

# Cohuna's Community Newsletter



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## Flood Information: Gannawarra Community Support

If you are in immediate danger and require urgent assistance, Dial 000

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

- If your home is about to flood call the Victorian SES on 132 500. The SES will contact the local Gannawarra and surrounding Country Fire Authority for extra help as required.
  - Go to the State Emergency Service website for information [www.ses.vic.gov.au](http://www.ses.vic.gov.au)
  - Stay informed: Local ABC radio. Vic Emergency Hotline 1800 225 226
  - Subscribe to Vic Emergency App for ALERTS
- If you don't have the App go to [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)

### FLOOD RECOVERY HOTLINE

Flood Recovery Hotline is a single state-wide number that Victorians impacted by the floods can call for help or assistance with:

- Navigating available supports
- Mental Health and wellbeing support
- Financial support

The recovery hotline is open from 7.30am-7.30pm every day **Call 1800 560 760**

### INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

The Psychological First Aid service helps individuals through disasters like floods and other emergencies. People who contact the service will be provided with emotional support for their individual needs.

[www.vccem.org.au](http://www.vccem.org.au)

### 24 Hour Support

- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Kids Help Line 1800 551 800
- Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Local Counselling at Northern District Community Health 5451 0200

### FARMING AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

Talk about the next steps following the floods. Accessing grants, negotiating banks, planning for the next few months. Confidential, free and understanding rural communities.

Call RFCS North West 1300 735 578 or visit [www.wswrcs.com.au](http://www.wswrcs.com.au)

**EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRES: Kerang Memorial Hall & Swan Hill Basketball Stadium**

**URGENT ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES CALL 1800 226 226**

*See back pages for more Flood Support Information*



"Cohuna Happenings" is published fortnightly on **Tuesdays**.  
This publication is compiled at Cohuna Neighbourhood House for the community. Please feel free to submit any stories or articles of interest.  
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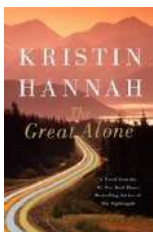
## The Local Bookshelf

As we come into Spring here are some titles to tempt nature lovers.



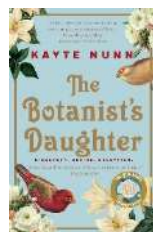
**Once there were wolves** by Charlotte McCnaghy. Inti Flynn arrives in Scotland with one purpose – to reintroduce gray wolves into the highlands despite the fierce resistance from the local population. When a farmer is mauled to death, Inti buries the evidence, terrified the locals will accuse her beloved wolves.

But if the wolves aren't to blame, who caused his death? This is a beautiful novel about healing from trauma, both in people and in nature.



**The great alone** by Kristin Hannah. A recently returned Vietnam War POW, Ernt Allbright decides to move his family to the Alaskan frontier. At first, Alaska seems to be the answer to their prayers and just what Ernt needs. But when the harsh Alaskan winter approaches and Ernt's mental state begins to deteriorate,

his wife and daughter must fight to survive. A captivating novel.



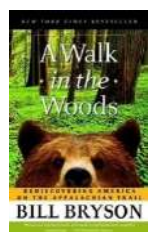
**The botanist's daughter** by Kayte Nunne. Kayte grew up in England and the U.S. but has lived in Australia for the past 25 years. This is her first foray into historical fiction for which she was awarded the 2020 Winston Graham Historical Fiction Prize. A dual-timeline tale of two female botanists, separated by more

than a century, in a race to discover a life-saving flower.



**The signature of all things** by Elizabeth Gilbert. Well researched, *The Signature of All Things* takes the reader across the globe—from London to Peru and beyond. Along the way, the story is peopled with unforgettable characters but most memorable of all, it is the story of Alma Whittaker, who—born in the Age

of Enlightenment, but living well into the Industrial Revolution—bears witness to that extraordinary moment in human history when all the old assumptions about science, religion, commerce, and class were exploding into dangerous new ideas.



