

Pinery Fire Recovery Newsletter

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Conserving and salvaging your collectables and family treasures

Four conservators from Artlab in Adelaide will be holding consultation days in Hamley Bridge and Freeling in February. The day will begin with a short presentation about conserving and salvaging fire-damaged keepsakes, followed by 30-minute individual consultations. If you have some heirlooms that seem damaged, register to bring them in for examination. Registrations are essential. Please note that conservators are not able to provide valuations of items. Please see the events section for more details.

A special offer for cricket fans

SACA is offering a limited number of free tickets for the Australia v India match to be played at Adelaide Oval on Australia Day, Tuesday 26 January. This is a 'double header' with the women's match starting at 2pm and the men's at 7pm. To obtain a ticket phone the Pinery Fire Recovery Centre on **0477 744 258 before 20 January**. Tickets are strictly limited to two per caller. To collect your ticket from Adelaide Oval please present your Pinery Fire Impact Card. If yours has expired, or you have yet to register, visit the Recovery Centre at 43 High Street, Gawler.

Support to rebuild

For fire impacted families, the processes for re-building may seem challenging. Planners, architects and others from positions independent of government and industry are available free of charge to help you understand these processes and tackle them one step at a time.

They can offer independent advice on regulatory steps and contractual options. These advisers have been working with those affected by the Sampson Flat fire for the past year. If you would like some advice please phone Emilis on **0415 631 713** or the Recovery Hotline on **1800 302 787**.

Community Development Officer



Recovery Coordinator Vince Monterola is pleased to announce the appointment of Kirsty Dudley to the role of Community Development Officer. Kirsty will work with

local government and other community organisations. Her experience in local government and the private sector, together with her previous involvement in the Eden Valley fire recovery, will help her to be successful in this important role. Kirsty will be meeting people in the coming weeks as she gains a better understanding of the needs of each community impacted by the fire.

Property valuation

The Valuer-General will adjust the proposed property valuations as at 1 January 2016 that will be used to calculate rates for the 2016-17 financial year. This is in order to reflect the impact of the fires on properties affected. Field inspection work is expected to take several months.

Support with domestic violence

National and international research shows that when disasters occur, incidences of gendered violence increase in affected communities. In these times, women at risk of violence can become more vulnerable. There are a number of services and supports available:

Domestic Violence and Aboriginal Family Violence Services

A domestic violence service covering all regions of South Australia. To be connected to one of these services ring the 24/7 free telephone service on **1800 800 098** and they will provide information, advice and a referral to a local service to suit your particular needs.

1800RESPECT

Assistance to members of the community experiencing sexual assault or domestic and family violence available 24/7. Phone **1800 737 732** or visit their website at **www.1800RESPECT.org.au**.

Women's Information Service

Information and referral to local service providers depending on your needs. Their contact number is **(08) 8303 0590** or freecall **1800 188 158**.

Mensline

Support and counselling for men struggling with conflict, anger, relationship issues and/or violence in the home, both online, and through a 24/7 phone line on **1300 78 99 78**.

sa.gov.au

Information and advice for community members concerned about domestic violence is available on the South Australian Government website at **www.sa.gov.au/topics/emergencies-and-safety/safety-at-home-and-in-the-community/domestic-violence**.

Gender & Disaster Pod

Comprehensive information on the link between gender and disaster is available at **www.genderanddisaster.com.au**.

Waiver of registered search fee

The Office of the Registrar General has advised that the fee charged by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) for Registered Searches of Certificates of Title is being waived by the State Government for those who are having to rebuild homes and other infrastructure as a result of damage due to the Pinery Fire. This fee is normally collected by your local Council on behalf of the State Government as part of the Development Application process. All Councils are aware of this fee waiver.

Mallala Council

The Mallala Council is now able to offer the following assistance to ratepayers.

- The payment of council rates due on Friday 4 December 2015 and Friday 4 March 2016 has been postponed until Friday 3 June 2016.
- Fines and the interest raised, or to be raised, on outstanding council rates for the above instalments have been waived.
- Applications for demolition of fire damaged buildings will require only the minimum lodgement fee.
- The inspection fee component of Council's Waste Control Application fee has been waived.
- Applicants who are **only** using the Council's planning assessment services will pay the minimum lodgement fee and minimum planning assessment fee, regardless of the cost of the development.
- Applicants who are undertaking a full planning and building assessment will receive a 50% discount off the building assessment fee.

Free counselling support

In a coordinated approach with SA Health Emergency Management Unit, Country SA Primary Health Network has coordinated service providers to offer immediate assistance with counselling and linkages to other community organisations by expert mental health clinicians.

