

Traralgon Flood Event - Community Newsletter

Yinnar and Yinnar South

Sunday 13 June 2021

Information about the Traralgon Creek Flood Event

On Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 June, a weather system of strong winds and heavy rainfall impacted Victoria overnight, resulting in fallen trees and building damage, flooding, power outages and road closures across the state.

No significant rainfall totals are forecast for today, Monday or Tuesday.

Emergency service impact teams are undertaking damage assessments across the region. Air observers are monitoring catchments and technical specialists for flood continue to monitor the situation. Storms have caused multiple power failures across the state which in turn is affecting homes, businesses and the telecommunications carriers' services.

AusNet is assessing restoration works and expects customers in the Yinnar and Yinnar South areas should have power restored later into Monday 14 June.

Energy safe's guide to power outages can be accessed at <https://esv.vic.gov.au/pdfs/guide-to-power-outages/>

The power outages across Victoria may cause feelings of anxiety and concern in some people. It's important people look after their mental health and that of their friends and family. Support is available 24/7 from Beyond Blue and Lifeline.



Aerial image of Yinnar area on 10 June credited to Matt Lloyd

Information for people returning home after evacuating

If you are returning home after evacuating, remember to stay alert - dangerous conditions caused by flooding may remain.

Tragically there have been two lives lost in Victoria, one in Gippsland and police will prepare reports for the coroner. We don't want to see any more, so we implore the community to

please take care. Never drive in flood waters – it may be the last decision you make.

Yinnar and District Info Centre

Information Centre

Community members from Yinnar and surrounding district are advised an Information Centre will be manned by Council officers, today, Sunday 13 June between 10am and 5pm at the Yinnar Memorial Hall.

Council officers will be able to register residents and provide assistance and referrals to relevant services. Residents will be able to access to power to recharge devices. Please note, that this isn't a relief centre, it is a place to seek information. This Information Centre is following all COVID Safe requirements.

Transfer Stations

Yinnar and Morwell Transfer Stations are open. For those community members who may have spoiled food waste as a result of power outages, you can deposit your waste at our Transfer Stations, on presentation on your driver's licence or proof of identity that notes your address, for no charge.

Operating hours are:

- Yinnar – 9 am -4.30 pm
- Morwell – 9am – 2pm TODAY and 8am – 2pm tomorrow

Road closures

Department of Transport crews are working hard to clear roads and repair damage to infrastructure.

Even as flood waters recede, roads will continue to be impacted and there will likely be extensive debris including hazardous materials, tree branches, road signs and rocks.

The immediate focus is on clearing and stabilising roads and bridges to limit any further deterioration and make it safe.

There are 12 roads that are currently closed due to flooding, these include:

- Monash Way, between Commercial Road and Acacia Way.
- Tramway Road, between Church Road and Mackeys Road.
- Boldings Road, between Tramway Road and Thomson Road.
- Creamery Rd, from Main Street, Yinnar to Strzelecki Highway, Delburn
- Vaggs Road, from: Ashfords Road to Yinnar Road
- Frasers Road, near Goodings Road, Yinnar

- Hazelwood Estate Road from Yinnar Road , Hazelwood to Monash Way, Churchill
- Junction Road, from: Monash Way, Churchill to Jumbuk Road, Jeeralang Junction
- Jumbuk Road near Middle Creek Road , Yinnar South
- Whitelaws Track, from Monash Way , Yinnar South to Budgerie Road, Budgerie
- Upper Middle Creek Road, from: Gilberts Road , Yinnar South to Jeeralang West Road, Grand Ridge
- Boolarra-Mirboo North Road (C456), from: Baromi Road to Limonite Road, Boolarra
- Foster Road (C458), from Livingston Road to Olsens Road, Boolarra South
- Lawless Road, from Northways Road Churchill to Thomson Road, Hazelwood South
- Brodribb Road (C468), from Nadenbouschs Road to Yinnar Road Hazelwood

Information on updated road closures is available via 13 11 70 or the VicTraffic website traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Useful information

Gippsland Water is asking customers to conserve water where they can, as it works to restore services following this

Widespread power outages, inundation at key sites and raw water quality changes were contributing to reduced treatment capacity.

For more information visit the Gippsland Water website gippswater.com.au

Contact VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226) to speak to someone about recovering. They can connect you with people who can help.



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Mental health

It is normal to have strong emotional or physical reactions following a distressing event. There is always help available through:

- Your doctor
- Local mental health professionals
- **Lifeline** - 131 114
- **Beyond Blue** - 1300 224 636
- **MensLine** - 1300 789 978
- **Kid's Help Line** - 1800 55 1800
- **Parent Line** - 13 22 89

Family Violence

There is an increased risk of family violence after an emergency. Help is available. Visit www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence or call 1800 737 732 (1800RESPECT).

Stay informed

- www.emergency.vic.gov.au.
- VicEmergency Hotline - freecall 1800 226 226.
- VicEmergency app.
- Facebook or Twitter (#vicHAZARD).
- Local ABC Gippsland radio.

To access this information in other languages call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 (freecall) and ask them to call VicEmergency Hotline.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment contact National Relay Service on 1800 555 677 and ask them to call the VicEmergency Hotline.

COVID information

If you need to leave your home due to extreme weather or flood, please do so. Follow your normal evacuation or relocation plans in a COVIDSafe way.

If you are currently isolating or quarantining because you have COVID-19, are a primary or secondary close contact, or are awaiting a COVID-19 test result and need to relocate due to an emergency, move somewhere safe as quickly as possible. Then call 1300 651 160 (available 24/7) and press 0 to let operators know that you have relocated.