

Contaminated Water alert

Yarra Valley Water is advising residents in Kallista, Sherbrooke and The Patch to not drink tap water until further notice.

As of 2.30pm Wednesday 16 June, Yarra Valley Water has stated that water sampling will take place over the next 48 hours to make sure that tap water is safe to drink.

Emergency drinking water is available at:

- The Patch Hall, 5 The Patch Road, The Patch
- Kallista Public Hall, 6 Tom Roberts Road Kallista

Please be patient as supplies will be refilled as required.

Residents will also need to bring their own containers (bottles, pots, kettles etc.) to fill up from the tankers.

If you would like any more information or updates, please reach out to Yarra Valley Water on **13 27 62**.

What do I do with my green waste?

The sheer volume and scale of the clean up ahead is something Council and our community can't tackle alone. This is why we are calling on the State and Federal Governments to support Council and our community with this clean-up operation.

Being able to get this done as quickly as possible is particularly crucial given we are only months away from bushfire season.

We are asking the State and Federal Governments for funding to enable Council to clear the material we are collecting from the roads and roadsides, as well as resources to enable our community to get material off their own properties.

We will continue to keep you updated with our progress.

Septic Tanks

Recent storms may have had a significant impact on septic tank systems around the Yarra Ranges.

If you're an owner of a septic tank system, please undertake the following checks to work out if your system is operating correctly:

- Check for odours around the system
- Check the system for signs of damage
- Monitor whether the wastewater flows well through water fixtures and fittings
- Check the system for blockages (if safe to do so)

If you identify any problems through the above checks, please reach out to a suitably qualified and experienced plumber to check your system.

For further advice, please contact our Environmental Health Department on **1300 368 333** or visit www.health.vic.gov.au for more information.

Please note that there may be potential access issues for plumbers if roads are still blocked by fallen trees or flooding, which will increase wait time.

For more update to information

yarraranges.vic.gov.au/stormemergencyinfo

www.facebook.com/yncouncil/

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A week on from the storms hitting the region, we know that living without power, without internet and with patchy phone reception is wearing people thin. We also know that this is the point where the initial supplies you may have gathered – your batteries, extra food, toilet paper, firewood and sanitary items – may also be running low.

It can be hard to know where to go for support – especially when you're feeling isolated from the wider community – but if you need a hand, we want to hear from you.

We've got Power and Shower sites and food waste drop off areas listed in this newsletter and on our website with other emergency information, at yarraranges.vic.gov.au. At our Power and Shower sites, you can access hot water, power for your devices (bring your own chargers and toiletries) and staff, who you can talk to about how you're going and what you may need.

Emergency services and community groups have also been gathering donations of food, supplies and equipment which we can help you to access.

We're also encouraging anyone who needs a hand to call us on **1300 368 333**, especially if you're unsure of where to go for help. We'll try to connect you with agencies, community groups or Council teams who can assist and help get things back on track for you.

The joint Australian, state and territory Governments have created Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Information can only be accessed at this stage by visiting disasterassist.gov.au so please reach out to someone who has internet access to assist you if you do not have internet access yourself, for more information.

There have been reports of scammers operating in Kalorama offering to cut up trees, please be careful and vigilant regarding any offers of help.

FOR URGENT RELIEF NEEDS

We hope you all have managed to stay safe following the recent storm. If you have any urgent relief needs including food, or alternate accommodation needs, please contact Yarra Ranges Council

1300 368 333



Road Closures

To assist with the clean up, Victoria Police has traffic management points set up at key access roads in the Dandenong Ranges.

Access to the Mount Dandenong Tourist Road is restricted to emergency service personnel, supporting agencies and local residents only. Non-residents are advised to stay away from the area while the clean up continues.

Mountain Highway closed from Claremont Avenue, The Basin to Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Sassafra. Black Spur closed from Healesville to Narbethong.

Power and Shower Sites

The below 'Power and Shower' sites are available to residents who need hot showers or charging facilities from 8am-8pm.

Lilydale Heights Secondary College, 17-19 Nelson Road, Lilydale
Yarra Junction Sporting Pavilion, 2435 Warburton Highway, Yarra Junction
Belgrave Community Hub, 1616/1624 Burwood Highway, Belgrave
Olinda Recreation Reserve, 71-73 Olinda-Monbulk Road, Belgrave
Queens Park Pavilion, 36A Don Road, Healesville
Kalorama Memorial Reserve, 1190-1196 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Kalorama

Residents will need to bring their own towel, toiletries and charging devices.
Please ask staff and emergency volunteers at these sites if you require anything else, and they will see how they can assist.

Emergency Food Waste Disposal

Extra bins have been made available for residents to dispose of emergency food waste only at the following locations:

- Kalorama Memorial Reserve, Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Kalorama
- Olinda public toilets, 33 Monash Avenue (Service road)
- Rear of the Healesville Community Link, River Street, Healesville
- Belgrave Recreation Reserve, 1A Reserve Rd, Belgrave
- Monbulk Recreation Reserve car park, Moores Road
- Lilydale Recreation Reserve, 179 Main St, Lilydale
- Yarra Junction Recreation Reserve car park near sporting pavilion

Please check Council's website or call 1300 368 333 for more information and updates on these services and locations.

Key Contact Information

For urgent relief needs including food and alternate accommodation contact Council on **1300 368 333**

	Serviced by	Contact Number
Fallen trees - Local Roads	Council	1300 368 333
Fallen trees - Main Roads	VicRoads	13 11 70
Fallen trees - On Powerlines	AusNet Services	13 17 99
Livestock issues	Contact Agriculture Victoria	9032 7676
Flood or Storm assistance	SES	132 500
Material aid and financial support	Contact Council	1300 368 333
Temporary care for pets	Council	1300 368 333
Mental health support	Beyond Blue	1300 224 636
Domestic Violence Support	EDVOS	9259 4200 or 1800 015 188 (after hours)
Legal Services	Eastern Community Legal Centre	1300 32 52 00

Stay safe when using candles or alternative heating sources

When heating or lighting your home during a power outage, please be aware of the following:

- Do not use appliances designed for outdoor use inside your home, basement, garage, caravan or tent.
- Do not use these appliances close to an open window when outside.
- Appliances such as power generators, grills, camp stoves, patio heaters or other devices that burn petrol, gas or charcoal should only be operated in well-ventilated outdoor areas away from open windows and vents.
- Please beware of fire hazards when using candles. Try to use torches instead.
- If you need to use candles, make sure to keep them away from curtains and put them out before you go to sleep.

