

FLOOD RECOVERY NEWSLETTER



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Seeking Information on Flood Damage to Waterways



Bank erosion, Bullock Creek at Yarraberrb, October 2022
(image courtesy of Chris Heatherton)

As part of the flood recovery process, the North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) has assembled a dedicated Flood Recovery team to address the impacts to the region's waterways and associated infrastructure.

Landholders are encouraged to provide input into the assessment. If you have observed any major flood damage to waterways or associated infrastructure, please let the North Central CMA know. This could include serious erosion, major blockages, damage to riverside fencing, or extensive loss of vegetation. Landholder's information will help the North Central CMA to fully understand the impact and support them in seeking funding to repair or reinstate high priority environmental, or waterway protection works.

To register damage please scan the QR code; go to www.bit.ly/cmarepair, or call the North Central CMA on 03 5448 7124.



Landholders who have already been in contact with staff, or completed the survey, don't need to do so again. Staff will be in touch as soon as the North Central CMA has a better understanding of the extent of the damage across the catchment and an idea of the available funding.

Community Recovery Contacts

Loddon Shire Council's Flood Recovery team would love to hear from you and assist you through your flood recovery. Please get in touch if you would like to chat about flood recovery for you and your community.

Call Mal: 0499 978 145 or Josie: 0474 911 783

Insurance Council of Australia

The Insurance Council of Australia represents the general insurance industry of Australia. You can visit findaninsurer.com.au, a referral service designed to help you find an insurer who offer particular products. If you'd prefer to talk on the phone, call the Insurance Council on 1300 884 934 during business hours for assistance.

RFCS drop-ins at BRIC

Would you like to know more about flood recovery grants or are you wondering about your eligibility?

Anna McGee from the Rural Financial Counselling Service will be available for walk-in appointments at the Boort Resource and Information Centre on

Monday 6 February from 9am-3pm

Josie McKinnon, Community Recovery Officer, Loddon Shire Council, will also be onsite to answer questions about your community's recovery.



For more information please contact Josie McKinnon, Community Recovery Officer, Loddon Shire Council, on 0474 911 783



FOR RELIEF & PERSONAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE CALL 1800 226 226

Health and wellbeing support

- Nurse on Call: 24 hour caring and professional health advice 1300 60 60 24.
- National Relay Service: Assistance making a phone call if you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impediment. Speak and listen number: 1300 555 727. Teletypewriter number: 133 677. SMS relay number: 0423 677 767.
- Translation and Interpreter Services: Provides access to phone and on-site interpreting services. Requests must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance. www.tisnational.gov.au
- Lifeline: 24hr crisis support and suicide prevention services: 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au
- Beyond Blue: Information and support for anxiety and/or depression: 1300 224 636 or beyondblue.com.au
- Kids Help Line: 24hr phone and online counselling service for people aged 5-25: 1800 551 800 or kidshelpline.com.au
- Emerging Minds: Provides resources for parents, carer's and families about infant and child mental health: emergingminds.com.au
- Mind Australia-Bendigo: Call 1300 286 463 or visit mindaustralia.org.au

Local support services

Community Health / Hospitals

Boort District Health
3 Kiniry St, Boort
P: (03) 5451 5200

Inglewood and District Health Services
3 Hospital St, Inglewood
P: (03) 5431 7000

Northern District Community Health
P: (03) 5451 0200

Boort Medical Centre
2 Couatts St, Boort
P:(03) 5451 5200

Dingee Bush Nursing Centre
21 King St, Dingee
P:(03) 5436 8309

Marong Medical Centre
8 Hospital St, Inglewood
P:(03) 5438 3308

Boort and Pyramid Hill Community Health
P:(03) 5451 0200

Wedderburn Health Clinic
25 Wilson St, Wedderburn
P: (03) 5494 3511

Legal Services
Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Service
P: 1800 450 909

Neighbourhood Houses
Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC)
119-121 Godfrey St, Boort
P: (03) 5455 2716

Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House
Cnr Verdon & Market St, Inglewood
P: (03)5455 2716

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House
43 Kelly St, Pyramid Hill
P: (03) 5455 7129

Wedderburn Community House
24 Wilson St, Wedderburn
P: (03) 5494 3489

Flood Recovery Grants

Community Bank Inglewood & Districts is proud to be backing local communities in their flood-recovery efforts by offering special one-off grants of \$500 for events in communities affected by the October floods.

If you're part of a local club or organisation planning an event for a flood-affected community, drop the bank a line. The application process is simple, and they can help talk you through the requirements.

Bring some joy to your community!

For more information, email Company Secretary Robyn on companysecretary@idcel.com.au

Animal and insect related hazards

- When returning to a flood-affected area watch for rodents, snakes or spiders that may be trapped in your home, shed or garden.
- If you have been bitten by a snake, get immediate medical attention by calling 000.
- If you have been bitten or injured by an animal or insect, seek advice from a doctor.

Beat the bite

Mosquitos can breed in floodwaters. If you're travelling through or visiting this region make sure you:

- Cover up - wear long, loose-fitting clothing.
- Use mosquito repellents containing picardin or DEET on all exposed skin.
- Limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about.
- Use 'knockdown' fly spray, mosquito coils or plug-in repellent where you gather to sit or eat outdoors.
- Don't forget the kids – always check the insect repellent label. On babies, you might need to spray or rub repellent on their clothes instead of their skin. Avoid applying repellent to the hands of babies or young children.

Japanese encephalitis (JE)

- Free Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine (JEV) vaccination clinics are currently happening across the Loddon Shire.
- To find out when a clinic is in your area and how to book, please head to our website at <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/.../JEV-Vaccination-Clinics>

Loddon Shire services

For up-to-date information regarding flood recovery and council services:

- Visit our website at www.loddon.vic.gov.au
- Call our office between 8.15am-4.45pm, Monday-Friday on (03) 5494 1200; or
- Go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LoddonShire/