

Bushfire recovery

Community bulletin – Fortnightly

Wednesday 18 November 2009



Residents urged to be fire ready as restrictions to start on Monday 30 November

The CFA has announced that the Fire Danger Period ('fire restrictions') for the municipalities of Macedon Ranges, Whittlesea, Moorabool, Nillumbik, Wyndham, Melton, Mitchell and Hume will commence at 1am on Monday 30 November 2009 and remain in force until 1 May 2010.

During this declared fire danger period you cannot burn off without a permit. Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and police will be notified. Lighting a fire without a permit can bring a penalty of up to \$5,500 or 12 months imprisonment. Applications for permits should be directed to the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer on 9433 3111.

Barbecues and fires for cooking and warmth, however, do not require a permit, but must be lit in properly constructed fireplaces, within limits of wind speed and clearance perimeter, and are to be supervised at all times. On Total Fire Ban days no fires can be lit for any reason.

The Can I or Can't I? brochure details the fire restrictions, including the differences between fire restrictions and Total Fire Ban days and is available from www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

For further information please contact Council's Municipal Laws Section on 9433 3231.

Free garden green waste

There are free garden green waste drop-off weekends on 14-15 December 2009 and 13-14 February 2010 at the Recycling & Recovery Centre, 290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty or the Municipal Site on Graham Road, Kangaroo Ground.

Township Protection Plans

One of the recommendations from the Royal Commission Interim Report was the creation of Township Protection Plans with the State Government identifying 52 townships as being at the highest risk in Victoria.

For those 52 townships, plans are being developed by fire agencies, Council and local communities to address specific local needs in areas most vulnerable to fire. In Nillumbik, North Warrandyte is the only township to be included in the 52 towns.

There are three parts to a Township Protection Plan. The first is a Community Information Map with details about the locality and where to get further information, this will be placed on the CFA website and may also be posted to North Warrandyte residents in coming weeks. The second two parts are for the emergency services.

A Township Protection Plan will not directly answer what residents need to do in the event of a fire. Residents should be completing or updating their own bushfire survival plan with the emphasis being on leaving this area well in advance of a high fire risk.

Free field day in St Andrews: pasture recovery and rehabilitation



Landholders are invited to a field day on pasture recovery on Friday 20 November 2009 from 10am-1pm at 110 Mittons Bridge Road, St Andrews. Pasture experts from the Department of Primary Industries, Fiona Baker and David Stewart, will talk about:

- understanding how pastures grow
- selecting pasture species to suit your property
- how to sample your soils for testing
- the role of fertilisers and the importance of soil pH
- techniques for sowing new pastures
- managing newly sown pastures.

Bushfire-affected residents can also find out what funding may be available to assist with pasture recovery. The field day will be followed by lunch. Please RSVP by Thursday 19 November to Georgia Ramsey on 9433 3210 or email Georgia.Ramsey@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

Weed control and land management



Early action can make a difference – New and emerging weeds

The risk of weed invasion, and the impact on farms and the environment from weeds, can dramatically increase after fire. Weed seed can be introduced to new areas during emergency response and clean up, particularly on machinery and via introduced hay. Early action on small infestations or outbreaks is important to avoid difficult and often costly weed control actions in the future once weeds have spread.

Landowners should become vigilant in identifying and treating new weed infestations **early**. Of particular concern are weeds such as Patersons Curse, Serrated Tussock and Chilean Needle Grass which are currently in relatively small numbers. Eradication of these weeds from the area is still possible. These weeds have caused, and are continuing to cause, severe degradation to pastures and native grassland areas in Melbourne's west. Some of these weeds can be difficult to identify and distinguish from native species. Council can help you identify weeds.

To learn more about new and emerging weeds and weed control, come along to the landholder information session at Strathewen on Saturday 5 December (see below for details) where DPI and Council representatives will be available to provide advice.

