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River Murray Flood Community Newsletter

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Message from Alex and Deb

Welcome to the latest edition of the River Murray Flood Community Recovery Newsletter.

It's been a pleasing couple of weeks on the recovery front. Deb and I have been out an about as usual. We are still dealing with issues people are experiencing as they navigate through the recovery process relating to issues such as insurance, clean-up and more generally, interacting with organisations supporting the recovery. We hope some of you had time to see one of the Adelaide Guitar Festival shows while they were in the regions.

Whilst demolitions are occurring in the area, these and other recovery activities are being hampered by the wet weather. Nevertheless, you can be assured that the clean-up teams will take advantage of any good weather days to continue to assist you.

While on the subject of the weather, we have received reports about rising water levels along the river. Importantly, to answer some of your questions and to help you understand what's behind this, we have included some information (and a recent news article) in this newsletter.

Hopefully by now you are all aware that we are in the midst of the consultation phase about new planning rules which have been designed to allow construction of dwellings that can serve to mitigate flood damage into the future. There is a piece in this newsletter below on those rules. We encourage you to take a good look at them and get to one of the sessions to give your feedback if you have not already done so.

Community Justice Services SA have included a piece about their Disaster Legal Support Program which might be of some benefit to individuals and communities. This is highly informative and may be invaluable to you as the recovery process continues.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us should you need further information or to be linked to someone who can assist with issues you may be confronting.

For any flood-related queries call the State Relief and Recovery Infoline on 1800 302 787, visit sa.gov.au/floods, visit a [Recovery Centre](#), or contact either Deb Richardson or myself. I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter.



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Important Changes - New planning rules in place now



A suite of new planning rules designed to protect River Murray regions from future flood events and assist with a strong recovery and rebuild came into effect last fortnight.

To enhance the region's recovery, the interim changes came into immediate effect from the 29th June 2023, allowing building approvals to be fast tracked.

This coincided with the start of community consultation to shape the final, long-term code amendment – the River Murray Flood Resilience Code Amendment – which seeks to enhance the region's resilience and reduce the impact of any future flooding events or declared emergencies.

South Australians are invited to have their say on the River Murray Flood Resilience Code Amendment on the [yourSAY](#) site.

Some excerpts for your interest are:

If a property owner currently has an existing ground level dwelling that cannot be repaired (which is explained further below) it will generally need to be replaced with an elevated dwelling.

New dwellings and dwelling additions should also avoid impeding floodwaters. To achieve this, they must either:

- ***be wholly located outside of the 1956 floodplain, or***
- ***limit undercroft enclosures to 15 square metres in area that do not contain habitable rooms and that are clad with removable panels or roller doors.***

Further, the following forms of remediation works generally require approval and you will be required to consult with the relevant council for confirmation:

- ***replacement (or addition) of structural framing (floor, wall and roof) members, and***
- ***replacement of stairs and/or balustrades.***

The interim amendments to the Planning and Design Code include:

- ***Requirements around height of floor above ground – the ‘finished floor level’***
 - ***Maximum height increased from 2.5 metres to 3 metres, or up to 4 metres to be above the level of a one-in-100-year flood event.***
 - ***Minimum heights along the river based on updated one-in-100 year flood event data.***
- ***Maximum overall building height increased to 8 metres, up from 7.5 metres, with a two-storey cap.***
- ***Updated resilient design and materials for underfloor structures***
 - ***Installation of roller doors or similar on all four sides of any enclosed area to ensure the free passage of floodwaters.***
- ***Maintain open space areas around storage areas, with maximum storage area increased to 60 square metres, up from 15 square metres.***
- ***Streamlined assessment for sheds, carports and garages which are located behind a riverfront dwelling, removing previous red tape.***
- ***Rezoning flood-affected shack settlements, including Paisley and Murbko, to assist development applications and rebuild efforts.***

[Everything you need to know, and the Code Amendment can be found at yourSAy.](#)

Info - Understanding the current rising river levels this winter



We appreciate there have been many questions raised regarding the river water levels this winter, please find a link to the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) website. They have posted quite a bit of information relating to what is being experienced at the moment which can help you understand the current levels. The material includes the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) as well.

