



### DFES Bushfire Update

Two bushfire advices remain in place for people in the area south of Forestry Road and Uduc Road as well as 15 kilometres east of Yarloop at Hoffman. Currently there is no threat to lives or homes but it is important to stay informed by visiting [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or tune into the local ABC radio 684 AM.

DFES is investigating one of the fires in the Darling Scarp as the circumstances of how it started is suspicious. DFES is committed to reducing the number of deliberately lit fires and works closely with WA Police to detect and assist in the identification, apprehension and conviction of arsonists.

The Shire of Harvey held a Community Recovery Meeting to introduce the Leaders of the State Recovery team, Bob Hay the State Recovery Coordinator and Dr Ken Michael the State Recovery Controller addressed residents and announced that a Project Manager for the Yarloop clean-up had been appointed. Rene Baur from the Shire of Mundaring having had previous experience from the Mundaring fires will be overseeing the clean-up works.

Mr Hay explained that the State has never before experienced the scale nor the complexity needed for the Yarloop clean-up. It was explained that it was intended to consult with property owners regarding the clean-up of their sites and residents were strongly advised to support the State co-ordinated project which will assist them financially.

Mr Hay also advised that negotiations had been held with the Insurance Council of Australia regarding the benefit of clean-up values being retained for policy holders were applicable.

Many interesting and important questions from the community were addressed by the visitors to the best of their current knowledge. Mr Baur intends to move to the area to oversee the clean-up process.



### Cookernup Community Volunteers

We have just so many individuals groups agencies and organisations to thank, however we would like to make a special thank you to the wonderful Cookernup community volunteers. This little group have worked so hard over past weeks assisting Yarloop, rural residents and firefighters through this disastrous and difficult time. Your efforts have lightened the load of so many in dire circumstances.

**Thank you and well done!**

### Insurance Forum

The Insurance Council of Australia are holding an Insurance Forum for claimants affected by the bush fire on Wednesday, 24th February at the Harvey Recreation Centre commencing at 5:30pm.

Representatives from the ICA and experts from relevant insurance companies will attend the forum.

The forum is for claimants only and registrations are essential on 1800 734 621. Registrations close at noon on 24th February 2016.

## 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 681 825
<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





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Prioritise your wellbeing. You are going through a highly stressful experience. It is normal that you might be having strong emotional reactions such as sadness, anger, anxiety and frustration. You may also be finding it hard to concentrate, think clearly or make decisions, this is also normal after an emergency event. It takes time, but stress reactions will fade if you have the right information and look after your wellbeing. The most important things you can do is stay connected to family and friends. Make time for pleasure and leisure. You can help family and friends by spending time with them and offering support and listening, this helps them to calm down and start thinking. Get more information by visiting:

<http://redcross.org.au/self-care.aspx>

Or if you feel you need more individual support contact the Emergency Service resilience officer on

**0417 457 583**



## Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund

The Board of the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund has finalised categories which will be used to distribute financial assistance, to both township and rural properties affected by the fires in the Shires of Waroona and Harvey.

Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi, said "Categories for Assistance have been designed to provide as much relief as possible."

The amount donated to the LMDRF is currently almost \$6 million.

People can access an application form online at:

[www.appealswa.org.au](http://www.appealswa.org.au)

[www.harvey.wa.gov.au](http://www.harvey.wa.gov.au)



Or directly from the  
Harvey Shire Office  
102 Uduc Road, HARVEY



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## BlazeAid Assistance

BlazeAids basecamp is located at Waroona's Oval, on the corner of Millar Street and South Western Highway. Fencing work has begun with the 51 farmers that have registered for assistance.

For more information contact Brian Carr the Co-ordinator on **0428 984 117**

[blazeaid.waroona@gmail.com](mailto:blazeaid.waroona@gmail.com)



## 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>
Emergency Counselling Support	<b>0417 457 583</b>
Australia Post (Mail Redirection)	<b>13 13 18</b>
Blaze Aid (Fencing Assistance)	<b>0428 984 117</b>
Rural Link	<b>1800 552 002</b>

## Get in Touch

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[recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au](mailto:recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au)

Or you can download the newsletter from our website [www.harvey.wa.gov.au](http://www.harvey.wa.gov.au)



## Donations of Goods

Just another reminder that we cannot accept any more donations of household/clothing goods due to long term storage issues of these items. We thank people for their generosity and remind them that there are several appeals currently still in progress to assist those affected by the bush fire event.