

Storm Event Update

22 February, 2024



South Gippsland
Shire Council

MIRBOO NORTH TOWN UPDATE

Council has established a relief point at the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation at 96 Ridgway, Mirboo North. Open between:

Thursday / Friday: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday: 10.00am to 2.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Today, Council, in partnership with the Community Foundation, is opening the Mirboo North Town Hall as a cool place for people to come for the day if they are still without power. The Hall will be open from 10.00am with tea and coffee available. If you require anything else, please BYO.

Other Information

Hot Showers

Available at the Grainstore and SPLASH in Leongatha.

Washing Machines

Are available at the op shop (blankets available too).

Mirboo North Pool

Council will be undertaking an assessment of the Pool to see if there is any possibility to get it open for the end of the season. Unfortunately, it is looking unlikely at this stage. Season pass holders are welcome to use other local pools.

Pedestrian Safety

Please adhere to road closure signs at all times.

Emergency services and contractors in Mirboo North have reported frequent incidents of people ignoring road closure signage – if this occurs work has to be stopped to minimise risk. Please help our hard-working Emergency Services and other teams by following the displayed signage.

Noise

We understand that noise levels are higher than normal at present with chainsaws and machinery running frequently in some areas. However, the works are essential. Please be patient.

KEY UPDATES

- The Nyora Relief Point is now closed. If you are still without power and need support, please contact Council on 5662 9200.
- Over three hundred properties are still without power in South Gippsland. If you are still without power and think that Ausnet may not be aware of your situation, please ring the fault line.
- With warmer conditions expected today, please check on others, keep hydrated and download the VicEmergency app to keep up to date.
- If you are looking to volunteer in Mirboo North, please call into the Volunteer Coordination Hub at the RSL.
- Victoria Police is requesting motorbike riders travelling to the Superbikes explore alternative routes.
- Due to the storm event, the Grand Ridge Road Trail is currently closed. Some sections of the Great Southern Rail Trail are also closed, however the section of trail between Leongatha and Port Welshpool is now open. More sections are expected to be reopened soon.
- Please refrain from collecting firewood from the road side as it can be dangerous, particularly while clean up efforts are still underway.
- Due to the problems presented by the storms, Council is extending the payment period until 28 February.
- Most roads have been cleared for access, but even if the road is clear, there is still risk. Hanging trees and debris are something to watch out for, so please take care on the road. A list of closed roads can be found here: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/roadhazards