

FLOOD SUPPORT

The Gannawarra community is currently being impacted by the floods in different ways, and each community will need different support in the coming days, weeks and months.

The Victorian and Australian governments are providing financial support for people, businesses and farmers.

Regular updates will be posted on Gannawarra Shire Council's Facebook page www.facebook.com/gannawarra and on Council's website www.gsc.vic.gov.au/floods

Flood Recovery Hotline

Call the Victorian Government Flood Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760 for the latest information on help or assistance with:

- Navigating available supports
- Clean-up
- Temporary accommodation
- Mental health and wellbeing support

The recovery hotline is open from 7.30am - 7.30pm every day. Need an interpreter? Call the hotline on 1800 560 760 and press 9.

The list of help available is at <https://www.vic.gov.au/october-2022-flood-recovery>

FREE FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

The Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) provides free financial counselling to farmers, fishing enterprises, forestry growers and harvesters, and small related businesses experiencing, or at risk of, financial hardship.

More information is available at www.nema.gov.au/get-support/rural-financial-counselling-service

AgBiz Assist provides free rural and small business financial counselling. Call 1300 834 775 or visit www.agbizassist.org.au to find out more.

SUPPORT FOR FARMERS

Animal Welfare and Assistance

Agriculture Victoria is assisting rural landholders with agricultural relief needs – with a priority on addressing urgent animal welfare issues.

Affected landholders can contact Agriculture Victoria for:

- Urgent animal welfare needs including assessment of injured animals and destruction.
- Livestock management information e.g., emergency access to saleyards.
- Technical information on pasture re-establishment, pest animal or plant control.
- Information on assistance available and access to personal support and other services.

Contact 1800 226 226 or visit the Agriculture Victoria website <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods>

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Relief Assistance for Farmers

The Victorian Government is supporting primary producers across Victoria affected by the floods, with:

Flood Recovery Grants: Up to \$75,000 to support clean-up and recovery activities for primary producers.

Concessional loans: Up to \$250,000 to restore or replace flood damaged equipment or infrastructure.

Rural Landholders: Up to \$25,000 is available to help rural Landholders who have a smaller-scale Primary Production Enterprise with clean-up, relief and recovery efforts.

Transport Subsidies: Up to \$15,000 to support transport of emergency fodder, stock drinking water and livestock movement.

See www.ruralfinance.com.au for details and application.

Farmers who have been impacted by floods and require assistance or have urgent animal welfare needs, please contact the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

If you need assistance due to flooding, please phone VICSES on 132 500.

If you are in immediate danger, please call 000.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Re-establishment Assistance

You can get financial help to return home if:

- You cannot live in your home because it is damaged or destroyed OR
- You cannot access your home for more than 7 days because of flooding.

Re-establishment assistance is only available for your principal place of residence. It can help to pay for clean-up, emergency accommodation, repairs, rebuilding your home, replacing some damaged contents.

This help is means tested. You can only get it if you:

- Do not have building (home) insurance or contents insurance AND
- Are experiencing financial hardship.

For more information visit www.services.dffh.vic.gov.au/personal-hardship-assistance-program

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA)

The disaster recovery allowance (DRA) is for employees and sole traders who lose income because of a major disaster. You can get payments for up to 13 weeks after the disaster happens. These payments are taxable.

Find out more at <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment>

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP)

This is for people who have suffered a significant loss because of the floods. This includes:

- If your home was severely damaged or destroyed.
- If you suffered a serious injury.

Adults can get \$1,000 and children can get \$400, if they are eligible.

More www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment

What to do after a flood?

For information on recovery, checking hazards, animal welfare, finance, insurance and personal wellbeing visit www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods