

# BUSHFIRE RECOVERY TOOLKIT

## JULY 22, 2021

### Connect with others

#### Bushfire Prone Landscaping and Environmental Planning Forum

Come along to this free event which brings together a range of subject matter experts and local community groups to better understand:

- Bushfire property standards
- Fire ecology including bushland management
- Firewise gardens
- Cultural fire practices and Aboriginal cultural heritage

Featuring ABC's Josh Byrne with a coffee van and sausage sizzle.

If your local environmental group is interested in exhibiting at this event please contact the Bushfire Recovery Team at [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au) or **0438 242 356**.

To book your **FREE** spot, visit the events tab at [www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021)

 Saturday July 31 from 12- 4pm

### Gidge Weekly morning tea

Come along to a free weekly morning tea hosted by the Department of Communities team. Connect with others and receive ongoing support. Please come along or reach out to Jo or Ioannis on the details below.

 Next event Wednesday, July 28 10am to 12pm

 Gidgegannup Community Church, Old Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup

 For more information contact Jo 0432 831 196 / Ioannis 0472 872 453 or email: [recovery@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:recovery@communities.wa.gov.au)

### Wooroloo Connect @ Wooroloo Hall

Every Tuesday and fortnightly on Thursdays, the Wooroloo Hall opens its doors to the Wooroloo community. Pop in and have a cup of coffee or tea, catch up and meet fellow community members and neighbours, and access information and support services.

**Upcoming dates for Wooroloo Connect are available at [www.mundaring.wa.gov.au](http://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au)**

### Residential clean-up program

We've reached the halfway mark! Nine properties were completed in the past week, taking the total number of sites cleared to 86, up from 77 last week. This means 63 per cent of registered properties have now been cleared. Work is progressing well, despite challenging weather conditions over the last fortnight.

- In the last week, 6,101 cubic metres of rubble has been diverted from landfill and sent for recycling, up from 5,671 cubic metres in the previous week
- More than 72 per cent of waste is being recycled for reuse

A reminder that Certificates of Clearance will be issued when works are completed.

Residents seeking more information about their clean-up schedule can call **1800 328 997**.

The Department of Communities continues to offer welfare support throughout the demolition process. To access support, email [recovery@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:recovery@communities.wa.gov.au) and for urgent matters call the Disaster Response Hotline on **1800 032 965**.

### Apply today for a desktop computer

We have received a donation of 30 refurbished desktop computers by the Wanneroo Men's Shed, including computers with latest software, monitors, all leads and a mouse.

If you lost a desktop computer in the fire, you can apply for one by emailing [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au) and your application will be assessed in consultation with the Department of Communities. We ask for one application per family please.

We thank the Wanneroo Men's Shed for this wonderful donation.

### If you have any questions about building

A City of Swan Building Officer is based at the Bushfire Recovery Centre every Wednesday between 10am and 4pm. 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.

**You can also contact the City's Building team on 9267 9267**

## State Government Emergency Relief Funding is closing

Please note that Applications for the State Government Emergency Relief Fund will close on Friday July 23, 2021. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank the State Government for all their supporting relief and recovery.

Please get in touch with [bushfirerelief@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerelief@swan.wa.gov.au) for any questions

## Come and check out the new Rotary Club Tool Library

WA Rotary Bushfire Relief have opened their Tool Library in Tilden Park. Their opening hours for the for see able future are:

Open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 - 4pm

Address: Charlie Miles Fire Dam Reserve, opposite 162 Tilden Drive, Gidgegannup

For more information, please contact [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au)

## Do you need to apply for a BAL reimbursement?

If you've had a BAL assessment completed for your property, you can claim for a reimbursement through the City, thanks to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund.

All you need to do is provide your bank details and tax invoice showing you paid for and had a BAL assessment undertaken for your property, and present it to the City either in person, or by email to [swan@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:swan@swan.wa.gov.au) or [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au)

If you have any questions, please contact [bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au) or call us on **9267 9267**.

## Connect with our recovery team

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

- 🕒 Open Wednesdays 9am-5pm, Thursdays 9am-6pm and Fridays 9am-5pm (or by appointment)
- 📍 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

## 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.

## 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](http://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**.



## Find the latest information

Visit [www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021)

or scan the QR code. You can also sign up for fortnightly email updates, just tap the link at the top of the page and enter your email address.