



Community Recovery Meeting Wednesday 9th March

The Shire of Harvey held a Community Meeting on the 9th of March 2016 for the State Clean-up team to explain the clean-up process and, where possible, obtain approvals from owners and residents to clean-up their properties.

Project Manager Mr Rene Baur explained that Yarloop will be divided into clean-up zones, with contractors starting from the perimeter, working inwards. Car bodies will be the first of the destroyed items to be removed.

'Authority to Act' Forms were distributed at the meeting and Mr Baur explained their content and the need for these forms to be completed and returned as soon as possible. It is essential for the State to obtain approval from property owners to proceed with the clean-up. **The return address for the clean-up approval forms is PO Box 634, Harvey 6220.**

For those people who were unable to attend the last meeting approval forms were mailed out on Tuesday the 15th March to property owners.

If you would like to contact the clean-up team directly you may do so via email firecleanup@dpc.wa.gov.au or mobile phone on 0408 935 763. Further information on the clean-up process is available at www.dpc.wa.gov.au.

Next Community Recovery Meeting

The next Community Recovery meeting will be held on Wednesday the **30th March 2016** at Harvey Recreation Centre from **6.30pm**.

BlazeAid

Attention all farmers in the Harvey Shire who have lost fences in the recent bushfires. Please register for assistance, we are here to help you. Contact **Brian Carr 0428 984 117** or send an email to blazeaid.waroon@gmail.com

STATE RECOVERY TEAM UPDATE

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- Thanks to those who have already completed and returned their 'Authority to Act' forms for the clean-up sent in the mail-out to more than 300 people on Tuesday 15 March.
- The State Recovery Team is requesting completed forms be returned as soon as possible, so the clean-up team can start work.
- If you have not already registered with the State Recovery Team, please do so via:



firecleanup@dpc.wa.gov.au or call (08) 6552 5335

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Relocating During the Clean-up

As the State Government commences the clean-up of the Yarloop town site and surrounds, residents will need to move out of their homes for a short period of time to ensure their safety. Accommodation is available through the Department for Child Protection and Family Support by submitting a request form that accompanies the State's Approval Forms recently distributed.

Please call the **Department of Child Protection and Family Support** on **0417 457 583** if you require accommodation during the coming clean-up of Yarloop and surrounds.

Have you Completed your Application?



Please return your applications for the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund as soon as possible.

Applications forms are available from the Shire of Harvey website www.harvey.wa.gov.au. Please return written application via post to the Shire of Harvey, PO Box 500, Harvey WA 6220 or email to recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au



Wednesday Morning Teas at Cookernup Hall

The Cookernup Hall has been holding get together morning teas on **Wednesdays from 10am**. Come and join us for a cuppa and chat in the relaxing company of those who understand and care.

The Hall is open and stocked with essential items for those in need. Information is also available on an array of important topics related to the bushfire recovery process.

Temporary Accommodation for Rebuilding After the Clean-up

The Shire of Harvey is investigating the need to establish an accommodation facility in Yarloop for property owners wishing to rebuild their homes following the clean-up by the State Government. Such accommodation would be available for 12 months in 'donga' style housing and/ or caravans.

If this option interests you, please let us know either by filling out an Expression of Interest form available at the Shire's front counter or by sending an email to recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au stating you are interested in temporary accommodation whilst rebuilding in Yarloop.

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It's Okay to Take a Break

Its normal to feel a range of emotions such as fear, sadness and anger after experiencing a devastating bushfire. Feeling overwhelmed and finding it difficult to plan ahead is also common and not a sign of weakness.

We have listed some steps you can take to make the situation more manageable.

- **Spend time with family & friends** - regular contact with people you trust and who support you is critical following a disaster.
- **Try to get back to a routine** - it can be hard at first because life may be rather chaotic. Routine is particularly important if you have children.
- **Be Healthy** - look after yourself, it will help you gain strength to get through this hard time.
- **Take time out** - do things that you enjoy. Reconstruction activities can take over and drain you both physically and emotionally. It's important, despite it all, to take time out.
- **Write down your worries** - is a practical problem solving tactic that may help identify specific feelings you are experiencing.
- **Express your feelings** - there are many ways to express your feelings such as drawing, painting, playing music or making crafts.
- **Accept help when its offered** - getting help may feel uncomfortable for some, however, there is no reason not to accept the kindness of others.
- **Don't expect to have the answers** - It's normal to feel unsecure and confused when the unexpected happens and there are no guarantees about how the future will turn out.
- **Realise your not alone** - It may help to know many people are feeling the same as you. Isolating yourself is unlikely to make the situation better.



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