

# STREATHAM TO SKIPTON FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE



**Pyrenees**  
Shire Council

**Number 16: Wednesday 24 June 2026**

## FIRE RECOVERY ENQUIRIES:

ARARAT 5355 0200 | [CORANGAMITE 5593 7100](tel:55937100) | [PYRENEES 1300 797 363](tel:1300797363)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Skipton FNC - Home Game

Saturday 27 June

Learn more: [www.skiptonfnc.com.au/events](http://www.skiptonfnc.com.au/events)

## IT'S OK TO ASK FOR HELP

There are a range of supports and programs available to help you through your recovery—it's okay to ask for help. Recovery Officers from Council and Grampians Community Health are here to listen and help you navigate and connect with services, and you can contact either—there's no wrong place to start.

- Karen Sherlock, [Pyrenees Shire Council 1300 797 363](tel:1300797363)
- Lia Sarto, [Corangamite Shire Council 0456 567 814](tel:0456567814)
- Prue Liddy, [Corangamite Shire Council 0428 619 278](tel:0428619278)
- [Ararat Rural City Council | 5355 0980](tel:53550980)
- Grampians Community Health | 1300 247 647

## IN-PERSON SUPPORT

Grampians Community Health visits  
Bluestone & Bubbles Cafe, Skipton  
Tuesday - Thursday, 10am - 2pm

[Pyrenees](#) Community Recovery Officer Karen Sherlock is available for in-person support at:

- Bluestone & Bubbles Café, Skipton  
Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am–2pm,
- Recovery Hub | Streatham Hall  
Fridays, 1-3pm

## FARM CRIME

Farmers are reminded to remain vigilant around thefts from farms, particularly for fuel theft. If you have witnessed any suspicious activity or want to report theft, please contact your local police or call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444. Please call '000' if you need police urgently, an offender is present, a crime is in progress, or there's a threat to life, or property.

## LOOK OVER THE FARM GATE

An additional \$400,000 is now available through the Look Over the Farm Gate program to support farmers in drought and bushfire recovery. Delivered by the National Centre for Farmer Health, the program funds community-led events with grants of up to \$5,000 each, bringing people together to support farmers and their families. **Closes 30 June.** Learn more at: [farmerhealth.org.au/look-over-the-farm-gate/](http://farmerhealth.org.au/look-over-the-farm-gate/)

## FREE MULCH AVAILABLE

Free mulch is available at Carranballac Recreation Reserve for anyone in the community. Feel free to come and collect some.

## 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 by calling 1800 560 760. Eligibility criteria apply.

## 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.

## TREES ON FARM PROGRAM

The Victorian Trees on Farms Program (VToF) provides grants to rural landowners seeking to integrate trees into their land. Grants of up to \$4,000 per hectare are available (eligibility criteria applies). **Closes 30 June.** Learn more: [go.vic.gov.au/4fE9ONt](http://go.vic.gov.au/4fE9ONt)

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## CHRISTINE MALE RECEIVES ROTARY HONOUR



Words from Dale:

“On Monday I had the pleasure of presenting A Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) to Mrs Christine Male from the Beaufort Rotary Club in her home at Tragalgon.

A PHF is an award given by Rotary and only awarded to very special Volunteers outside of Rotary. Christine has been a volunteer for 15 years first as a helper pulling down burnt fencing and putting up new fences.

Then as a camp leader, a role she carries out amazingly well. Chris’ ability to organise volunteers from all walks of life is a special gift, and I am in awe of her.

Not only does she run camps but she helps train future leaders. Chris is Vice President of BlazeAid. She does this with the wonderful support of her husband John.

The Skipton Community would like to thank her for the role she played in the rebuilding of the fences but our faith in humanity.”

## BLAZE AID

BlazeAid has volunteers available to assist with rebuilding and repairing internal and external fences. This includes clean up of fences. To register contact Jen Weightman on 0418 275 575.

## CARRANBALLAC RECREATION RESERVE

Pyrenees Shire Council will receive a lump sum insurance payment for the Carranballac Recreation Reserve and enter into an agreement with a yet-to-be-determined community body that will take responsibility for rebuilding the reserve using the insurance funds.

Council will continue to support the community throughout the process, helping with planning, coordination and governance as needed.

Further details about the community partnership and project timeline will be shared as they are confirmed.

## EMERGENCY RECOVERY SUPPORT PROGRAM (DFFH)

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

## IT'S OK TO NOT BE OK

**RURAL AID:**  
1300 175 594

**LIFELINE:** 1 3 1 1 1 4

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

**KID'S HELPLINE:**  
1800 551 800  
**MENSLINE:**  
1300 789 978

**1800RESPECT:**  
1800 737 732  
**MENTAL HEALTH  
SERVICES:**  
24/7 | 1800 808 284

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

**BEYONDBLUE:**  
1300 224 636

For a full list of resources visit:

[Corangamite  
go.vic.gov.au/3YDCaOq](https://go.vic.gov.au/3YDCaOq)

[Pyrenees  
go.vic.gov.au/4t0gFW7](https://go.vic.gov.au/4t0gFW7)

[Ararat  
go.vic.gov.au/3P1Urml](https://go.vic.gov.au/3P1Urml)