**A walk in the woods** by Bill Bryson. Published in 2006 and made into a so-so film with Robert Redford in 2015 this is a non-fiction 'oldie but a goodie'. Back in America after twenty years in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to reacquaint himself with his native country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. The trail offers an astonishing landscape of silent forests and sparkling lakes—and to a writer with the comic genius of Bill Bryson, it also provides endless opportunities to witness the majestic silliness of his fellow human beings.

All titles can be borrowed from the Gannawarra Library Service

**Lions Club of Cohuna**  
**Celebrating 60 years of service to the Cohuna Community**  
**Join us for a FREE Party in the Park**  
**Sunday 4th December 2022**



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**NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH**

### ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES

- Occupational Therapy
- Diabetes Education
- Endocrinology Telehealth
- Speech Pathology
- Healthy Hearts & Lungs
- Dietitian
- Podiatry



**33 KING EDWARD ST, COHUNA  
5451 0250**

9am to 4pm - Monday to Friday  
[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au) @ndchvic



# Food Voucher



## Cohuna Neighbourhood House Emergency Relief Pantry

Are you experiencing financial hardship? In need of assistance. Cut out this voucher and bring it to Neighbourhood House, 29 Market Street, between 9am & 3pm Monday to Friday and exchange it for a food hamper.

**All welcome**

name: \_\_\_\_\_

No of people? \_\_\_\_\_ Cohuna? \_\_\_\_\_ Y/N \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



17-23 Oct 2022

### Try 1 Thing & a CUP CAKE Friday 21st October 10am

at Cohuna Neighbourhood House, 29 Market Street Cohuna.

Come along and learn how to do 1 new thing with your phone or Ipad - ALL WELCOME



"Honest Ken" on music. Belinda on digital help, plus lots of tea and cupcakes! A big success!



# LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Day

Cohuna's Remembrance Day Service will be held on the 11th November. It will commence in the Memorial Park at 10.45am.

Guest speaker: Charlie Gillingham, the Mayor of Gannawarra. There will also be contributions from the Cohuna Secondary College, Cohuna Consolidated School and St

Mary's School. Members of the community and community organisations are invited to lay a wreath.

Need a little boost for Christmas presents?

We can help you claim your

**\$250  
POWER  
SAVING  
BONUS**



# “What’s On?”

NOV	Coming Events in November 2022
TUES 8th	Meditation with Shilpi - learn a different technique each Tuesday 2pm Book CNH
THUR 10th	ACE Club Bus Trip to Swan Hill - David Strassman “In the Chocolate Diet” <b>Postponed</b>
FRI 11th	Night for Music Lovers - 7.30pm Cohuna Memorial Hall. <b>POSTPONED due to floods in region. Will be rescheduled.</b>
SAT 29th	Gannawarra Toy Run (See more over page)
TBA	Postponed -ACE Club Bus Trip to Moama - Barry Morgan, Organist Extraordinaire & fashionista of fun, will deliver HOPE. Book call CNH 5456 4666
DEC	Coming Events in Decembers
SUN 4th	Lions Club of Cohuna - Party in the Park - Celebrating 60Yrs of Service to Cohuna Community

CNH - Ongoing Activities - all welcome	
MON	FREE Movies on the BIG Screen 1pm –3pm
WED	8.30 am Waters Edge Walkers - walking Group meets at Gateway Carpark—coffee 9.30 Bower 4.30pm Cohuna Weight Loss Support Group
THUR	Community Garden catchup 10– 12 noon
FRI	Phone, Digital and Online assistance 9am—3pm
FRI	“Miners Lair “ Youth Club - 3.30 –5.30pm Gaming, Music, Karaoke, Fun

Cohuna U3A Ongoing Activities	
MON	YAH Singers, Visiting Group, Out & About
TUE	Chair Exercises
WED	Cribbage and Scrabble alternating
THUR	Collectors, Dining Out
FRI	Cryptic Crosswords, Lets Talk Books Travellers Tales
Contact Cohuna U3A to join, for times, details and other activities	

## Every Saturday run or walk.

Meet 7.45 am at Garden Park. Free timed event. Don't forget your barcode [www.parkrun.com.aucohuna/](http://www.parkrun.com.aucohuna/)



## It's time to Beat the Bite!



We need to protect ourselves from being bitten at this time of year as mosquitoes become more prevalent in the environment. The recent floods and wetter than usual winter have created ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes.

