades.

#### Understanding trauma

Does it feel like you left your brain at the gate, or like someone has hijacked it? Gain insights from Glenda Winney, Psychologist, and Jodi Henderson, Clinical Nurse, into what happens to your brain when you experience trauma.

**🕒** Friday, May 28, 6.30pm

**📍** Agricultural Hall, Gidgegannup Showgrounds, 2171 Toodyay Road

### Update on residential clean-up program

A total of 146 properties have now registered for the clean-up program and 138 site visits have taken place. Residents taking part in this clean-up program will be contacted shortly to discuss scheduling for their property. Residents seeking information about their site planning meetings or the on-ground works schedule can call **1800 328 997**.

### Weed control

The City of Swan has partnered with Gidgegannup Rural to assist in the fire recovery efforts by providing free weed control supplies to residents impacted by the Wooroloo bushfires.

You can pick up your free weed control supply from **1516 Toodyay Rd, Gidgegannup**. You will need to provide a proof of ID, address and confirm the size of your property to determine the amount you need.

### Help for families from Vinnies

Vinnies and City of Swan are working with local families who have been left with nothing or had significant property damage. Help includes vouchers for school, petrol, clothes and other support you need in the mid to long-term, and the Vinnie's Bush Fire Assistance Fund.

**i** To get in touch, please contact Vinnies by email at [Bushfires@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:Bushfires@svdpwa.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)

- ✉️ [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au)
- ☎️ **0438 242 356** during business hours

## Find the latest information

Visit [www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021) or scan the QR code below.



## 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.

## Where to get help

### Bushfire support at Gidgegannup Recreation Club

Volunteers are continuing to provide support to fire-affected residents at Gidgegannup Recreation Club. The drop in service has closed however you can get in touch to organise the following:

**Pod kits** - families who are receiving a Minderoo Pod are eligible to receive a pod kit designed to provide everything they need to be able to use their pod straight away. Kits include bed and bathroom linen, kitchenware and cleaning equipment.

**Fencing materials and loan fencing tools** - available to fire affected residents in conjunction with Rotary. Volunteers are continuing to manage the distribution of these materials as well as the loaning of tools such as fuel driven post drivers, strainers and other fencing tools.

- i** To access any of these services please contact Sharon directly on **0466430979** or [sharon@sharonpegrum.com.au](mailto:sharon@sharonpegrum.com.au)

## General supplies from CWA

The CWA are available with a range of donations and food at the CWA Hall at the Gidgegannup Showgrounds.

- 🕒 Wednesday 10am - 2pm and Friday 9.30am - 11.30am
- 📍 CWA Hall at Gidgegannup Showgrounds, 2171 Toodyay Road

## Financial support

Get information on the latest Financial Support available at [www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021)

## Fencing

BlazeAid volunteers can help you rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed. They are also looking for volunteers, regardless of experience! Get in touch with Jo if you can lend a hand.

- ☎️ Camp Coordinator Jo Delaney on **0417614446**
- ✉️ [blazeaid.wooroloo@gmail.com](mailto:blazeaid.wooroloo@gmail.com)

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:recovery@redcross.org.au)