

Cudlee Creek fire recovery newsletter



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Welcome from Alex Zimmermann



Welcome to the first edition of the Cudlee Creek fire recovery newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to keep you informed about what is happening in the recovery process and how

the entire recovery team can assist you.

I was appointed the Local Recovery Coordinator for the Cudlee Creek fire on 23 December 2019.

My role is about working closely with the Adelaide Hills community to understand your recovery needs so that the many government and non-government agencies that are here to assist you can provide what is needed.

I previously served as the Local Recovery Coordinator for the Pinery fire and the Virginia floods and I trust that those experiences will directly benefit your personal and community recovery.

These newsletters will be a source of important information on a range of topics over the next few months and I encourage you to read them as well as share them with anyone in your personal network who may have been impacted by the fires of December 2019.

I hope you are aware there is enormous support for the recovery of your great community. These offers are coming from not only your fellow South Australians but people all over Australia and even some from overseas. In addition, the Federal, State and Local Governments continue to provide enhanced support wherever possible.

I encourage you to regularly visit the Cudlee Creek fire recovery page at www.dhs.sa.gov.au/cudleecreek to stay up-to-date with what is in place to support you in your recovery.

Alex Zimmermann

Local Recovery Coordinator

Cudlee Creek fire recovery centre

The recovery centre is located at the Fabrik Arts and Heritage building in the Old Woollen Mill - 1 Lobethal Road, Lobethal and is open daily from 7.00am to 7.00pm.

Please note the centre will be CLOSED for the Australia Day public holiday Monday 27 January however the recovery hotline will be operating 8am to 8pm on 1800 302 787.

If you've been impacted by the fires in any way drop by the centre, register your details and have a chat to one of the team.

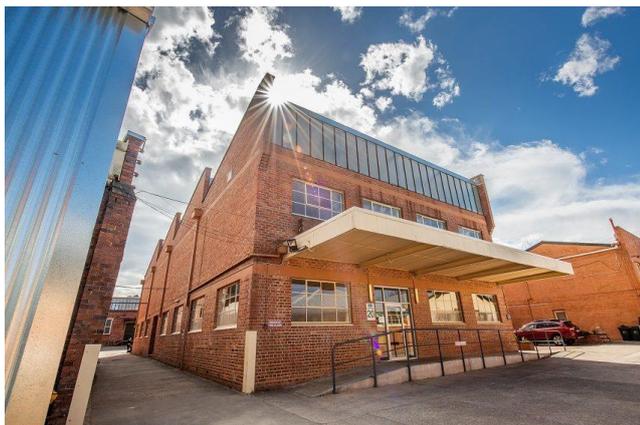
The centre is a 'one-stop shop' for practical support and advice as you begin your recovery which can include the process of rebuilding homes and businesses.

It combines the resources of Federal, State and Local Government, as well as community organisations. It offers a place to seek the answers, advice and support you need at this critical time.

The agencies represented will evolve to meet the changing needs of the community as the recovery process continues.

Importantly, the recovery centre also welcomes those impacted by the Kangaroo Island fires.

An outreach team is available to visit your home. **If you know someone who is unable to come to the centre please speak with the team who may be able to arrange a home visit.**



The recovery centre in Lobethal

State Emergency Relief Fund

The State Emergency Relief Fund (SERF) has been established in response to the Cudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island fires.

The SERF is administered by an independent committee, whose primary function is to ensure that all donated funds are distributed appropriately and fairly to people and communities impacted by the fire.

If you live within the Cudlee Creek fire area and your property was damaged, or you suffered other injury, loss or damage you should apply as soon as possible as you may be entitled to a monetary gift from the fund.

An application form is available online at www.dhs.sa.gov.au (click on <Fire and disaster recovery>, <SA Bushfire Appeal>), or from the Recovery Centre in Lobethal. Alternatively you can request a form by emailing StateEmergencyReliefFund.Applications@sa.gov.au.

Waste Management

The State Government is rolling out the South Australian State Disaster Waste Management Plan, led by Green Industries SA (GISA).

GISA is assisting with CCA timber and ash, hazardous chemicals and asbestos 'treatment'.

For more information on waste management drop in to the recovery centre and register your needs or visit Green Industries SA (GISA) at www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/bushfires.

For additional advice on dealing with waste visit the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) website at www.epa.sa.gov.au.

Please get in touch with your local council in relation to assistance they can provide. Council contact information details are included on the back page of this newsletter.

Join our Facebook group

We have a dedicated Facebook group for people impacted by the Cudlee Creek fire. This private group is for those directly impacted by the fires rather than the general public.

It is a place to ask questions, share information and resources, and connect with your local community during the recovery phase. To join visit www.facebook.com/sarecoveryinfo and click on 'groups' to the left of the page.

Financial assistance

A range of grants are available to help you with your recovery. If you're struggling to navigate your options speak to a team member at the recovery centre to find out if you are eligible.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT GRANTS

How much?

Up to \$10,000

Who is it for?

To help people who are uninsured, and whose principal residence (home) has been damaged by bushfire, to repair bushfire-damaged homes or replace essential household items.

Who is providing the grant?

Jointly funded under Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. The SA Housing Authority will administer the grants under its Emergency Relief arrangements.

Where can I find out more?

Phone the SA Recovery Hotline on [1800 302 787](tel:1800302787) between 8:00am and 8:00 pm or visit the recovery centre, Lobethal.

STATE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (SERF)

How much?

Applications will be reviewed by the independent committee on an individual basis.

