



## Yarloop Town Development Workshop

The Shire of Harvey has appointed a consultant to complete Yarloop's Town Development Plan. Local residents are invited to meet the consultant and view the draft plans at the Yarloop Bowling Club on **Wednesday, 29th March 2017**, commencing at **5.30pm**.

The Town Development Plan will be a significant planning document to guide the future development of the town. We encourage you to come along and provide feedback and comment on the draft plans.

For enquiries please phone Simon Hall on 97290340

## Rural Financial Counselling Services

The Rural Financial Counselling Service is a free government funded service available to assist primary producers (farmers, foresters, fishermen) in the Shire of Harvey. Counsellors will visit you on property at your home to provide a fully confidential free service. Counsellors are professionally qualified with rural backgrounds and their aim is to ensure you are financially sound and able to improve whatever financial position you are in.

For bookings and contact please call **1800 612 004**

## Community Recovery Activities

- ⇒ **Cookernup Morning Tea** - Join the Cookernup crew on Wednesday mornings from **10.00am** at the Cookernup Hall for morning tea and great company.
- ⇒ **Yarloop Connect Luncheon** - Every Tuesday from **11.30am**, Red Cross with CPFS are holding a BBQ lunch at the old Yarloop Anglian Church Hall.
- ⇒ **Harvey Morning Tea** - First Thursday of the month at the Bushfire Recovery Centre, with the next event on **Thursday 6th April 2017**, 10am.

## Yarloop Recovery Update

The rebuild phase of recovery is underway with a number of new houses being under construction within the Yarloop townsite and surrounding farming areas.

### Steam Workshops

The Yarloop Workshops is the last site left to be cleared. Over 5,000 tonnes of soil has been removed to date. The Shire is currently working with Department of Premier and Cabinet to find the best solution to the legacy waste that has been found. Further information on the clean up of the Yarloop Workshops site will be provided as soon as possible.

### Yarloop Bushfire Brigade Station

The tender for the new Yarloop Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Station closes on the 27th March 2017. Subject to the tender outcome it is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of 2017. In the meantime Yarloop Volunteer Fire Fighters will continue to share facilities with Cookernup.

### Ablution Block

Construction of the new ablution block at One Tree Park has commenced with the walls being erected and the roof to follow this week (see pic below). The new ablutions are planned to be ready in time for ANZAC day on 25th April 2017.



New ablution block being constructed in One Tree Park, Yarloop

## Red Cross Evaluation Survey

Red Cross has engaged SDF Global an independent consultant to complete an external evaluation of the ongoing recovery assistance provided to the Harvey community post the January 2016 bushfires. To aid this process SDF Global is seeking your assistance through the completion of an anonymous survey.

By participating in this survey you will be contributing to the continuous improvement of Red Cross programs. In addition, your feedback through answering these questions will assist Red Cross to improve their recovery program for communities just like yours into the future.

**Please use the below internet address to commence survey:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RedCrossBushfireRecovery\\_CommunitySurvey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RedCrossBushfireRecovery_CommunitySurvey)

The survey closes on **Friday 31st of March**.

We encourage you to share this link with your family, friends and networks. If you would like further information on the evaluation or the survey please feel free to contact Maria or Dorothy on 9582 9228 or email [sdfglobal@sustain.net.au](mailto:sdfglobal@sustain.net.au)



## Transitioning through Recovery

Recovery from any disaster event is different for every individual who has been affected by the disaster. The aim of recovery is to help and support people to get back on their feet and resume a "normal life".

Over 14 months has passed since the devastating bushfires of January 2016 and much has been achieved in that time. But for many people affected by the bushfires there is still a way to go before they are able to return to a semblance of the lifestyle that existed before the fires.

We hope that the year 2017 will see a gradual transition to normal life for many people impacted by the bushfires. The Bushfire Recovery Centre has played a critical role in supporting people in the period since the fires however as more people move on, the need to for its services will gradually reduce.

This Newsletter contains the contact details of a number of agencies in addition to those services available at the Bushfire Recovery Centre, that are available to provide assistance and advice on a range of matters.



## Harvey CRC Outreach Services

Anglicare Financial Counselling - Helps people solve immediate problems such as negotiating with creditors and assist with resolutions. Available every second Friday at Harvey CRC between 8.30 - 3pm. To book your appointment please call 9792 1900.

Accordwest Emergency Relief - Visits Harvey CRC every second Wednesday from 9.30am - 12pm providing a range of support services. Walk-ins welcome.

Southwest Community Legal Centre - Provides legal advice and information to low-income and disadvantaged people. Available at Harvey CRC every Tuesday from 9.30am - 12pm. To book your appointment please call 9791 3206.

St John of Gods Drug & Alcohol Counselling - A specialised team work closely with clients in addressing substance abuse issues. Available at the Harvey CRC every Thursday between 9am - 3pm. To make an appointment please call 9721 9256.

Great Southern Personnel - Assists people with disabilities, injury or a health condition in establishing a career. Available every second Tuesday at Harvey CRC between 10am - 12pm.

Family Support Services - provide information on education, training and community resources. Links to emergency relief. Available every Monday and Tuesday at Harvey CRC between 8.30am to 4pm.

GP Downsouth - community health and wellbeing service assisting in mental health issues, child health and a provider for Aboriginal Health Services. Available at Harvey CRC every Thursday.

### Harvey Community Resource Centre

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