

# Flood Recovery News in Murrindindi Shire

Edition #1

## In this edition

Dear Resident

Recovery after emergencies such as the October 2022 Floods can be a long road, and assistance, information and activities that support recovery will evolve over time. Flood Recovery News will provide relevant information to you about recovery activities happening across the Shire, updates on road and facility closures, available financial and mental health and wellbeing support and services available to you.

If you know of anyone else who may benefit from this information, please share this with them and encourage them to subscribe to receive our digital Flood Recovery News. Printed copies will be made available at Council's Libraries and Customer Service Centres. Subscribe at:

[murrindindi.vic.gov.au/recoverynewsletter](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/recoverynewsletter)

## Topics

- Updates on Council and community infrastructure
- Online Flood Hub
- Available Support
- Waterways recovery across Murrindindi Shire
- Recovery Team updates



The graphic features the 'EMERGENCY RECOVERY VICTORIA' logo at the top left. The main text reads 'FLOOD RECOVERY HOTLINE' followed by the large number '1800 560 760'. Below this, it says 'Press 9 for an interpreter'. The operating hours are listed as 'Open 8:00am-6:00pm Monday to Friday and 10:00am-6:00pm on weekends'. An illustration of a person with purple hair wearing a headset is shown on the left. The 'VICTORIA State Government' logo is in the bottom right corner.

## Flood Recovery Hotline

As you navigate your way through recovering from the floods, it is important to remember that you aren't alone, and there is support available for you.

You can call the Flood Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760. Operators can help you with clean-up services, finding a place to stay, financial support and mental health and wellbeing support.

The Hotline is open 7 days a week between 8.00 am - 6.00 pm Monday to Friday, and between 10.00 am - 6.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.



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### Local updates

Recent floods and storms have had a significant impact on local roads, bridges, parks and trails. Council and Emergency Recovery Victoria are coordinating, and assisting community with, recovery efforts across the Shire.



### Roads and bridges

#### Breakaway Bridge, Acheron

Council, Goulburn Murray Water (GMW), Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and the State Government will continue to work together to restore access to residents and will ensure local community members are involved in deciding the future of the bridge.

#### Molesworth-Dropmore Road, Highlands

A drain (culvert) was completely washed out on Molesworth-Dropmore Road during the floods. The road remains closed, with further repair works planned.

#### Whanregarwen Road, Molesworth

Whanregarwen Road suffered significant damage from the floods. Further works are planned to repair damage.

For more information on road and bridge closures and planned works, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022)

### Thornton Township

Thornton experienced significant damage to both private properties and public infrastructure, with some residents experiencing over floor flooding.

For more information on what's planned for Thornton, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/thornton](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/thornton)

### Parks and trails

#### Yea Wetlands

The Yea Wetlands sustained significant damage to boardwalks and pathways. There has also been significant damage to trees and other vegetation, making it unsafe for people to enter.

#### Great Victorian Rail Trail

Rehabilitation and stabilisation works are underway on the Great Victorian Rail Trail.

#### Flowerdale Link Shared Pathway (Flowerdale Walking Track)

There is damage and large washouts along the Flowerdale Walking Track in Flowerdale.

For the latest information on park and trail closures and impacts, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022)



Great Victorian Rail Trail, Cathkin (October 2022)

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### Online Flood Hub

Council has a dedicated Flood Hub on our website, where we share updates about the Victorian Floods along with links to important information and resources to help you and your loved ones. Visit the Flood Hub at:

[murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022)

### Available Support

#### Goulburn Flood Recovery Service

Flood affected community members are eligible to receive support from a Flood Recovery Support Worker, through the Goulburn Flood Recovery Service.

The Recovery Support Worker is your single point of contact and can assist you by providing service navigation, information and advice, referrals for additional support (financial and mental health support) and can provide assistance with paperwork and accessing grants.

Community members can be referred to this service by calling the Flood Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760. The Goulburn Flood Recovery Service is led by FamilyCare, in partnership with Nexus Primary Health, Primary Care Connect, The Bridge Youth Service, Uniting, OzChild and Connect GV.

#### Mental health and wellbeing support

Disasters can have a devastating impact on people. You don't have to go through it alone. If you or a loved one needs extra support, speak with your local doctor, a mental health professional, counsellor or psychologist. It can also be helpful to talk to someone who is independent but still understanding.

#### Financial Support

Whether you're a resident, business owner, or farmer, financial support is available to you.

### Support for farmers

Farmers and service providers are encouraged to subscribe to Agriculture Victoria's Flood Recovery digital newsletter to access the latest events and information via the Agriculture Victoria website: [agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au)



### Emergency Recovery Victoria's structural assessments

Homeowners, small business owners and not-for-profit property owners can register for an all-hazard structural assessment if eligible properties with structures have been damaged or destroyed by floods.

### Flood waste disposal

Council is assisting impacted residents and businesses with disposal of flood-damaged waste.

Visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/floods2022) for information on available support.



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Goulburn River, Acheron (December 2022)

### Community events

There are a number of community-led events happening across Murrindindi Shire. Come together and connect with one another at a local market or event: [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/events](https://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/events)



### Other updates

#### Flood affected properties with stream frontage

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority would like to hear from landholders impacted by the October 2022 Floods, who may need assistance with damaged or lost streamside fencing and management of weed infestations.

#### Supporting our community

Murrindindi Shire Council is recruiting for a full-time Manager Flood Recovery to join us for a period of 12 months. The Manager Flood Recovery will be responsible for the overall development and implementation of the Municipal Recovery Plan and will liaise with community to identify how Council can best support recovery efforts.

We also welcomed Richard Mason, our Communications Officer – Floods and Recovery. Richard is with us for 12 months and is responsible for keeping community up to date with our flood recovery efforts, including available support and resources for flood-affected community members.

### What do you want to see in future editions?

We would love to hear from you. If you have any suggestions about what you'd like to see in future editions of the newsletter, please let us know by emailing [communications@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:communications@murrindindi.vic.gov.au)

We also encourage you to share your story with us. We'd like to know how you are coping in recovering from the floods and if you have any ideas that might be helpful for other people in our communities.