

Residents update

McCrae landslide recovery



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The focus this week has been on enabling more residents to access their properties and retrieve personal belongings. This is a high-risk undertaking, requiring significant resources, extensive pre-planning and stringent safety protocols. For those residents currently unable to occupy their homes, we understand how important it is to be reunited with your belongings.

Another major focus this week has been supporting the Board of Inquiry investigation. We have now received several requests for documents and information and are working hard to ensure the Inquiry has everything it needs.

At the request of the Inquiry Chair, Renee Enbom KC, we made Dromana Community Hall available on Wednesday as a venue for her to informally meet with residents affected by the landslide. During her visit, Ms Enbom was also able to view the landslide site from outside the exclusion zone.

Geotechnical update

We are continuing to monitor the site and investigate the cause of the landslide. Our Geotech experts have finished their on-ground investigations for now and are into the report-writing stage of the process.

Works update

We will be carrying out preliminary work in the Coburn Avenue/Prospect Hill Road area next week, as part of preparations for the installation of piezometers in early May. You may see coloured paint on the road and nature strip. These paint marks indicate the type and depth of existing underground services and are required before excavation can take place.

The piezometers will be installed near or over the existing stormwater or sewer trenches and will contain sensors to measure water levels at defined intervals to assess groundwater flow in those areas.

We continue to work with South East Water (SEW), who have advised they will be carrying out CCTV assessment of the McCrae sewer network between April and June. SEW has also advised they will be exchanging analogue water meters for digital ones in McCrae from late April to June. New meters will not be installed at homes within the exclusion zone, however once the exclusion zone has been lifted, SEW will contact those homeowners individually to discuss.

Wellbeing support

We are acutely aware of the psychological impact of this crisis, not only as a result of the initial incident but also the inevitable period of uncertainty following. To assist, we had Red Cross and the Victorian Council of Churches Emergency Ministries attend community meetings in January and helped Red Cross directly contact evacuated residents who had returned to their homes in February.

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Psychological trauma, however, can take time to become apparent, and we urge anyone who is struggling with their mental health to reach out to seek support. Wellways provides mental health and wellbeing support and local connections, with an office in Frankston. Further details can be found on their website - [Mental Health and Wellbeing Local - Wellways](#)

We have shared Emergency Recovery Victoria's list of local and state-based agencies (below) with you previously but would like to share it again. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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