

## Community Information Newsletter

# Cobden – Camperdown Peat Fires

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

### INCIDENT UPDATE

Peat Fire is continuing to burn underground in the peat areas of Lake Elingamite, Cobrico Swamp, and Lake Bullen Merri.

**Terang, Camperdown, Gazette and Garvoc** fires are contained and all have been handed back to local CFA arrangements.

Crews are employing various strategies and firefighting tactics to extinguish the peat fires.

Specialist Compressed Air Foam System (CAFs) equipment from Latrobe Valley and Tasmania is

being used to assist with both minimising smoke and Carbon Monoxide around the Peat Fires.

Community members around the *active* peat fires near Cobrico and Lake Elingamite need to be aware of the risks of peat smoke and understand what it means.

If you are within 1km – 6km of the peat smoke plume it is recommended you avoid outdoor physical activity, anyone with a heart or lung condition should take their medication as prescribed.

### PERSONAL WELFARE

It is normal to have strong emotional or physical reactions after an emergency – these feelings are part of the healing process. Here are some strategies for coping with trauma in recovery. In families, each person reacts in their own way after an emergency. Understanding each other and some of the common reactions to look out for can help your family. The better health channel has more info about trauma and families.

For local Community Health Services - South West Healthcare provides specialist mental health services to South Western Victoria:

**Phone:** 5561 9100:

**Website:** [southwesthealthcare](http://southwesthealthcare)

### ROAD INFORMATION

Current road closures are:

- Erreys Rd, from Cobden – Terang Rd Cobrico to Cobden – Terang Rd Cobrico
- Curdies – Leichfield Rd from Erreys Rd Cobrico to Walshs Road

Visit Vic Roads for road closure information

**Website:** [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au)

**Phone:** 13 11 70

## STAY INFORMED

### Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for current Air Monitoring

**Website:** [epa.vic.gov.au](http://epa.vic.gov.au)

**Phone:** 1300 372 842

Check for the latest warnings and advice messages at [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au) or the VicEmergency smartphone app, or your local emergency radio station or contact the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Tune in to Local ABC radio 1602 AM, 107.9 FM or stream via the ABC Listen App, commercial and designated community radio stations, or Sky News TV.

People who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have a speech/communication impairment can contact VicEmergency Hotline via the National Relay Service on 1800 555 677.

For help with English and those who cannot speak English, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 (freecall) and ask them to phone VicEmergency Hotline.

Facebook  
or Twitter

([facebook.com/vicemergency](https://facebook.com/vicemergency))  
([Twitter@vicemergency](https://twitter.com/vicemergency))

### CAMPGROUND CLOSURES

Lake Elingamite Campground is closed. Refer to the DELWP website for other closures.

DEWLP: [dewlp.vic.gov.au](http://dewlp.vic.gov.au)

Phone: 1300 372 842

### WILDLIFE ASSISTANCE

Wildlife Victoria can help

Phone: (03) 8400 7300

Website: [wildlifelifevictoria.org.au/](http://wildlifelifevictoria.org.au/)

## RECOVERY INFORMATION

*Emergency financial assistance is available for eligible fire-affected community members. Please visit your local relief centre or call VicEmergency on 1800 226 226 for more information.*

### CORANGAMITE COUNCIL:

See Council Recovery Update Newsletter for information on Relief and Recovery Information. Relief and Recovery Community Centres and Information Points

**Website:** [corangamite.vic.gov.au](http://corangamite.vic.gov.au)

**Phone:** 5593 7100

**Email:** [shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au)

[Facebook.com/CorangamiteShire](https://facebook.com/CorangamiteShire)

### SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS COUNCIL:

See Council for Fire Recovery Update.

