

NELSON TASMAN FIRE RESPONSE: THE NUMBERS

Thank you to everyone
who's been there for us!

**300+ STAFF
THROUGH THE
EMERGENCY
OPERATION
CENTRE OVER
53 SHIFTS**

**850+ FIRE AND
EMERGENCY
STAFF AND FIRE
FIGHTERS SINCE
THE 5 FEB**

**MINISTRY OF
PRIMARY
INDUSTRIES 50+
STAFF**

**NEW ZEALAND
DEFENCE FORCE
157 STAFF AND
SUPPLIED 25,232
MEALS**

**RED CROSS 32+
STAFF**

**POLICE 240
STAFF**

**NZ REPOSE
TEAMS 75+ STAFF**



Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Fire and Emergency crews have contained the fire near Moutere Hill in Tasman district overnight to the existing blackout perimeter. The four crews working had a busy time in windy conditions but have been successfully extinguishing hotspots.

Current events show that there is an extreme fire danger in Tasman-Nelson and people need to be extremely vigilant about any activity which might spark off another fire.

[Fire and Emergency NZ](#) have asked for the public to please avoid using machinery between the hours of 12pm and 6pm as this is the riskiest time of the day during hot, dry or windy weather. Some activities may be fine to undertake in the early parts of the morning when it's cooler.

High-risk activity includes operating any machinery which may come into contact with stones or metal and/or operating any machinery that's likely to emit sparks in the outdoors. This could include mowing, grinding, welding, metal cutting, using firearms, etc.

Our colleagues at NZ Police have asked the public to help them in their investigation into the cause of the Moutere Hill fire yesterday. Here's a summary of their media statement: While the cause of the Moutere Hill Fire is yet to be determined, Nelson Police are looking to speak to

a person seen running down Eban Road, Redwood Valley, around 2pm yesterday. The runner had a dog with them. Any members of the public on Eban Road who may have seen this person, or who filmed or took photos of the fire, should contact Nelson Police on 0800 08 02 19.

The [Tasman-Marlborough Fire Area Facebook page](#) has regular updates.

Red Cross and Rural Support Visits

An outreach programme carried out by Red Cross and the Rural Support Trust commenced today and will continue to Sunday 3 March, visiting residents in affected valleys. Assistance is also available at the following phone numbers and website links:

[Work & Income](#): 0800 779 997

[Nelson Marlborough Public health Service](#)

Local Health Navigators: 0800 611 116 (8am -5pm)

Healthline: 0800 611 116 to speak to a nurse

AFTER CRISIS, THE DEBRIEF! MINDFUL MOVEMENT THROUGH TRAUMA AND LOSS

Emotions and responses are still surfacing within our community from the recent fire. Do you have the tools to handle trauma and loss? Are you ready to help those around you?

David Riddell, sought after counselor and speaker, will be leading a free seminar for the families and members of our wider community. All are welcome. Please take this opportunity to help us debrief and build resilience at every level.

Wednesday March 6, 7:30-9pm,
Held at Hope Community Church
No Charge. Light Supper provided.



Animal Welfare -MPI

MPI encourages all residents who have livestock to plan for ongoing water restrictions and drought. Federated Farmers has their feedline open to all people with stock in the region to match up with offers of grazing or feed: 0800 327 646 – option 2. For any animal welfare concerns do call [MPI Animal Welfare](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/animal-welfare): 0800 008 333.

For more information on water contact: 03 543-8400 info@tasman.govt.nz

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 phone 027 42 CLEAN (027 422 5326) or email nelsonfcc@outlook.com More details 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 available now online at: <https://tasman.govt.nz/link/mayoral-fund>.

See our Facebook page for the latest information and updates:

www.facebook.com/nelsontasmancivildefenceandemergencymanagement.

Our updates are also online at www.nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz/