



Bush Fire Recovery NEWSLETTER

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Acknowledgement Morning Tea

On Thursday the 7th of July the Harvey Bushfire Recovery team held a special morning tea to acknowledge the 6 month anniversary of the January bushfires.

The Local ABC Radio broadcasted live to enable people from afar to tune in and hear the experiences of others who were willing to share their story over the radio.

The CWA ladies produced the most delicious morning tea and the Harvey Lions kindly cooked up a storm on the barbeque. Kids Face painting was a hit with the kids, as was the West Coast Eagles give away pen & activity pad. It was a very enjoyable morning and really great to see 150 people come together to support each other and remember what they survived.

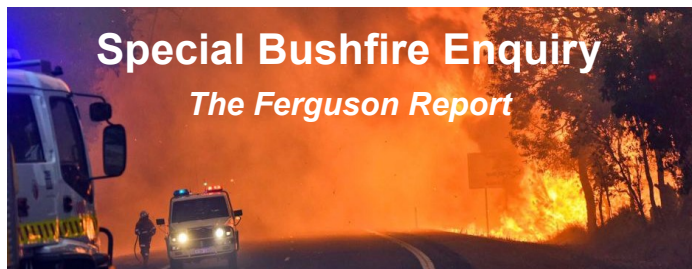
OPENING OF ZONE 2



Yarloop Clean-Up Update

Zone 2 will be opened on the afternoon of **Friday 15 July**. A new roadblock will be placed at the small culvert drain on Anderson Street, immediately north of Eastcott Street. The checkpoint at the end of Johnson Road will remain in place until Zone 3 is opened (early August). Security will continue to patrol the area.

Special Bushfire Enquiry *The Ferguson Report*



The special inquiry by Mr Euan Ferguson 'Reframing Rural Fire Management: Report of the Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire' presents an overview of the inquiry findings. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet is now seeking public comments by **12 August 2016**. This will allow feedback to be considered as part of the Government's formal response to the Report, at the end of September. A copy of Mr Ferguson's report can be downloaded from the website www.publicsector.wa.gov.au/waroona-bushfire-special-inquiry

Please return written submissions to:

Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Waroona Inquiry
Dumas House, 2 Havelock St
West Perth WA 6005

Farmers Breakfast in the Paddock

Join us for a scrumptious breakfast cooked up by the Harvey Lions and sponsored by the WA Farmers Federation and Harvey Beef on **Friday 12th August at 7.30am** at the McDonalds Farm, located on 16 Banksia Road, Cookernup

The breakfasts provide a great opportunity for farmers to catch up and have a chat with other farmers who have been affected by the fire.

If you would like to host or sponsor a breakfast, please contact Maree Ellis on 9729 0323 or email mareee@harvey.wa.gov.au



Children after a Disaster

Children also experience emotional and physical responses to a disaster such as the bushfire experienced in January. Nightmares or unusually clingy behavior is common and may burden already stressed parents. Children need the closeness and comfort of their families. They need to be understood, believed and given honest explanations. Be mindful of their exposure to adult conversations or even talk in the school yard. If you have concerns please talk to your child's teacher or your GP.

The Kids Helpline **1800 551 800** provides counselling for young people between 5 and 25 years. More information is available online www.kidshelp.com.au.

Relationship Australia is providing free counseling at the Bushfire Recovery Centre for residents affected by the bushfire, including children. Please call **6164 0550** to organize an appointment or for further information visit the website www.relationshipswa.org.au



Clifton Bridge is Now Open

Great news! The Clifton Bridge is now operational. Thank you to Main Roads WA, the Shire engineering team and contractors for their fantastic restoration work.



GP down south

Local health. Our business.

If you or any member of your family has been affected by the bush fires and need someone to talk to please contact GP down south on **9537 5500** to make an appointment. GP down south are funded by Pinjarra Rotary to provide free unlimited counselling services in Harvey, Waroona and Preston Beach for people affected by the fires. **No GP referral needed.**



Assistance for Primary Producers

WA Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) provides a range of measures designed to help Primary Producers. The assistance provided by WANDRRA is managed by the Department of Agriculture and Food. The Online Application Form can be found at:

www.agric.wa.gov.au/emergency-response/wa-natural-disaster-relief-and-recovery-arrangements

Application close on the **7 January 2017**

For assistance in completing WANDRRA's Online Application Form please contact **Graeme Chopping** from **Rural Financial Counselling Service** for FREE professional advice and assistance that comes to your door. To make an appointment please contact Graeme on **0439 984 543** or email rfc6@rfcswa.com.au

Yarloop Disco on Friday 15 July

The Yarloop Volunteer Fire Brigade are very excited to be holding their first disco since the fire. Cookernup Volunteer Fire Brigade are kindly providing their premises for the kids to get together. Children from Yarloop and Cookernup from the ages 7-15 years are welcome. The disco starts at 6pm and finishes at 9pm. Parents are expected to stay and supervise children under 6 years. Please feel free to contact **Tracy** on **0457 088 073** if you require more information.

YVBFB DISCO!!

Games! Friday 15th July **Door Prize!**
6 - 9pm

Cookernup Fire Station
Riverdale Rd, Cookernup

\$14 Entry (includes 1 free drink)

Yr 1 - Yr 10
(under 6's welcome with parent supervision)

Special guest DJ Ross!

Yarloop/Cookernup children only
Drinks and snacks available to buy!

Parents must drop off and pick up their children from the door.

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