Updates will be available as things change and DEW are monitoring what is occurring very closely.

For more information, please visit [DEW Flows and daily water levels page](#)

There is also a link below to an interesting news interview that took place in recent days regarding River Murray levels and weather patterns.

<https://indaily.com.au/news/2023/07/11/winter-rains-see-river-murray-rise-again/>

Info - Mid-Murray Council defer waste collection charge for uninhabitable properties.

Mid Murray Council



Mid-Murray Council recognises that the 2022/23 River Murray Flood event has left many properties along the River uninhabitable and requiring demolition.

As a result of this, Council has resolved impacted property owners can now apply to defer their Domestic Waste Bin Charge.

Properties that meet the eligibility criteria will be able to surrender their bins and have the service charge temporarily removed from their rates notice.

Who is eligible?

Properties where the dwelling is uninhabitable and will be demolished within the next 18 months as a result of the 2022/23 River Murray Flood.

A third party assessment report, from an insurance assessor, engineer or JLG/DMA, is to be provided to Council as part of the application, in addition to meeting the criteria list in the declaration on the [application form](#).

To apply:

To apply, please complete the [Request for removal of Domestic Waste Bin service charge Form](#) by **30 June, 2024**.

Please note, that if a charge has already been applied to the property for the respective period, upon successful application, this charge will be rebated.

More Information:

For more information, please visit <https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/rates/flood-event-2022>.

Feedback - iReach Re-Growth workshops with Sophie Thomson



Our last Re-Growth Garden Recovery Workshop with Sophie Thomson was held in Swan Reach on the 29th June after previously visiting Mannum, Murray Bridge and Jervois. The workshops were a fantastic way for communities to connect and focus on wellbeing. Sophie spoke about the mental health benefits of gardening, how to rebuild soil for the future following inundation and the use of wicking beds as a way of getting hands back in the soil regardless of the stage of flood recovery.

We know that gardens play an important role in people's lives and considerable time and investment goes into them which is often lost in a natural disaster. This loss is often not acknowledged, and generally as a society we tend to think of grief as something reserved only for when people die, however this is not the case. Sophie spoke about the loss of the garden and what that can mean for people, which had the benefit of validating loss and giving permission to grieve which is powerful tool for mental health and wellbeing.

Thanks to everyone that attended, as well Country SA PHN for providing the funding and everyone that contributed to making the events happen!

Vouchers - Round two progress update



The first round of the River Revival Voucher program injected an estimated \$3.1 million into the Murray River, Lakes and Coorong and Riverland visitor economies.

The South Australian Tourism Commission surveyed people who redeemed a voucher in round one, which found the voucher program not only pumped expenditure in the regions, but greatly increased awareness of what the Murray River has to offer.

The second round of bookings has already generated more than \$2.5 million in bookings value alone, providing an immediate economic boost for tourism businesses impacted by the once-in-a-century flood last summer.

Bookings for round two close on 25 July, with a second chance draw being held on 27 July which will see unused vouchers cancelled and reissued to ballot entrants to drive further bookings.

Events are also set to help boost visitation to Murray River communities, with Illuminate Adelaide bringing immersive light installations to Mannum in August with 'River Lights', and the Santos Tour Down Under men's Stage 4 race to start at Murray Bridge in January 2024.

Full media release: <https://tourism.sa.gov.au/news-articles/success-for-river-revival-vouchers>.

Info - Community Justice Services: Disaster Legal Support Program



Please find some information about the [Disaster Legal Support Program](#) through Community Justice Services SA. They can offer free legal advice appointments (phone or in person at an outreach) on a range of issues, and Community Legal Education throughout the region, on request.

