

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

Sunday 24 February 2019

As you know, the fire-fighting effort is still ongoing and we appreciate your patience with this.

Cordons will be removed from 6pm, tonight

This is great news for all residents in the controlled access areas (Redwood, Eves and Teapot valleys). NZ Police, NZ Defence Force personnel and all those involved in and around the cordons have appreciated your cooperation since the safety measures were put in place. NZ Police will continue to monitor the valleys throughout the coming days and nights.

Fire zone - 30m perimeter completed!

There has been a lot of progress made to contain and restore control over what has been a huge effort by many of our partner agencies, led by Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ). The focus has been to complete a 30m wide perimeter wide perimeter around the fire zone. This was successfully completed today.

Access to parts of your property is still limited as FENZ continue to monitor how effective the fire break will be over the next couple of days. This will be based on weather conditions and goals to extend the fire break further to 50 meters.

For a map of the zones, visit

<http://www.nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz/pigeon-valley-fire-map/?fbclid=IwAR2xcoKB9W08mJfKI1548ZdU3BD8rb9sy5MA1HyWp1kwoo37Y21CDtGZvN0>

Access for contractors and machinery into the valleys

Unfortunately, the emergency isn't over and the machinery ban is in place until the state of emergency is lifted. It will be reviewed on Tuesday 26 February. In the meantime you can apply for an exemption (s91) by calling Tasman District Council 03 543 8400. This is also the case for contractors, insurance assessors or other advisors that need to visit your property in the restricted area.

The application form is on The Tasman District Council website.

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

Civil Defence Centre

The Civil Defence Centre at New Life Church, 85 Wensley Road in Richmond will be open from 10am to 4pm tomorrow. A decision will be made by the end of Monday whether this will continue.

If you were affected by the Pigeon Valley fire and would like to know where you can get support, please visit us and we'll put you in touch with appropriate services.

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

Food parcels

If you need food assistance, you can contact one of the agencies listed on the Nelson Community Food Bank website for a referral:

<https://www.nelsoncommunityfoodbank.org.nz/>

More information

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