

# FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

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CORANGAMITE  
SHIRE

Air quality has improved and residents within the 1 kilometre zone of the Cobrico peat fire are no longer advised to relocate at night time.

**School, kindergarten, child and aged care services are returning to normal in Cobden from Monday 16 April.**

Please keep up-to-date with the latest information and warnings, and take steps to manage your personal health and wellbeing when you need to.

## WHERE TO GO FOR INFORMATION, ADVICE AND HELP FROM SATURDAY 14 APRIL

The **Terang Relief Centre** has closed (as of 4 pm, Friday 13 April), with information now to be displayed on the front windows of the Terang Civic Hall.

The **Cobden Relief Centre** has also closed, with information now displayed on the front windows of the Cobden Civic Hall.

**A new information point at Corangamite Shire** will open from Monday 16 April in the Keilambete Room at the Civic Centre, 181 Manifold Street, Camperdown.

You are welcome to call in and find out how Corangamite Shire can help with fire recovery. Or you can contact us on 5593 7100 with any fire recovery enquiries.

You can also go online for the latest information:

[www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief/#recovering\\_from\\_a\\_bushfire](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief/#recovering_from_a_bushfire)

## FOOD, WATER & PERSONAL ITEMS

If you have been impacted by the fires - food, water and personal items are available at Cobden Uniting Church (61 Curdie Street). We encourage you to call in and grab some supplies that have been kindly donated by the community. Please call 0427 954 216 for more details.

Relief packs (food, water and toiletries) are also available from the Terang CWA Hall, and furniture, goods and clothing at the Terang Community Op Shop. Please call 0419 314 870 for more details.

## FENCING

To enquire about assistance with rebuilding your fences, call Blaze Aid camp leaders directly.

- **Cobden:** Chris & John Male, 0418 745 994  
blazeaid.cobden@gmail.com
- **Terang:** Vicki and Malcolm McIntosh, 0437 817 330  
blazeaid.terang@gmail.com

## FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING CONCERNS

With the improvements in air quality, and very low Carbon Monoxide levels, the free community health assessment centre will remain in place until Friday 13 April (until 8 pm) at the Terang Civic Hall, 129 High Street. These assessment services will then shift to local health services.

**If you are concerned about your health, or wish to get your Carbon Monoxide levels checked, you can visit Cobden, Terang or Camperdown hospitals.**

**For access to local emotional support services please call South West Healthcare on 5563 4000 or 5232 5180.** There is free, confidential, professional support to individuals or families who have been impacted by the recent fires regardless of where you are located. No GP referral is required.

For health advice and support you can call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24, visit your GP for medical advice, visit your local health service or dial Triple Zero in an emergency.

**If you have urgent concerns about your own, or the mental health of others, please contact Mental Health Services on 1800 808 284 (24 hours).**

Other 24 hours Helplines include:

**Lifeline: 13 11 14**

**Kid's Helpline: 1800 55 1800**

**Nurse on Call: 1800 022 222 MensLine: 1300 78 9978**

## TREE ASSISTANCE

**Please contact Corangamite Shire on 5593 7100 if you have concerns about trees. We can:**

- Provide native vegetation assessments for fence re-establishment
- Undertake the removal of trees overhanging boundary fences where they are adjoining a road reserve or crown land
- Provide advice on other trees and particularly native vegetation on your property, however the removal and clean-up of trees will be the responsibility of the property owner

If you believe a tree on your property is a hazard you should ensure the area around the tree is avoided until it can be made safe. We can help if you are unsure about any trees on your property. The removal of trees (particularly cypress and pine plantations on private property) is the responsibility of the property owner. There is currently no funding for these works, however, we are working with a range of agencies to determine if financial support may be available to landowners for these works.