Information about the Disaster Legal Support Program, including support for communities impacted by floods is also online at:

<https://www.communityjusticesa.org.au/how-can-we-help/dlsp/>

There will also be some Lifeline **Wellness Sessions for people impacted by the River Murray floods** where the Riverland Community Justice Centre / Disaster Legal Support Program will be guest speaking at the following events (included in this newsletter below also):

Blanchetown 8th August. 10:30 – 2:30pm :

<https://events.humanitix.com/accidental-counsellor-workshop>

Bowhill 9th August, 10:30 – 2:30pm : <https://events.humanitix.com/wellbeing-sa-grant-funded-accidental-counsellor-workshops>

You can follow their **social media page(s)** and/or sign up to the **mailing list**:

Riverland Community Justice Centre Social Media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverlandCommunityJusticeCentre>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/riverlandcommunityjustice/>

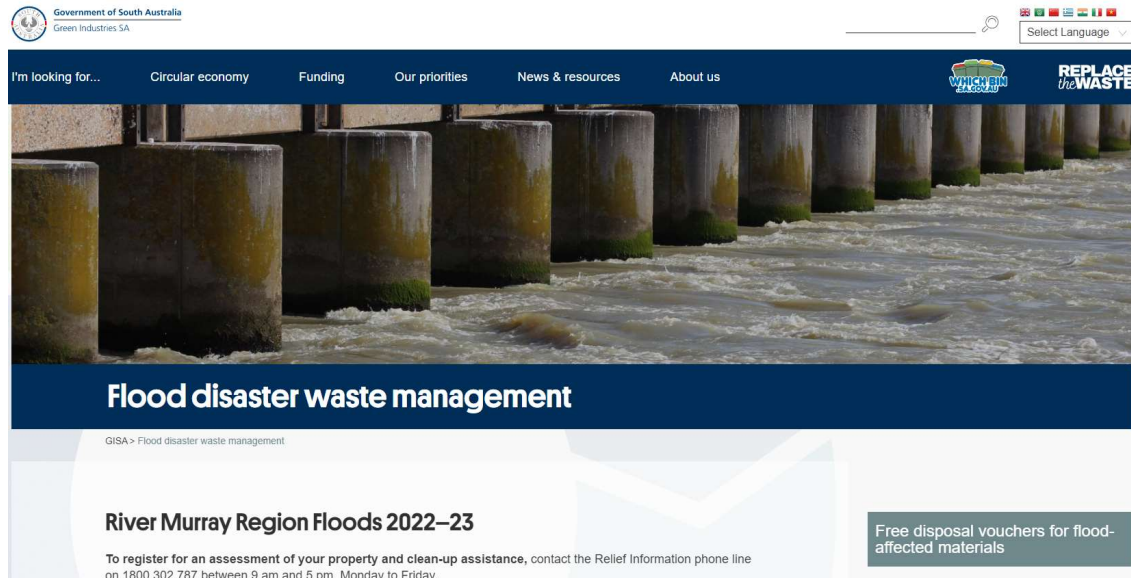
Disaster Legal Support Program Social Media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/disasterlegalsupport/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/disasterlegalsupportprogram/>

Mailing List Sign Up: <https://www.communityjusticesa.org.au/contact-us/community-justice-mailing-list/>

Vouchers - Dump vouchers extended!



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Government of South Australia website. It includes the logo for Green Industries SA, a search bar, and a language selection dropdown. Below the navigation bar is a large image of floodwaters flowing through concrete pillars. A dark blue banner across the image reads "Flood disaster waste management". Below the image, the page title "River Murray Region Floods 2022–23" is displayed. A text box provides contact information for an assessment and clean-up assistance. A green call-to-action button reads "Free disposal vouchers for flood-affected materials".

The voucher program for disposal of flood-affected materials, which was due to end on 30 June, has been extended to Monday 31 July.

All existing vouchers will be honoured until this date, and can be collected and redeemed at any [participating transfer station](#).

For a complete list of participating transfer stations and their respective opening hours, [visit the GISA website](#).

The types of flood-affected materials you can dispose of include:

- hard waste (furniture, mattresses, household items, whitegoods)
- garden waste and trees, branches and reeds that may have washed onto your property
- debris from your house and sheds (metal, bricks, timber, piping, fittings)
- plant and machinery (tools, lawnmowers, bikes and similar)
- water sport equipment.

