

# Sir Ivan Fire Recovery Committee

## Community Newsletter

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#### **Burnt fencing wire collection and recycling**

Thanks to Upper Hunter Shire Council, two metal recycling companies have offered to load and remove burnt fencing wire, posts and other ferrous metals from farms that have been affected by the Sir Ivan Fire, at no charge to farmers.

They plan to do this in late May, in a “milk run”, with another run planned later in the year if required.

Materials will need to be stockpiled in a linear heap (rather than in a big pile), with preferably one stockpile per property.

The stockpile would need to be on farm, off roads and with access suitable for a float to be unloaded and B-doubles or semi-trailers to pick up the material.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer, please contact the **Recovery Line** on **(02) 6377 1122** for more information and to be sent a form.

Forms will then be provided to the recycling companies and they will contact the affected farmers to arrange pick up.

Forms can be returned via email, fax or in person at offices of:

- [Upper Hunter Shire Council](#)
- [Warrumbungle Shire Council](#)
- [Mid-Western Shire Council](#)

#### **The Sir Ivan Recovery Support Service now available**

To provide ongoing recovery support to fire affected primary producers, households and communities the NSW Government has provided funding for the **Sir Ivan Fire Recovery Support Service**. Dedicated **Recovery Support Workers** hosted by the **Department of Primary Industries Rural Resilience Program** are now available to help navigate the range of recovery support that exists.

Launched this week by the Minister for Emergency Services The Hon Troy Grant, he said “I encourage everyone who needs it to seek help. You’re not being brave by doing it tough. There are people available to offer assistance. Reach out and use them. **The Recovery Support Workers** will travel out to farms or meet with farmers and their families in town. They will provide a single point of contact to help connect those affected with the assistance they require, whether it is personal, agricultural or financial.”

For more information or to make an appointment with a **Recovery Support Worker** please contact the **Recovery Line** on **(02) 6377 1122** or call Caroline Hayes on **0407 971 675** or Sue Freebairn on **0429 212 368**.

## Waiving of Council Fees

At the April Meeting of **Warrumbungle Shire Council**, Council resolved to waive Development Application, Construction Certificate, Inspection and Section 94A fees for those residents affected by the Sir Ivan Fire who meet all of the following criteria:

(a) have lost their principal place of residence and they meet the LEP requirements that allow construction of a dwelling on that property;

(b) insurance held does not cover the payment of approval related fees; and

(c) the property has been confirmed by Council to have been destroyed by the February 2017 Sir Ivan Fire.

Council also resolved to waive tipping fees for receipt of friable asbestos, generated by the Sir Ivan Fire, at the Coonabarabran landfill. For more information, please contact **Warrumbungle Shire Council** on **(02) 6849 2000** or **(02) 6378 5000**.

## Are you insured?

If you are insured, you should talk to your insurance company as soon as possible about how to make a claim. If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about your insurance, contact the **Insurance Council of Australia** on 1800 734 621.

## Warrumbungle Shire Council Clean Up Assistance

Following the Sir Ivan Fire, **Warrumbungle Shire Council** has received a number of requests from landholders to provide assistance with the clearing of fence lines along fire affected roads. At the March 2017 meeting, **Warrumbungle Shire Council** resolved that Council provide a subsidy, capped at **\$1,000 per property**, to pay for plant hire to clear road reserves where trees are deemed a threat to new property infrastructure or road users. Conditions of the subsidy include:

- prior assessment must be conducted by Council
- full road frontage to be treated
- timber to be stacked on property
- fences must be deemed destroyed or damaged beyond repair
- only road reserves on roads maintained by Council are eligible
- only Warrumbungle Shire Council ratepayers are eligible
- subsidy is claimable if work undertaken by private contractor

If you have already completed these works, and would like to access the subsidy retrospectively, please contact **Warrumbungle Shire Council** on **(02) 6849 2000** or **(02) 6378 5000**.

## Warrumbungle Shire Mayor's Bushfire Appeal – community recovery support

To date approximately \$195,000 has been raised by the **Warrumbungle Shire Mayor's Bushfire Appeal**.

Around \$130,000 worth of funds from the Mayor's Appeal have been distributed thus far.

Funds have been distributed to:

- BlazeAid
- St Vincent de Paul – Dunedoo
- St Vincent de Paul – Coolah
- Anglican Church Dunedoo
- Dunedoo CWA

Community members affected by the Sir Ivan Fire who wish to access these funds can do by:

- getting in touch with one of the organisations listed above; or
- making an application directly to the Mayor's Appeal.

For further information about the Warrumbungle Shire Mayor's Bushfire Appeal please contact Michael Jones, Director Corporate and Community Services, on (02) 6849 2000.

## Resources for bushfire recovery

Visit Local Land Services (LLS) at [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/emergency/bushfires/bushfire-recovery-resources](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/emergency/bushfires/bushfire-recovery-resources) to access resources for bushfire-affected landholders. Information includes: guide to common sheep vaccines, water requirements for sheep and cattle, feed tests, fire recovery video series, management advice, pasture management and the LLS role in bushfire recovery.

## Local Land Services – Fire recovery advice

The latest edition of the Local Land Services (LLS) **Fire Recovery Advice – Autumn 2017** has been released.

The advice is provided by **Local Land Services** as part of the ongoing collaborative recovery process to support land managers affected by the Sir Ivan fire. There is a wide range of bushfire recovery information available to support you. As well as the articles they have provided links on their website to films and technical information that can provide more detail. Don't forget you can also talk to a biosecurity officer or vet by contacting your nearest Local Land Services office for advice. You can also contact the Rural Assistance Authority to talk to a Rural Financial Counsellor for free and confidential financial advice.

Check out the newsletter for useful information on topics including:

- general animal health
- NLIS
- toxic weeds
- quarantine and biosecurity
- financial assistance and advice
- resilience support
- feed quality tests
- what to do with green pick
- stock water requirements
- stock health reminders
- what's germinating in your pastures
- annual stock and land return
- resources for bushfire recovery

## Useful contacts

### Recovery Support Workers

Recovery Line on (02) 6377 1122

Caroline Hayes on 0407 971 675

Sue Freebairn on 0429 212 368

### Financial Counselling

RFCSCR – 1800 940 404

RFC Mudgee

Elizabeth Brown – 0427 726 660

RFC Servicing Coolah

Susan Kelley – 0439 323 443

Website: [www.rfcscr.com.au](http://www.rfcscr.com.au)

Email: [ceo@rfcscr.com.au](mailto:ceo@rfcscr.com.au)

### 'Category C' Recovery Grants for Primary Producers.

Recovery grants of up to \$15,000 per farming enterprise are available to eligible primary producers in the Sir Ivan fire zone who have suffered damage to farm buildings, crops, pasture, stock, fencing and/or tools of trade (equipment/ plant).

Talk to an RAA Assessor on 1800 678 593 or your local Rural Financial Counsellor about your eligibility, do not self-assess.

### BlazeAid

To hear how BlazeAid can lend a helping hand on your fire-affected property contact them on the numbers below:

**Dunedoo Camp:** 0418 349 317

**Cassilis Camp:** 0428 984 117

## Waste Transfer Stations

### Warrumbungle Shire Council

<http://www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au/resident-services/warrumbungle-waste/waste-collection-and-transfer-station-services/waste-collection-and-transfer-station-services> .

### Upper Hunter Shire Council

<http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/our-services/waste-recycling/waste-disposal.aspx> .

## Newsletter Suggestions

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