Funding is available for landholders to control new and emerging weeds through the Australian Government's *Caring for our country* program and Council. Please contact Council on 9433 3211 or 9433 3207 for more information.

Blackberry control program – register now!

Blackberry is a serious agricultural and environmental weed. It is impenetrable and unpalatable to most grazing animals (except goat and deer) and is highly competitive, affecting regeneration of indigenous species in bushland areas. It can also provide a home for pest animals such as rabbits and foxes.

The bushfires have greatly reduced the vast bulk of blackberries in many locations giving us the opportunity to more easily access and control regrowth. **If not treated** the blackberries will rapidly regenerate from root suckers and seed and re-colonise large areas. The warmer months of November through to April, when plants are flowering/fruitletting, are the most effective times for control.

Council is working with local Landcare groups, Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria to coordinate blackberry control programs across public and private land. Council is providing **free blackberry control** on fire-affected private land, using the services of selected and qualified contractors.

To register for control on your property, please contact Lori Arthur, Land Management Officer on 9433 3211 or email Lorene.Arthur@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

The contractors used in this program are experienced in controlling infestations in both cleared and bushland areas (where more sensitive techniques may be required to avoid any off-target damage).

This program is made possible with funding from the Australian Government's *Caring for our Country* Program.



Free landholder information session

An information session will be held on Saturday 5 December from 9am-1pm at 470 Eagles Nest Road, Strathewen.

This session will discuss a range of land management recovery topics including an introduction to property recovery planning, pasture recovery, pest plant and animal control, dams and erosion, waterway management and biodiversity. The session will be followed by lunch where representatives from relevant agencies will be available for informal discussion.

Please RSVP to Georgia Ramsey on 9433 3210 or email Georgia.Ramsey@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

Community groups

Strathewen Community Renewal Association

Rebuilding Expo – free event

Saturday 28 November, 11am-4pm

Ryder's Flat in Arthurs Creek opposite the CFA station.

Exhibits will include a wide range of building materials including systems suitable for BAL-FZ; earth construction, steel framing, brick, concrete and compressed block, plumbing, waste water solutions, alternate energy, fire and domestic water pumps, tools and equipment suppliers. We've also arranged some amusements for the kids while you listen, talk and browse.

Some people are well underway with their building plans but many of us are still at the 'getting ready' stage. This is a great opportunity to move forward. Our presenters and suppliers are sympathetic, they know what we've been through and it's about information not the hard sell. The Expo is a free event although a donation to our CFA brigade for parking would be appreciated.

Presenters Timetable

11.30am	Max Ginn, VBRR Rebuilding Advisor
11.50am	Tricks of the Trade, Owner builders
12.20pm	John Shaw Building Commission, BAL and new fire shelter standards
12.40pm	Luke Adams, Electrician Solar
1pm	Ron Weber, Consumer Affairs – good building contracts
1.20pm	Sustainability Victoria
1.40pm	Rory Fort, Green Plumbing
2pm	Gary Flood, Enter Shop – sustainable systems water and power
2.20pm	John Shayler, Steel Frame Association – steel frame solutions
2.40pm	Greg Slingsby, Nillumbik Mud Brick Association
3pm	Brian Stacey, Fasham Homes engaging a builder
3.20pm	Paul Jones, Bluescope Steel – cladding and FZ roofing systems
3.40pm	Renaë Barrass, Interior Design

Supportive Suppliers

Our rebuilding task has been supported by a wide range of small local businesses through to big national suppliers offering discounts, good information and support not normally available. Many of these supportive suppliers will be present and running information stalls. For further information contact Callum Donoghue 0414 932 051 or Karl Apted 0418 350 345.

Chookin

The chook-knitters have been busy over the last couple of months creating a huge array of multi-coloured life-size chooks. The cuddly Alpaca wool chooks will be presented to the Strathewen Primary School students on 15 December at the school. Some of the chooks were on display recently and the range of colours and styles is amazing. Well done to all the students for their wonderful designs and well done to all the knitters. Each chook represents many hours of work and the quality of the work is outstanding! Thank you to Barbara Joyce for conceiving the idea, organising the materials, and directing the many knitters who have donated their time.

