

Upper Murray Community Recovery

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Together, we will get through this.

Coronavirus: Stage 3 Restrictions

During the bushfires it was the CFA, RFS and Emergency Services who were our heroes. Today, it is the Healthcare workers who are working on the frontline of the pandemic, continuing to put others first to help keep our community safe. While they go to work for us, please stay at home for them. We have an older population here in Towong Shire and we need to do all we can to help keep them safe.

A reminder that Stage 3 means gatherings are restricted to no more than 2 people except for members of your immediate household and for work or education. We have now also moved from Government advice, to these restrictions being enforceable.

- For information on how Council is responding and changes to services visit towong.vic.gov.au/Coronavirus or call 02 6071 5100
- Stay up to date with the most reliable information at dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus
- If you suspect you may have coronavirus call the dedicated hotline 1800 675 398 – open 24 hours, 7 days. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.
- To find out what financial support you or your business may be eligible for visit <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus>

Is Your Property Registered for the Clean-Up?

The clean-up program undertaken by Grocon on behalf of the Government is continuing with social distancing in place.

- 186 properties in Towong Shire are registered
- 65% of these properties have been inspected
- 5 crews are now working on the ground

Grocon Clean-Up Process

1. Register with Bushfire Recovery Victoria by calling 1800 560 760 or online at vic.gov.au/bushfire-clean-up-program
2. Receive confirmation from Grocon via phone or email.
3. Grocon will undertake an inspection of your property where you'll complete a consent form.
4. Grocon will then be in touch with a timeline for anticipated works (at least 48 hours prior to commencement).

To confirm if your property is registered, or for queries about the clean-up program, call Grocon on 03 9631 8833 or email victorianbushfirerecovery@grocon.com

CFA Rehabilitation

The CFA is continuing to inspect and repair fire control lines and fences on private land that were impacted by fire suppression efforts.

To date 161 properties have scope of work agreements in place, with 369 kilometres of fire control lines and 15 kilometres of damaged fences recorded. More than a quarter of properties have now been repaired and restored, with work continuing.

If you are yet to register call 02 6043 4630, text 0419 501 580 or email ne-region-rehab@cfa.vic.gov.au

Planning to Replace a Farm Shed?

To assist in fast-tracking the rebuild process for farming communities, at the February Council meeting an exemption was made to the building regulations and fees for unoccupied 'farm sheds.'

Under the National Construction Code the exemption applies to 'Class 10A' buildings (the only class of building that can be exempted by Council). The building is to be constructed within a fire-affected area on farm land and is to be used for farming purposes.

For safety reasons, the building is to be built by a suitably qualified and experienced company using plans, materials and construction methods that are considered appropriate for a building of its type.

To be considered, a basic application form needs to be completed together with a site plan. A planning permit and other regulations may still apply.

If you are looking to replace a farm shed please contact the Recovery Team prior to the commencement of work.

A Council Planner will work with you to confirm what documentation and permits are relevant to your property. Call 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au



Recovery Contacts

- **Towong Shire Council Recovery Helpline:** 1800 518 222 or email recovery@towong.vic.gov.au
- **Bushfire Recovery Victoria - Case Support Coordinators:** 1800 560 760 or email connect@brv.vic.gov.au
- **Register for the Bushfire Clean-Up Program:** 1800 560 760 or visit vic.gov.au/bushfire-clean-up-program
- **Resources and Updates:** Visit www.towong.vic.gov.au/bushfirerecovery or www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery-victoria