

Mallacoota District Recovery Update

AUGUST 2022



Streetscape update

Thank you to everyone who attended the sessions and shared feedback either online or in person; we appreciate the feedback.

We are considering refinements to the concept design following a detailed review of the proposed project costs and community feedback. The results will enable us to proceed to the detailed design stage of the project. The streetscape upgrades will improve the function, appearance and operation of Maurice Avenue, and have a positive impact for businesses and contribute to the town's recovery. To read more or to subscribe to receive project updates, please visit <https://bit.ly/3Q5AyGT>



Mallacoota airport

We want to reassure residents that the Mallacoota Airport will continue to serve as a reliable hub for Angel Flight, police, fire emergency support and ambulance services, as well other users, following concerns raised about our decision to opt out of Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) certification. Changes to CASA regulations mean that the Mallacoota Airport is no longer able to meet the requirements of certification.

While this does not affect the way we manage and maintain the airport, it does mean that its ability to issue Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) about airport conditions have been removed, and the use of instrument procedures for fixed-wing aircraft are not available. Pilots still have the option to call our reporting officers for the airport directly prior to arrival to request information on the airport's serviceability.

We are working with the Australian Airports Association, local members of parliament, responsible government ministers and CASA to draw this consequence to its attention and attempt to have the ruling of instrument flight procedures reinstated for non-certified aerodromes.

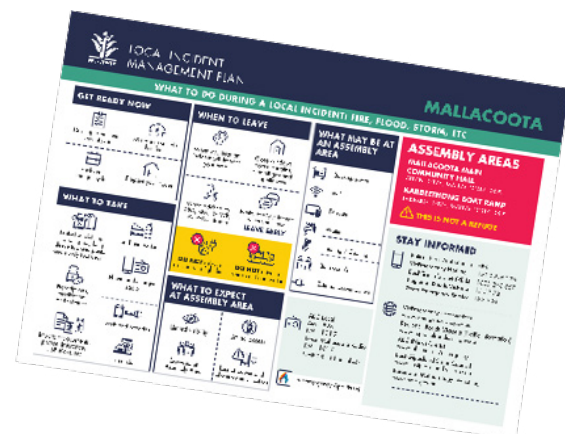
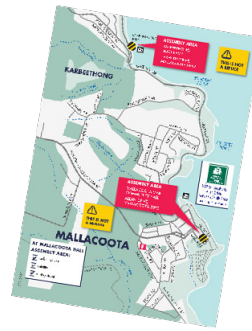
The certification requirements have changed and would require, among other things, significant infrastructure and earthworks of the secondary unsealed runway; the reconstruction of the taxiway area and apron used by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) as a fire base; and vegetation management of trees around the airport outside of the vegetation management permit. We encourage community members and airport users to join us in taking the consequences of the CASA-introduced changes back to CASA for reconsideration.

Bairnsdale and Orbost airports will remain certified and will operate at a significantly higher compliance level, in line with the new standards and requirements. For further information, see our news article: <https://bit.ly/3zlZ9Ap>

Local Incident Management Plan update

Partnering with residents, we have 34 Local Incident Management Plans (LIMP) for communities across the shire. Several more are being developed. The LIMP model supports

communities to plan for a range of emergencies, with support from us. LIMPs are regularly reviewed to ensure they are up to date and explain the relationship between the LIMP and other emergency management plans. We recently presented Mallacoota's updated LIMP at a MADRA committee meeting and are now seeking feedback from the wider community on possible improvements. To provide feedback or to receive a copy of the updated LIMP, please email EmergencyManagementTeam@egipps.vic.gov.au



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Mirrabooka Road footpath finished

The footpath along Mirrabooka Road (pictured right) is now complete. With improved drainage infrastructure and an 80m guardrail, the much-needed footpath and road crossing have been very well received by and provide greatly improved access for pedestrians and mobility aid users to schools and the town centre.



Rebuilding support – Rate waiver

Rebuilding presents complex issues which require more effort and attention from all levels of government and partners. We are advocating strongly in relation to these issues with the Victorian and Australian Government and working to bring together partners that may be able to assist in developing solutions to address barriers. Recognising the ongoing impact on property owners affected by the Black Summer 2019-20 bushfires, Council has extended the rate waivers for people who lost the main dwelling on the property (and have not rebuilt) for a further year, to include the 2023-24 rating year.

Accessing social housing in Mallacoota

The recent government announcement detailing an investment of at least five public/social housing dwellings and five affordable housing dwellings will help to increase housing options across the Mallacoota district. The use of Short-Term Modular Housing units was also confirmed with two units placed at 1 Betka Road. The Mallacoota Accommodation Panel continues to support the district's residents in finding solutions to accommodation challenges. To register with the panel, contact the

Mallacoota District Health and Support Service (MDHSS) or Place Manager Meg Allan.

Community members interested in being considered for public/social housing must have an active application on the Victorian Social Housing Registry. Information on how to put an application on the registry can be found at www.housing.vic.gov.au/victorian-housing-register

Contact MDHSS if you need help to complete the application process.

Continued support for recovery

We are continuing to advocate for and pursue opportunities that support ongoing community recovery needs. We are negotiating with Bushfire Recovery Victoria for additional funding to extend recovery support for Place Managers and community recovery committees. We are also seeking funding timeline extensions to enable continuity of recovery support. We have led an updated assessment of social recovery needs, in partnership with BRV, under the Social Recovery Working Group. Whilst undertaking this assessment, we

were delighted to hear of some further funding for social recovery including:

- Financial Counselling Service – funding until December 2022, to Anglicare Financial Counselling;
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Support – funding of RFDS Clinical and Outreach Care Programs, renegotiated to be utilised until end December 2022;

Frontline Legal Services – free legal advice, education, and advocacy. Funding confirmed for Gippsland Community Legal Service until June 2024.

Mallacoota seawall reconstruction update

Stage 1B is now nearing completion and Stage 2 is progressing with completion expected in August. Funded by Council and DELWP, this project will provide higher flood protection for the foreshore and will greatly improve amenity of the areas. Stage 1B and Stage 2 of the Mallacoota Seawall project (construction of the footpath and open drain) were initially delayed due to rising lake levels following an extended period of rainfall.

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GIVIT

MADRA has registered with GIVIT as a support organisation to receive donated goods and distribute them to people affected by the bushfires. GIVIT is an organisation which connects donors and community organisations to make sure people and communities get exactly what they need, when they need it. Donations to GIVIT help reduce landfill by diverting tonnes of reusable items to support individuals and communities. If you need assistance, such as replacing lost tools, water tanks, etc, please contact MADRA by emailing: madra.3892@gmail.com

Environment Connect Winter 2022

The winter edition of environment connect is now available. Environment Connect is our quarterly update on environmental projects, activities, and opportunities. Past copies are available from our [website](#) **East Gippsland Shire Council**



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