Animal Memorial Service

About 25 people gathered at the Pascoe's property on Chad's Creek Road on Sunday 15 November to remember the animals that died as a result of the Black Saturday fires. Clem Taplin from St Margaret's Church, Eltham and Anne Sells from St Matthew's Church, Panton Hill very kindly took the service in a 'very special place' under the trees at the top of the Pascoe's hill. The sun shone and the breeze blew gently as we paid tribute to our precious four-legged and feathered friends. Stories were told, tears were shed and stones were laid around the tree in memory of those no longer with us. Following the memorial, we continued to exchange stories over afternoon tea and hopefully all returned home with the knowledge that we are not alone in our sorrow.

St Andrews Community Bushfire Recovery Association

Public Meeting

SACBRA will be holding a public meeting on Sunday 22 November at the St Andrews Hall starting at 5pm. This meeting will address a number of community issues including the proposed St Andrews precinct and some concerns with Telstra. A Telstra representative will be available from 4pm to provide updates on service progress and to hear direct concerns. A barbecue will be provided so please RSVP to sacbra@yahoo.com.

Government House Reception for CRC's

Premier John Brumby and the Governor of Victoria Professor David de Kretser have invited both the St Andrews and Strathewen committees to a special function on 21 November to recognise the efforts of CRC committees in the bushfire-affected areas in the recovery and rebuilding efforts. It is great that our small community is being recognised in the huge task of the rebuilding process.

Memberships – update contact details

Are you a member of SACBRA? Are you receiving SMS reminders from SACBRA? If not please send us an email at sacbra@yahoo.com with your mobile number and updated details so we can make sure you are kept informed of upcoming events. Alternatively please contact Julianne Kent CRC Admin Support Officer on 9433 3186.



L to R: David Fong, CEO of Centre Com; Molly Schilhabel, a school captain at St Andrews Primary School; Ian Flack, President SACBRA and Derek Chau, Service Manager of Centre Com. Centre Com presented St Andrews and other schools in the fire-affected areas of Victoria with a slide projector.



Rural properties recovery assistance payment

The Rural Properties Recovery Assistance payment is now available to rural landowners who own properties two hectares or more in the bushfire-affected areas who have suffered distress and hardship. Previously the payment was only available for properties of five hectares or more. This payment will be administered by the Rural Finance Corporation. For more information visit www.ruralfinance.com.au or telephone 1800 255 925.

Interim standards for bunkers

The Victorian Government has announced interim regulations and an accreditation process for the construction of bunkers or private bushfire shelters. These regulations come into effect immediately and are ahead of new national regulations which are expected to be introduced next year. The interim regulations will improve consumer information about private bushfire shelters and help eliminate products that could be unsafe.

All private bushfire shelters sold and constructed in Victoria must now comply with the criteria set out in the regulations. Anyone who has already constructed a bunker is required to have it inspected by a registered fire safety engineer. For more information about the regulations please visit www.buildingcommission.com.au or call the Building Commission on 1300 360 320.

Preparing for the fire season

The CFA has produced a number of publications to help people prepare for the fire season. These include:

- Bushfire warnings and information
- Horses and bushfires
- Bushfire Survival Guide
- Fire Ready Kit
- Fire Danger Ratings
- Radiant Heat
- Community Fireguards.

These publications are available online at www.cfa.vic.gov.au . To obtain a hard copy of the brochures please email brochures@cfa.vic.gov.au or call **1800 240 667**.

Kinglake National Park Office: Update

In a recent edition of this bulletin, Parks Victoria proposed some options for the rebuilding of the office and depot for Kinglake National Park. The options included a number of potential additional community functions for the building, to be located at one of three possible sites. We asked for your response to a few questions that related to the options put forward.

