



20 January 2025

McCrae landslide – community update

Dear McCrae resident

I wanted to provide you with an update following Tuesday's landslide and to thank you for your patience, cooperation, and understanding as we navigate this challenging situation.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire continues to collaborate closely with the State Emergency Service (SES), other emergency services, and relevant agencies to respond to the landslide that occurred on the morning of 14 January 2025.

The cause of the landslide remains unknown. Geotechnical assessments are ongoing and South East Water (SEW) is also conducting extensive testing to determine the source of the water contributing to the landslide, and we are monitoring ground movements closely.

A fenced off exclusion zone remains in place to ensure the safety of the community. We urge everyone to stay clear of the surrounding area. The site is still under the control of the SES, and 19 properties have been evacuated.

Our community drop-in centre will operate daily from the Dromana Visitor Information Centre (359B Point Nepean Road, Dromana) from 10am to 4pm if you require further information and referrals to support services.

We have a community information page on our website and this will be updated regularly as new information comes to hand.

mornpen.vic.gov.au/mccraelandslide (or search McCrae in the search bar)

If you'd like to stay across South East Water's investigation, please visit **www.southeastwater.com.au/mccraelandslide**

Things you can do to help during the investigation phase.

- ☐ As a homeowner in the immediate catchment area, **please urgently cease all unnecessary use of water** (such as watering of gardens) as both Council and SEW are making concentrated efforts to reduce water infiltration in the catchment area. This is due to the uncertainty that remains regarding water sources. We would appreciate your support with this request.
- ☐ Please stay clear of the area around the evacuation zone. (note the attached map)

Contact the Mornington Peninsula Shire

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There is also some information on landslide risk management from the Australian Geomechanics Society available on our website.

If you have immediate concerns, please call us on 1300 850 600 or email us at customerservice@mornpen.vic.gov.au.

Thank you again for your patience.

Yours sincerely

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Exclusion Zone map – red line

