

Kirwans Bridge



Old Goulburn Bridge Seymour



Chinaman's Bridge Nagambie

#### **Current Storage Levels - GMW**

Storage	% Full
Lake Eildon	98.78
Goulburn Weir	96.43
Waranga Basin	95.19

## **Goulburn Valley Water Flood Response**

#### **Emergencies with your GVW services**

If you have an immediate emergency with your Goulburn Valley Water services (drinking water or sewer) please contact us on 1800 454 500 we're available 24/7 via our Customer Service Centre in Shepparton.

#### **Nagambie**

The raw water pump has been repaired and treated drinking water is now being supplied by the Nagambie Water Treatment Plant - it's safe to drink. Tankering from Seymour has now stopped.

One sewer pump station remains offline - once waters recede and its safe to do so, we'll send a team out to assess it.

#### Seymour

Water supply remains unaffected in Seymour and is safe to drink. Flooding has impacted one sewer pump station - once its safe to do so, we will dispatch crews to repair. Customers may notice slow drains or their toilet flushing slowly – this will return to normal in time once the immediate pressure on the network has reduced.

#### Flood information

During floods VIC SES is the lead agency.

Goulburn Broken CMA has a support role to play in emergency management of floods.

If you are concerned about you and your property and what to do during a flood you should contact the VICSES.

Website: www.ses.vic.gov.au

It's a good idea to stay tuned in to your local ABC radio station for regular updates:

97.7FM (Goulburn Valley)

#### River heights

We cannot provide information on predicted river heights.

River heights and flood warnings are regularly updated by the Bureau of Meteorology.

Website: www.bom.gov.au Phone: 1300 659 210

#### **Road closures**

Website: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Phone: 13 11 70

#### **Water quality**

To report issues with town water supply or sewerage contact

Goulburn Valley Water:

Website: www.gvwater.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1800 454 500

In the event of fish deaths, please phone the EPA on 1300 372 842

#### **BOM CLIMATE DRIVER UPDATE**

#### **Climate Driver Update**

December to February rainfall is likely to be above average for most of eastern Victoria (65% to >80% chance of exceeding the median). The western half is less likely (60% to 65% chance of exceeding the median).

The Bureau's <u>ENSO Outlook</u> remains at LA NIÑA. Key atmospheric and oceanic indicators of the El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) show an established La Niña.

Models indicate a return to neutral conditions early in 2023. La Niña events increase the chances of above-average rainfall for northern and eastern Australia during spring and summer.

The negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) event continues and is likely to continue to late spring. A negative IOD event is typically associated with above average spring rainfall for much of eastern Australia. When La Niña and negative IOD combine, it further increases the likelihood of above average rainfall over Australia, particularly in the eastern half of the continent

The Southern Annular Mode (SAM) index is currently neutral but is likely to return to positive in November and remain generally positive into early summer. During the spring and summer months, a positive SAM has a wetter influence for parts of eastern Victoria.

The next update is expected on 8 November 2022.

#### **EPA FLOOD ADVICE: ASBESTOS**

#### **Asbestos**

How to deal with asbestos following flooding

Floods can cause harmful materials suchas asbestos to shift or become exposed. Be cautious when assessing and working with flood-impacted property.

Asbestos can be found in some fibre cement sheeting and pipes, vinyl floor tiles, electrical parts and roof materials. It is not always possible to tell whether a material contains asbestos by looking at it.

If in any doubt:

- Do not disturb the material
- Take reasonable steps to prevent others from disturbing the material.

EPA is providing technical advice to support clean-up operations.

If you require assistance in cleaning up your flood-affected property, contact EmergencyRecovery Victoria on 1800 560 760.

What is the safest way to clear asbestos-containing material from a property?

We recommend you use a licensed asbestos removalist to perform the clean-up work. They know how to remove and dispose

of asbestos safely, and without risk to you and your neighbours.

If you are using a contractor to remove asbestos, they must be licensed by WorkSafe Victoria. Their website (worksafe.vic.gov.au/asbestos) has a list of licensed asbestos removalists or you can search online.

If you need assistance with clean-up after a flood, contact Emergency Recovery Victoria on 1800 560 760.

