

Wednesday, 14th February 2024



Community Newsletter #2 Grampians National Park, Stapylton

Community Meetings Today

Only impacted community members should attend.

Meetings held inside the fire affected areas at Dadswells Bridge and Pomonal are for community members that remain within the fire affected area. Traffic management points remain in place along roads into the affected area.

Pomonal Community Hall	3.00pm
Ararat Relief Centre	4.30pm
Alexander Oval, Waratah Avenue	
Stawell Relief Centre	5.45pm
Grampians Community Health	
8-22 Patrick Street	
Dadswells Bridge Hall	7.30pm

Fire Information

Firefighters worked overnight on containment lines around private property in the Dadswells Bridge area but there is still fire activity. There will be an increased presence of emergency services personnel, vehicles, aircraft and equipment and local residents should expect smoke in the area of the next few days.

The **Grampians National Park** remains closed today. For further information check the Change of Conditions on the Parks Victoria website (<u>www.parks.vic.gov.au</u>)

The fire size remains around 4357 hectares.

Today's Conditions

The weather conditions are expected to be partly cloudy with light south south-easterly winds. Daytime maximum temperatures in the low to mid 20s.

Sudden changes in wind direction or increased wind speed can affect the fire. Smoke or poor visibility can indicate the situation is changing

Tank water can become contaminated from debris and ash or dead animals. If the water tastes, looks or smells unusual do not drink it or give it to animals. Residents should monitor the <u>GWM Water</u> website and <u>VicEmergency</u> regarding water quality updates.

Road closures

Information on updated road closures is available via 13 11 70 or the VicTraffic website traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Relief Centre Locations

Ararat – Alexander Oval, Waratah Avenue Stawell – Grampians Community Health, Patrick St

Grampians Community Health are at the Stawell Relief centre today or contact via 03 5358 7400.

Protect your health

Smoke can affect people's health, people with preexisting health problems, heart or lung conditions (including asthma), children, pregnant women and older people are more sensitive to the effects of breathing in smoke.

People with existing heart or lung conditions (including asthma) should follow the treatment plan advised by their doctor.

Contact Nurse-on-Call on 1300 60 60 to discuss any health related issue with a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Animal Welfare

For animal welfare advice and information on support services for injured stock contact Agriculture Victoria on 1800 226 226.

Smoke inhalation in pets can be dangerous. If you think your pet has been affected by smoke seek medical advice immediately from a vet. For further information

http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/emergencies

Mental Health

It is normal to have strong emotional or physical reactions following a distressing event. There is always help available through **y**our doctor or local mental health professionals.

 Lifeline
 - 131 114
 Beyond Blue
 - 1300 224 636

 Parent Line
 - 13 22 89
 Kid's Help Line
 - 1800 55 1800

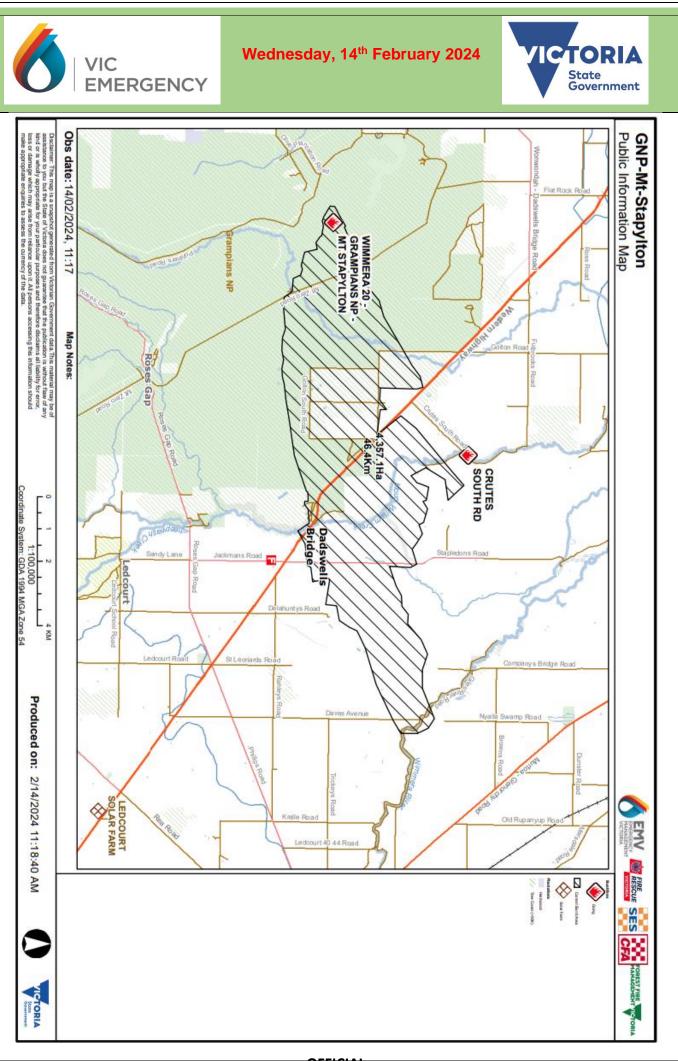
 MensLine
 - 1300 789 978
 Headspace
 - 1800 650 890

Family Violence

Help is available. Visit <u>www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence</u> or call 1800 737 732 (1800RESPECT).

Stay Informed

- <u>www.emergency.vic.gov.au</u>.
- VicEmergency Hotline freecall 1800 226 226
- VicEmergency app
- Facebook or Twitter
- Local radio



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