In response to feedback received, Parks Victoria has extended the deadline for community comment until **8 January 2010**. Comments can be forwarded to Jen Lilburn at jen@kismetforward.com.au , or PO Box 8001 Ripplside 3215. Jen can also be contacted on 0418 373 352.

If you would like another copy of the original article please email or call Jen.

Appeal fund provides financial support for families and young people affected by the fires

A new \$14 million Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund package will provide support to people who lost immediate family in the 2009 Victorian fires and suffering financial hardship with a new scholarship scheme to encourage students affected to pursue their studies.

This new support for the immediate family of the bereaved recognises that some families lost their primary breadwinner or had reduced capacity to earn an income because of trauma suffered post the Black Saturday fires.

Many people who lost loved ones in the bushfires are not only suffering emotional distress, but have in some cases been faced with large debts and little capacity to address that situation.

This new package attempts to alleviate some of the anxiety associated with the financial hardship some of these people face and helps to assist in the long-term recovery process.

Under the new **\$3 million Scholarship Program**, scholarships of \$15,000 per year will be provided for 66 students from towns and communities directly impacted by the fires who are financially constrained to undertake tertiary or vocational education from 2010 and beyond.

The scholarships will assist those students whose current financial capacity to undertake tertiary study is limited and who have the academic performance and ability to complete their chosen course of study. Further scholarships for students currently in years 10 and 11 will be considered by the Appeal Fund in coming months.

For more information on these grants please contact the Bushfire Hotline on 1800 240 667 or visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal .

Bushfire Recovery Arts Grants available

Bushfire Recovery Arts Grants are currently available to support local artists work within their communities on arts projects that will assist in the recovery process and/or contribute to community healing and revitalisation.

Grants will be awarded to the value of \$500-\$5,000, until all monies are expended. Council requires funding to be expended during the 2009-2010 financial year.

If you need assistance completing the application form, finding project partners, understanding the guidelines or refining your project plan, or to discuss how your project fits within the guidelines, please contact Council's Bushfire Recovery Arts Officer, Catherine Dinkelmann on 9433 3126.

Business Bushfire Renewal Program

...making sense of what's available to help your business

There is a new brochure available about the services the Business Bushfire Renewal Program can offer local businesses. The program is free and can help you:

- rebuild your business
- start a new business
- legitimise your existing business
- make your business better
- make decisions about your business future.

Copies of the brochure are available at the Hurstbridge Community Services Hub or by phoning Daryl Brooke on 0433 948 258.

Neil Comrie to monitor the implementation of the Royal Commission Interim Report

Neil Comrie, AO APM, former Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, has been appointed to monitor government departments and agencies as they implement interim report recommendations of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.

Mr Comrie will be responsible for auditing progress of agencies and departments' implementation of Commission interim recommendations, and will report back to the Commission on behalf of the government with a delivery report by 31 March, 2010.

VBARRA releases Nine Month Report

The Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority has released a Nine Month Report on the reconstruction and recovery of communities devastated by the February bushfires. The report says more than 1085 building permits have been approved including houses, sheds and commercial buildings. To view the report, please visit www.wewillrebuild.vic.gov.au.



In brief

Mens fishing getaway to Bemm River

The Bushfire Support Centre Hurstbridge, with the support of Centacare and Bemm River Holiday Accommodation has put together some amazing fishing weekends to the Bemm River in East Gippsland. The trips are running;

- Friday 27 - Sunday 29 November
- Friday 4 - Sunday 6 December
- Friday 11 - Sunday 13 December.

Cost is \$60 per head and includes transport, meals, accommodation, bait, some boat hire, a commemorative cap, a fishing competition and much more. Sounds like fun! All enquiries to 9718 2759 or email hurstbridgereliefcentre@netspace.net.au. Please book quickly to avoid disappointment! .

Books galore!