Through these providers, free counselling services are available for anyone directly affected, as well as friends and family who may need support but do not necessarily

reside in the affected areas. Those providing assistance to the affected communities are also encouraged to seek support where necessary.

To access counselling services phone **(08) 8209 0700** or contact your local GP.

Discount offer for livestock owners

Leader Products is offering a discount to producers affected in the Pinery fire on some of their National Livestock Identification System ear tags. Please present your Fire Impact Card when ordering tags through your agent to receive the discount.

State Emergency Relief Fund

The State Emergency Relief Fund (SERF) was activated on 26 November 2015. It is a fund of donations from the community and State Government, received in response to a disaster situation. All money donated goes to the community.

Some payments have already been made however the SERF Committee wants to distribute more funds as quickly as possible to those of you who need it most. If you live within the Pinery Fire area and your property was damaged, you may be entitled to a payment from the fund. SERF payments are a gift from the community and do not affect any other insurance or compensation you may be entitled to.

Application forms are available from the Pinery Fire Recovery Centre in Gawler OR they can be downloaded from:

www.sa.gov.au/topics/emergencies-and-safety/pinery-fire/pinery-fire-appeal.

OR you can request an application form by emailing:

StateEmergencyReliefFund.Applications@sa.gov.au. Please apply as soon as possible!

For more information, please phone **(08) 8463 6405**, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Events

People and communities – how do they react and recover after fire?

With psychologist Dr Rob Gordon.

Freeling:

Wednesday 20 January, 2pm - 4pm
Freeling Recreation Park (Cherry Street)
Afternoon tea at 2pm, for a 2.30pm start

Wasleys:

Wednesday 20 January, 6pm - 8.30pm
Wasleys Institute (Annie Terrace)
Sausage sizzle at 6pm, for a 6.30pm start

Hamley Bridge:

Thursday 21 January, 6pm - 8.30pm
Hamley Bridge Recreation Centre
(Stockport Road)
Sausage sizzle at 6pm, for a 6.30pm start

Contact the Pinery fire recovery hotline on **1800 302 737** for any queries.

ARTLAB: Conserving and salvaging your collectables and family treasures

Bring your precious items for inspection by a conservator from Artlab. Registrations are essential. To register phone **(08) 8207 7520** or email **artlab@sa.gov.au**.

Hamley Bridge:

Saturday 6 February – 10am and 4pm

Freeling:

Saturday 20 February – 10am to 4pm

Large animal rescue capabilities

Horse SA – free to Fire Impact Card holders.
Wednesday 13 January, 7pm – 9pm
Roseworthy Campus
For further information contact Horse SA on **0402 488 306**

Managing horses on small properties

Horse SA – free to Fire Impact Card holders
Sunday 6 March, 9.30am – 4pm
Roseworthy Campus
Register at www.trybooking.com/JZNO

Contact information

Recovery Hotline **1800 302 787**

Pinery Fire Recovery Centre (Gawler)

0477 744 258

Pinery Fire Recovery website

www.sa.gov.au/recovery

SA Bushfire Recovery Facebook page

www.facebook.com/SABushfireRecovery

Local Councils

Wakefield Regional Council

www.wakefieldrc.sa.gov.au or

(08) 8862 0800

District Council of Mallala

www.mallala.sa.gov.au or **(08) 8527 0200**

Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council

www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au or

(08) 8842 6400

Light Regional Council

www.light.sa.gov.au or **(08) 8525 3200**

Insurance

Insurance Council of Australia Hotline

1800 734 621

Agriculture and Livestock

PIRSA

(08) 8207 7847

Livestock SA and Primary Producers SA

(08) 8297 2299

Disaster Recovery Assistance

Commonwealth Government Information

Hotline: 180 22 66

Health

Northern Health Network: (08) 8209 0700

Counselling Services

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Youth Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Mens Line Australia: 1300 789 978

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800

National counselling helpline: 1800RESPECT
or www.1800respect.org.au

Volunteering

Volunteering SA&NT

www.volunteeringsa.org.au or 1300 135 545

Waste Management

Environment Protection Authority

(08) 8204 2004 or 1800 623 445

Business Support

Rural Business Support: 1800 836 211

www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au

Natural Resources

Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty

Ranges, Gawler Office: (08) 8523 7700

Natural Resources Northern and Yorke, Clare

Office: (08) 8841 3400

Community support

BlazeAid: 0467 999 909 or 0477 330 488

www.blazeaid.com

Samaritan's Purse: 0490 314 552

Habitat for Humanity: (08) 8344 6009 or

email: enquiries.sa@habitat.org.au