

# STORM AND BUSH FIRE RECOVERY

## Community Bulletin

#6 | 13 March 2020

Central  
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Council

### Today's Snap Shot

The operational clean-up is still progressing well with the majority of wrack and flood debris now removed from Tuggerah Lakes foreshores, and only stockpiles in limited access locations remaining. More than 2,600 tonnes of wrack has been removed from our foreshores, with an excess of 1,200 tonnes of kelp debris removed from our beaches so far.

We have inspected 2,400 trees with the majority requiring removal as a result of storm damage. Trees that have fallen into local waterways that represent navigation hazards have been assessed by Council and Transport NSW and will be trimmed/realigned or removed over the course of the coming weeks. Please be aware and take care when out on the waterways.

All excess wrack and 4 tonnes of inorganic material (tyres, gas bottles and litter) has been removed from Central Coast parks and reserves. One remaining playspace is still closed at Oakland St / Tuggerawong Rd, Wyongah, in preparation for mulch soft-fall replacement.

Our community playspaces will also receive some additional maintenance, with 5 barbeques, 1,400 lineal meters of fencing and 3,000 square meters of turf will be replaced in the coming months.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue the clean-up.

### Sewer

All major mechanical repairs are complete with sewer system operational.

### Beaches

Whilst our beach crews are working around the clock, debris following the storms are continuing to wash ashore. Clean Foreshore Australia has advised that another major debris pile is heading our way from the Hawksbury River.

Council staff have been working overtime filling in a large trench at Pearl Beach and Council crews are piling up debris above the main high tide mark to prevent it washing back into the surf ahead of taking it to landfill.

Crews have been cleaning all beaches bit-by-bit on a weekly basis since the storm event, including The Peninsula, Lakes Beach and Copacabana, however incoming debris are proving to be an ongoing problem. Council will continue in its recovery efforts to ensure our beaches remain clean and safe for users.

### Water Restrictions

As a reminder in the event of, or where there is a risk of, an accident, fire, hazard to health or the environment, water restrictions do not apply. This includes the hosing of driveways to clear debris left by the recent storm event.

### Waste

We would like to remind residents that all households that receive waste collection services in the Central Coast area have had their kerbside collection entitlements reinstated to **6** effective from 1 March 2020.

Council have inspected all flood affected areas and are seeing a reduction in demand for waste removal. If there is still debris that has washed up on your property, please place within the road reserve we will still collect it.

### Call Council on 1300 463 954

This does not include normal green waste which continues to be available through normal services.

Please ensure that household chemicals such as paints, gas bottles, motor oil, household cleaners, fire extinguishers, pesticides and pool chemicals are NOT placed on the kerb. Leaking chemicals can cause serious environmental effects, polluting our region's waterways.

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### Community Recovery Centres

We are again asking anyone who has been impacted by the flood and storms in any way to register with the Recovery Centre and Information Points.

**The Entrance Community Centre (Building E), Battley Avenue, The Entrance** which is open from 9am to 5pm weekdays and from 10am to 4pm Saturdays. *Note* the centre is closed on Sundays.

### Blue Haven Community Centre, 1 Aspley Court Blue Haven

- Tuesday 17 March 10am–4pm

Disaster Welfare will continue to be the lead at these centres and will feedback information to Council as required.

Community Recovery Centres offer a range of services that are available for you to meet with face-to-face, helping one step at a time.

Roving Recovery sessions will be commencing in the week starting 23rd March. More details will be provided to the community shortly on this.

### Advice from NSW Health

NSW Health provides basic hygiene advice during and after floods. Detailed advice can be found on Council's website. Due to the increase of the Novel Coronavirus, NSW Health has also provided some useful tips to assist in preventing risk of contamination.

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/emergency\\_preparedness/weather/Pages/storms-and-floods](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/emergency_preparedness/weather/Pages/storms-and-floods)

Council are continuing to monitor information supplied by NSW Health on Coronavirus (COVID19) and will provide updates to our community regularly.

For now, we ask that you continue to practice good basic personal hygiene:

- Clean your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or a flexed elbow.
- Isolate yourself at home if you feel unwell or have recently travelled through high-risk countries (China, Iran, Italy, Japan etc).
- Call your doctor or healthdirect on 1800 022 222.

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx)

### Mental Health support

If you or someone you know is in need of support during and after the bush fire or flood/storm events, please reach out. Speak to your GP, or regular health care provider.

Additional support is available on:

- Lifeline – 13 11 14 | [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)
- Beyond Blue – 1300 224 636 | [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)
- Mensline – 1300 789 9978 | [www.mensline.org.au](http://www.mensline.org.au)
- Kids Helpline – 1800 551800 | [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)
- Mental Health Line – 1800 011 511

### Disaster relief for individuals

Grants are available from the NSW Government for eligible individuals and families whose homes and essential household contents have been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster.

To be eligible for this grant you must:

- be a low-income earner and meet an income assets test
- demonstrate that the affected home is your principal place of residence
- not be covered by insurance
- demonstrate that the damage was caused by the disaster

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- lodge the application within four months of the disaster occurring

Contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on **1800 018 444**.

### Want more info?

**Call Council on 1300 463 954**

We are adding to our online recovery resources daily. Stay up-to-date with the latest information and start exploring your needs at [www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/council/news/helpful-information-following-severe-weather](http://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/council/news/helpful-information-following-severe-weather)