The hub is inundated with new and second-hand books for fire-affected residents. There is a wide variety of books available – fiction and non-fiction for all ages and interest groups. The books are free so head down to the Hurstbridge Community Services Hub and start to rebuild your book collection.

Support Lounge News

The Diamond Valley Support Lounge at the Diamond Valley Baptist Church is now closed Mondays and open Tuesday – Friday 10am to 2pm. The Support Lounge will be closed for Christmas from Friday 14 December and re-open on Tuesday 12 January. Sally Agostino will be a guest speaker at the community dinner at the Diamond Valley Baptist Church at 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty on 23 November from 8pm-9pm, speaking on 'change and loss – how to process difficulties in your life and move on'.

Land for grazing

Three acres are available for horse grazing in St Andrews to fire-affected residents. For more information please contact the Hub on 9433 3111>5.

Are you re-establishing fences?

Consider the type of fencing you are looking to use and what effect this may have on wildlife in your area. Fencing can cause severe problems for wildlife and barbed wire, electric and ring-lock fencing cause the biggest problems.

- Barbed wire – gliding possums, bats and birds (particularly nocturnal birds like owls) can get caught on the wires.
- Electric fencing – can electrocute echidnas if low to the ground. Koalas and possums can be electrocuted if they try to climb the fence and kangaroos can be killed if they get entangled in the wire.
- Ring-lock fencing – kangaroos and wallabies can get their legs stuck and tangled in this type of fencing.

Plain wire has the least impact on wildlife but strands need to be spaced to allow animals to move through, under or over without entanglement. Making the fence visible with either electric fence tape (not charged) or white strand wire (on the top strand) and/or visible 'tags' placed at 30cm intervals (e.g. aluminium plant tags) will also help to avoid animals getting tangled.



Fencing such as this does not allow wildlife to move through or over.

Notice from Telstra

As Telstra completes construction of three permanent Next G™ mobile base stations in Strathewen, Arthurs Creek and Kinglake West in the Nillumbik and Murrindindi shires, we will be turning off some of the temporary coverage cells we installed immediately after Black Saturday.

These cells provided temporary GSM (2G) and Next G™ network coverage in areas where existing coverage was patchy and not reliable. We now have permanent Next G™ mobile coverage – namely Strathewen and Kinglake West, with Arthurs Creek to come online at the end of November 2009.

Some residents will notice that their older GSM phones won't get the same coverage as they previously experienced with the temporary cells. Our permanent mobile coverage investment is in the Next G™ network only – not the old GSM network. Telstra recommends customers move across to the Next G™ network.



Community letter Ringlock and barbed wire fencing threatens wildlife

In the months following the fire whilst travelling the roads in St Andrews I noticed tightly strung ringlock fencing being erected on roadside properties to replace old burnt fences.

One evening we were driving home along Ninks Road when a small kangaroo became trapped on the road because of this ringlock fencing. The kangaroo went along the fence line ahead of our car trying to find access to the paddock and became anxious and frightened. We kept back a distance in the car, but if we stopped it stopped. This went on for some time until it went down a driveway.

I would like to bring peoples attention to the fact that our remaining wildlife will become roadkill if ringlock fencing is used. Please use fencing that keeps the stock in but allows our wildlife pass through.
Rae & Wayne Bateman

Here are some other things you could also consider:

- Determine your priorities for fencing and prepare a property plan – consider only replacing fencing that is needed to contain stock and domestic animals and perhaps delineate boundaries with markers rather than fencing.
- Create 'gateways' in your fencing where wildlife cross. This could involve removing a section of the fence completely or removing a couple of the top strands to allow movement over the fence. This gap should be a minimum width of 1m.
- Seek advice – from Council, Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), Department of Primary Industries (DPI), Melbourne Water, contractors and distributors.
- Discard of any old and unused fencing that may create a hazard for wildlife and dispose of thoughtfully – some fencing materials can be recycled.
- Check fences regularly for any trapped animals and contact Help for Wildlife on 0417 380 687 if you find a trapped animal.

