

Rebuild Support Service Update

NOVEMBER 2021



Sarsfield Bushfire Resilience Expo

All members of the East Gippsland community are welcome at the free Bushfire Resilience Expo to be held at the Sarsfield Recreation Reserve on Sunday 5 December 2021, 10am-4pm. This event is being driven by the Sarsfield Community Association, with support from Bushfire Recovery Victoria, East Gippsland Shire Council, ConnectWell and the East Gippsland Community Foundation.

The Expo will have a range of exhibitors providing information for people:

- Looking to rebuild after the 2019/20 bushfires
- Planning to build a new home in a bushfire prone area
- Wanting to retrofit their existing home to better prepare for a future fire.

Other topics will be covered, including fencing, watering and pump systems, tanks, landscaping and care of animals. The Expo is planned as a great day out for families, with guest speakers, food and entertainment. Further information will be available closer to the date.

Updated Government Rebates For Bushfire Rebuilds

Rainwater and Septic Tank Replacement Program

The Victorian Government has recently expanded the eligibility for rebates

under its Rainwater and Septic Tank Replacement Program.

These rebates no longer apply solely to principal places of residence but can now be accessed by anyone who lost a dwelling in the bushfires.

Rebates are now available for water tanks for firefighting purposes, in addition to the rebates for household rainwater tanks and septic tanks. Costs of condition reports for existing septic tanks, Land Capability Assessments for new septic systems and minor repairs or reconnections to a reticulated water system are also eligible under this program.

Planning and Building Assistance Rebate Program

This rebate allows residents to claim up to \$5,000 rebate for professional services and assessments to support permit applications to rebuild a dwelling, including:

- Planning consultant fees
- Building permit fees
- Bushfire hazard assessment reports
- Land surveying
- Civil/structural engineering reports.

Geotechnical Assessment Rebate Program

This program allows residents to claim a rebate for a consultant to undertake geotechnical assessments, such as a soil report required for a building permit.

Each of these rebate programs has specific funding limits and eligibility

criteria, so you are encouraged to speak with your Recovery Case Support Worker or one of the Bushfire Recovery Victoria Hub Coordinators to discuss your eligibility and for assistance to apply. In all cases, the rebate is offered as a reimbursement of costs that you have incurred, so you should keep invoices and receipts as you will need these to apply.

Short-term Modular Housing

The Short-term Modular Housing (STMH) program has now closed for new registrations. Anyone who has already expressed interest in this program will continue to be supported, with the last STMHs expected to be delivered to properties early in 2022.

Rebuild Support Service

While the STMH program is winding down, the free Rebuild Support Service continues to be available to bushfire-impacted residents. Our services include:

- Providing copies of title documents.
- Advising on BAL (bushfire attack level) rating for a new dwelling.
- Planning advice for replacement dwellings and/or sheds.
- Preparation and lodgement of planning applications.
- Support to answer questions and resolve issues through the building process.

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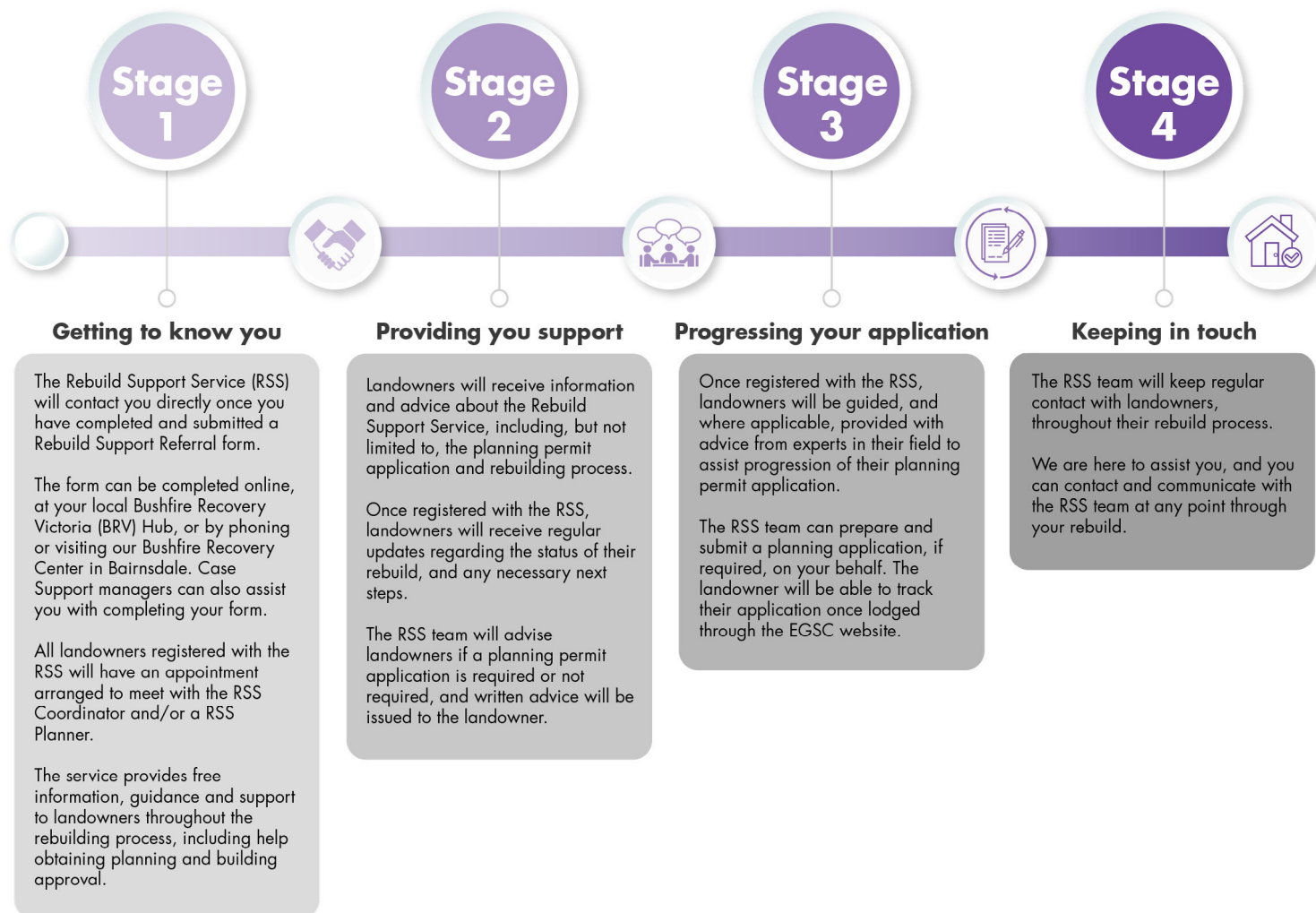
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How we help your bushfire rebuild



Useful links

Obtain a copy of your certificate of title and other land documents at www.landata.vic.gov.au

Find information about wastewater and septic tanks - www.epa.vic.gov.au

BRV

<https://www.vic.gov.au/your-property>

<https://www.vic.gov.au/rebuilding-support>

CFA

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/>
<https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/vicplan/>

DELWP

<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/bushfire>

VBA

<https://www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/bushfire/rebuilding>



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