Other accepted items which must be kept separate include:

- electronic equipment and electrical items
- hot water systems
- air conditioners.

To learn more about the disposal vouchers for flood-affected materials, [read the FAQs](#).

Ongoing kerbside waste clean-ups will continue until all flood affected materials have been removed.

Assessments across the River Murray region have commenced.

To check the status of your assessment or get further information on progress, contact Disaster Management Australia on [1800 418 491](tel:1800418491).

Further information

For details on flood waste management, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/floods.

Grants - Small Business Flood Grants application periods extended and eligibility updated

**River
Murray
Flood**

**Small business
grants**

**Application periods
extended &
eligibility updated**

 Office for
Small & Family
Business


Government
of South Australia

Flood Recovery Grant has been extended until 31 December 2023.

The **Flood Recovery Grant** is available to help pay for costs of clean-up and reinstatement of small businesses and not-for-profit organisations that experienced damage as a result of the River Murray flood. Recently the

definition of a **sole trader small business** changed, to those that derive at least 50% of the income from the business.

Industry Support Grant has been extended until 30 September 2023.

The **Industry Support Grant** is a \$10,000 payment for an eligible business that usually operates in the affected area and has experienced a downturn of 30% or more in revenue over three consecutive months, up to and including April-June 2023. This grant may cover your usual business costs or be used to make changes to your business so it can operate effectively post-flood.

Eligibility now includes **businesses that have been operational for less than one year**, if the business can demonstrate that income received was 30% less than anticipated.

Information on all small businesses flood supports, including guidelines and eligibility criteria can be found at www.business.sa.gov.au/floods.

Financial counselling through Rural Business Support (RBS) is available to help you on 1800 836 211 (freecall), email enquiries@ruralbusinesssupport.org.au or visit [Rural Business Support](#).

Grants - Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal



The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Prepare & Recover program supports communities in remote, rural and regional communities across Australia to implement initiatives that **prevent and prepare** for future climate related impacts, or **recover** from existing disasters in the medium to long-term timeframe, generally one to ten years after the disaster.

Grants **up to \$25,000** are available for not-for-profit organisations to deliver a broad range of initiatives to strengthen the capacity and capability of local people, organisations, networks, and systems that help communities to be informed, skilled, connected and resourced for the future.

For more information and specific funding requirements for South Australian flood-impacted communities, please visit the [Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal](#) website. **Application close 31 August 2023** (with funding announced in late November).

Grants - Non-Government Organisation (NGO) grants



Non-Government organisations (NGOs) and/or Not-for-profit organisations (NFP) play an important role in assisting communities and individuals with recovery from emergencies and disasters.

These organisations generally deliver their services through volunteers who are crucial in helping out communities. While volunteers offer their time for free, it is acknowledged that NGOs/NFPs have ongoing costs in providing the supervision, training, equipment, and supplies that enable volunteers to undertake activities and work safely and effectively.

In recognition of this, funding is available to support non-government and not-for-profit organisations assisting flood-affected communities to recover from the flood. Grants can be used towards supervising or training volunteers, purchasing critical supplies and assist with the rapid deployment of crews on the ground to assist with recovery activities.

The first round of flood-related NGO grants was announced in February 2023 and Round 2 is now open. If you are an eligible organisation, we encourage you to have a look at the fund guidelines and get your application in to help you help others.

The closing date for Round 2 is 31 August 2023. For more information or to apply, please visit [Relief and financial assistance | Recovery](#).

Grants - Foundation SA's Disaster Recovery Grants remain open



APPLY NOW — GRANTS TO SUPPORT RECOVERY INITIATIVES FOR FLOOD IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Applications for Foundation SA's Disaster Recovery Grants remain open, offering South Australian-based non-profit organisations up to \$10,000 to support community-led recovery initiatives in the Riverland and Murraylands areas.

The South Australian Disaster Recovery Fund was developed by Foundation SA as a disaster response for non-profit organisations working in impacted regions.

Foundation SA activated the fund to gather donations and support flood-impacted communities.

