

STREATHAM TO SKIPTON FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE



Pyrenees
Shire Council

Number 10: Wednesday 1 April 2026

KEY CONTACTS: ARARAT 5355 0200 | CORANGAMITE 5593 7100 | PYRENEES 1300 797 363

UPCOMING EVENTS

Skipton Easter Market

Friday 3 April, 9 am - 1 pm
Montgomery Street, Skipton

Featuring a classic car display, surprise visitor, market stalls, raffle draw and more. All money raised goes towards the Good Friday Appeal.

Beaufort's Big Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 3 April, 11 am - 2 pm
Beaufort Memorial Park

Free Easter egg hunt at 1 pm with a BBQ onsite from 11 am - 2 pm. All money raised goes towards the Good Friday Appeal.

Contact: Text names to 0400 017 287 or email beaufortapexclub@gmail.com

Beaufort's Town Market - Easter Market and Garage Sale

Saturday 4 April, 9 am - 2 pm
Beaufort Memorial Park

Local market stalls and free activities for the kids, along with a town garage sale and car boot sale.

FIRE RECOVERY ENQUIRIES

For support enquiries, please contact your local Council.

Pyrenees Shire - 1300 797 363
Corangamite Shire - 5593 7100
Ararat Rural City - 5355 0200

If you are looking to lodge a claim for financial assistance contact:

- Services Australia for Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payments or Disaster Recovery Allowance
servicesaustralia.gov.au

The Streatham Recovery Hub is open on Fridays from 1-4pm at the Streatham Hall.

CARRANBALLAC RECREATION RESERVE - UPDATE

Demolition and clean-up works have been substantially completed at the Carranballac Recreation Reserve's clubrooms and community facility, marking an important step forward in the recovery from the 9 January Streatham–Yalla-Y-Poora fire.

Pyrenees Shire Council is also working with DEECA and the reserve's Committee of Management to:

- Address hazardous trees on site
- Develop a site master plan
- Work with the Carranballac Cricket Club on temporary arrangements for cricket to be played at the reserve next season
- Work with the community to determine the requirements of a new future facility

The Carranballac Recreation Reserve is situated on Crown land managed by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). While the reserve operates as a Committee of Management facility run by the local community, the damaged buildings were insured by Pyrenees Shire Council.

A Project Working Group has been established to support the reserve's redevelopment, bringing together representatives from DEECA, Council, user groups, and the broader community.

REBUILDING AFTER FIRE

If you need help rebuilding after fire, including planning exemptions and planning and building permits, contact [Corangamite on 5593 7100](tel:55937100). For Pyrenees residents, go to go.vic.gov.au/4t0gFW7.

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CLEAN UP SUPPORT

The Victorian Government is providing a free, voluntary, and tailored clean-up program for residential homes, businesses, and community assets destroyed or heavily damaged by the January 2026 bushfires.

The program includes hazardous material removal, demolition, and site clearing for uninsured or underinsured properties. Register for assistance by calling 1800 560 760. Eligibility criteria apply.

EMERGENCY RECOVERY SUPPORT PROGRAM (DFFH)

The Emergency Recovery Support Program helps people and families after a major emergency.

Recovery support officers can help you with things like:

- health and wellbeing services
- financial advice and assistance
- finding local services
- insurance and legal questions
- registering for government services.

Support can include advice, referrals, or more involved help if needed.

You can call the Emergency Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760 or you can also contact your local council.

ESSENTIAL WATER REPLACEMENT

Applications for relief drinking water close this Thursday 2 April.

Emergency relief drinking water is available to help households affected by the January 2026 Victorian bushfires. Relief drinking water is a one-off delivery of up to 20,000 litres of clean domestic water.

Further information about essential water replacement, including the application form, can be found on the VicEmergency website at emergency.vic.gov.au/relief-and-recovery/1156 or contact your local Council.

AGVIC - FREE FARMER DINNER

Refresh and Reset - Beeac Farmer Dinner
Thursday 2 April, Farmers Arms Hotel Beeac
Free event

Come along to connect with other farmers from South West Victoria to share a meal, and focus on practical steps for the months ahead.

The session will support farmers to make confident and timely farm management decisions leading into Autumn 2026. With guidance from experienced advisors Adam and Cath Jenkins, the workshop will explore key decision points, seasonal triggers and practical planning across livestock, pasture, financial and operational management.

2-course meal provided, drinks at bar prices.

Learn more and register at:

go.vic.gov.au/412i69z

WASTE MANAGEMENT

If you need assistance with general waste or steel collection, **Pyrenees** and **Corangamite** will provide a skip bin or schedule a steel collection. Please contact **Pyrenees on 1300 797 363** or **Corangamite on 5593 7100** to lodge a request.

Information on hazardous waste disposal can be found at go.vic.gov.au/4t0gFW7

BLAZE AID

The BlazeAid camp is now based at the Bradvale Recreation Reserve, 549 Crawfords Rd, Bradvale.

With just over 30 volunteers on site, they are ready to help with repairing internal and external fences. This includes clean up of fences.

They can do parts of the work or work with contractors to get fencing repaired quicker.

BlazeAid Open Day | Monday 6 April

BlazeAid is hosting an open day at their Bradvale camp on Easter Monday and invite farmers to come have a chat and learn about how they can help.

Contact Christine Male on 0418 745 994 to learn more or register for assistance.

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FIRE RECOVERY FUND

The Skipton to Streatham Fire Recovery Group has established a dedicated account to manage donations. All funds raised will support fire-affected people and communities.

Details:

Name: SKIPTON TO STREATHAM FIRE RECOVERY

BSB: 633-000 | Account number: 241004076

LEGAL AND INSURANCE SUPPORT

These agencies provide free legal assistance, including help with insurance claims.

- Allied Justice 1800 466 488 or alliedjustice.org.au
- Disaster Legal Aid 1800 113 432 or disasterlegalhelp.org.au
- Australian Financial Complaints Authority afca.org.au/

RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICES (RFCS)

The RFCS can support farmers with applications for and assistance with:

- Various grants available through drought and fire recovery programs
- Negotiations with insurers and lenders
- Low interest Regional Investment Corporation loans
- Developing farm budgets and strategic plans
- Reassess budgets with the rising cost of fuel and fertiliser
- Succession planning
- Many other services which they are familiar with, and which help farmers manage their business

Their counsellors are passionate about their work because they live in the region they service, many are from farming backgrounds themselves. Call 1300 735 578 or visit wswrcs.com.au

IT'S OK TO NOT BE OK

It's understandable to feel concerned or experience strong emotions throughout the recovery process, particularly for people who have been impacted by bushfires and other events in the past.

Such events can bring back difficult memories and feelings, including fear, sadness or loss.

Everyone responds and recovers differently, and for some, that process may take time.

These reactions are a normal response, but staying connected with others, talking about how you're feeling, and taking practical steps where possible can help.

Seeking support when needed is a positive and important step toward recovery.

RURAL AID: 1300 175 594

**NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER
HEALTH:** 1300 375 330

1800RESPECT 1800 737 732

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: 24/7
1800 808 284

BEYONDBLUE: 1300 224 636

LIFELINE: 13 11 14

KID'S HELPLINE: 1800 551 800

MENSLINE: 1300 789 978

**GRAMPIANS
COMMUNITY HEALTH:**
Head to Health: 1800 595 212
Step Thru Care: 5338 4500

For more information and resources visit:

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go.vic.gov.au/3P1UrmI
go.vic.gov.au/3YDCaOq
go.vic.gov.au/4t0gFW7