

Monday 1 July 2024

Storm Recovery Update



South Gippsland
Shire Council

Drop into Council's Recovery Centre located at the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation for help connecting to mental health, wellbeing, financial and business advice services.

Open: Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Thank You Event – Saturday 6 July

The Mirboo North Storm Cell Volunteers are running a 'thank-you' event on the evening of Saturday 6 July **from 5.00pm at the Mirboo North Shire Hall**, with music from Irish band Mollimor starting at 6.30pm. The event will be an opportunity to celebrate the response and recovery efforts, meet the volunteers, community members and other groups involved. The party will provide an opportunity for the community to reconnect, rebuild and offer support to one another.

Mirboo North & District Community Recovery Working Group

One of the key objectives of the Community Recovery Working Group has been to identify community needs, which flow into programs and activities and a Community Recovery Plan.

To get as much feedback as possible and to circulate support information, the Working Group has sent out flyers to around 1,500 mailboxes across the Mirboo North area. We have now closed the collection of feedback flyers and would like to thank everyone for all of your input. All of the suggestions are being compiled and further information will be provided in the next recovery update.

Baths Road Reserve

Members of the Community Recovery Working Group are working with Council, Friends of Baths Road Reserve and community members to consider how to support the recovery of this important area of remnant forest adjacent to Baromi Park in Mirboo North.

Recent activities have seen Council working with Disaster Relief Australia to clear some of the track network, where this was considered safe, and to complete site visits to inform proposals for the removal of hazardous trees to open walking tracks, and management of windfallen timbers in the Reserve.

The Reserve remains closed to the public at this time due to safety issues relating to hazardous trees, however activities are progressing that we hope will see some of the track network opening for walkers in the near future.

Recovery Support

Depending on what you need, recovery support can be as simple as telephone advice on what services are available, or connecting you with programs that can help you.

If you were severely impacted by the storm, you may be eligible for a Recovery Support Worker. They can work with you over time to find and access the support you need. To find out more, call the Emergency Recovery Hotline on **1800 560 760** or visit the Recovery Support website:

www.vic.gov.au/recovery-support.

Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) Clean-Up Help – Registrations closing this week

DRA's volunteers continue to assist community members needing help to clean-up storm damage on their properties. The team have done some incredible work in the community to date and will be in the area providing assistance until the end of July.

To support operational planning, we ask you to please register your property if you require help by Friday 5 July by calling Emergency Recovery Victoria (ERV) on **1800 560 760**.

Removal of Dangerous Trees

If you have a dangerous tree within 30 metres of your home or driveway and that removal or trimming is not covered by insurance, please register for it to be made safe or removed by Emergency Recovery Victoria by calling **1800 560 760**.

Free Legal Outreach Service at Co-Space

Provided by Gippsland Community Legal Service and Victorian Legal Aid continues **every second Thursday** from 10.00am to 3.00pm (this month: 11 July and 25 July). The attending lawyers will assist with any queries you have – that could be insurance delays, tenancy issues or more general queries. Remember that you can call them any time on **1800 004 402** or request an appointment at **www.gcls.org.au**.