Thanks to the generous support of four South Australian philanthropic foundations and the general public more than \$75,000 for these grants has been raised so far.

Who is eligible to apply?

All local South Australian community organisations, non-profits and local councils working in flood-impacted communities across the following LGA's are invited to apply:

Alexandrina
Berri Barmera
Coorong
Karoonda East Murray
Loxton Waikerie
Mid Murray
Murray Bridge
Renmark Paringa

How much funding is available and when do applications close?

Grants will be offered between \$5,000 to \$10,000 depending on the nature of the proposed project.

Foundation SA understand not all organisations are ready to apply for funding. **Applications will remain open until all funds are expended.** Foundation SA encourage you to apply when you are ready. Applications will be assessed as they are submitted.

Grants will be offered for projects in two focus areas

Community Recovery

Grants to support the delivery of programs, initiatives and events that bring people together, enhance community resilience and support local needs throughout the long-term recovery efforts; and programs that build preparedness for future disasters.

Environmental Recovery

Foundation SA will fund projects that aim to restore natural environments and leverage positive environmental outcomes the floods have presented, such as native flora and fauna restoration and recovery projects, cultural site protection measures and research and education for future resilience and preparedness.

[For more information and to apply click here.](#)

Free Event - Accidental Counsellor Workshop



Accidental counsellors often find themselves in a counselling role by accident, as a result of conversations or requests from customers, colleagues, friends or others. Facilitated by experienced Lifeline mental health trainers, this FREE

workshop provides practical and effective skills to step into the shoes of a counsellor and be able to respond to and support others when they're experiencing a challenging time.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course participants will be able to:

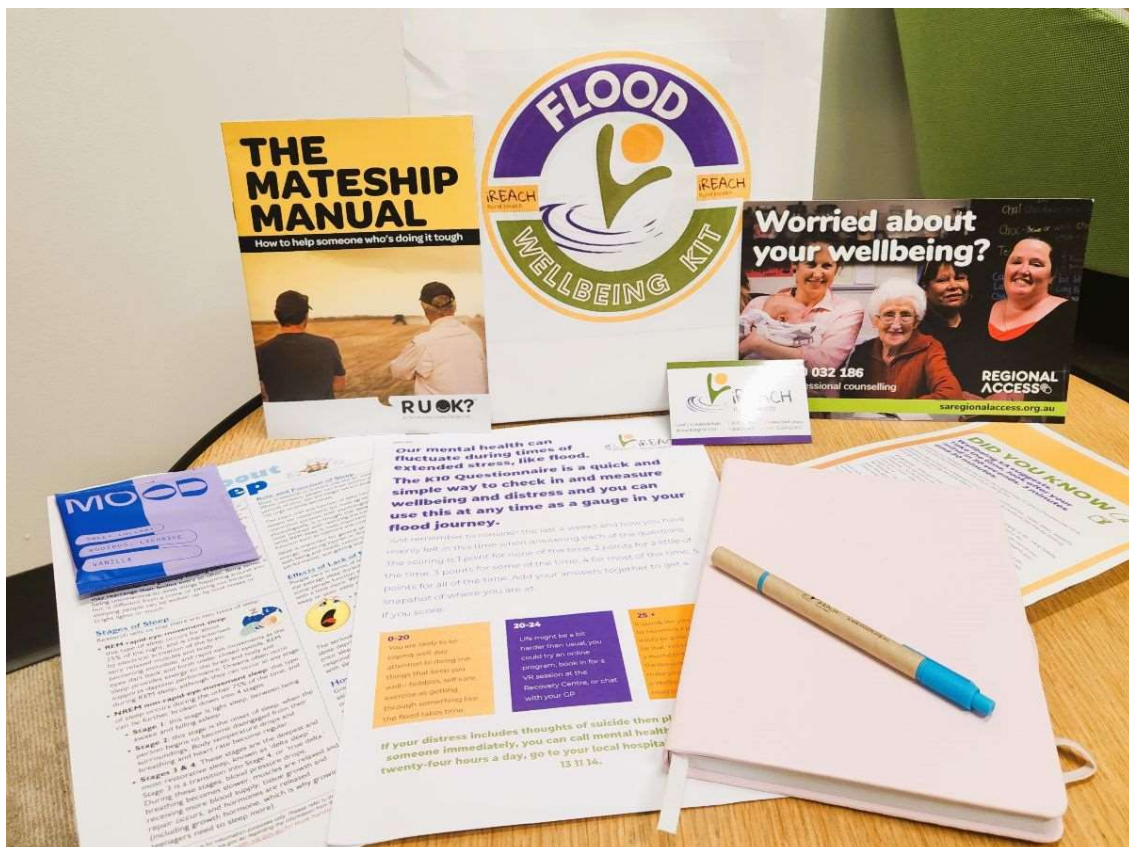
- identify signs of people in emotional crisis
- improve communication and active listening skills to provide support
- gain awareness of mental illness and suicide intervention
- discover helpful support options and referrals
- explore self-care strategies when in a supporting role.

