View the Pinery recovery plan

The Local Recovery Committee, together with the State Recovery Office, has been working hard to support the community with its recovery following the Pinery fire in November. Through the Committee, a Pinery Fire Recovery Plan has been created to guide activities that support your medium to long-term recovery.

Please visit www.dcsi.sa.gov.au (scroll down to click on ‘Disaster recovery’ > ‘Pinery fire recovery newsletters’), to view the Recovery Plan. I hope you will find it helpful to understand where the recovery effort is heading, and that it assists you in your own recovery path.

It has been wonderful to see the community taking the lead on many recovery projects, including the recent Girls Night Out event and plant distribution days, and I warmly encourage you to continue in this manner.

Printed copies of the plan will be available from various locations around the fire area, and from the Recovery Centre at 43 High Street, Gawler.

It’s important that the plan remains a living document, with your feedback taken into consideration where possible. If you have any comments about the plan, particularly any issues that you would like to see addressed, please either send an email to DCSI.StateRecoveryOffice@sa.gov.au or phone 1800 302 787.

Alex Zimmermann
Local Recovery Coordinator

Fire Impact Card

If you have registered at the Recovery Centre in Gawler you would have received a Fire Impact Card. If yours is lost or expired, you are entitled to a replacement. Simply call into the Recovery Centre at 43 High Street, Gawler or phone the team on 0477 744 258 for assistance.
Pinery anthology now available

*Winged Pods*, the Pinery fire writing anthology, is now available for sale following a packed out launch in Gawler last weekend.

Compiled and edited by the Adelaide Plains Chapter and Verse group, the anthology is a blend of poetry and prose.

Purchase your copy at Poetic Justice Café and Gallery located at 4 Walker Place, Gawler. A display copy will also be available at the Pinery Fire Recovery Centre at 43 High Street, Gawler.

Books are $20 and part proceeds go to the CFS Volunteer Association.

For more information phone Carolyn Cordon on 0418 806 490 or email gawlerfestivalofwords@gmail.com.

Last bale leaves Pinery depot

Farmers from South Australia and Victoria have donated 1887 hay bales to primary producers affected by November’s Pinery fire.

In all, 59 producers were assisted with donations from the South East, Yorke Peninsula, Lower Lakes, Mid North, Eyre Peninsula and Fleurieu Peninsula, as well as north-east Victoria. Donations included:

- 380 large square bales of barley straw
- 30 large rounds of clover hay
- 725 large rounds and squares and small squares of meadow hay
- 587 large rounds and squares and small squares of oaten hay
- 30 large rounds of triticale hay
- 135 large rounds and squares of wheaten hay.

This included 400 bales from the PIRSA Flaxley Research Station and a donation of $3,000 from north-east Victorian growers to buy hay locally. All donated bales were kept at the University of Adelaide’s Roseworthy campus, which donated land to set up the depot. The depot has now closed.

Livestock SA coordinated the relief effort. President Geoff Power says it was great to see producers joining together to help their fire-affected counterparts.

Special thanks goes to the University of Adelaide Roseworthy farm manager John Matheson, Tarlee pheasant farmer Alan Harris and Martindale Holdings’ Grant Jarvis, Roseworthy.

Support from St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Society SA continues to support people affected by the fire to rebuild their lives.

So far, financial grants have been provided to nearly 200 households, and many more people have received material goods such as clothing, homewares and furniture.

Vinnies is now offering additional financial support to individuals who incurred damage to outbuildings or lost vehicles, machinery or livestock as a result of the fire. Please note that livestock does not include chickens. (For more information, visit [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au), then go to ‘Find help’ > ‘View national programs and services’ > ‘SA’ > ‘Pinery Bushfire Financial Assistance’.

Alternatively phone St Vincent de Paul Society SA on (08) 8112 8711, or email fires@svdpsa.org.au.

You can also call in to the Vinnies Gawler store at 14 Adelaide Road, Gawler.
How is the season shaping up?