“With residents and visitors starting to enjoy the outdoors and explore our lakes, rivers and waterways, it is important to take some simple steps to reduce the risks of being bitten by mosquitoes,” Gannawarra Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Tom O’Reilly said.

“Whilst most mosquitoes are just a nuisance, others can carry diseases, such as Ross River Virus Disease and Japanese Encephalitis.”

### How can you protect yourself?

- limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are most active (dawn, dusk, night)
- wearing long, loose fitting clothes, and applying a mosquito repellent containing picaridin or DEET to exposed skin when outdoors.
- removing stagnant water from around the home to reduce mosquito breeding sites.
- using a knockdown fly-spray or surface spray to reduce adult mosquitoes and the risk of being bitten around homes.

Council officers have been undertaking mosquito control activities across the Gannawarra over the past two weeks as part of the annual Victorian Mosquito Management and Control Program, overseen by the Department of Health.

“Some targeted fogging to kill adult mosquitoes on public land may also occur.”

“Items like pot plant stands, animal watering containers, rainwater tanks, blocked guttering, and unmaintained swimming pools can become significant breeding sites on private land,” Mr O’Reilly said. To reduce mosquito breeding on larger properties, mosquito control products are readily available from local rural supply and select hardware stores or by engaging the services of a licenced pest controller.



For more information, visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/beat-the-bite](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/beat-the-bite)



# Cohuna Lions Club Memorial Garden

Cohuna Lions Club has joined Lions Australia in celebrating 75 years' service to the community and also 60 years' service to their own community by installing a memorial garden. The garden also commemorates deceased members of the Cohuna Lions Club.

The chosen site was a piece of waste land at the end of a local park. The land for the park had been donated to the community many years ago by a local stock agent, C L King, and is named in his honour.

This project required much planning and work for the Lions members; a grant was applied for, extensive consultation with the Gannawarra Shire, advice and planning sought from a local nursery, assistance from local tradespeople and suppliers.



The plan was drawn up and plants purchased from the nursery. The plot was cleared of grass and weeds by the Lions members.

Wet weather caused continual interruptions and prolonged the project, but the Lions members pressed on, meeting twice a week in addition to their other weekly commitments at their wood-yard and delivering wood to the local residents.

After many weeks of work and frustration with the weather the park started to take shape and the Lions could start to see the results of their hard work in transforming the area.

Installation of edging, compost, gravel paths, low care and hardy plants and a watering system was completed.

Finally, it was ready to be officially opened on the designated date, September 29<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Invitations were extended to neighbouring Lions clubs, Lions Ladies, Gannawarra Shire Councillors and members of the community. PDG Norm Walkington, Zone Chairman Jeanette Cowan and project co-ordinator Rob Shanahan spoke and the garden was opened by Cr Garner Smith.

Mrs Beth Wood, whose husband Charlie was a dedicated Lion and the grandson of C L King, reminisced about the enjoyment Lions had given them over the years and also in seeing the park development.





## Appointments to the boards of directors of public hospitals, multi-purpose services and early parenting centres.

Terms of office commence from 1 July 2023.

The Department of Health is committed to ensuring boards and committees reflect the rich diversity of the Victorian community.

**Applications close at midnight on Monday 21 November 2022.**

For further information, please visit [www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/board-applications)

## RFCS Victoria West

GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL

### Rural Financial Counselling Service



Confidential, independent and free business and wellbeing support for farmers and small business owners navigating financial stress and uncertainty, including operating through drought, bushfire and COVID-19. All industries across Victoria's regional west.