You can click the image above to go directly to the Register page or click on your preferred session for flyer and booking QR Code.

BLANCHETOWN - 8th August 2023

BOWHILL - 9th August 2023

Resources - iReach Wellbeing Kit anyone?



Our mental health and wellbeing exists on a continuum and changes over time. The [iREACH](#) flood wellbeing kits provide resources to assist people affected by flood to track their mental health, suggest ways that they may be able to enhance wellbeing and provide useful resources and links.

Recovery after natural disaster is a marathon not a sprint and our need for support and wellbeing can change over time. Whilst these changes may occur when someone is connected to services and agencies, this may not always be the case. The kits are a great way to encourage conversation, empower people to manage their wellbeing and support them to connect with services such as recovery and community wellbeing officers.

The kits will be rolled out over the next month, so keep an eye out for yours **at community events and the recovery centres!**

Update - Johns Lyng Disaster Management Australia



DMA and our partners have been working hard to continue to provide support under the Flood Clean-up program to the community. We have held the first two of our community BBQs which were very well attended, providing an opportunity for the community to meet and also discuss the program with DMA staff. Waste collection is nearing a significant milestone of collection and disposal of almost 9,000 tonnes of flood affected waste and we have conducted close to 600 Structural Assessments. Demolitions are underway as is hazard reduction of properties.

If you would like to talk about the free support that is available to you please call the DMA number listed below.

Kerbside Collection

Collection of flood affected waste remains a key area of support with demand from the community fluctuating. Our crews are regularly identifying piles of waste for future collection and registrants continue to request extended kerbside collection if it is not practical to place the waste on the road or

kerbside. If this is something that you need please contact DMA on the number below to schedule your collection.

Hazard reduction

For those registrants who would like to opt in for hazard reduction including mould treatment and removal of flood affected asbestos, please get in touch with your Case Manager. To facilitate this work we will need to complete a Structural Assessment to assess your property and define a scope of works. This may require some a hygienist to take some samples from your property. Once your Scope of works is approved your allocated site supervisor will be in touch to arrange the signing of your consent deed.

Demolition Summary

If you wish to demolish your home or shack, under the program this is complete removal so you are in a position to rebuild a new dwelling, you need to opt in through your Case Manager via the DMA number below.

To help progress the demolition, the sooner an abolishment of power is arranged at your property, the less delay this will cause. This must be requested by you, the property owner, through SA Power Network. SA Power Networks have waived the standard published fee for the abolishment of a service connection in response to the River Murray Floods. You can arrange an abolishment of power by simply contacting your power provider, calling SAPN on 13 12 61 or emailing SAPN on customerservice@sapowernetworks.com.au. As this process can take up to 15 days, the sooner it is arranged the better.

Disaster Relief Australia Summary

Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) has wrapped up its six-week flood recovery operation in the Riverland. Volunteers have now left the area after spending more than 5,400 hours on the ground to assist the community with flood clean up. More than 100 DRA volunteers have assisted on the operation and have helped hundreds of residents remove damaged debris and property.

