

# FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

NUMBER 15: FRIDAY 4 MAY



CORANGAMITE  
SHIRE

## FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Fire Restrictions have now been lifted and burning off is permitted across Corangamite Shire.

As a result there may be an increase in smoke as people commence burning. Please be aware that you may also see fires in paddocks as people begin to burn larger heaps.

If you are concerned, however, please call 000.

We also ask that residents who are burning take care, burn responsibly and safely, and register any major burn offs by calling 1800 668 511.

## FIRE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES

The Incident Management Team has completed its relocation from Warrnambool Incident Control Centre and is now situated at the Cobden Fire Station in Station Street Cobden. Enquiries can be directed through the reception via telephone on 5595 2345.

## HEAT SPOT MONITORING

Aircrews continue to monitor for heat spots at both Elingamite and Cobrico.

As of today, no heat has been detected for the past 11 days both from aerial inferred detection and in ground heat monitoring methods.

Over the coming days, crews will begin the retrieval of fire-fighting equipment along with fire-fighting hose within the peat area. The main pipe line will remain until further notice.

The Cobden ICC will remain open until further notice with crews continuing to monitor and rehabilitate affected areas.

## CARBON MONOXIDE MONITORS

Do you still have a CO monitor in your possession?

Please return CO monitors to Betty Robilliard at Cobden Fire Station. Phone: 5595 1395.

## FIRE DEBRIEFINGS

Emergency Management Victoria will hold community debriefing sessions over the next month.

**Each community debrief will commence at 6 pm with a barbecue and be held at the following locations and proposed dates [subject to change]:**

**TIMBOON:** Thursday 10 May, Timboon Hall [tentative]

**SIMPSON:** Tuesday 15 May, Simpson Hall

**CAMPERDOWN:** Thursday 17 May, Killara Centre

**COBDEN:** Monday 21 May, Cobden Civic Hall

**TERANG:** Thursday 24 May, Terang Civic Hall

**PORT CAMPBELL:** Wednesday 30 May, Port Campbell Community Centre [Rec Reserve]

## AIR MONITORING

Carbon Monoxide [CO] monitoring results from the three Environment Protection Authority [EPA] sites at Cobden, Lake Cobrico and Lake Elingamite are returning values well below health trigger levels. The EPA plans to decommission the air monitoring sites in the coming weeks. The monitoring site at Cobden, which monitors a larger area, will remain and continue monitoring until further notice.

Data from the monitoring stations is available on EPA's AirWatch website: [www.epa.vic.gov.au/EPAirWatch](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/EPAirWatch)

If members of the community are in any way concerned with the proposed decommissioning of the air monitoring sites, please call the ICC on 5559 2345.

With the end of the fire danger period, please consider delaying your burn off to reduce the incidence of smoke drift.

## SOUTH WEST BUSHFIRE APPEAL

More than \$200,000 has been donated to the South West bushfires relief effort following the launch of the appeal in March, including \$50,000 from Bendigo Bank's Community Bank network and \$60,000 from District 9780 Rotary Clubs.

Funds raised from this appeal will be disbursed as grants and gifts to eligible charitable organisations to assist with relief, recovery and reconstruction projects for communities in the fire effected areas of South West Victoria. Donate at your nearest Bendigo Bank branch or online at [bendigobank.com.au/southwestvicbushfire](http://bendigobank.com.au/southwestvicbushfire)