Two landfills at Coonabarabran or for disposal of sorted waste to one of Council will allocate Delivery Tickets following the on-site inspection.

An appointment for a property inspection may be made by contacting Aaron Parker on 0427 071 503 or 6849 2000 to make an appointment for a property inspection.

All residents affected by the Bushfire are asked to continue to register their needs or place enquiries at the Recovery Centre or Council's website, early (for buildings constructed before 1990) or the Management Plan 2013 (for buildings constructed 1990 or after) are available at the Recovery Centre or Council’s website, including a summary fact sheet.

Assessment Teams continue to visit all fire affected properties. Residents must have their site assessed before they are permitted to disturb the fire affected buildings. Property owners will be notified upon receipt of assessment results if their property contains asbestos. It is a serious offence to dispose of asbestos contaminated waste other than in accordance with the Emergency Asbestos Waste Management Plan 2013.

If contact is not made with Council in regards to the waste management of asbestos for bushfire affected buildings, Council will be required to place notification of contaminated land on the 149 certificate. A 149 certificate is required to be issued for all land sales.

Emergency Waste Management Plans have been developed to provide clear guidelines on handling of waste from fire affected premises, ensuring a safe approach for the management of asbestos. They have been developed in collaboration with Council, WorkCover, NSW Public Works, The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Ministry Police and Emergency Services.

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For more information and updates visit Council’s website: www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au or Phone: 02 6849 2000

Warrumbungle Shire Council Bushfire Recovery Newsletter

Recovery Centre
Phone 6842 2951
Open Monday to Friday
9am to 4.30pm
The Disaster Recovery Centre, will be relocated to the main Council office in John Street as of Monday 18 February. The Recovery Centre phone number will remain the same, 68422951.

All residents affected by the Bushfire are asked to continue to register their needs or place enquiries at the Recovery Centre. Residents may leave their details at the Visitor Information Centre, Newell Highway, Coonabarabran outside the Recovery Centre opening hours.

Public Meetings
Public Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 5.00pm at the Coonabarabran Bowling Club. The information sessions will continue weekly until the community indicates otherwise. Please check with the Recovery Centre or Council’s website for changes of dates and times to the Public Meetings.

Waste Disposal – Fire Affected Buildings
Contact Aaron Parker on 0427 071 503 or 6849 2000
All owner/occupiers of buildings affected by the Wambelong Bushfire must complete a Preliminary Site History Survey and register with Council for Waste Disposal Approval. Affected residents are asked to contact Aaron Parker on 0427 071 503 or 6849 2000 to make an appointment for a property inspection.

Following the on-site inspection, Council will allocate Delivery Tickets for disposal of sorted waste to one of two landfills at Coonabarabran or Mendooran. A Delivery Ticket is required for fees to be waived. No Delivery Ticket will lead to Waste Receival fees being charged.

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BlazeAid with Andy Humphries
Phone 6842 1884
BlazeAid have between 40 and 50 volunteers working each day. Many kilometres of fencing has been pulled down, and are now starting the next phase of building new fences. The fire perimeter has been divided into natural land divisions, and a local co-ordinator for each area has been appointed. The co-ordinators are meeting with landholders to determine priorities for volunteer assistance.

The co-ordinators are:
Timor Road – Bob Fenwick
Morrisseys Road – David Baker
Guinema and Goorianawa Roads – Elliott Shannon
Western side of the Warrumbungle National Park – Patty Webb
Warkton Road – Elizabeth Bowden
Hickey's Falls – Glen Lambert

Donations of new and old fencing material continue to be received over the coming weeks. We hope to access other funds in the near future which will enable BlazeAid to purchase fencing materials for distribution. If you wish to obtain some of this fencing material, please contact the BlazeAid office. A record of where donated materials go is kept to ensure they are evenly distributed.

We recommend that all receipts for purchases of equipment, fencing materials etc. are kept. These may be used to claim from government funds sometime in the future if they become available.
BlazeAid Volunteer Thank You Dinner
Bushfire affected landholders are invited to say thank you to BlazeAid volunteers on Saturday 16 February from 6.30pm at the Coonabarabran Golf Club. Further detail available by contacting Andy at BlazeAid.

Landholder Assistance
For advice on the following issues: Livestock Health and welfare, including moving stock to and from agistment - Judy Ellem at Central North LHPA in Coonabarabran on 0428 402 482.

Farm planning and natural resource management - Thomas Payne at Central West CMA Gilgandra on 0400 472 250.
Pasture and weed control - Jenene Kidston from NSW DPI Mudgee on 0427 401 652.
Feeding livestock and management options - Brett Littler from NSW DPI Mudgee on 0427 007 398.
Erosion control and rehabilitation - Mal Campbell at the Soil Conservation Service, Gilgandra on 0427 363 100.
The DPI Fodder Hotline will continue on 1800 814 647.

Bushfire Support Coordination Service
John Lyons will commence as the Bushfire Support Coordinator from Monday 18 February. John will be located initially at Community Care, 27 John St. John is able to be contacted on email John.Lyons@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au or on 6849 2000. John has vast experience working in the local area. The service is designed to ensure those who have experienced significant loss are able to access trained support workers to meet bushfire recovery needs, assist in decision-making and promote wellbeing.

Health Services
A mental health clinician is available in Coonabarabran 2½ days a week, supported by psychiatrist visits. If you wish to speak with someone about issues affecting you or your family please call 6881 4000 Monday to Friday. Additional support is available 24 hours a day through Mental Health Emergency Care – Rural Access Program on 1800 011 511.

Warrumbungle Shire Mayor’s Bushfire Appeal
Funds raised through the Appeal have reached over $500,000 as of 12 February. The first phase distributed $160,000 of funds through local charities, DPI Fodder drive, BlazeAid Project, Potable Water delivery and the Home Dislocation Payment. The Appeal’s Advisory Committee have confirmed the second phase of fund distribution of $390,000. The following partner agencies or programs will receive: BlazeAid Project $40,000 Fencing Materials Reimbursement $100,000 to provide reimbursement of $1,000/km road frontage. House Re-establishment Grant $210,000 - $5,000 per house. Shed Rebuild Grant $20,000 - $1,000 per shed.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Andy at BlazeAid.

Governor-General Ms Quentin Bryce Visit
The Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO, and Mr Michael Bryce AM AE will visit Monday February 18. Bushfire affected residents, volunteers and staff of the NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW, Warrumbungle Shire Council, NSW Police and the VRA are invited to join Ms Bryce at a BBQ luncheon at the Coonabarabran Bowling Club at 1pm.

General Manager – Steve Loane
Council continues to work in collaboration with affected residents, the local community and state agencies in the Recovery effort.

A NSW Government Mini Cabinet meeting was held in Dubbo on Monday 11 February at which Council was able to secure commitments from the Minister Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing George Souris on funding for tourism and economic recovery. The Minister Environment and Heritage, Robyn Parker, also consented for the replacement of National Park boundary fencing materials, rebuild of the NPWS Visitor Centre, and a continuance of the Crooked Mountain concert.