Community BBQ's

DMA held two free Community BBQs on Saturday 8 Jul to provide an opportunity for people to catch-up, have something to eat and talk to DMA staff about the program and what support is available. These were held in Blanchetown and Swan Reach and were well attended by local residents. We enjoyed meeting everyone who attended and look forward to the next BBQs in August. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Kerbside Collection Schedule

Please note that this schedule may change due to demand, weather, and other unforeseen circumstances. Registrants will receive the collection schedule through this newsletter, the GISA website flood clean-up map, and SMS messages.

Monday, 17 July 2023

Beaumonts

McBean Pound

Murbko / Idyll Acres
Ridge Road, Murray Bridge

Tuesday, 18 July 2023

Pelican Point
Blanchetown – Page Drive, McPhee Avenue
Marks Landing
Bolto – Khartoum Road
Cowirra

**Wednesday, 19 July
2023**

Punyelroo
Cowirra

**Thursday, 20 July
2023**

Younghusband
Bowhill

Friday, 21 July 2023

Walker Flat

Monday, 24 July 2023

TBC via update when available

Tuesday, 25 July 2023

TBC via update when available

**Wednesday, 26 July
2023**

TBC via update when available

**Thursday, 27 July
2023**

TBC via update when available

Friday, 28 July 2023

TBC via update when available

If you have not yet registered your property and would like assistance, please register with GISA on 1800 302 787 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. If you have already registered and wish to discuss your case, please contact DMA on 1800 418 491.

Info - Demolition

Insured and uninsured properties are eligible for a **free demolition**.

1. The first step is to talk to your insurer and follow their assessment process.
 2. If you are advised that your property is considered a total loss and that you will receive a payout from your insurance provider you can opt in for a free demolition.
 3. Check your settled sum against your policy details. Some policies include the cost of a demolition in the sum insured, while others will be in addition to the sum insured. As the South Australian and Australian government are covering the costs of demolitions, insurance providers have agreed to pass on these savings to policy holders. If your policy has demolition costs as an additional sum, make sure this has been paid to you. You can discuss this with your insurance provider.
 4. Have your insurance documents ready for discussion
 5. Once you have done these steps, or if you are uninsured, please call Disaster Management Australia (DMA) on 1800 418 491 to discuss next steps.
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Contact - Riverlands & Murraylands mental health support



Fact Sheet

Riverland and Murraylands mental health support

When a disaster happens, it is common to feel stress and grief. Some people will recover without formal help, and others might need some extra support to help get things back on track.

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed and struggling to cope, reach out to local services that can provide mental health and wellbeing support – they're here to help.

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Click here to view the [Riverlands and Murraylands mental health support fact sheet](#) where you will find all the relevant contact information for each service and provider.

Contact - Marine safety hazard reporting



As the water subsides, people are back on the water, and clean-ups begin, you may notice some substantial debris either in the water or submerged. If you do, and believe it to be a safety hazard created, please do not hesitate in reporting it. The most effective method to do this is via the Report a marine safety concern link (listed below). This will ensure that the report is directed to the appropriate place to have it assessed and dealt with as necessary.

[SA.GOV.AU - Report a marine safety concern \(www.sa.gov.au\)](http://SA.GOV.AU - Report a marine safety concern (www.sa.gov.au))

Info - Visit a Recovery Centre



Recovery centres are operating in Mannum and Murray Bridge, with recovery services also available at the Berri Housing SA office. A range of agencies are available through these centres including Disaster Ministries, Services Australia, Good Shepherd, the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) and the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS).

In addition, another round of pop-up recovery centres are continuing. Have a chat with a friendly Recovery Officer who can help with:

- Access to recovery information and referrals
- Quick and easy grant assessments
- Well-being check-ins and referral if needed
- GISA clean-up registrations and assistance with follow up
- Access to clean up suits, paint brushes and cleaning products
- A friendly ear to talk to
- Assistance with recovery grant applications

Berri

Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Housing SA office
[29 Vaughan Terrace, Berri](#)

Mannum

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
9:30am to 4:30pm
Mannum Institute
[47 Randell Street, Mannum](#)

Murray Bridge

Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm
[28 Bridge Street, Murray Bridge](#)

Info - PIRSA's flood recovery update



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 - Lower Murray reclaimed irrigation areas
 - Flood recovery update

Flood recovery update

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The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) continue to provide regular updates through their flood recovery update web page.

