

# FLOOD RECOVERY NEWSLETTER



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## Business and primary producer support

### **Vic Government Business Relief Service**

Support from local business relief advisers to guide business owners through the available Commonwealth, state and local supports. Call 13 22 15.

### **Vic Government Small Business Immediate Flood Relief Program**

A one-off payment of \$5000 for eligible businesses, to assist with costs such as clean-up, safety inspections, repairs, the hiring of equipment and purchase of stock. <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/small-business-immediate-flood-relief-program>

### **Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Grants**

A grant of up to \$50,000 for eligible businesses, not-for-profit and community sport and active recreation organisations <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-and-community-sport-flood-recovery-grants>

### **Aust Government Disaster Recovery Payment**

A lump sum payment (\$1000 per adult, \$400 per child under 16) to help with major damage to properties and assets or who those have been seriously injured. <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment>

### **Aust Government Disaster Recovery Allowance**

Income support payments to employees, primary producers and sole traders who can demonstrate they experienced a loss of income as a result of the floods. <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-disaster-recovery-allowance>

### **Clean-up program during the Victorian floods**

Available for everyone affected by the floods. <https://www.vic.gov.au/2022-floods-clean-up-program>

### **Vic Government Primary Producer Recovery Grants**

Up to \$75,000 grants to cover the cost of recovery <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/flood-advice-and-support>

## Business and primary producer support cont...

### **Vic Government Rural Landholder Grant**

If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the \$75,000 Flood Recovery Grant, but operate a smaller scale Primary Production Enterprise, you may be eligible for a Rural Landholder Grant of up to \$25,000. <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/Victorian-Rural-Landholder-Grants>

### **Vic Government Primary Producer Concessional Loan**

Up to \$250,000 to restore or replace damaged equipment and infrastructure, or to cover short-term business expenses. <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/flood-advice-and-support>

### **Vic Government Primary Producer Transport Subsidies**

Up to \$15,000 to support transport of emergency fodder, stock drinking water and movement of livestock. <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/flood-advice-and-support>

## Bridgewater river scanning

On 26 October 2022, after significant flooding, Maritime Safety Victoria declared that all persons and vessels were prohibited from entering or remaining in the waters of the Loddon River from the Lanecoorie Reservoir wall to the Flour Mill Weir at Bridgewater (excluding relevant emergency services/Council persons and/or vessels).

On 23 November 2022, Total Hydrographic were engaged to undertake a Multibeam Survey and Hazard Detection of Bridgewater Ski Zone and Swimming hole.

The river re-opened on 24 November 2022, once the safety assessments were completed. Loddon Shire staff will now use the results of the survey to install buoys to mark out the ski zone and slalom course.

**FLOOD RECOVERY HOTLINE 1800 560 760**

## Health and wellbeing support

- Nurse on Call: 24hr 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](http://www.tisnational.gov.au)
- Lifeline: 24hr crisis support and suicide prevention services: 13 11 14 or [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au)
- Beyond Blue: Information and support for anxiety and/or depression: 1300 224 636 or [beyondblue.com.au](http://beyondblue.com.au)
- Kids Help Line: 24hr phone and online counselling service for people aged 5-25: 1800 551 800 or [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)
- Emerging Minds: Provides resources for parents, carers and families about infant and child mental health: [emergingminds.com.au](http://emergingminds.com.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 Coutts 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

## Animal and insect related hazards

### 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 Virus (JEV)

JEV is a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain spread to humans through mosquito bites.

Free vaccinations are now available for people aged 2 months or older who live or routinely work in Loddon Shire, AND

- Spend at least 4 hours per day outside for unavoidable work, recreation, educational or other essential activities.
- Are living in temporary or flood damaged accommodation
- Are engaged in the prolonged outdoor recovery efforts of stagnant water.

### JEV vaccination clinics

Loddon Shire Council has partnered with Bendigo Health to deliver JEV vaccination clinics throughout the month of December at various sites across our municipality. Sites may be able to take limited walk-ins on the day but there is a state wide shortage of the JEV vaccination, therefore bookings are highly recommended.

Bookings can be made by finding the relevant clinic on the Bendigo Health outreach vaccination webpage at: <https://bendigohealth.org.au/outreachvaccination/>

If you have any questions, please contact Bendigo Health on: 1800 329 189

## Loddon Shire services

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

- Visit our website at [www.loddon.vic.gov.au](http://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/](http://www.facebook.com/LoddonShire/)