1300 735 578

[RFCSVictoriaWest.com.au](http://RFCSVictoriaWest.com.au)



## Get to know your local RFCS: Confidential, independent, free business and wellbeing support for our region's farmers and small business owners

The Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) has operated nationwide for over 35 years, providing free business support to primary producers and now regional small business owners navigating the challenges of financial stress or uncertainty, including operating through drought, bushfire, COVID19 or flood.

RFCS Victoria West is your local provider.

Rural financial counsellors and small business financial counsellors are a great resource for your farm or small business operation. They're based in the regions they work in and understand local conditions and communities.

Financial counsellors can help with:

- Understanding your financial position
- Identifying and exploring options and opportunities
- Accessing grants and government support
- Negotiating with banks, creditors or insurance providers
- Planning for the next months and for the future.

Wellbeing counselling is available to ensure anyone working with a financial counsellor is fully supported. Appointments are always free of charge.

Get to know your local RFCS. Call 1300 735 578 or visit [www.RFCSVictoriaWest.com.au](http://www.RFCSVictoriaWest.com.au).

## Are you experiencing financial difficulties?

Our Financial Counsellors can provide free and confidential information, advice and support. We can help by:

- Identifying financial issues
- Providing short-term resolutions
- Advocating with debt collection agencies
- Budgeting
- Referrals to other supports

We are offering video link appointments at Cohuna Neighbourhood House, 29 Market Street on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

### Thursday afternoons

- 13th October 2022
- 10th November 2022
- 8th December 2022

### To make an appointment

contact Cohuna Neighbourhood House  
phone 5456 4866 email [nhcohuna@bigpond.com](mailto:nhcohuna@bigpond.com)



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# Gannawarra Memorial Toy Run 2022

A new year and once again we will be collecting donations of toys, cash donations or gift cards. Bins have been placed in local shops in anticipation that you, our loyal supporters, will once again support us with the purchase of a toy and place it in our "TOY BIN". (Please note that we are unable to accept second hand toys.) Let us show some love and support to those most vulnerable.

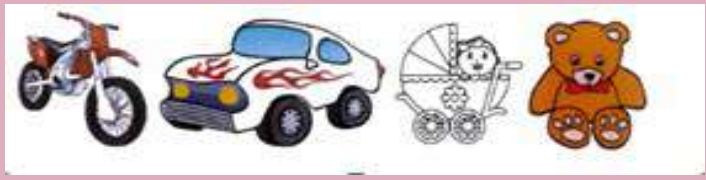
*Please can you help?*

**"Toy Bin" drop offs are located at:**

Barham	Barham Bakery, Trend Skate n Surf
Cohuna	Cohuna Sports Store, Cohuna Newsagency, Dunkinway Tyrepower
Kerang	Autopro, Hall's Hardware, Sports Power, Kerang South School
Leitchville	Walkers IGA

**Donations can also be dropped off to the following committee members**

John Webb	Cohuna 0409 996512
Jeff Bray	Barham 0499 990431
Mark Arians	Kerang 0401 936020
Re. Sue Allen	Kerang/Cohuna 0417 365386



# Gannawarra Memorial Toy Run

## "TOY DROP"

**SHOP** for a girl or a boy

**DROP** in a toy

**SHARE** the Christmas joy!

**Once again we are asking you to open your hearts, to help us with a donation of a toy or present for a child – Baby to 12 years.**

**Teenagers**

**Giving is not just about a donation. It is about making a difference.**

**THANK YOU.**

**Toy Run will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.2022**

## "Night for Music Lovers"

An evening of entertainment by  
Sally-Anne Russell and Dr Mitchell Chipman

featuring  
Best love songs from stage and theatre ...  
plus occasional art songs and singalong by Australia's  
favourite mezzo

...My Fair Lady, Chicago, Phantom of Opera, Cats...