The web page provides important information on flood recovery activities undertaken by the PIRSA and the Department of Environment and Water (DEW), including the dewatering progress and levee assessment and stabilisation. Key flood recovery contacts are also provided.

[Click here](#) for more information and to view the latest updates.

Info - DEW River Murray SA newsletter



River Murray news

The *River Murray SA* newsletter will help keep you updated on the latest environmental projects, opportunities and events for industry and community in the River Murray area. The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) send the newsletter to subscribers once a month.

To read more or to subscribe, [click here](#) or the click the image above.

Info - Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine (JEV) still available

★ ★ ★ ★ **AT HOME OR ON HOLIDAY** ★ ★ ★ ★

★ **FIGHT** *the* **BITE** ★

PROTECT YOURSELF *against* **DISEASE-CARRYING MOSQUITOES**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ **COVER UP. REPEL. ELIMINATE.** ★

WEAR LONG, LOOSE FITTING CLOTHING.

USE INSECT REPELLENT.

ELIMINATE THE WATER THEY BREED IN.

Mosquitoes spread serious and potentially even deadly diseases when they bite. For more important information on how you can Fight the Bite, contact your local council or visit sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite


Government of South Australia
SA Health

Eligible people are encouraged to book their vaccination now.

Eligibility:

- regularly spend time outdoors placing them at risk of mosquito bites, or
- are experiencing homelessness, or
- are living in conditions with limited mosquito protection (e.g. tents, caravans, dwellings with no insect screens), or

- are engaging in outdoor flood recovery (clean-up) efforts, including repeated professional or volunteer deployments.

For more information about JEV, eligibility, and where to get vaccinated please follow the link below:

[Japanese encephalitis virus \(JEV\) vaccine | SA Health](#)

Info - Flood recovery health fact sheets

The screenshot shows the SA Health website interface. At the top left is the Government of South Australia logo and 'SA Health' text. To the right is a red emergency button that says 'DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY?'. Below this is a search bar for 'Search SA Health'. A navigation menu includes 'Careers', 'Clinical resources', 'Conditions', 'COVID-19', 'Healthy living', 'Public health', 'Services', 'About', and 'Contact'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Public health > Flood - staying safe and healthy'. The main heading is 'Staying safe and healthy during and after a flood'. Below the heading is a short paragraph: 'During and after a flood, there are increased risks to health and safety. The main health risks while in flood-impacted areas include:'. To the right of the main text is a 'On this page' sidebar with a list of links: 'Avoid contact with floodwater', 'Cleaning up after a flood', 'Protect against disease as floodwaters recede', and 'Watch out for snakes, spiders and other pests'.

SA Health has developed a series of fact sheets to assist flood-affected communities recover from the River Murray flood event. These fact sheets cover a range of topics including managing flies after flooding, dealing with mould and snake bite first aid advice.

For more information and to view these fact sheets [click here](#).

Info - Keep informed

The banner features the Government of South Australia logo on the left. The main text reads 'Helping flood-affected River Murray communities recover'. Below this, there are two contact options: a phone icon with '1800 302 787 State Relief and Recovery Infoline' and an information icon with 'sa.gov.au/floods Latest recovery information, financial assistance and support'. On the right side of the banner is a photograph of a river with a boat and people, set against a backdrop of red rock cliffs. At the bottom of the banner is a blue call-to-action button that says 'For clean-up information and assistance, call the State Relief and Recovery Infoline on 1800 302 787'.

Recovery can be complicated so we are frequently updating our website to ensure you remain up to date.

Visit sa.gov.au/floods for information on the River Murray flood recovery. You can also view details of upcoming community meetings, subscribe to this newsletter and view previous editions.

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