

PREPARING FOR NEXT TIME

As emergencies can bring about unforeseen and sometimes immediate changes, it is important to consider potential road closures and road diversions when developing your emergency plan. It can also be useful to know who is responsible for what in an emergency event so that you know what to expect.

The **State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP)** outlines the government agencies who are responsible for a variety of actions in different emergencies.

During emergencies, an **Incident Controller (IC)** controls the operational elements of the response and leads multi-agency planning by seeking resources from control agencies and response support agencies.

The IC is responsible for directing the operations of the control agencies and support agencies during an emergency. All agencies act at the discretion of the IC.

> During **bushfires**, road closures are determined by the IC in consultation with the control agencies, which are **Country Fire Authority (CFA)**, **Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV)**, and **Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning (DELWP)**.

> During **floods and storms**, road closures are determined by the IC in consultation with the control agency, which is **Victorian State Emergency Service (VICSES)**.

> **Victorian Police (VicPol)** will manage the **traffic management points** on behalf of the IC.

Find out more about the role of the IC and both control and support agencies by visiting emv.vic.gov.au/responsibilities/semv.

VicTraffic provides accurate and timely information about road closures during emergency events. Ensure you are prepared when travelling by regularly visiting **traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au**.

For more information about planning and preparing, visit emergency.vic.gov.au.

What's happening in your community?



FLOOD RECOVERY HOTLINE
1800 560 760
Press 9 for an interpreter
Open every day
7:30am – 7:30pm
VICTORIA State Government

Emergency Recovery Victoria

Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) was established in January 2020 in response to the Black Summer Bushfires. In June 2021, BRV coordinated the recovery of flood and storm affected regions across Victoria. In 2022, BRV officially transitioned into **Emergency Recovery Victoria (ERV)**, a permanent agency responsible for leading long-term recovery following all major emergencies.

The transition to ERV responds to the **Inspector-General for Emergency Management's (IGEM) inquiry into the 2019-20 bushfire season**, which recommends that an all-emergencies agency is established to improve state-wide recovery.

ERV coordinated recovery efforts in conjunction with impacted communities, all levels of government, agencies, and industry, including not-for-profit organisations. By doing so, they follow through with their focus on community-led recovery.

Learn more about ERV by visiting erv.vic.gov.au.

Learn more about the IGEM's inquiry into the 2019-20 bushfire season, including all 32 recommendations from the Phase 1 and 2 reports, by visiting igem.vic.gov.au/fire-season-inquiry/inquiry-reports.

Funding opportunities

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Allowance | Short term payments to support eligible people in the Alpine Shire and Falls Creek who have lost income as a direct result of the Bogong Landslide and Victoria Floods starting in October 2022. Closes 18 May 2023. Visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-disaster-recovery-allowance.

Victorian Government Personal Hardship Assistance Program | Eligible people are able to apply for one-off emergency relief payments for immediate and essential needs from 3 November 2022. Visit emergencypayments.dffh.vic.gov.au.

Victorian Government Small Business Immediate Flood Relief Program | Eligible businesses are able to apply for one-off grants of \$5,000 to cover immediate expenses as a result of significant damage to their place of business, business assets, stock, or equipment. Closes 13 January 2023 or earlier if funds are exhausted. Visit business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/small-business-immediate-flood-relief-program.

Victorian Primary Producer Flood Recovery Package | Eligible primary producers in the Alpine Shire and Falls Creek are able to apply for a variety of funding opportunities to support clean-up, relief, and recovery efforts. Visit ruralfinance.com.au/industry-programs/victorian-primary-producer-flood-recovery-package or contact Rural Finance on **1800 260 425**.

- > **Victorian Primary Producer Flood Recovery Grants** | Up to \$75,000
- > **Victorian Rural Landholder Grants** | Up to \$25,000
- > **Victorian Primary Producer Flood Recovery Transport Support Program** | Claim 50% of transport costs up to \$15,000
- > **Victorian Primary Producer Flood Recovery Concessional Loans** | Up to \$250,000

FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities - Prepare and Recover | Grants up to \$25,000 are available for a broad range of initiatives. Round 15 closes 29 November 2022. Visit frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-prepare-recover or contact Vivienne McCrory on **1800 170 020** or info@frrr.org.au.

FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities - Small and Vital | Grants up to \$10,000 are available for a broad range of community-led initiatives. Round 15 closes 29 November 2022. Visit frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-small-vital or contact Vivienne McCrory on **1800 170 020** or info@frrr.org.au.

Power Saving Bonus for Victorian Households | Victorian residential energy account holders are eligible for a \$250 Power Saving Bonus. Find out if you are eligible to apply by visiting compare.energy.vic.gov.au.

Victorian Government Solar for Business Program | Rebates of up to 50% of the total cost are available for small businesses in Victoria to install approved small-scale solar systems up to 30kW. Find out if you are eligible for a rebate value of up to \$3,500 by visiting solar.vic.gov.au/site-4/solar-small-business.

Visit Victoria Regional Events Fund | Regional communities are invited to apply for funding opportunities that support the acquisition, growth, or planning of events across regional areas. Visit corporate.visitvictoria.com/events/regional-events or contact Tourism North East on **03 5728 2773**.

Indi Funding Finder | The Federal Member for Indi has comprehensive information on grants available on their website, including how to apply for grants and upcoming opportunities in the region. For more information, visit helenhaines.grantguru.com.au.

Alpine Valley Vibes rescheduled to 2023

As a result of ongoing wet weather, **Alpine Valley Vibes** has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 21 2023 at Pioneer Park, Bright.

Alpine Valley Vibes will feature the same original extraordinary lineup of headline pop superstar Jessica Mauboy, platinum selling ARIA award winning Illy, immensely talented Gretta Ray, and Sydney garage rock four-piece The Buoy.

Save the new date and book tickets now by visiting alwayslive.com.au/program/alpine-valley-vibes.

Tickets already purchased for the event are valid for the new date.



WHAT HAS BEEN FUNDED?

Last month in October 2022, Council and the Alpine Community Recovery Committee (CRC) held the inaugural Redi Expo! in conjunction with the Myrtleford Show.

The Redi Expo! saw agencies come together to raise awareness of emergency mitigation, response, recovery, and resilience, with the aim of encouraging showgoers to know their role in times of disaster. The State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP) states that there is shared responsibility when it comes to preparing for emergencies, meaning that everyone has a role to play.

Agency staff at the Redi Expo! gave out showbags to showgoers, filled with safety pamphlets, colouring-in sheets, pencils, lanyards, magnets, and more.

The Alpine CRC, Council, and DELWP also worked together to develop buckets to give to campers to douse their campfires, raising awareness of fire safety.

Despite the rain, the inaugural Redi Expo! saw good numbers and is excited to continue raising awareness amongst the community to raise resilience and ensure our region is prepared for the next disaster.

Find out more about shared responsibility by visiting emv.vic.gov.au/responsibilities/semv.



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