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**

**At Cohuna Memorial Hall**

**Supper Supplied**

**Tickets - \$35 available**

online via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CCYEA>

**Or at Cohuna Neighbourhood House**

**Limited tickets at Door**

Fund raising for

Gannawarra Community Toyrun & Cohuna District Hospital



## Gannawarra Memorial Toy Run 2022 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

### Road Bikes & Cars

#### Registrations & Route Info:

. Motorcycles 7:30am @ Leitchville CFA

. Cars & Bikes 8:00am Kerang CBD.

. Breakfast Kerang CBD @ 8:00am – 9:30am

Bikes 9:30am Leave for Barham

Cars 9:45am Leave for Barham

Morning tea Mellool St. Barham 10:30am - Leave 11:30am for Cohuna

Lunch at Cohuna from 12:30pm. All welcome

**COST: \$25 per bike/car includes tickets into raffle donated by Golden Rivers**

Show & Shine – Cars & Bikes at Cohuna

Reserve



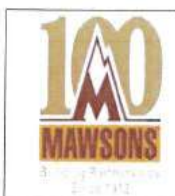
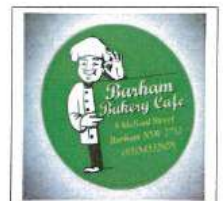
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## COMMUNITY GROUPS AND MEETING NOTICES

### **500 Club**

Every Wednesday evening at 7pm  
at Community Meeting Room. All Welcome  
Enquiries - Des Shelley 54562723

### **Churches that hold weekly services**

Anglican 32 Channel St, Cohuna  
Ph: Rev Sue Allan 0417 365386  
Baptist Belmont St, Cohuna  
Catholic King George St, Cohuna  
Uniting Sampson St, Cohuna 5456 2381

### **Cohuna Art & Craft Gallery**

23/25 King Edward St. Open Friday 10am-12noon  
& 1-3pm; Saturday 10am-12noon  
PH: 5456 4666

### **Cohuna Clay Target Club Inc**

Contact Stephen Bottcher 0427 656684, Giorgi  
Boucher 0409 777 542

### **Cohuna Community Service Group**

Meets : 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at  
Cohuna Water Tower. Danny White 0418359242

### **Cohuna District Hospital Ladies Auxiliary**

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month (excluding Jan,  
July & Aug) 10.00am at the CDH Multi-Purpose  
Meeting room. Secretary Joy Crellin 54562170

### **Cohuna & District Historical Society**

Meets 4th Thursday every month @ 1.30pm  
Cullen Street. New members welcome.

**Cohuna Farmers Market** 4th Sunday every month.  
From 8am. Contact Sarah Mostyn 0407 476065.

### **Cohuna /Leitchville RSL " Crazy Whist"**

Wednesdays -1.30pm @ Club Rooms - Channel St.  
\$4 to Play-includes Raffle and Cuppa. All Welcome.

### **Cohuna/Leitchville R.S.L. "Canasta & Coffee"**

Tuesdays 1pm – at Club Rooms – \$3 to play includes  
Tea/Coffee & Biscuits. All Welcome.  
Enquiries Judy Hughes 54 563314

### **Cohuna/Leitchville Sub-Branch R.S.L**

30 Channel St, Cohuna, meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each  
month, 7.30pm. Enquiries: Geoff Dale 0428 563395

### **Cohuna Lions Club**

Meet at the Shire Building (near dentist) on the 2nd  
Wednesday of month 7pm for 7.30pm  
Visitors welcome. President: Alan Walkington.  
Secretary: Anne Graham 0407 316303

### **Cohuna Masonic Lodge** King Edward St

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Enquiries: Ray Crellin 0428 178770

### **Cohuna Men's Shed**

Tues & Wed 9am-3pm. Thurs 9am-12noon. 3 William  
St. New members always welcome. PH: 0408 103179  
or 0400 583618

### **Cohuna Model Flying Club**

lyndon.clifford@education.vic.gov.au

### **Cohuna parkrun**

Every Saturday 7.45am, Garden Park.  
Event Director, Alan, 0418 560252.

