

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY INFORMATION

JUNE 10, 2021

Upcoming events

Dr Rob Gordon - supporting our community in fire recovery (two sessions available)

i **Session 1** - Percy Cullen, 1990 Toodyay Road Gidgegannup, or watch online via Zoom
Saturday, June 12, 2pm - 4pm

i **Session 2** - Zoom webinar
Sunday, June 13, 10am - 12pm

To register for these sessions, find the links at www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021 under the news and events tab. Alternatively, email wa_recovery@redcross.org.au www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021

WA Gardeners Bushfire Relief

The WA Gardner's Bushfire Relief are holding an open day for bushfire affected residents to come and collect free plants to help re-green their gardens.

🕒 Saturday, June 12, 9am - 3pm

i For more information contact Nicole McGrade from WA Gardeners Bushfire Relief on **0475 578 585**.
The address will be provided once your registration is received.

Gidge Men's Group: First Meeting

Residents of Gidgegannup and nearby locations are welcome to join the first meeting of a newly formed Mens Group. Nothing's been set in stone yet, but it will be a collaborative meeting to form the group's will, and what to do. Come along with some ideas - and some mates if they're keen - and meet others.

Be sure to register your attendance so catering can be sorted, find the event at www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021

🕒 Saturday, June 19, 10am

📍 Gidgegannup Rural Office, Unit 4,
2125 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup

Fire and the ecology

Ecologist Dr Mike Bamford will give an overview of the relationship between fire and the natural environment we live in. The presentation will be followed by a walk through a fire-affected area of Noble Falls.

🕒 Saturday, June 26, 9-11am

📍 Gidgegannup Hall, 2171 Toodyay Rd

i Register online for tickets or email environment@emrc.org.au by 12pm, June 21 to secure your spot.

Financial assistance for businesses

Professional advice and vouchers are available for businesses to get back up and running.

This includes \$2,000 retooling vouchers to replace damaged business equipment (for example, tools of trade) or \$500 towards business advice such as legal or accounting.

For more information and to apply, visit www.bizrebuild.com.au or email voucher@bca.com.au

Help with building processes

A City of Swan Building Officer will be stationed at the Bushfire Recovery Centre every Wednesday between 10am and 4pm for the foreseeable future. If you have an enquiry about the building process around rebuilding a house or shed, please come and have a chat with us. The Building Officer can also provide general information on planning matters.

Pro-bono architecture and design services

Get help with the design and build of your home. Architects Assist is an initiative of over 600 firms working pro-bono to help and support those affected by natural disasters.

To get started visit www.architectsassist.com.au

Update on residential clean-up program

As at June 4, steady progress with the clearing of blocks has continued, with a total of 33 properties now completed, up from 26 last week.

Rubble recycling is in full swing, with 2,688 cubic metres removed and recycled. 875 tonnes of general waste have been disposed of and 36.4 tonnes of steel have been recovered and will be recycled.

Asbestos removal is also progressing well, with the amount of waste (including soil) totalling 725 tonnes, up from 491 tonnes last week.

More than 1,000 tonnes of general waste have been removed.

Crews on the ground are being asked about tree removal. Please be aware that trees will be removed only if the removal is required for the safety of demolition work. Your understanding around this is appreciated.

As a general rule, residents can expect to be called one to two weeks ahead of works commencing on their property. Residents seeking more information about their clean-up schedule can call **1800 328 997**.

For those residents with cleared properties, the next step is clean sand delivery, in accordance with the agreed site-specific clean-up plan.

Certificates of clearance will be issued when works are completed.

For more information visit

www.wa.gov.au/wooroloobushfirecleanup

Funding update

The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund are distributing further payments to owners, owner/occupiers and occupiers who experienced structural damage and loss of contents. This means nearly 80 per cent of donations to the fund will now be distributed. More details under the financial tab at

www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021

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

✉️ bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au

☎️ 0438 242 356 during business hours

Find the latest information

Visit www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021 or scan the QR code below. You can also sign up for fortnightly email updates, just tap the link at the top of the page and enter your email address.



Where to get help

Home supplies, fencing and tools

Please get in touch with the bushfire recovery team to organise the following:

Pod kits – families who are receiving a Minderoo Pod are eligible to receive a pod kit which includes bed and bathroom linen, kitchenware and cleaning equipment.

Fencing materials and loan fencing tools – including fuel driven post drivers, strainers and other fencing tools.

General supplies from CWA

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

- 🕒 Wednesday 10am – 2pm and Friday 9.30 – 11.30am
- 📍 CWA Hall at Giddegannup Showgrounds, 2171 Toodyay Road
- ☎️ For food requests please contact Terrienne in advance on 0435 394 157

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.

Resources to help manage your wellbeing are available at www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021 under the local support tab. Your GP is also a good place to start, and they can also refer you to other services. In a crisis, please call Lifeline on **13 11 14**.