

Recovery Update for those affected by the Pigeon Valley Fire 21 March 2019

Community debriefs

We will be holding community debrief sessions in the coming months. But before we do, we would like your feedback on some key areas. Please take the time to complete this survey which asks for your feedback on five key areas. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SKFJF77>

Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund (MDRF)

If you have costs from the fire event which are not covered by insurance or other means **put in an application to the MDRF**. When applying to the MDRF please make sure you attach any supporting documents, as applications cannot be processed until those documents are received. If you have applied but haven't already attached any supporting documents, please email them to Sandie.Hutchinson@tasman.govt.nz. If there are no supporting documents please explain why on your application.

Land Remediation

Now that the fire is controlled we have been working hard on remediation. The Land Remediation Team (LRT) has been contacting individual landowners and undertaking visits since 8th March. We have nearly completed these visits.

A process to complete the remediation works has been defined and affected landowners have been made aware of this during the visits by LRT.

If you haven't yet been contacted by the LRT and there is damage to your property, please get in touch with us ASAP.

The Lotteries Commission have made a grant to the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund to help get the community back on its feet. This money is to be used for community purposes. It has been agreed by the Commission that it is available to cover the costs of damage to private land caused by the fire control measures whilst protecting the wider community.

Healthcare

Free GP visits for fire-related stress or anxiety: Free GP visits will continue to be offered for people seeking support for stress or anxiety relating to the fires.

Coping with stress and anxiety: Anxiety is a normal response to a very stressful situation. Talking to people and helping others can be both therapeutic and useful.

If you need further support for yourself or for others:



- free-phone or text 1737 to talk to a trained counsellor
- call your general practice, after-hours GP practice or Healthline on 0800 611 116
- in an emergency, call 111

Te Putahitanga o Te Waipounamu Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency based in Christchurch and Te Hauora o Ngati Rarua Ltd based in Blenheim have provided ongoing immense support throughout the State of Emergency and post Tasman Fires with huge thanks to local Wakefield based Navigator **Tane Whaanga**.

Other Iwi Whanau Wellness Services are also provided by:

- Te Piki Oranga Wellness Services: based at 281 Queen Street Richmond and also operate from Te Awhina Marae in Motueka and Whakatu Marae in Nelson phone: 543 7016 email admin@tpo.org.nz
- Whakatu Marae 99 Atawhai Drive Nelson Phone: 5469097 Email: kaiawhina@whakatumarae.co.nz Provide: Whanau Ora Services which extend across Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield, Tapawera and Motueka districts

The Ministry of Social Development can advise on financial support: 0800 779 997

The Ministry of Primary Industries can advise on animal welfare concerns: 0800 008 333 (option 4)

Sharing this update

Civil Defence is here to help, if you think there are other topics we need to cover in this newsletter let us know.

If you have family or friends that cannot access a computer, please share this information with them. Remember, it is ok to ask for help. If you need help and you're not sure who to ask, call Tasman District Council on **03 543 8400 (24 Hours)**.