### **Cohuna Patchwork Group**

Meets at Masonic Lodge, King Edward Street  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 10.00am - 3.00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 7.30 – 10.00 pm  
Cost - \$6.00 Carolyn Ryan 0488 745 413

### **Cohuna Progress Association**

Meeting 7 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month  
Community Meeting Room. All welcome.

### **Cohuna Retirement Village Auxiliary**

Meets 1.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month  
in Retirement Village Multipurpose Room.  
Enquiries 5456 2338

### **Cohuna Senior Citizens**

Meet Tuesday 1pm – 4pm & Friday 1pm - 4pm  
at Market St Rooms. New members welcome.  
President: Doris Mathers 5456 4266

### **Cohuna Spinning & Weaving Group**

Tuesdays from 10am, front room at Memorial Hall  
(turn right past stairs). Stay an hour or all day.  
Enquiries Secretary 0429 065119

### **Cohuna Weight Loss Support Group**

Support in losing weight. Join us at our friendly weigh  
-ins. Wednesday 4pm-4.30pm at Cohuna  
Neighbourhood House.

Enquiries: Dot Waterson 0428 537 845

### **Cuppa & Chat**

Every Wednesday morning 9.30 am, Bower Tavern

### **Family Drug Help**

Ph 0427 567170 for more information and support.

### **Garden Lovers**

Meet 2nd Friday of every month in Community  
Meeting Room at 1:30pm  
Enquiries - Carol Hall 5456 3100

### **Leitchville Bunyips Sporting Club**

Meet 2nd Monday every month, Bunyip Hut  
Call Trevor for enquiries & directions 0400 581122  
0429 165669

### **Leo Club:**

Monthly 1st Monday of the month Cohuna Scout Hall  
President: Ebony Smith

LEO Advisor: Fiona Smith 0402 305566

### **Maternal & Child Health Pram Walk**

Wed 10am. Meet at roundabout carpark near bridge.

### **Northern District Dance Association**

50/50 old time/nu vogue. Band Hall, Maxwell St,  
Kerang. Every Monday from 8pm. Also 4th Friday of  
each month.

**Paper collection** -1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month. Please leave  
on nature strip by 9am. #Train Hire Available#

### **Pigeon Racing Mallee Combine (Cohuna)**

Contact Barry Stacey 0407 406 568

### **RSL Pool & Morning Tea**

Held in RSL Clubrooms at 30 Channel St  
Monday mornings (except public hols) 9.15am –  
12noon

### **Social Support Group**

Open Monday & Thursday  
Seniors Room, Market St. Contact Cohuna Hospital.  
Phone 54565300.

**Trash & Treasure** open Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9.30-12  
PH: 5456 2345

### **U3A Cohuna**

Groups meet regularly to enjoy many varied activities.  
Enquiries: President Ann Graham 5456 2028  
All Members and Members' friends welcome.

### **Waters Edge Walkers**

Every Wednesday morning 8.30am at Gateway  
Carpark



## FLOOD SUPPORT

The Gannawarra community is currently being impacted by the floods in different ways, and each community will need different support in the coming days and weeks.

The Victorian and Australian governments are providing financial support for people, businesses and farmers.

Regular updates will be posted on Gannawarra Shire Council's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/gannawarra](http://www.facebook.com/gannawarra) and on Council's website [www.gsc.vic.gov.au/floods](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/floods).

## Flood Recovery Hotline

The Victorian Government has a Flood Recovery Hotline - Call 1800 560 760 for the latest information on help or assistance with:

- Navigating available supports
- Clean-up
- Temporary accommodation
- Mental health and wellbeing support

The recovery hotline is open from 7.30am - 7.30pm every day. Need an interpreter? Call the hotline on 1800 560 760 and press 9.

The list of help available is at <https://www.vic.gov.au/october-2022-flood-recovery>

## FREE FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

The Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) provides free financial counselling to farmers, fishing enterprises, forestry growers and harvesters, and small related businesses experiencing, or at risk of, financial hardship.