Information for this article has been sourced from, and more information about fencing can be found at: <http://www.wildlifefriendlyfencing.com>
Land for Wildlife Note LW0029 *Fencing wildlife habitat* www.dpi.vic.gov.au
Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network www.mrwn.org.au
DPI and DSE ph 136 186

Events

Sunday 22 November 2pm-5pm

Felting Feelings

St Andrews Community Centre

Enjoy learning the traditional art of felting. We will be creating unique items like wall hangings and scarves. Explore and create with family and friends. Children are most welcome to attend with adults. Free to bushfire-affected residents and community volunteers.

Wednesday 25 November, 6.30pm

'How people and communities react and recover after the fires' – with Dr Rob Gordon

**Christmas Hills Primary School
1409 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road,
Christmas Hills**

Friday 27 November, 6pm –

Sunday 29 November, 4pm

Weekend Retreat

Relax, renew, regenerate and have lots of fun! Join us for an amazing weekend of relaxation, self-discovery and transformation.

The weekend includes fresh organic vegetarian meals, natural therapies, meditation and yoga. Also enjoy a didgeridoo sound healing, fun group activities, bushwalking and workshops.

The residential weekend is run at a beautiful retreat centre near Warburton. The all inclusive price is \$420 (\$370 early bird). Day packages are also available.

For further information and bookings contact Manninder Sekhon on 0430 218 006 or email manninder@ColourVibrations.com.

Regular events

**Every Monday evening from 6pm
Community dinner**

**Diamond Valley Baptist Church,
309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty**
A community dinner for \$5pp encouraging all bushfire-affected families and friends to join for a meal each week to help establish community again in a welcoming environment. Bookings 9435 9377.

Sunday 29 November, 12noon-5pm

Whittlesea Values Volunteers Picnic Whittlesea Showgrounds, Yea Road, Whittlesea Melway 246 J7

All community volunteers within the City of Whittlesea and volunteers across Victoria who dedicated their time at Whittlesea for the bushfire relief effort are invited to attend a Volunteers Picnic. There will be a free sausage sizzle, entertainment and children's activities. For more information call Tania De Carli on 9217 2422.

Friday 25 December 2009, 12noon

Community Christmas Lunch Uniting Church Hall, corner of Main Road and Wensley Street, Diamond Creek

Many of us find ourselves at a bit of a loose end on Christmas Day. You are invited to a community Christmas lunch. Come along and enjoy a meal in relaxed and friendly company! There is no cost, transport can be arranged and everyone is welcome! If you would like to RSVP or have a chat about coming please call Diane on 9718 2035 or Loni on 94381107.

**Tuesday 7pm-9pm
Lasting Memories Mosaics**

St Andrews Community Centre
Come along and create beautiful mosaics using broken crockery and findings left behind after the fires in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. For more information please contact Chris Reade on either 9844 4849 or 0425 778 223.

St Andrews

Community Morning Tea
to be held at St Andrews
Old School Community Centre,
Caledonia Street, St Andrews
on Thursday 10 December
at 10am.

Please join us!
Everybody is welcome.

Any queries please call Holly on 0438 062 236.



Saturday 23 January and

Sunday 24 January, 2010

Eltham Jazz and Blues Heritage Festival

Eltham Town Square

The Eltham Town Annual Jazz and Blues Heritage Festival has become one of the premier jazz and blues events in Melbourne so keep the date free!

2010 Nillumbik Australia Day Awards

ordinary people doing extraordinary things

Nominations now open for:

- Nillumbik Young Citizen of the Year
- Nillumbik Citizen of the Year
- Nillumbik Senior Citizen of the Year
- Nillumbik Community Group of the Year
- Nillumbik Volunteer of the Year.

Nomination forms are available from www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au or from the Civic Centre, Civic Drive Greensborough. Nominations close 5pm Friday 4 December 2009.

