



## COMMUNITY RECOVERY

### Meeting and Workshop

A Community Recovery Meeting was held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August at the Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre. Members of the Shire and the State Government Recovery Team presented the Community Consultation Summary Report and proposed options for Yarloop's future.

#### State Government Update

State Recovery Controller Dr. Ken Michael addressed residents stating the consultation interviews had been very valuable and thanked residents who participated in the process. The consultation process produced a positive result in terms of people wishing to return to Yarloop. Dr. Michael announced "with such results there will certainly be a Yarloop in the future" and the State Government will be supporting the Shire of Harvey by contributing to a Town Development Plan and Community Resource Centre (CRC).

#### Community Planning Workshop

Following the Community Recovery Meeting a Community Workshop was undertaken with facilitator Rebecca Cotton. Residents were provided with the opportunity to write down their ideas, and questions on a range of topics. Hundreds of ideas were collected; there was a wonderful positive buzz around the room as people discussed Yarloop's future.



### What's Next..

The key findings of the Workshop will be presented at the next Community Recovery meeting on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 5.30pm—6.30pm** at the Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre.

Three priorities that will be discussed include;

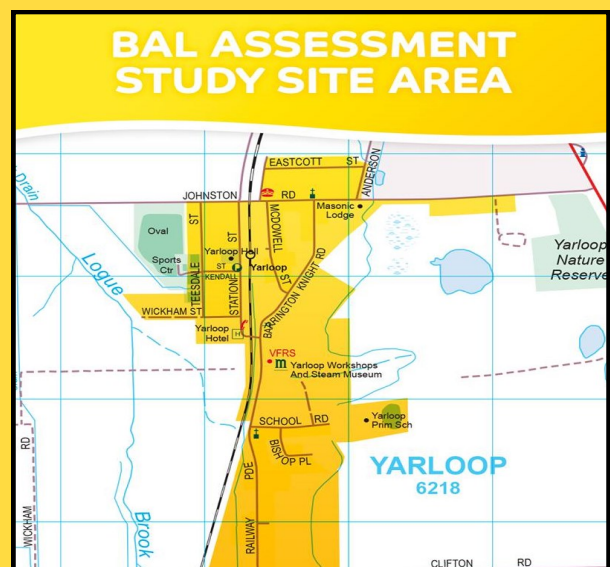
- ⇒ **Rebuild of the Yarloop Fire station**
- ⇒ **Yarloop Town Development Plan**
- ⇒ **Community Centre Incorporating a Community Resource Centre**

**The Mechanism for delivering these three priorities is listed for discussion at the meeting.**

### Bushfire Attack Level (BAL)

Bushfire Safety Consulting has been engaged by the State Government to prepare a BAL Contour Map of residential properties within Yarloop. On completion of the clean-up works the assessment will be available through the Shire of Harvey at no cost for residents seeking to rebuild.

This means landowners do not need to organise an individual BAL assessment for their property unless they wish too. For more information, contact Shire of Harvey's **Principal Building Surveyor** on **9729 0330**.



## Community Planting Day a Success!

The Shire of Harvey hosted a Community Planting Day on Sunday, 21st August to re-establish plants that were lost in the fire and enhance the entrance into Yarloop. The location was the corner of Johnston Road and South Western Highway. A sausage sizzle lunch was enjoyed after thanks to the Harvey Lions. The Shire of Harvey thanks all planting volunteers for their time and effort.

**Invitation to participate  
in the creation of a special book to record memories  
of the January 2016 bushfires**



*If you were in the Yarloop, Harvey, Waroona Fireground during this incident and would like to share your story or thoughts.  
We would love to hear from you.*

**Please register your details with the Shire of Harvey**  
☎ 08 9729 0323 or ✉ [recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au](mailto:recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au)



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Chris Puckridge, Graham Chopping, Tony Fiorenza and Chris Wheatcroft at this month's Farmers' Breakfast.

## STATE RECOVERY TEAM UPDATE

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BUSHFIRES CLEANUP

The Yarloop Clean-up team are nearing completion of clearing properties and final testing is being conducted. In total 132 properties have been tested and cleared by the Engtech Risk Consultants and 38 Clearance Certificates have been issued.

Water logging is currently an issue in Teesdale Street and Station Street, affecting 11 properties. These owners have been contacted and methods of dewatering are being explored.

Clean-up works are underway at the Yarloop Primary School. The Steam Workshops and the Town Hall will be commenced this week. The Police Station has been cleared and handed back to the Police Service. Fire affected street trees are being felled and pruned where necessary.

As the clean-up project starts winding down, Rhonda Clarke who has been on the ground in Yarloop since March supporting the clean-up project, leaves this Friday. Tiffany Green will continue providing support duties for the next couple of weeks and she can be contacted on 0408 935 763.



**AND THEN THERE  
WERE THREE.**

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO

*Rhonda Clarke*

Relationships Australia is kindly providing free counselling at the Harvey Bushfire Recovery Centre for residents affected by the bushfire, including children. Counselling is an opportunity to discuss issues that are causing concern in a supportive, respectful and confident environment. Please call **6164 0550** to organise an appointment.



## Salvation Army Financial Counsellor

The Bushfire Recovery Centre is pleased to introduce Cassandra Armstrong the newest team member from the Salvation Army. Cassandra is a Financial Counsellor and is offering free services to fire affected families and individuals in Yarloop, Harvey, Waroona and surrounds.

To contact **Cassandra** please call **0474 162 867** for a quiet chat or to book a confidential appointment, at no cost, between the hours of **10am - 2pm (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)**.

Outreach services are also available. We are here to help!

## Hydromulch in Yarloop

The Hydromulch will be applied to cleared properties in Yarloop. Hydromulch is a tacking, binding agent that covers the surface of backfilled sand and limits wind erosion.

It is a mixture of wood pulp, paper pulp and similar agents mixed with water. Hydromulch provides a skin over the surface of the sand. It is sprayed over the lot using a water cannon. Once applied, it provides an interim stabilisation for the sand until rebuilding can commence.

The hydromulch used will not contain seed mixture to ensure there is no weed or grass growth on a surface which may be used for rebuilding in the future.

For more information please visit the below website;

[www.wahydromulch.com.au](http://www.wahydromulch.com.au)



## Harvey Bushfire Recovery Centre Spring Morning Tea

The Spring Morning tea was held on Thursday, 1st September at the Bushfire Recovery Centre for residents impacted by the January bush fire. The occasion provided the opportunity for residents to visit the Centre and enjoy a cuppa plus catch up on the information and services that are available. Over 50 residents attended and enjoyed delicious food and each others company and that of the staff of the Bushfire Recovery Centre.

This will be the first of a series of monthly morning teas to be held at the Centre on the first Thursday of each month for all fire impacted residents.

The next morning tea is to be held at Harvey's Bushfire Recovery Centre on **Thursday, 6th October 10am** at 1 Becher Street Harvey. We would love to see you!

To RSVP please contact Melissa on 9792 0381 or email [recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au](mailto:recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au) to assist the caterers with number of people expected.

*(Please leave a message if you call and get our voice mail - all calls are important to us!)*



## 'Certificate of Title'

Where Certificate of Titles have been lost or damaged in the January bushfires Landgate is able to offer assistance under the WA Natural Disasters Reliefs and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA). For the official process involved please visit Landgate's website [www.landgate.wa.gov.au](http://www.landgate.wa.gov.au) or contact Landgate's Customer Service Team on **1300 365 288** or email [customerservice@landgate.wa.gov.au](mailto:customerservice@landgate.wa.gov.au)