



## Donations

Thank you to everyone who has made a physical donation to support our community. You have filled every available hall and shed and we cannot take any more. If you would still like to help, we encourage you to donate to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund. You can do this at [www.appealswa.org.au](http://www.appealswa.org.au)

All donations are really appreciated.

## Announcement

The Shire of Harvey welcomes the appointment of former Western Australian Governor Ken Michael to Chair the State Recovery Co-ordination Group. Shire CEO Michael Parker met with Mr Michael on Monday 25 January to begin the discussions.

## Blaze Aid

BlazeAid is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disaster.

A basecamp will shortly be established in the Waroona/Harvey area to assist property owners to rebuild their fences.

Farmers can register for assistance and keep up-to-date by visiting [www.blazeaid.com](http://www.blazeaid.com)

If you want to know more contact Brian Carr, Co-ordinator, on **0428 984 117** or email [blazeaid.waroona@gmail.com](mailto:blazeaid.waroona@gmail.com)

## Yarloop Works

**Site Stabilisation** – Works began in Yarloop on 21 January with affected properties being sprayed with a PVC bonding agent to suppress dust that contained harmful asbestos fibres.

**Air Monitoring** – On Saturday 16 January an independent laboratory commenced monitoring 12 locations within Yarloop. The results have returned clear of all harmful substances.

**Hazardous Material Warning** – An asbestos alerts is in place. It is imperative that affected properties are not disturbed as a harmful asbestos fibre is amongst the debris. Anyone within the town site is required to have a permit and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment.

## Yarloop Primary School

The school will relocate to nearby Harvey for the start of the new school year.

Director General Sharyn O'Neill said ongoing safety concerns in the town meant it was not feasible to re-open the site for the start of term.

The Department of Education will cover costs for families that were affected by the fire who require this support to get their children back to school.

Parents should contact their schools to discuss these arrangements.

## Hay Deposit Locations

<b>Waroona:</b>	Lot 340 Coronation Rd	Mike Walmsley 0419 946 426
<b>Wokalup:</b>	Harvey Ag, Mornington Rd	Geoff Howell 0417 681 361
<b>Cookernup:</b>	Community Hall, Riverdale Rd	Malcolm Hayes 0427 335 361
<b>Coolup:</b>	Murray Equestrian Centre, Murray St	Natalie Barr 0407 219 552

*For more information on stockfeed, donations and deliveries please contact;*

<b>Western Dairy:</b>	Dairy Farmers	0435 174 719
<b>WA Beef Council:</b>	Other Livestock	0437 281 491



## Recovery Committee Update

The Recovery Committee was established on Friday 9 January and has met regularly. Four sub-committees have been formed:

- Finance
- Community
- Infrastructure
- Environment

Community representatives are involved in each sub-committee to assist in leading the recovery process.

### Finance

The Shire has been processing the State Government Grants *Disaster Recovery Payment* for loss of property (\$3,000 for total destruction and \$1,000 for partial loss). As of 21 January, 137 applications had been processed and paid and 10 applications were pending.

The *Disaster Recovery Allowance* is a short term payment (13 weeks) to assist people who have lost income due to direct result of the fire.

People have until the 11 July 2016 to submit a claim.

To claim visit [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) to download an application form or contact **180 22 66**

### Community

Mr Andrew Forrest held a public meeting at the Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre on Monday 18 January at 5.30. It was well attended.

The WA Stands Together Concert was held at the Harvey Dam Amphitheatre on Wednesday 20 January raising \$627,000. The event organised by Channel Nine was a fund-raiser for the Lord Mayor's Appeal which now stands at 4.5 million, and to thank the local fire brigade members.

### Infrastructure

Western Power is co-operating with the Shire to re-energise its system. Power has been restored to the initial 7,000 customers that experienced outages. A remaining 115 properties are without power and will be connected this week.

If you have questions regarding the safety of your drinking water or service charges please contact the Water Corporation on **13 13 85**.

A dual lane side track for both light and heavy vehicles has been constructed at the location of the damaged Sampson Brook Bridge.

### Environment

The Shire is working with State agencies concerning the following issues;

- Dust testing for standing houses in Yarloop.
- Residents being able to re-enter the sites prior to demolition/removal.
- Time frame from contractors to clean-up.

Information to assist landholders with farm recovery after a bushfire is available at [www.agric.wa.gov.au](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au) or phone **9780 6200**.

## Shire's Commitment

Everyone's concerns are important to us and we are working at full capacity to ensure every member of our community in the affected fire areas is provided with assistance. We are also focusing on the farming community, as its capacity to function is critical to both the Shire and the State.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Western Power	<b>13 13 51</b>
Water Corporation	<b>13 13 85</b>
Main Roads	<b>13 81 38</b>
Centrelink Payment Claims	<b>180 22 66</b>
Australian Red Cross	<b>1800 810 710</b>
Child Protection & Family Support	<b>9222 2800</b>
Emergency Counselling Support	<b>0417 457 583</b>
Livestock and Urgent Agriculture Issues	<b>9780 6200</b>
Wildlife Care Helpline	<b>9474 9055</b>
Australia Post (Mail Redirection)	<b>13 13 18</b>
Blaze Aid (Fencing Assistance)	<b>0428 984 117</b>

## Get in Touch

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