



## Bushfire Recovery Update

### Rural Outreach

The Shire of Harvey in conjunction with Red Cross and with assistance from other Local Governments conducted a second rural outreach from the 12th - 14th October. Outreach teams visited people impacted by the January bushfires to check on their welfare and preparedness for the next bushfire season. Over 360 properties were visited.

### Yarloop Town Development Working Group

A Town Development Working Group has been established to provide advice and guidance on the restoration and rebuilding of community facilities and infrastructure in Yarloop. The community representatives on this Working Group are Mr Phil Penny, Mr David Harvey and Ms Julie-Ann McMiles. Representatives nominated from the Shire of Harvey include Cr Tania Jackson, Cr Paul Beech and Cr Greg Campbell.

### Yarloop Bushfire Anniversary Event

A Working Group has been established to help with the planning and organisation of a small event to be held in Yarloop on the one year anniversary of the January bushfires. The community representatives on this Working Group are Mr Steve Osborne, Ms Carmel Hill and Mrs Helen Alexander. Representatives nominated from the Shire of Harvey include Cr Bill Adams and Cr Amanda Lovitt.

### Yarloop Fire Station

Plans for the new Yarloop fire station are currently being finalised with representatives from the Yarloop Bushfire Brigade and Department of Fire & Emergency Services. The final design will be referred to the State Heritage Council for comment followed by tender advertisement. Given the public interest, the plans will be presented at the next Community Recovery Meeting and be available for viewing at Shire Office. Further updates will also be provided in this newsletter.

## Have Your Say!

Please forward your ideas, suggestions and view points to our two new Yarloop Working Groups;

- ⇒ Yarloop Town Development Working Group
- ⇒ Yarloop Bushfire Anniversary Event Working Group

We are keen to hear how you see the future development of Yarloop and your ideas for a small event to acknowledge the 12 month anniversary of the January bushfires. If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to put forward, please email [recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au](mailto:recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au).

*Your feedback is important to us and we appreciate your time and effort to provide us with your input.*



## State Recovery Team Contacts

As of the 23rd September, 2016 the State Clean-up Team have left Yarloop however Toxfree contractors are finishing the last of the required works.

**If you need to contact the clean-up team please**

Call (08) 6552 5335 or email  
[firecleanup@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:firecleanup@dpc.wa.gov.au)

## Bushfire Community Events

- ⇒ **Cookernup Morning Tea** - Join the Cookernup crew on Wednesday mornings from 10am at the Cookernup Hall for morning tea and great company.
- ⇒ **Yarloop Connect Luncheon** - Every Tuesday from 11.30am, the Yarloop CRC, Red Cross and CPFS hold a BBQ lunch at the Yarloop Primary School.
- ⇒ **Harvey Morning Tea** - Held on the first Thursday of the month at the Bushfire Recovery Centre, the next one is on **3rd November** starting at 10am.
- ⇒ **Farmers Breakfast** - Held on the second Friday of the month. The next breakfast will be at the Uduc Fire Station on the **11th November** starting at 7.30am.



## Salvation Army

Cassandra Armstrong our newest team member to join the Bushfire Recovery Centre from the Salvation Army.

Cassandra is a Financial Counsellor and is offering free services to fire affected families and individuals in Yarloop, Harvey, Waroona and surrounds. To contact **Cassandra** please call **0474 162 867** for a quiet chat or to book a confidential appointment, at no cost, between the hours of **10am - 2pm**. Outreach services are also available. We can help with the following;

*Review your current financial situation ~ Assist you to design a budget ~ Discuss opportunities to improve your situation ~ Negotiate with credit providers ~ Advocate on your behalf ~ Accessing entitlements for assistance ~ Information on bankruptcy & alternatives ~ Assist with NIL's loan applications ~ Referrals to other agencies ~ Assist with Emergency Relief Services*



## Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Sessions

Discover how you can prepare your household for an emergency at a Red Cross preparedness session. Receive your free award-winning 'Emergency RediPlan' which will

help you to plan ahead to manage the health, financial and material consequences of emergencies. Peppared with real-life anecdotes, facilitated discussions and activities sessions are engaging and focus on practical ways you can get prepared.

**Bookings are essential, and places are limited, so book in today!** Sessions run for 1 hour.

### REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR BELOW DATES & TIMES

1.00pm	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Yarloop Primary School
12.00pm	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Cookernup Community Centre (Hall)
5.30pm	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvey Bushfire Recovery Centre
10.30am	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Myalup Hall
10.30am	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvey Bushfire Recovery Centre
12.00pm	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Harvey Bushfire Recovery Centre

To register your interest please contact **Melissa Howard** at the Bushfire Recovery Centre on **9729 0381** or email [recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au](mailto:recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au)

*Studies have proven that 99% of people felt better prepared to deal with an emergency after attending a Preparedness Session.*



Please register your interest before 30 October 2016

*If you were in the Yarloop, Harvey, Waroona Fireground during this incident and would like to share your story or thoughts. We would love to hear from you.*

Please register your details with the Shire of Harvey  
 ☎ 08 9729 0323 or ✉ [recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au](mailto:recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au)

## Official Re-Opening of the Yarloop Library

We have some exciting news to share. The Yarloop Library will be officially re-opened on **Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 1.30pm**.

Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate this important recovery milestone at the **Yarloop Primary School, School Road**.

For further information please contact Ruth on 9729 0390 or [hstaff@harvey.wa.gov.au](mailto:hstaff@harvey.wa.gov.au)



## October is Preparedness Month

October is Bushfire Action Month and the monthly theme is about preparing your home and property. Don't wait until summer to start preparing your home and family for the bushfire season. There are precautions you can take immediately that will help protect you and your property from bushfire:

- Discuss fire prevention and preparedness with your family and neighbours.
- Prune the dead material from shrubs and trees within at least a 20 metre radius of your home.
- Clean out gutters and remove debris from your roof.
- Install firebreaks as per local fire break notices.
- Prepare your emergency kit.
- Develop or review, your bushfire survival plan. Make sure everyone in the family knows what to do in a fire.
- Prepare to actively defend or leave for a safer place.

For more information visit the brand new Emergency WA website [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au) that was launched on the 23 October 2016. Information has never been easier to find. The site has a map-based display with the latest emergency information from across the state on fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, tsunamis, hazardous spills and traffic crashes.