For further information, please contact Tracey Clason, Communications Administration Officer, on 9433 3178 or email Tracey.Clason@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

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**Thursday evenings,
7.30pm-8.30pm**

**Meditation and relaxation –
no charge**

St Andrews Community Centre

Bookings essential. Living & Learning
Nillumbik Pantom Hill 9433 3799.

Hurstbridge Community Services Hub

36 Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge.
Opening hours Mon to Fri 9am-5pm
Phone 9433 3111, email rcc@nillumbik.vic.gov.au .

The Nillumbik Shire Council Recovery Coordination Centre (RCC) coordinates Council's bushfire recovery effort and is based at the Hub.

The Hub will be closed from 1pm Thursday 24 December until 4 January 2010.

Community Recovery Committees

Strathewen Community Renewal Association

<http://strathewen.vic.au>

Email: scra@tpg.com.au

Phone: Malcolm Hackett (Chairperson) 0427 356 803
Denis Spooner (Secretary) 0419 311 603

St Andrews Bushfire Recovery Association

<http://standrewsrecovery.wordpress.com>

Email: Toni-Anne Collins, Communications

toni-anne@readify.net

Phone: Ian Flack (Chairperson) 0406 991 376

Important contacts	Telephone	Web/email
Nillumbik Shire Council, Civic Drive, Greensborough	9433 3111	www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au
Bushfire Building Advice Line	1300 360 320	www.buildingcommission.com.au
Bushfire Legal Help	1800 113 432	www.bushfirelegalhelp.org.au
Bushfire Support Centre Hurstbridge Inc	9718 2759	hurstbridgereliefcentre@netspace.net.au
Business Victoria	13 22 15	www.business.vic.gov.au
Centrelink	180 22 11	www.centrelink.gov.au
Department Primary Industries	13 61 86	www.dpi.vic.gov.au
Diamond Valley Baptist Church	9435 9377	www.dvbc.net
Department of Human Services	1300 650 172	www.dhs.vic.gov.au
DV Support Lounge	9435 9377	jgraham@dvbc.net
Grocon	1800 240 667	www.wewillrebuild.vic.gov.au
Insurance Council of Australia	1300 728 228	www.insurancecouncil.com.au
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800	www.kidshelp.com.au
Lifeline	13 11 14	www.lifeline.org.au
Nillumbik Community Health Service	9430 9100	www.nchs.org.au/ or info@nchs.org.au
Nillumbik Fencing Coordinators	9714 8307 0419 354 266	ajsuth@bigpond.com
Parentline	13 22 89	www.parentline.vic.gov.au
Red Cross	1800 811 700	www.redcross.org.au
SP AusNet	13 17 99	www.sp-ausnet.com.au
State Revenue Office	13 21 61	www.sro.vic.gov.au
St Johns Anglican Church	9438 1264	www.stjohnsdiamondcreek.org.au
St Vincent de Paul	1300 305 330	www.vinnies.org.au
The Salvation Army	13 72 58	www.salvos.org.au
Telstra	1800 110 503	natural.disasters@team.telstra.com
Transport Accident Commission	1800 332 556	www.tac.vic.gov.au
Victorian Bushfire Accommodation Inquiry Line	1800 006 468	www.dhs.vic.gov.au
Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund	1800 180 213	www.redcross.org.au
Victorian Bushfire Case Management Hotline	1800 050 400	www.dhs.vic.gov.au
Victorian Bushfire Information Line	1800 240 667	www.dse.vic.gov.au
Victorian Bushfire Public Accommodation Donation Line	1800 006 468	www.redcross.org.au
Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction & Recovery Authority	1800 240 667	www.wewillrebuild.vic.gov.au
Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission	1800 243 650	www.royalcommission.vic.gov.au
Victorian Farmers Federation	1300 882 833	www.vff.org.au
Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service	1800 011 046	www.dva.gov.au/health/vvcs