Earlier this year, the Bureau of Meteorology indicated that we are likely to see a wetter spring than the last two years. The current three-month forecast predicts a wetter, cooler July to September and that certainly seems to be happening.

A wetter spring will keep crops and pastures greener for longer, so it is likely that this year’s harvest will start later than last year. Wetter soils will also lower the fire risk.

Crops and pastures have established well but now some soils are becoming waterlogged and nutrient deficient. These factors, combined with cooler temperatures, are slowing crop growth. Fine, warmer weather will bring the usual variety of crop pests and diseases, particularly those that thrive in wet conditions.

The recently discovered Russian wheat aphid could damage crops when temperatures warm up and stimulate the bugs into action again. Researchers, agronomists and advisers are making a considerable effort to monitor and provide information on how to manage them and stay up to date on the latest developments. Although it is another pest that farmers would much prefer to do without, the reality is that the cost of controlling Russian wheat aphid is probably going to be far less than dealing with snails.

While it is still too early to say how productive or profitable the season will be, the good growth of plants will provide protection against soil erosion and hopefully we have seen the last of dusty days.

For any queries regarding this article, phone Mary-Anne Young from PIRSA on 0418 897 775.

Trees for Life 2017 orders closing

Trees for Life has extended its offer of a 50% discount on native plant orders for 2017 to landholders and groups affected by the Pinery fire to Friday 19 August, 2016.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get a large supply of trees for shelter belts and wind breaks at a very cheap rate.

The plants have been carefully selected to suit the local environment and, once ordered, are grown by many generous volunteer growers to keep costs to a minimum. Orders will be delivered in May 2017.

Some useful resources to help you pick the right plants for your situation can be viewed at: www.treesforlife.org.au (click on ‘trees’ > ‘tree scheme’).

This offer was made possible with the support of Trees for Life’s significant partners Glencore Grain and Viterra, together with assistance from the National Australia Bank. Working together, they aim to get plants back into the landscape.

For more information, including species selection advice, phone Trees for Life on (08) 8406 0500, or email info@treesforlife.org.au.

To download a Tree Scheme order form visit www.treesforlife.org.au (click on ‘trees’ > ‘tree scheme’). To obtain the discount simply write PINERY FIRE on the top of the order form and apply a 50% discount. Please note the discount doesn’t apply to membership fees.

For advice on planting for bushfire management, visit www.treesforlife.org.au (click on ‘trees’ > ‘tree scheme’ > ‘landholder advice’).

See every newsletter online

You can now view every edition of the Pinery fire recovery newsletter online at www.dcsi.sa.gov.au (click on ‘Disaster recovery’ > ‘Pinery fire recovery newsletters’).

This page will be kept up to date as new editions of the newsletter become available so you will be able to catch up on the latest news anytime.
Light Regional Council grants
If you live within Light Regional Council and have a project you would like to bring to fruition, Light Regional Council’s Sponsorship, Grants and Incentive Scheme could help make it happen.

The scheme offers individuals and community groups the financial support for activities, events and projects that develop and sustain a vibrant and growing community.

Applications are invited for consideration within the following funding categories:

**Event Sponsorship Program**
Grants are available to support community organisations to deliver events in the Light Council region. Funding of up to $1,000 is available for community events, while grants of up to $2,000 are available for regional events.

**Community Development Grant Program**
Grants of up to $1,000 are available for non-profit groups and organisations to conduct projects and activities that contribute to the development of the community within the Light Regional Council area.

**Heritage Incentive Scheme**
Grants of up to $1,000 are available for owners of Local Heritage Places and Contributory Items to help minimise the costs associated with conserving these important properties.

**Youth Incentive Scheme**
Grants of up to $300 are available for young people displaying considerable talent in cultural, sport, science, technology, arts and community service activities to enhance their talents through specialised training, development or participation in state, national or international teams. Young people aged between eight and 21 residing in Light Regional Council are eligible to apply.

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 24 August 2016.