More information is available at [www.nema.gov.au/get-support/rural-financial-counselling-service](http://www.nema.gov.au/get-support/rural-financial-counselling-service)

AgBiz Assist provides free rural and small business financial counselling. Call 1300 834 775 or visit [www.agbizassist.org.au](http://www.agbizassist.org.au) to find out more.

## SUPPORT FOR FARMERS

### Animal Welfare and Assistance

Agriculture Victoria is assisting rural landholders with agricultural relief needs – with a priority on addressing urgent animal welfare issues.

Affected landholders can contact Agriculture Victoria for:

- Urgent animal welfare needs including assessment of injured animals and destruction
- Livestock management information e.g., emergency access to saleyards
- Technical information on pasture re-establishment, pest animal or plant control
- Information on assistance available and access to personal support and other services.

Contact the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226 or visit the Agriculture Victoria website <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods>

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Relief Assistance for Flood Affected Farmers

The Victorian Government is supporting primary producers across Victoria affected by the floods, with:

**Clean up Relief Grants:** \$10,000 payments to cover the costs of clean up and get businesses up and running again.

**Concessional loans:** Up to \$250,000 to restore or replace flood damaged equipment or infrastructure

**Transport Subsidies:** Up to \$15,000 to support transport of emergency fodder, stock drinking water and livestock movement

See [www.ruralfinance.com.au/Industry-programs/victorian-primary-producer-flood-relief-program](http://www.ruralfinance.com.au/Industry-programs/victorian-primary-producer-flood-relief-program) for details and application.

**Farmers who have been impacted by floods and require assistance or have urgent animal welfare needs, please contact the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.**

**If you need assistance due to flooding, please phone VICSES on 132 500.**

**If you are in immediate danger, please 000.**

[www.gsc.vic.gov.au/floods](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/floods)



**Cohuna Neighbourhood House can**  
Assist you with Printouts of all information above  
Assist you with applying and uploading information and submission  
Accessing other information for you online





## VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Relief Assistance

The Victorian Government is providing emergency relief assistance for community members whose homes have been impacted by the current flood emergency in Victoria. If your home has been affected by flooding, you can get a one-off emergency payment.

This payment is for immediate relief, including food, shelter, clothing, medication, accommodation. Emergency relief assistance is based on a fixed amount for each member of your household (adults and children).

Payments of \$580 per adult and \$290 per child (up to a maximum of \$2030 per eligible family) are available.

There are eligibility requirements. For more information and application details visit <https://emergencypayments.dffh.vic.gov.au/>

### Re-establishment Assistance

You can get financial help to return home if:

- You cannot live in your home because it is damaged or destroyed OR
- You cannot access your home for more than 7 days because of flooding

Re-establishment assistance is only available for your principal place of residence. It can help to pay for clean-up, emergency accommodation, repairs, rebuilding your home, replacing some damaged contents.

This help is means tested. You can only get it if you:

- Do not have building (home) insurance or contents insurance AND
- Are experiencing financial hardship

For more information visit [www.services.dffh.vic.gov.au/personal-hardship-assistance-program](http://www.services.dffh.vic.gov.au/personal-hardship-assistance-program)

## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA)

The disaster recovery allowance (DRA) is for employees and sole traders who lose income because of a major disaster. You can get payments for up to 13 weeks after the disaster happens. These payments are taxable.

Find out more at <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment>

### Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP)

This is for people who have suffered a significant loss because of the floods. This includes:

- If your home was severely damaged or destroyed
- If you suffered a serious injury

Adults can get \$1,000 and children can get \$400, if they are eligible.

More [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment)

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RELIEF HUB

Community Emergency Relief Hubs are operating from the Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang between 10am - 2pm daily and Council's Customer Service Centre, Cohuna between 10am - 4pm weekdays.

The hub offers information regarding support and services available as well as wifi, computer and printing facilities.

If you cannot access the Relief Hub you can call 03 5450 9333 for more information.

## What to do after a flood?

For information on recovery, checking hazards, animal welfare, finance, insurance and personal wellbeing visit <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/flood-resource-directory>

[www.gsc.vic.gov.au/floods](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/floods)



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