

RESIDENT UPDATE – McCRAE LANDSLIDE

17 February 2025

Security update

We are extremely concerned about the reoccurrence of break-ins at your properties and we will continue to do all we can to support affected residents.

We have increased the number of security guards on site 24/7 patrolling the area. Their role is to monitor the exclusion zone, deter any potential intruders and report any suspicious or criminal behaviour to Victoria Police.

This is in addition to the exclusion zone fencing, CCTV with licence plate recognition and warning signage that has been in place since January.

We are now installing new CCTV that will give a live alert to the security company of any suspicious movement at properties. This will give security guards on site more 'eyes on the ground'. This specialised equipment needs to be freighted from Sydney and installed and tested by the security company. We hope this will be operational by Friday.

These measures were all taken to support Victoria Police, who have the primary responsibility for law enforcement.

In news just to hand, we have been advised Victoria Police has installed a camera outside 613 Point Nepean Road.

We remind everyone that if there is an intruder in your home or evidence of a break-in, you should immediately call Triple Zero (000) for police help.

Power and other utilities

Power has now been reinstated to the eight properties that are back in their homes, as well as at 6 View Point Road (red zone) to enable their home security cameras to operate. We are working on restoring power to most of the remaining properties and will advise as soon as we can.

South East Water has been onsite (outside the exclusion zone) preparing infrastructure for reconnection. We have emailed the instructions to the eight green zone properties about how to check your connection and ensure the water is flowing correctly.

Gas requires more work to restore, including providing safe access to the property. We are working with David Kotsiakos, Municipal Building Surveyor (MBS), to facilitate this. The gas company has advised they are planning to restore gas to the eight green zone properties on Wednesday, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Rubbish collection

Over the weekend we did a rubbish collection on Point Nepean Road for residents in the green zone that had returned home. We are organising a rubbish collection tomorrow morning for the green zone residents on View Point Road and Prospect Hill Road.

Shire Building Maintenance Team

Our Building Maintenance Team remains on call for residents in the green zone who need emergency repairs to their homes. Over the weekend this team did some great work boarding up broken doors and windows to allow green zone residents to stay safely in their homes.

Green zone residents, please contact Eastern Property Services, Matthew Sloper, on 0459 900 557 if you need further assistance.

Next steps for properties in the 'orange zone'

David (MBS) will be contacting residents at the three properties in the orange zone in the next 48 hours to discuss and arrange a brief supervised visit to the property.

As conditions vary across the site, David will also be putting together tailored plans for each property, to map out steps required to return safely to your homes.

Information is changing daily, so we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this process. Our commitment remains focussed on getting people back into their homes as quickly and safely as possible.

Geotechnical update

We are working with the geotechnical engineers to further understand and assess conditions across the exclusion zone. This includes site investigations and reporting across the evacuation area and the escarpment, monitoring systems and geotechnical assessment and reporting.

A summary of tasks completed for fortnight ending 7 February includes:

- ☐ Additional historical aerial imagery search for escarpment
- ☐ Additional Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) by plane for remainder of escarpment
- ☐ Desktop study of escarpment
- ☐ Procurement of monitoring systems (prisms, global navigation satellite system sensors (GNSS) and tilt sensors
- ☐ Underground service clearance to support intrusive works
- ☐ Procurement of drill rig, CPT rig for intrusive investigations
- ☐ Procurement of groundwater monitoring instruments
- ☐ Procurement of groundwater quality testing consultant
- ☐ Landslide characterisation of 2025 event and EO area
- ☐ Access requests to property owners for core penetration testing (CPT)

We will continue to forward on a weekly summary of tasks from the geotechnical engineers as soon as it is available.

Health and wellbeing

Stressful and traumatic events can affect people's mental and physical health in different ways. There are resources available for individuals to access both locally and online/telephone.

Emergency Recovery Victoria have shared a list of local and state-based agencies that offer psychosocial and other forms of assistance to people following emergency events.

SERVICE NAME	DETAIL	LINK
Australian Red Cross	Coping after a crisis	Coping after a crisis Australian Red Cross
	Returning Home & coping after crisis	Returning home and coping after a crisis Australian Red Cross
VCCEM	Stress after emergencies	Stress after emergencies.indd
	Personal Support	Personal Support – VCCEM
Mornington Community Support Centre	Groceries / Clothes & Necessities / Housing / Financial	Mornington Community Support Centre
Southern Peninsula Community Support	Cris Support / Low Income Support / Family Support / Food / Housing / No interest loan scheme	Home - Southern Peninsula Community Support
Ask Izzy	Food / Housing / Financial / Support & Counselling / Domestic & Family Violence / Everyday needs / Health and Wellbeing / Advice & Advocacy	Ask Izzy
Disaster Legal Help Vic	Legal assistance / referral	Disaster Legal Help Victoria Disaster Legal Help Victoria
Peninsula Community Legal Centre	Legal Advice / assistance	Our Organisation
Justice Connect	Justice Connect will assist individuals, small businesses, farms, primary producers, and community groups affected by natural disasters, such as floods and bushfires, across a wide range of areas of law.	https://help.justiceconnect.org.au

Community meeting 4pm Friday 21 February

Derek Rotter (Director – McCrae landslide) and David Kotsiakos (MBS) will continue to attend these meetings to give further updates and answer questions from the community.