If you're considering doing the clean-up yourself, you should follow guidelines available for homeowners on asbestos.vic.gov.au. It's important that you take precautions to avoid risk to your health, and that of your family and neighbours.

If potentially or suspected asbestos materials must be moved and are not already wet, they should be wetted down to prevent dust. Personal protective equipment (dust mask, gloves and coveralls) should be worn. More information is available from asbestos.vic.gov.au.

EPA can provide information about the disposal of asbestos as a waste product.

Visit epa.vic.gov.au or call us on 1300 372 842 for more information on where you can take your asbestos waste for disposal. Contact the facility before visiting to make sure it is operating.

If you're visiting a property but not cleaning up, personal protective equipment should be worn to minimise exposure to possible airborne dust and other hazards from flood-damaged homes.

#### Waste levy and gate fee waiver

- There will be no waste levy or gate fees at landfills accepting flood-affected waste from 46 flood-affected local government areas. This will apply until 31 December 2022.
- Flood-affected waste means any material: •Deposited on a property by the floods, or Damaged by the floods
- •The list of 46 flood-affected local governmentareas (LGAs) is available at :premier.vic.gov.au/fees-waived-flood-waste.

#### **Further information and updates**

Information on managing asbestos in the home is at betterhealth.vic.gov.auorworksafe.vic.gov.au

For current emergency advice, see Emergency Management Victoria's website emergency.vic.gov.au.

For more information or to report pollution, contact EPA on 1300 372 842 or visitepa.vic.gov.au.

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## FLOOD SAFETY AND CLEAN UP

#### Health risks from flood water

The heavy rain, floods and storms over the past days may carry pollution into waterways.

Floodwater is often contaminated by sewage from overflowing sewerage or septic systems, and by agricultural or industrial wastes and chemicals.

If possible, avoid contact with floodwaters to avoid contact with polluted water or soil.

If it's unavoidable, follow these tips to avoid infection:

- Don't wade through water, even shallow water. If you must enter shallow water, wear solid boots or shoes for protection.
- Try to avoid contact with mud and dirt; and wear gloves when handling items contaminated with floodwater.
- Cover cuts and scratches with waterproof bandages

Always wash your hands with soap and running water after contact with floodwater and after handling pets or other items that may have been in contact with water or soil. Always wash your hands thoroughly after participating in clean-up activities

In certain conditions, our waterways and beaches can be home to disease-causing bacteria orother contaminants that may pose health risks to swimmers.

In areas of flooding, water is likely to be unsuitable for swimming for a longer period of time. Similarly, it may not be safe to use flood water for irrigation, watering your garden, or animals.

#### Flood affected septic systems

If your property has a septic system and has been affected by floodwater, a licensed plumber or service technician should assess your septic system for safety and function.

If you use a damaged system, there's a risk that sewage could back up into your house or garden. This could cause a human health and pollution risk.

There may be damage to:

- •Shallow PVC pipes, which may be blocked
- •Plastic tanks and sumps (concrete tanks are less likely to be damaged, but should still be inspected)
- Disposal/irrigation system and pipework
- •Pumps and other equipment with electrical components.

If you need to replace your system or find out about regulations and approval process, visit epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/water/about-wastewater/onsite-wastewater-regulatory-framework

#### Managing waste after a flood

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EPA is supporting local government and clean up operators in ensuring the right waste goes to the right places. For more information, visit localgovernment.vic.gov.au

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- Needing to be disposed at a landfill

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#### Fees

If you are taking your own waste to a landfill, you will need evidence to show your address is in one of the affected LGAs. You can bring your driver's licence or a recent rates notice.

### VICTORIANENERGYSAVINGREBATESFOR BUSINESS

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has launched the Victorian Energy Upgrades program (VEU), providing eligible businesses access to discounted energy-efficient products and services.

Businesses that opt-in can receive rebates or discounts on energy-efficiency products that will help cut power costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Businesses will have options to install items such as lighting installations, water efficiency systems and heating and cooling upgrades.

Energy-efficient products installed under the VEU program would reduce energy demand and the need to build new energy infrastructure, which subsequently lowers energy prices.