**Website:** [southerngrampians.vic.gov.au](http://southerngrampians.vic.gov.au)

**Phone:** 5573 0444

**Email:** [recovery@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au)

### MOYNE COUNCIL:

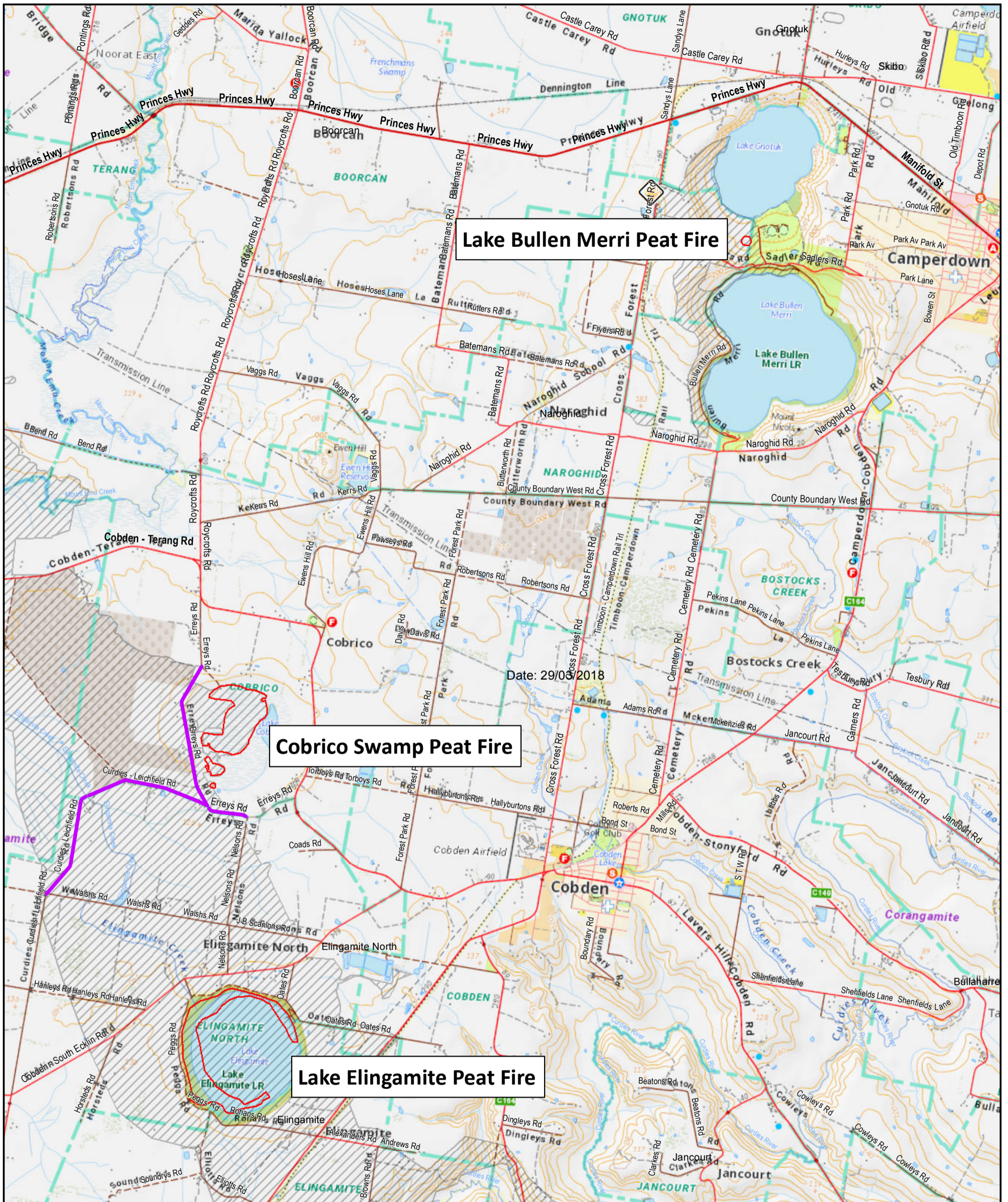
See Council Recovery Newsletter.

**Website:** [moyne.vic.gov.au](http://moyne.vic.gov.au)

**Phone:** 1300 656 564

**Email:** [recovery@moyne.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@moyne.vic.gov.au)





**Lake Bullen Merri Peat Fire**

**Cobrico Swamp Peat Fire**

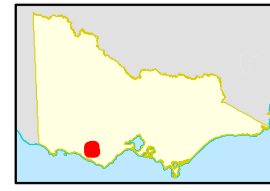
**Lake Elingamite Peat Fire**

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### Legend

- Fire Effected Area
- Active Fire Edge
- Road Closures

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