As the available funding is limited, not all applications may be successful. All Grants, Sponsorship and Heritage Incentive Scheme applications and supporting information received by Council must conform with the application requirements and be received by 24 August 2016. Unsigned applications will be considered ineligible. Successful applications will be determined by Council at its meeting in September 2016.

Eligibility criteria applies to each funding category. For more information, including application forms, visit [www.light.sa.gov.au](http://www.light.sa.gov.au), email [light@light.sa.gov.au](mailto:light@light.sa.gov.au), or phone (08) 8525 3200.

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**Pet and horse owner survey**
You are invited to participate in research being conducted by the Appleton Institute of Central Queensland University, Adelaide, part of the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre. The project aims to improve community fire safety. The survey takes approximately 25 minutes to complete, and most questions are optional.

Participants are eligible to win one of four $50 vouchers from PETstock and Bonnetts Saddlery.

Bushfires are a part of life in rural South Australia. When they do occur it is important to learn as much as possible about the fires and people’s experience of them. This project can help emergency services and other groups better understand how to improve community safety for the future by learning as much as possible about what happened before and during the fires to pet and horse owners.

People with pets and/or horses in communities affected by the Pinery fire in 2015 are being asked to describe their experiences. This online survey covers the following topics:

- Prior to the bushfire, what did you do to prepare your property?
- Did you have a bushfire survival plan?
- Did you think there was going to be a day of bad fire weather?
- When and how did you first find out that you were threatened by a bushfire?
- What do you think you and others could have done differently to improve your safety and that of your pets and horses before and during this bushfire?

To participate in the survey, visit [http://tinyurl.com/gqxd4qu](http://tinyurl.com/gqxd4qu).

If you have any further questions about the survey, email Associate Professor Kirrilly Thompson at [kirrilly.thompson@cqu.edu.au](mailto:kIRRILY.thOMPSON@cQU.edu.AU), or phone 0413 616 650.
Post-fire rebuilding
By Emilis Prelgauskas

Since the beginning of the recovery process, a group of qualified advisers has been on hand to offer free rebuilding support.

Their role as planner, architect, engineer and heritage adviser is to offer suggestions on the full range of options available to you when it comes to rebuilding.

Evidence from previous emergencies shows that people who rebuild in a hurry, with new quick build houses, are often dissatisfied, choosing to sell their property after a few years and move away from their community.

An independent rebuilding adviser can help you avoid some of the long-term concerns by outlining issues that need special consideration, explaining the process that needs to be followed and highlighting how rebuilding differs from the normal 'new build' approach.

For example, advisers have been able to suggest to owners of burnt out stone houses that repair, stabilisation and a step-by-step approach means the house can be rescued, repaired and rebuilt to form a current compliant building, while still being economical. In that way the family can retain a relationship with the local community and continuity with the land.

Advisers have also tackled unique issues involving land boundaries, access, future aspirations for land use, expectations of local regulations, state rules for environment protection, and major road boundaries. They are familiar with these issues through their day-to-day professional work and can likely offer an alternate solution to what might, at first glance, seem to be a complex problem. Their role is to provide reassurance so that you can move forward with confidence at a pace that suits you. You may choose to follow their suggestions or not, depending on your circumstances.

They can also offer suggestions for setting up a temporary home in suburbia or a township so you can deal effectively with your fire damaged rural property in a way that suits your needs.

For rebuilding assistance phone Emilis Prelgauskas on 0415 631 713 or the Recovery Centre on 0477 744 258.

Stay connected
The Recovery Hotline (1800 302 787) provides recovery information for people affected by the fire. The latest fire recovery information is also available online at www.sa.gov.au/recovery or the SA Recovery Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SArecoveryinfo.

Emergency scholarships
The Federal Government has announced a $1 million scholarship fund to boost education development opportunities for emergency management volunteers.

Communities around Australia rely heavily on the invaluable contribution that emergency management volunteers make – selflessly giving up their time to help their communities during and after the ferocity of Australia's many natural disasters.

In Australia there are several hundred thousand volunteers involved in a range of emergency services, including firefighting, flood and storm response, road rescue, search and rescue, and patrolling beaches.

