



Resident and Landlord Bunyip State Park Fire FAQ's (Monday 4 March 2019 4.30pm)

Should I evacuate? Where can I go?

- Advice is to observe Vic Emergency Warnings and relocate early if safe to do so.
- It's best to evacuate to friends and family outside the affected area.
- Emergency Relief Centres are open in Pakenham and Drouin, however are unable to accommodate companion pets and other animals.
- If you have companion pets, please seek relocation with friends and family.

How can I find out what's going on?

- Vic Emergency – Website www.emergency.vic.gov.au or call the Vic Emergency Hotline – Freecall 1800 226 226 or download the Vic Emergency App onto your phone.
- Tune into ABC local radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV.
- If you require emergency services, call 000 immediately.

Community Meetings

- A community meeting was held in Drouin at 11am today (4 March) and was livestreamed on the Baw Baw Shire Council Facebook page.

Where are the relief centres?

- Emergency Relief Centres (ERC) are open in Pakenham and Drouin. Please note, they are unable to accommodate companion pets.
- Drouin Relief Centre – Bellbird Park Indoor Stadium, 270 Settlement Road, DROUIN
- Pakenham Relief Centre – Pakenham Hall, Corner of John and Henry Streets, PAKENHAM

The Victorian Council of Churches Emergency Management team are available at the relief centres to provide support. A reminder that other support services such as Lifeline are also available should you require assistance.

When can I go home?

As advised by the Incident Controller at the Community Information Update at 11.00am today, at this stage it is not possible for residents and property owners wishing to get back into their properties to do so, as the fire is still ongoing.

Please remain up to date with the Vic Emergency website and Emergency Relief Centres for information.

- Police are doing a rapid impact assessment with fire crews today and tomorrow, however this may take longer as several tracks and roads are blocked due to trees across the road and still on fire.



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- Once the Incident Controller is comfortable that the risk to human life is reduced, you will be allowed to return to your property on a wrist band system through traffic management points.

What can I do about my livestock?

Horse Relocation/Lardner Park

- Lardner Park is open to receive horse floats. You will need to bring food and water for your animals if possible and must remain with your animals/floats.
- Lardner Park have issued information on their Facebook Page regarding this. Please check their Facebook page for updates.
- Lardner Park is also taking caravans and you are able to camp. See their Facebook posts for more information.

Warragul Stock Yards

- The stock yards are open and are already housing approximately 30 horses and 200 cattle (as at Sunday 2.00pm).
- Please contact Council's Customer Service team on 5624 2411 should you have any queries.

How can I donate food?

- We thank the community for your offers of food donations, however agencies and relief centres have enough supplies.
- Please contact Baw Baw Food relief in Warragul. They are open from 9am – 3pm and will accept donations. Their address is 6/11 Pearse Street in Warragul (next to the car dealership). Their contact number is 5622 3891.

What about school closures?

- The Department of Education has released the school closures via their website. <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/closures.aspx>



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I've found injured wildlife, what do I do?

- If you find an injured native animal, you can use the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's [Help for injured wildlife tool](#). This tool will help you locate and contact the closest and most relevant carers, rescue and rehabilitation organisations to help the injured animal.
- Please note this is for native wildlife in Victoria only.

Can I fly my drone today?

- Never fly a drone, model aircraft or multicopter near bushfires. While it might be tempting to record footage, you can pose a major safety risk to firefighting personnel in the air and on the ground.

What about road closures?

Roads (as at 4.16pm Monday 4 March 2019)

- The Princes Freeway remains closed in both directions between Nar Nar Goon and Drouin, due to an out-of-control bushfire.
- Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Road is also closed.
- The closures are under CFA control. The road will reopen only when it's safe to do so.
- For the latest traffic information around the state, please visit Vic Roads website.

Public Transport

- For changes to public transport please contact V-Line.

What about bin collection?

- Bin collection is as usual. Collection routes have not been impacted.
- There are no changes to the transfer stations hours.
- If you have been affected by the fires/evacuated from your property and missed your garbage collection, please contact Customer Service on 5624 2411 who will assist you with arranging an additional collection later in the week.

Baw Baw Emergency Food Relief Directory

- If you require emergency relief, or access to food because of the fires, more information can be found via the [Baw Baw Emergency Food Relief Directory](#).



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Register your name to let others know you are safe

- Go to the Australian Red Cross Register Find Reunite website to register your name to let people know you are safe if you live in a bushfire-affected area.

Further Updates

- Please visit the [Baw Baw Shire Facebook page](#) for up to date information.

We're here to help!

Still have a question? We're here to help! Please call one of our friendly customer service staff on 5624 2411 or 1300 BAW BAW (227 227).