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South Burnett Flood Recovery Assistance

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event

South East Queensland rainfall and Flooding, 22 February – 7 March 2022

The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is a jointly funded program between the Australia Government and state and territory (state) governments, through which the Australia government provides financial assistance to support state governments with disaster recovery costs.

In response to the disaster, assistance has been activated for the area formally defined as: “Communities within South East Queensland affected by heavy rainfall and flooding, 22 February – 7 March 2022”.

Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets	Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer	Disaster Assistance Loans for:		Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for:		Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants	
						Not-for-Profit Orgs and Small Businesses	Primary Producer	Not-for-Profit Orgs and Small Business	Primary Producer	Not-for-Profit Orgs and Small Business	Primary Producer
South Burnett Regional Council	✓ Activated 27/02/22			✓ Activated 27/02/22	✓ Activated 05/03/22	✓ Activated 05/03/22	✓ Activated 05/03/22	✓ Activated 05/03/22	✓ Activated 05/03/22	✓ Activated 05/03/22	✓ Activated 05/03/22

Exceptional Category D assistance measures

DRFA Category	Package Type	Assistance Measure
D	Extraordinary disaster assistance grants	Category D grants for not-for-profit organisations and small businesses of up to \$50,000
D	Extraordinary disaster assistance grants	Category D grants for primary producers of up to \$75,000

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DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED	
Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (including Emergency Works and Immediate Reconstruction)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Emergency Works</i> 	To assist local governments and state agencies to undertake urgent activities necessary following an eligible disaster to temporarily restore an eligible essential public asset to enable it to operate/be operated at an acceptable level of efficiency to support the immediate recovery of a community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Immediate Reconstruction Works</i> 	To assist state agencies or local governments to immediately and permanently reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function immediately after the eligible disaster. Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets are works undertaken by local governments and state agencies and to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets:</i> 	To assist local governments and state agencies to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.
Assistance for not-for-profit organisations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disaster Assistance (Not-for-Profit Organisation) Loans</i> 	Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to repair or replace the damaged assets.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Not-for-Profit Organisation</i> 	Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations that have suffered a significant loss of income as a consequence of an eligible disaster, by providing a concessional loan for essential working capital required to continue operations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants - Not-for-profit Organisation</i> 	Grants for not-for-profit organisations who have suffered direct damage caused by an eligible disaster. Grants are aimed at covering the cost of clean-up and reinstatement, but not at providing compensation for losses. Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority on 1800 623 946 or www.qrida.qld.gov.au
Assistance for primary producers:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disaster Assistance (Primary Producer) Loans</i> 	Concessional interest rate loans to assist primary producers whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producer</i> 	Concessional interest rate loans to primary producers who have suffered a significant loss of income as a result of an eligible disaster by providing the essential working capital required to continue business operations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants - Primary Producer</i> 	Grants for primary producers who have suffered direct damage caused by an eligible disaster. Grants are aimed at covering the cost of clean-up and reinstatement, but not at providing compensation for losses. Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer</i> 	<p>or water for livestock, building, fencing equipment or machinery to the primary producer's home property.</p> <p>Contact Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23 or www.daf.qld.gov.au</p>
Assistance for small businesses:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans</i> 	Concessional interest rate loans to assist small businesses whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business</i> 	Concessional interest rate loans to assist small businesses that have suffered a significant loss of income as a consequence of an eligible disaster, by providing a concessional loan for essential working capital required to continue business operations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants – Small Business</i> 	<p>Grants for small business who have suffered direct damage caused by an eligible disaster. Grants are aimed at covering the cost of clean-up and reinstatement, but not at providing compensation for losses.</p> <p>Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority on 1800 623 946 or www.qrida.qld.gov.au</p>

OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT / ASSISTANCE	
<i>BlazeAid – Murgon</i>	<p><i>BlazeAid works with families and individuals who are in genuine need of volunteer assistance.</i> This includes those affected who are not insured or are under-insured for the cost of rebuilding their fences, or where their personal, physical or financial circumstances are such that they are in genuine need of BlazeAid's assistance.</p> <p>BlazeAid is a volunteer-based organization. We assist rural families and individuals to help clear, repair or replace fences that have been lost as a result of natural disasters such as bushfires, floods or cyclones. Where there is enough need in a community, we establish a basecamp (in conjunction with local shires and/or community groups) where volunteers live in their caravans, motorhomes, etc., or in other suitable accommodation.</p> <p>Fencing Starting: Address: Murgon Showgrounds, 38 MacAlister Street, Murgon Qld Coordinator: Ron Murphy 0449 825 108 Donations and General Enquiries: Debbie Buttler 0418990267 Email: blazeaid.murgon@gmail.com</p>
<i>Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment</i>	Support for eligible people adversely affected by the South-East Queensland (QLD) Floods in February 2022 South East Queensland Floods, February 2022 - Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment - Services Australia This is different to the January 2022 Queensland Floods, January 2022 - Natural disaster - Services Australia

<p><i>Assistance for primary producers</i></p>	<p>Primary producers across the region impacted by the SEQ Rainfall and Flooding event in February 2022 and the ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth rainfall event in January 2022, can apply for natural disaster recovery assistance. For more information or to apply visit For primary producers Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (qrda.qld.gov.au) or free call 1800 623 946. Loans, Assistance and Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers are also available to assist primary producers. Contact QRIDA on 1800 623 946 or visit For primary producers Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (qrda.qld.gov.au); contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23 or visit Rural disaster recovery Business Queensland</p>
<p><i>Rural Aid Ltd</i></p>	<p>Financial assistance of one-off \$1,000 payment towards a bill or Gift Cards. Rural Aid Ltd also provides fodder, counselling and a volunteer Farm Army to assist disaster impacted properties. Phone: 1300 327 624 or www.ruralaid.org.au</p> <p>Please note you MUST be a Primary Producer and have a current ABN. Your payment will NOT be paid if you do not meet the criteria.</p>

<p>GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICES</p>	
<p><i>Phone support: If you know of someone that is distressed and needs assistance, call:</i></p>	
<p>Lifeline</p>	<p>13 11 14</p>
<p>Beyond Blue</p>	<p>1300 224 636</p>
<p>Kids Helpline</p>	<p>1800 551 800</p>
<p>1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)</p>	<p>National Sexual, Domestic Family Violence Counselling Service</p>
<p>DV Connect</p>	<p>1800 811 811</p>
<p>Qld Homeless Hotline</p>	<p>1800 474 753</p>
<p>Parent line</p>	<p>1300 301 300</p>
<p>Men's line</p>	<p>1300 789 978</p>
<p>Red Cross</p>	<p>1800 733 111 - Link to all Red Cross emergency resources</p>
<p>Rental Tenancy Authority</p>	<p>1300 744 263</p>
<p>Rural Health Connect</p>	<p>0427 692 377 - referrals@ruralhealthconnect.com.au</p>

LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICES	
Bunyarra Counselling and Mediation	0402 155 901 info@bunyarracounseling.com.au
Centacare Family & Relationship Services	4162 5439
Lives Lived Well (New Access)	1300 971 309
Graham House Men's Behaviour Change Program	4169 8400

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	
Ann Boyle – Rural Financial Counsellor	0448 999 742
Helen Schirok – Small Business Financial Counsellor	0437 292 848

For further assistance please refer to <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/community-information/emergency-management/recovery>

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