

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY INFORMATION

APRIL 29, 2021

Upcoming events

Community recovery update and dinner

Come along and catch up with other members of the community and receive an update on the bushfire recovery works. All residents in the fire affected area are welcome, dinner and drinks provided.

 Thursday, May 13, 6 - 7.30pm

 Gidgegannup Recreation Club, 1990 Toodyay Road

Holding space to heal through sound and art

These sessions are designed to be a safe, supportive space to change our focus, let go of fear, anxiety, worry and stress, indulge in some self-care and explore our innate creativity. It is an inclusive environment with children and adults of all abilities and challenges welcome.

Sessions are offered free of charge to those affected by the recent Hills Bushfire. Places are limited and bookings are essential. No art experience is necessary.

 Saturday, May 1, 1-3pm

 Gidgegannup Recreation Club, 1990 Toodyay Road

 Visit www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire2021 to book tickets and select the news and events tab

Rescheduled: Dr Rob Gordon - supporting our community in fire recovery

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions which place a limit on gatherings, this event originally scheduled for April 18 has been rescheduled for June 12.

Further details about time and location will be made available in coming weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

Last call to apply for the Rural Revegetation Program

Apply now for the City's Rural Revegetation Program, which offers native plants free to eligible residents.

 Applications close 4pm sharp on April 30, apply online now at www.swan.wa.gov.au/revegetation

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.

 If you have any further questions, please contact Bushfire Recovery Team on **0438 242 356** or email bushfirerecoverygroup@swan.wa.gov.au

Gardens for bushfire recovery

A group of dedicated community members are organising plants and gardening donations for those in the fire-affected area.

- Pick up on Saturday, May 1, 9am - 4pm
- Gidgegannup Hall, 2171 Toodyay Rd
- Please bring a box or bag to carry your items.

Organised by the volunteers at Inner Wheel Club of Cowan at Sunset.

 For further information contact the club on iw.au.cowanatsunset@gmail.com or call **0477649879**.

Free animal feed pick-up point - closed

The animal feed point at Gidgegannup Showgrounds has now closed.

The City of Swan sincerely thanks the volunteers who kept this running, including local resident Karen Andrich and Dusty from EASE WA. Over 6,100 items, not including hay, has been distributed over an 11 week period post-incident

Water tank for community use

Residents can access free, clean water from the Bushfire Recovery Centre. A water tank has been placed behind the office located at **Unit 4, 2125 Toodyay Road**, and residents can collect the anti-vandalism key from the office and fill up during **opening hours (Wednesday to Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday from 9am - 12pm)**. There is no limitation on quantity for fire-affected residents. Shire of Mundaring residents are also welcome to access the tank.

Where to get help

Bushfire Community Connect Space

The Bushfire Community Connect Space is busy providing supplies for bushfire-affected residents, from household items and clothes to fencing supplies and tools, pod and temporary housing. They can also provide support with health and wellness services and general requests.

The service is located at Percy Cullen Recreation Centre, with opening hours as follows:



Opening hours:

Tuesday and Thursday - 10am to 2pm

Saturday - 10 am to 4pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday - by appointment

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 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

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 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



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

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

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)*

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.