Through the VEU the Victorian Government proposes savings for businesses ranging from \$500-\$74,000 a year.

Under new emission reduction targets the program aims to achieve 28 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions savings for Victoria between 2022 and 2025, the equivalent of more than 8.5 million cars taken off the road for a year.

#### Steps for business participation

Look at the available products on the <u>VEU section of the DELWP website</u>. Choose the products you wish to install to reduce your energy costs. Engage an <u>accredited provider</u>. You need to work with an accredited provider that is authorised to install VEU energy-efficient products. Accredited providers are also responsible for organising a discount or rebate for any products you choose to install. They will tell you what products you can use and who can install the products you choose.

More information is available via www.victorianenergyupgrades.vic.gov.au.

## **VICTORIAN TOURISM AWARDS 2022**

The Victorian Tourism Awards are the pinnacle of excellence in the Victorian tourism industry and a premier event in the industry calendar.

The 2022 Victorian Tourism Awards Gala Ceremonywill take place on Thursday 1 December 2022

For over 30 years the Victorian Tourism Awards have showcased the state's leaders in tourism excellence. The Awards encourage businesses to meet and exceed industry standards and play an integral role in acknowledging business excellence together with outstanding innovation, industry professionalism and collaboration.

Winners are announced at the industry's night of nights, the annual Gala Ceremony. 800 industry professionals from across the state will gather at Melbourne Park on Thursday 1 December 2022 to celebrate, network and share their success with great food, entertainment and the award ceremony.

The prestigious black-tie event recognises winners in 28 business and 3 individual categories.

This year Rambling Wine Tours and Go Adventure Nagambie are both finalists. We wish both of these businesses and the people that make their businesses so successful the very best of luck on December 1st.





## USEFUL LINKS

f you or someone you know are experiencing increased worry and stress during this time, there are support number services available.

- Wellbeing and Mental Health Support for Victorian **Small Businesses**
- **Business Victoria**
- coronavirus.vic.gov.au
- dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

**Salvation Army** 1300 662 217 13 11 14

Lifeline **Bevond Blue** 

1300 224 636

**Headspace** 

Youth mental wellbeing- 1800 650 890

**AgBiz Assist** 

Rural Financial Counselling – 1300 834 775

**AgBiz Assist** 

Small Business Support - 1300 032 332

## WHAT'S ON

North Central Review

## STATE ELECTION

# ★ FORUM

The North Central Review is hosting candidate forums in the lead-up to the November state election.

All lower house candidates in the seats are invited to participate.

#### EUROA **ELECTORATE**

Tuesday, November 8 (7.00 - 9.00pm)

Seymour Salvation Army Hall. 8-10 Victoria Street, Seymour.



#### YAN YEAN & KALKALLO **ELECTORATES**

Wednesday, November 9 (6.30-8.30pm)

Wallan Secondary College Auditorium, 100 Duke Street, Wallan,



To submit a pre-registered question, register at the Eventbrite websites above or at https://bit.ly/3gq1THf.

## **MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT**

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## 25 NOVEMBER



GUEST SPEAKERS: FORMER AFL GREAT SIMON MADDEN - ESSENDON FC

\$25 ENTRY - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 0357 362 900 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS - DRINKS AT BAR PRICES LOTS OF PRIZES/GIVE AWAYS

VENUE: NAGAMBIE ROWING CLUB 25th Nov

2:30pm-5pm IN SUPPORT OF MENS HEALTH AND NAGAMBIE HEALTHCARE

## 25-27 NOVEMBER



The Seymour and District Art Society presents

# Art Beyond the Divide

North Central Victoria's Premier Regional Art Exhibition & Competition Oct 14th - 16th 2022 Wine x Sam - Seymour

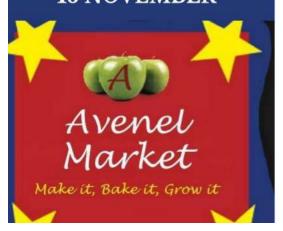
## 4 DECEMBER



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COMMUNITY SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 5.30PM BY THE LAKE

## 13 NOVEMBER



## 27th NOVEMBER

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2022

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