Who is it for?

For people directly affected by the fires in Cudlee Creek or Kangaroo Island

Where can I find out more?

Visit www.dhs.sa.gov.au and click on <Fire and disaster recovery>, <SA Bushfire Appeal>. Phone (08) 8226 8966 or email StateEmergencyReliefFund.Applications@sa.gov.au. Alternatively visit the recovery centre in Lobethal.

RECOVERY GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

How much?

Up to \$50,000

Who is it for?

Small businesses affected by the Cudlee Creek bushfires for immediate costs associated with clean-up, restoration and rebuilding.

Who is providing the grant?

Jointly funded under the Commonwealth–State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Where can I find out more?

Visit the Supporting Business in South Australia website at www.business.sa.gov.au/bushfires, phone the SA Department for Innovation and Skills on 1300 142 820 or visit the recovery centre in Lobethal.

RECOVERY GRANTS FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS

How much?

Up to \$75,000

Who is it for?

Primary producers affected by the Cudlee Creek bushfires to assist with the immediate costs of rebuilding and recovery.

Who is providing the grant?

Jointly funded under the Commonwealth–State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Where can I find out more?

Visit the PIRSA website at www.pir.sa.gov.au, phone the PIRSA Recovery Hotline on 1800 931 314 or visit the recovery centre in Lobethal.

DISASTER RECOVERY ALLOWANCE

The Disaster Recovery Allowance is a short-term payment to help you if a declared disaster directly affects your income. It is payable for a maximum of 13 weeks from the date you lose your income.

Where can I find out more?

Visit the Department of Human Services website at www.bit.ly/disasterallowance or visit the recovery centre in Lobethal.

DISASTER RECOVERY PAYMENT

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment is a one-off payment to help you if a declared disaster significantly affects you.

How much?

If you're eligible you will get \$1,000 per adult and \$800 for each child under 16 years of age.

Where can I find out more?

Visit the Department of Human Services website at www.bit.ly/disasterpayment, phone 180 22 66 or call into the recovery centre in Lobethal.

RED CROSS EMERGENCY GRANTS

How much?

Up to \$10,000 per household

Who is it for?

If your primary place of residence (your home) has been destroyed in a bushfire.

Where can I find out more?

Visit the Red Cross website for more information at www.redcross.org.au/grants or call into the recovery centre in Lobethal.

VINNIES BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT

How much?

Up to \$5,000

Who is it for?

Anybody living or working in a bushfire area who has experienced damage to their property, shed, fence, vehicle or stock.

Where can I find out more?

Phone 131 812 (select option 2) or speak to a St Vincent de Paul team member at the recovery centre in Lobethal between 9:30 and 4pm Monday to Friday commencing 28 January.

VINNIES EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT

How much?

\$1,000

Who is it for?

People over 18 years of age living or working in the bushfire area, with expenses resulting from the fire who have not received any other emergency funding from Vinnies.

Where can I find out more?

Phone 131 812 (select option 2) or speak to a St Vincent de Paul team member at the recovery centre in Lobethal between 9:30 and 4pm Monday to Friday commencing 28 January.

Who is providing the grant?

Funded by the Commonwealth Government

Events

Recovery Community Meeting - Harrogate

You are encouraged to attend a community meeting with Local Recovery Coordinator Alex Zimmermann. Hear the latest recovery information, ask questions and connect with organisations offering assistance.

WHEN: Thursday 23 January, 7pm to 9pm
WHERE: Harrogate Soldiers Memorial Hall
13 Mail Road, Harrogate

Managing livestock after fire

Recent rainfall is welcome and you might wonder if this is the time to bring livestock back onto your pastures.

Find out more at this free session by livestock specialist Dan Schuppan to help you manage your livestock while your land recovers.

WHEN: Friday 24 January, 12:45pm with afternoon tea to follow at 2:30pm.
WHERE: Woodside Institute - 30 Onkaparinga Road, Woodside.
RSVP: For catering purposes phone **0488 472 168** or email james.hall2@sa.gov.au.
INFORMATION: Contact your local Natural Resources office (Black Hill **8336 0901** or Mount Barker **8391 7500**).

This event is brought to you by the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges, and SA Murray Darling Basin NRM boards, in partnership with Livestock SA.

Cudlee Creek Bushfire Benefit Concert

WHEN: Sunday 9 February, 11.30am to 9pm (gates open 10am)
WHERE: National Motor Museum - Shannon Street, Birdwood.
COST: Entry by generous donation at the gate.
INFORMATION: www.motor.history.sa.gov.au

Contact information

Recovery details

Recovery Hotline: 1800 302 787

Lobethal Fire Recovery Centre:
Old Woollen Mill - 1 Lobethal Road, Lobethal
7.00am to 7.00pm daily.

Cudlee Creek Fire Recovery website:
www.dhs.sa.gov.au/cudleecreek

SA Recovery Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/SArecoveryinfo

Local Councils

Adelaide Hills Council: (08) 8408 0400
www.ahc.sa.gov.au

Mount Barker District Council: (08) 8391 7200
www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au

Mid-Murray Council: (08) 8569 0100
<https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/>

Agriculture and livestock

PIRSA: 1800 931 314
www.pir.sa.gov.au

Livestock SA: (08) 8297 2299
<https://livestocksa.org.au>

Volunteering

Volunteering SA&NT: 1300 135 545
www.volunteeringsa.org.au

Waste management

Green Industries SA: (08) 7071 3723
www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/bushfires.



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