

Information and updates for residents affected by the Pigeon Valley Fire, from Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and our fire response partners

Monday 25 February 2019

Civil Defence Centre closure and outreach visits

The Civil Defence Centre at New Life Church, at Wensley Road in Richmond has closed as of 4pm today.

Red Cross and Rural Support Trust volunteers will be making contact with residents in Eves, Teapot and Redwood Valleys later in the week to ensure everyone is in touch with the support services they need.

Nelson Fire Clean-up Crew

The Nelson fire clean-up crew will be again be at the Wakefield Village Hall from 10am to 3pm on Sunday, 3 March. Please drop in if there are any tasks you need help with as a result of the Pigeon Valley fire. If you are not able to come to the meeting, you can email nelsonfcc@outlook.com or contact 027 42 CLEAN (027 422 5326). More details can be found at: <https://nelsonfcc.wixsite.com/home>. They'll be coordinating clean-up tasks over the coming weeks.

Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund

The Nelson Tasman District Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund has been set up by the Tasman District and Nelson City Councils to help those most severely affected by the Pigeon Valley fire.

The criteria for funding and the application form are now available on the Tasman District Council website. If you would like to apply for funding before then, please contact Sandie Hutchinson at sandie.hutchinson@tasman.govt.nz or visit <https://tasman.govt.nz/link/mayoral-fund>.

If you have an insurance claim, make sure it's with your insurance company now.

Fire update

Good weather conditions have aided the firefighting effort. Fire and Emergency New Zealand has achieved a 30-metre "blackout" zone around the entire perimeter of the fire, a goal they have been working towards for some time. Work is now focussed on expanding that zone to 50 metres.

The location and elimination of hotspots is also ongoing.

Access for contractors and machinery into the valleys

The state of civil defence emergency and the machinery ban remain in place but will be reviewed tomorrow Tuesday 26 February. In the meantime you can apply for an exemption (s91) by calling Tasman District Council 03 543 8400. The application form is on The Tasman District Council website.

<https://tasman.govt.nz/my-council/forms/section-91-exemption-form/>

Everyone is reminded that taking extreme care with any outdoor activities that could create sparks and fire is essential as the fire danger remains at the highest level.

More information

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