This approach to supporting volunteers and their agencies recognises the complexity of the service they deliver and the high-level skills and leadership required to respond to emergency situations.

Eligible volunteers will receive financial support to access accredited vocational and higher education qualifications in emergency management related disciplines.

The scholarships are available to Australian citizens or permanent residents who are volunteers in an emergency management agency.

More than half of the scholarships will be reserved for specific groups of volunteers: those who live in a regional or rural area, female volunteers and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander volunteers.

These scholarships will equip emergency management volunteers to best prepare and respond to a range of disasters and build resilience.

The Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience will administer the new scholarship on behalf of the Government. For more information, visit www.aidr.org.au.
SA Bushfire Garden Revival

SA Bushfire Garden Revival supports fire-affected people by helping rebuild their gardens with thousands of donated and propagated plants. If you or a friend lost your garden or property vegetation, the SA Bushfire Garden Revival team is keen to help you.

There will be an Open Day on 7 August in Owen, where you will find a wide range of free native and exotic plants, tree guards and other garden related items to take home. For more information see the events section on page 7.

ANZ grant now open

The ANZ bank Seeds of Renewal grant is now available to support communities in regional Australia.

The program focuses on enhancing education and employment opportunities in rural, regional and remote areas. Consideration will be given to projects in communities with fewer than 15,000 people.

The Seeds of Renewal program provides technology or funding grants of up to $15,000 to community organisations for projects focused on creating education and employment opportunities. The program is independently administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

Applications close 5pm Friday 26 August.

For full details visit www.anz.com (click on ‘small business’ > ‘agribusiness’ > ‘supporting our community’).

Plains Community Churches

Throughout the months following the fire, the Plains Community Churches have pooled their resources to support the fire-impacted community.

Comprising three small congregations in Windsor, Owen and Hamley Bridge (incorporating Stockport), members of the church worked with the CFS to participate in or organise crews, work on the radio and provide meals to the volunteers.

Responding to generous donations, members of the group were able to immediately offer families in the northern area $200 for emergency provisions. Further donations totalling $31,000 were later received and, within 10 days, they were able to distribute a further $1,000 to each family.

Two complete households of furniture were generously donated and a venue was established to store these items. A database of numerous offers of furniture and household items was also created and many of these items are still available. The team worked closely with St Vincent De Paul in Gawler to share their resources and manage donations to the community. Items valued at more than $40,000 have been distributed so far to 26 households. They have also reprinted recipe books and donated these to the community.

A Landscape Greening Project attracted donations from individuals, churches and garden clubs around South Australia. These donations have enabled $100 nursery vouchers to be given to anyone with a damaged garden. To date the group has distributed 170 vouchers to households from the fire’s point of origin working east. These donations continue as money is received.

At their request, the Reverend Dr Phil Marshall travels around the fire area one day each week to offer emotional support, funded by the Uniting Church of Australia. Emma Christian, who has nursing and child-care experience, has also been employed to assist women and children with their emotional wellbeing.

Sincere thanks to the members of the Plains Community Churches for their incredible efforts supporting the local community.

If you would like more information about donated items, phone the Vinnies store in Gawler on (08) 8522 4229 or call in to their shop at 14 Adelaide Road, Gawler. Alternatively, phone community leader and Plains Community Church member Don Bubner on 0427 286 121.

Is your email address correct?

We have had many emails bounce back when sending out the newsletter. If you have registered to be sent the newsletter electronically but are not receiving it, please email DCSI.PineryNews@sa.gov.au and let us know. We’d like to make sure it reaches you.
Grants for primary producers

Eligible primary producers in the council areas of Clare and Gilbert Valleys, Light, Mallala and Wakefield are invited to apply for funding through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance Grants programme.

Grants of up to $10,000 are available to primary producers who suffered direct damage as a result of the Pinery fire and intend to re-establish their primary production businesses.

Jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments, the grants are intended to provide short-term, targeted assistance by reimbursing clean-up and reinstatement costs that are not covered by insurance.

Applications close Friday 4 November 2016.

To access the Pinery fire recovery grant fact sheet, or download the application form visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/pinerygrant

For grant assistance, phone the Grant Hotline on 1800 182 235 (toll free), or phone the PIRSA Pinery Bushfire Recovery Facilitator on (08) 8207 7847.

Recovery Centre changes

The Recovery Centre has now relocated within the TAFE building to the space previously occupied by the library.

Clearly marked signs will lead you to the new location, where our friendly staff will be ready to assist you. Alternatively phone the team on 0477 744 258.

Mobile recovery services will no longer be delivered from Kapunda and Hamley Bridge. The same support can be accessed from the Gawler Recovery Centre or via a home visit. Please visit the centre or phone 0477 744 258 to talk to one of the staff. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

Events

SA Bushfire Garden Revival

When: Sunday 7 August, 11am to 3pm
Where: Owen (Private residence. To be disclosed to attendees closer to event).

RSVP essential to Kristy on 0413 565 469 or email sabushfiregardenrevival@outlook.com

Firey Women Workshop

Free, practical fire safety workshops in a friendly environment.

Tarlee

When: Sunday 7 and 14 August
Where: Tarlee Hall

For more information and to register, phone CFS Community Engagement Officer Helen Hennessy on 0457 102 151 or email hennessy.helen@cfs.sa.gov.au

Writing Grant Applications Workshops

In this free workshop, learn how to identify organisational aims, objectives and strategic plans; how to research, consult and collect data; how to prepare a written grant/sponsorship application, and how to plan acquittal and evaluation processes.

There are two sessions available:

When: Monday 12 September, 5pm to 8pm
Where: Northern Volunteering (SA)
Level 1, 39 John Street, Salisbury.

When: Tuesday 23 August, 6:30pm to 9.30pm
Where: Tarlee Community Hall
Main North Road, Tarlee

Bookings essential.

For Tarlee registrations only, visit http://bit.ly/2avv5iT.

For Salisbury registrations phone (08) 8250 1582 or email trainingmanager@nvsa.org.au

Mallala Ageing in Style Expo

When: Thursday 18 August, 10am to 1pm
Where: Mallala Institute – Dublin Road, Mallala.
Includes prizes, stalls and free Devonshire tea.

For information or transport assistance, phone Lynette Seccafien on (08) 8527 0200, or email info@mallala.sa.gov.au
Contact information

Recovery details
Recovery Hotline: 1800 302 787

Pinery Fire Recovery Centre: 0477 744 258
TAFE Gawler campus - 43 High Street, Gawler


SA Recovery Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SArecoveryinfo

Local Councils
Wakefield Regional Council: (08) 8862 0800 www.wakefieldrc.sa.gov.au

District Council of Mallala: (08) 8527 0200 www.mallala.sa.gov.au

Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council: (08) 8842 6400 www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au

Light Regional Council: (08) 8525 3200 www.light.sa.gov.au

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


Waste management
Environment Protection Authority: (08) 8204 2004 or 1800 623 445

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
Country Health SA Clinical Counselling Service: Angaston (08) 8563 8544 or Gawler (08) 8521 2080
Northern Health Network: (08) 8209 0700

Volunteering
Volunteering SA&NT: 1300 135 545 www.volunteeringsa.org.au

Business support
Rural Business Support: 1800 836 211 www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au

Natural Resources
For assistance with property recovery, pest plant/animal control, revegetation, stock management and whole farm planning.

Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges, Gawler Office: (08) 8523 7700
Natural Resources Northern and Yorke, Clare Office: (08) 8841 3400 www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au then click on ‘Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges’ > ‘Pinery fire recovery’.

Community support
Freeling Support Group: 0477 717 736

Habitat for Humanity: (08) 8344 6009 or email: enquiries.sa@habitat.org.au

Information and referral
Women’s Information Service: (08) 8303 0590 www.wis.sa.gov.au

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