

FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE BULLETIN

23 NOVEMBER 2023



If a person feels unsafe and requires urgent assistance:

Victoria Police – 000

Safe Steps – 1800 015 188

24/7 family violence response offering professional support, information and referrals www.safesteps.org.au

Centre Against Sexual Assault

– 1800 806 292

24/7 telephone crisis counselling service for people who have experienced both past and recent sexual assault

If a person wants to talk to someone about their situation:

1800RESPECT helpline – 1800 737 732

National counselling helpline, information and support 24/7. www.1800respect.org.au

Child & Family Services (CAFS)

Provides a range of programs and services to children, young people and families who need support. www.cafs.org.au

Centre Against Sexual Assault Central Victoria

– 1800 806 292

24/7 telephone crisis counselling service for people who have experienced both past and recent sexual assault

Centre for Non-Violence

Providing family violence and homelessness outreach services in the Loddon region.

9am-5pm weekdays

Ph: 1800 884 292

Djirra – 1800 105 303

Aboriginal support services

Bendigo – 03 4435 0500 <https://djirra.org.au>

Lifeline – 13 11 24

24/7 crisis line

Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

QLife – 1800 184 527

LGBTQIA+ community peer support and referral

Relationships Australia – 1300 364 277

Family violence prevention, support and recovery. Relationships Australia | Achieving positive and respectful relationships

Safe Steps – 1800 015 188

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre

24/7 family violence response offering professional support, information and referrals

The Orange Door

A free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence

Loddon – 1800 512 359

Family violence support and extra help for children and families. orangedoor.vic.gov.au

WIRE Women's Support Line – 1300 134130

Free support, referrals & information on any issue for women, non-binary & gender diverse people in Victoria

Support, Referrals & Information for Victorian Women

InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence

Supporting migrant, refugee, and culturally and linguistically diverse women and children who are experiencing domestic violence. Bilingual and bi-cultural workers available.

9am-5pm weekdays Ph: 1800 755 988

Rural Outreach Services – Loddon Mallee

Domestic violence outreach workers provide support to women and children escaping or experiencing domestic violence.

24 hours, 7 days

Ph: (Bendigo CNV, 9am-5pm Mon-Fri) 1800 884 038

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre

Free legal information and advice to Central Victorians who cannot afford a lawyer or cannot access legal aid. Interpreter services available. 9am-5pm weekdays Ph: 1800 450 909

Housing Justice

Free, confidential advice and assistance to tenants living in Bendigo, Loddon, Campaspe, Mt Alexander, Central Goldfields and parts of Macedon Ranges.

9am-5pm weekdays Ph: 1800 450 990

Blue Knot

Support and advocacy for people who have complex trauma, and those who support them personally and professionally. 9am-6pm weekdays 9am-5pm weekends and public holidays Helpline and Redress Support Service – 1300 657 380 National Counselling and referral service – Disability 1800 421 468

Loddon says No to family violence

The global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a key international moment to call for an end to violence against women and girls. It runs from 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

Violence against women is serious, prevalent, and persistent in our region and across Australia, but it is preventable. Family violence includes violent or threatening behaviour, or any other form of behaviour that coerces or controls a family member or causes that family member to be fearful. We know that natural disasters like

fires and floods heighten the prevalence of family violence in the community. Disasters are traumatic experiences, challenging sense of self and the safety of our world. Grief and loss accompany intense disasters, necessarily co-existing with the financial and bureaucratic demands of the recovery and reconstruction phase. Increased contact between family members - often in cramped or shared accommodation - can increase tension.

Support is available. Please take note of the support services available in this Bulletin.

25 NOV to 10 DEC

LODDON LIGHTS UP ORANGE to say 'NO' to family violence!


In an emergency call: 000
Deaf or hard of hearing or for assistive communications
TTY106 NRS 13 36 77 and ask for 000

1800RESPECT- 1800 737 732 (24 hours)
The National Sexual Assault, Family & Domestic Violence Counselling Line for any Australian who has experienced, or is at risk of, family and domestic violence and/or sexual assault

The Orange Door in Loddon – 1800 512 359 (9-5 pm Monday to Friday)
for people experiencing family violence, or who need assistance with the care and wellbeing of children and young people

Safe Steps- 1800 015 188 (24 hours)
for anyone in Victoria who is experiencing or afraid of family violence

Mensline Australia - 1300 789 978 (24 hours)
for men who have been hurt by family violence or want to change their behaviour





Korong Vale Community Dinner and Flood Study Report



Residents of Korong Vale and surrounds are invited to a free community dinner in Scully's Hotel from 6pm on Wednesday 29 November 2023. Loddon Shire Council is hosting the dinner in conjunction with the North Central Catchment Management Authority.

Come and hear the study options for reducing future flooding through the town.

Places are filling fast. To register for the dinner call Rosie Last on 54941200 or email rlast@loddon.vic.gov.au



George the Farmer a hit in Loddon Shire

George the Farmer has proven to be a hit in Loddon Shire with 180 people attending the special live show at the Serpentine Recreation Reserve on Sunday, 12 November.

Against the backdrop of a beautiful spring day, children sang, danced and played along with the lively show, accompanied by a presentation from the Australian Red Cross. Children in attendance took part in the Australian Red Cross pillowcase project, which aims to reduce the impacts of disasters on people. www.redcross.org.au/pillowcase-workshops/

All the participants – young and old – enjoyed meeting George the Farmer. Outside, the Inglewood Lions Club prepared a fantastic barbecue lunch followed by fresh fruit, while the ice cream cart was a big hit for all – as was the coffee van for the adults. Attendees were

treated to fantastic live music from Sherri Parry while they enjoyed their lunch on the lawns of the Serpentine Recreation Reserve.

Council has received some lovely feedback from residents who attended the event, expressing how much they enjoyed the day, and how great it was to see so many people there.

Loddon Shire organised the event as part of Council's Community Recovery Program, jointly funded by the Australian and Victorian Governments.

Pictured:
George the Farmer with Emma and Mason Trickey.



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

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/