



**BUSHFIRE RECOVERY
VICTORIA**

Bushfire Recovery Victoria

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WHERE WE STARTED IN JANUARY



1.5m hectares burnt

90% parks and forests

Tragically, five people died in the 2019-20 fires in Victoria.



1096 buildings destroyed



6436 kilometres of fencing destroyed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Establishment of Bushfire Recovery Victoria & Victorian Bushfire Appeal
- Victorian Bushfires Case Support Program
- 2020 Clean-up Program
- Grants for individuals, businesses and producers
- \$86 million Community Recovery Package
- \$10 million council assistance fund
- \$17.5 million for wildlife and biodiversity
- \$23.4 million boost to mental health

OUR ROLE AT BRV

A permanent and dedicated government agency working in partnership with councils and local communities to listen, learn and deliver what they need to recover.

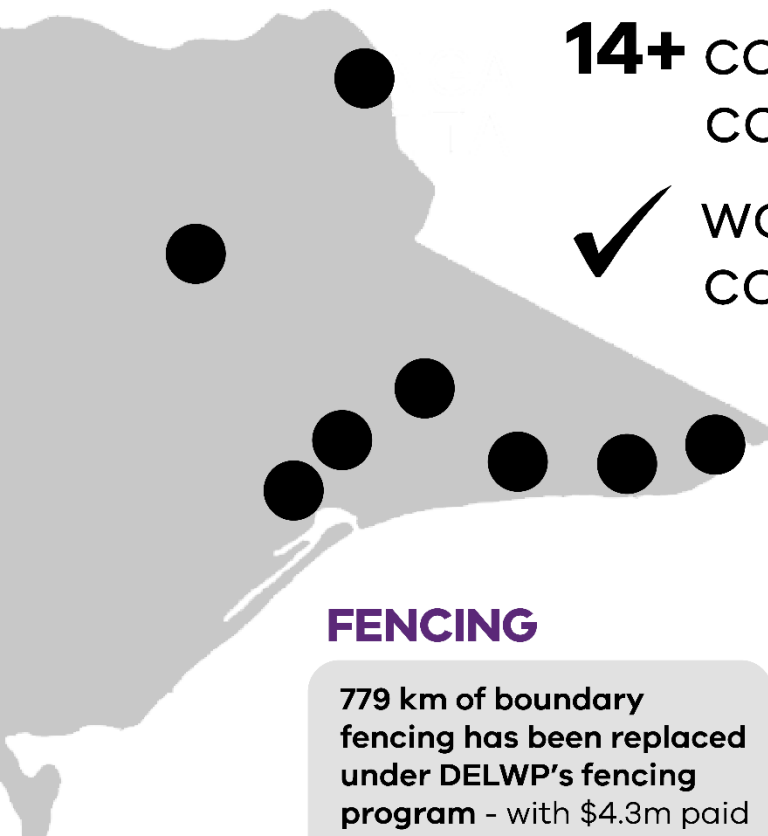
Working across five pillars of recovery:

- Building and Infrastructure
- Business and Economic
- People and Wellbeing
- Biodiversity and Environment
- Aboriginal Culture and Healing

Community-led recovery informs everything we do, because local communities know best about the challenges and opportunities for their long-term recovery.

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

8 hubs established
14+ community recovery committees forming
✓ working closely with councils and locals



FENCING

779 km of boundary fencing has been replaced under DELWP's fencing program - with \$4.3m paid out.

BUSINESS RECOVERY

873 businesses supported through free Business Recovery Adviser service - linking local businesses to expert advice.

- 623 businesses supported in East Gippsland, 145 in Towong and 68 in Alpine
- 68% of businesses supported reported indirect impact

CLEAN-UP PROGRESS

Over 63 per cent complete, on track for end-August finish.

- East Gippsland: 391 started & 361 complete.
- Towong Shire: 113 started & 101 complete.
- Alpine Shire: now complete.

CASE SUPPORT STATS

1346 case support cases recorded.

- 37.5% of cases required financial assistance
- Case Support agencies include Windermere, cohealth, VACCA, GECAC and Gippsland Lakes

GRANTS PAID OUT

Over \$103 million paid out to individuals, businesses and organisations in the form of grants and initiatives.

- 1353 \$10,000 small business grants paid (688 in East Gippsland, 433 in Alpine, 134 in Towong, 25 in Wangaratta, 25 in Indigo, 23 in Mansfield, 13 in Wellington)
- Over \$21 million paid in directly-affected primary producer grants
- Over \$16 million in emergency relief and re-establishment payments to individuals
- 84 successful applications under the Wine Industry Support Package

WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS?

BUILDING & INFRASTRUCTURE

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC

PEOPLE & WELLBEING

BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT

ABORIGINAL CULTURE & HEALING

- **State Recovery Plan**
- **All Community Recovery Committees formed and active**
- **Local Recovery Plans**
- **Short-term modular housing**
- **Planning and rebuilding services**
- **More grants, case support and a permanent local presence**
- **Boosting local economies**
- **Future disaster preparedness**

OUR KEY PARTNERS

Local shire councils - East Gippsland, Towong, Alpine, Wellington, Mansfield, Indigo, Wangaratta.

Community recovery committees

Local chambers of commerce and other peak bodies

Local charitable organisations

Victorian Government agencies - including DHHS, DEWLP, Regional Development Vic, Business Vic

National Bushfire Recovery Agency

Delivery partners - clean-up, case support, housing

WE'RE HERE FOR THE LONG HAUL



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