

# Our Recovery

## Council stands by the Latrobe City community

Council's thoughts are with the Latrobe City community after the storm and flood events devastated our municipality and greater Gippsland. Council recognises that people are assessing the impacts and undertaking short-term remediation works, and will need support to help them through this time. We are here to help. This is how:

### Green Waste amnesty

Community members who have been impacted by the flood and storm event can deposit uncontaminated green waste at PineGro, Monash Way, Morwell for no charge on presentation of their driver's licence or proof of identity that notes their address.

**PineGro's hours of operation:**  
Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4pm  
Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 5pm

### Fodder for stock

The charity Need for Feed Australia is offering fodder to farmers.

People wishing to receive fodder must register on both Need for Feed Australia's website - [www.needforfeed.org](http://www.needforfeed.org) (click on 'Apply for assistance' tab) - and with Council on Crisisworks. Contact Council on **1300 367 700**.

Need for Feed can deliver fodder to properties or arrange a drop-off point. If there are problems with access to the property, there may be availability in Yinnar for farmers to collect feed directly from the distribution point.

Need for Feed Australia is a project of Lions Clubs of Australia.

### Help for farmers

AgVic has rolled out a new webpage that provides links to useful flood recovery information for farmers. Go to: [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/farm-recovery-after-flood](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/farm-recovery-after-flood)

Farmers wanting to report agricultural damage or losses, or request assistance can phone **1800 226 226**.

### Road closures

For the latest information, go to: [www.traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

### Virtual Information Centre

People affected by the recent storm and flood event can receive assistance from Council by phone or online.

Staff are able to help connect people with services and explain hardship payments that are available.

To access support you can reach out by phoning Council on **1300 367 700** or go to Latrobe City Council's dedicated website: [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood)

### Transfer stations

Transfer stations remain open to the community and are at:

**Moe, Haunted Hills Road**  
7 days per week, 12.30pm to 4.30pm

**Morwell, Porter's Road** (off Tramway Road)  
Monday to Friday, 8am to 2pm  
Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 2pm

**Traralgon, Liddiard Road**  
Monday to Friday, 11am to 5pm  
Saturday and Sunday, 12pm to 4.30pm

**Yinnar, Whitelaw's Track**  
Saturday and Sunday, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Residents of flood-affected properties can take damaged property and waste to a transfer station for free by providing their name, address and driver's licence details or case number.

### Hard Waste collection

A contractor will collect hard waste from flood-affected properties in Traralgon from Thursday 17 June. Collections will be undertaken across affected streets. For full details: [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood)

### Firewood collection

Community members are reminded you are not permitted to collect storm damaged timber from roadsides. Not only does this pose a risk to your personal safety, this also causes a traffic hazard and impacts the safety of workers. The removal of roadside timber is not permitted at this stage. Authorities will advise of potential wood collection sites when areas have been declared safe.

### How you can help

**Make a donation** to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund to provide flood-affected Gippslanders with immediate support. For further information, go to: [www.gerf.org.au](http://www.gerf.org.au)

**Donate goods** to flood-affected people. GIVIT, in partnership with the Victorian Government, is urging people to give goods by visiting [www.givit.org.au](http://www.givit.org.au)

### Contact Council

**Phone** Council's Call Centre **1300 367 700**.

**Email** Council via this dedicated email account: [flood2021@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:flood2021@latrobe.vic.gov.au)

For up-to-date information, go to: [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/flood)

### Financial assistance for prolonged power outages

Disaster assistance has been made available for people affected by prolonged power outages from the storm and flood of 9-10 June 2021.

The Prolonged Power Outage Support Payment of \$1680 per week applies to all eligible households.

The payment will support people to buy necessities, such as hot meals, as well as fuel for generators or finding alternative accommodation.

The funding package is being administered by AusNet. Eligibility criteria can be found on AusNet's Storm Event webpage: [www.ausnetservices.com.au/en/About/News-Room/News-Room-2021/Storm-Update](http://www.ausnetservices.com.au/en/About/News-Room/News-Room-2021/Storm-Update)

#### **Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment**

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) provides one-off financial assistance to eligible people affected by the storms and floods.

The rate is \$1000 per eligible adult and \$400 per eligible child.

For more information, visit the Services Australia website - [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au) - or contact the Australian Government Information Hotline on **180 22 66** for claims assistance.

#### **Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements**

The joint Australian, state and territory governments' Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) provide financial assistance after the storm and floods.

Assistance includes:

- personal hardship and distress
- personal and financial counselling
- counter disaster operations
- removal of debris from residential properties
- restoration of damaged essential public assets.

For further information on recovery arrangements, visit: [www.disasterassist.gov.au/Pages/related-links/disaster-recovery-funding-arrangements-2018.aspx](http://www.disasterassist.gov.au/Pages/related-links/disaster-recovery-funding-arrangements-2018.aspx)

### Mental health first aid

Do you need professional help after the flood and storm? People should contact services if they or someone they know is feeling overwhelmed, showing physical stress symptoms, finding that relationships are suffering, using more alcohol or drugs, being physically or verbally violent, or experiencing other significant changes in their behaviour.

For help, contact: Kids Helpline **1800 55 1800**, Beyond Blue **1800 512 348**, Parentline **13 22 89**, your regular GP or health centre, family and friends or Better Health Channel [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

If you are in an emergency, or at immediate risk of harm to yourself or others, phone emergency services on 000.