

FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE BULLETIN

15 FEBRUARY 2024



HEALTH & WELLBEING SUPPORT

Royal Flying Doctor Service - Flying Doctor Wellbeing - Available to those aged 18+. Call (03) 8412 0480.

Rural Financial Counselling Service - free and confidential financial support - Call 1300 735 578

Mind Australia Bendigo Call 1300 286 463 or visit mindaustralia.org.au

Orange Door - You have a right to be safe - Call 1800 512 359

Australian Community Support Organisation (ACSO) - An intake organisation for Alcohol and other Drugs, Mental health, Youth and other clinical services for the Loddon area.

1800respect - Confidential information, counselling and support service. Call 1800 737 732

Nurse on Call 24 hour caring and professional health advice 1300 60 60 24.

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

Seniors Rights Victoria - Elder abuse, prevention and support - 1300 368 821

Emerging Minds Provides resources for parents, carers, and families about infant and child mental health: emergingminds.com.au

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

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.

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 Practice

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

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

Floods and Storms - Agriculture impact reporting and recovery assistance

Loddon farmers who have been impacted by floods and have urgent animal welfare needs, please contact Agriculture Victoria on 136 186.

Loss and Damage Online Assessment Form

Please report any agricultural losses via the Agriculture Victoria online form available at <https://shorturl.at/mAJQ1>

Agricultural recovery technical support

If you would like technical assistance, please contact the Agriculture Recovery team on 0427 694 185 or at recovery@agriculture.vic.gov.au

If leaving a message please provide a contact name, phone number and locality with a brief statement about the nature of your concern.

October 2022 floods and storms

Primary producer flood recovery grants final claim date extended

The final claim date for applicants who successfully applied for a Primary Producer Flood Recovery grant for the October 2022 floods and storms has been extended from 13 January 2024 to 31 May 2024.

This date extension applies to successful applicants of the:

- Primary Producer Flood Recovery Grant
- Rural Landholder Grant
- Transport Support Program.

This extension provides primary producers and rural landholders additional time to undertake their recovery activities and finalise their claims for Tier 2 payments.

While an extension has been provided, grant recipients are encouraged to make their re-imbursment claims as soon as possible.

Rural Finance administer these programs on behalf of the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments.

If you applied to Rural Finance for financial support for the October 2022 to January 2023 floods and storms and have a question about your application, contact Rural Finance at:

- Phone: 1800 260 425
- Email: admin@ruralfinance.com.au

Controlled Traffic Wheel Track Renovation

Farmers who use Controlled Traffic Wheel Tracks in their farming system can have the tracks renovated as part of the Primary Producer Flood Recovery Grant if they received a grant following the October 2022 flood. The work will need to be undertaken as a hire or contract repair.

Wheel-track renovation involves moving soil back into the wheel ruts and packing it down. The level of maintenance required will depend on the soil type, water movement and wind erosion. For more information see the GRDC website at <https://shorturl.at/boPX0>

Bendigo Community Health Services Free Counselling

Bendigo Community Health Services is offering free mental health counselling at 165-171 Hargreaves St, Bendigo. To make an appointment to see the Counselling Team between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday call 5406 1200 or email bchs@bchs.com.au



LODDON SHIRE SERVICES AND 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



Rural Aid Counselling Service

Rural Aid's counsellors are based across Australia. Our counsellors are qualified and nationally recognised. We can connect with you via telephone or in person. **Rural Aid** counsellors regularly travel to properties for 'farm gate' sessions.

The benefits of counselling can include improved communication between you and your family, increased confidence, stronger boundaries, trauma and grief support, and finding solutions to personal challenges as a team.

Farmers, their family members, and their employees can access this free service. Retired and hobby farmers are also eligible.

Counselling line:

1300 175 594 | ruralaid.org.au/counsellors

For our mates in the bush

Thank you BlazeAid

Loddon Shire Council would like to thank BlazeAid for establishing a basecamp in Boort to provide fencing assistance to our farming community. If you are a farmer in need of fencing repair due to the recent flood and storm events, or you are a volunteer who can help out at the camp, please contact the Camp coordinator on 0461 450 471 to register your interest.



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 facebook.com/LoddonShire/