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Flood Assistance

Knowing what support is available and where to find it is an important part of your flood recovery process. Please read through this list, share the information with others and keep it handy for future reference.

1. General advice and support

Tasmanian Flood Recovery Taskforce

The Taskforce is working with affected communities in the recovery and rebuilding process. Contact the Taskforce with any flood related questions or queries.

For: Anyone affected by the floods

Contact: Flood Recovery Taskforce on 1800 567 567 or floodrecovery@dpac.tas.gov.au

Local council

Your local council is a good place to find out what support is available in your immediate area.

For: Anyone affected by the floods

Contact: Your local council

Debris clean-up

Advice is available for landowners with flood debris on their land.

For: Anyone affected by the floods

Contact: Flood Recovery Taskforce on
1800 567 567 or
floodrecovery@dpac.tas.gov.au

Rural financial counselling

Confidential and independent advice for those suffering financial hardship and that have no alternative source of impartial support.

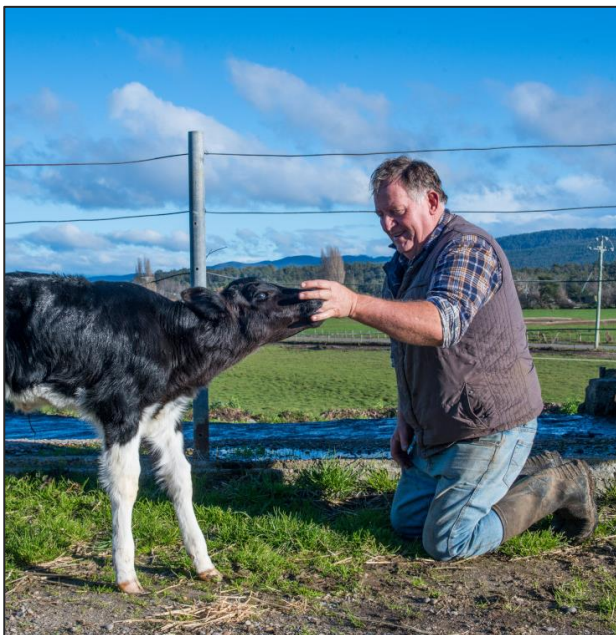
For: Primary producers and small rural businesses

Contact: Rural Business Tasmania on
1300 883 276 or
www.ruralbusiness Tasmania.org.au

Online resources

Flood recovery information can be found on these websites:

- www.alert.tas.gov.au
- www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au



2. Personal support

Taking care of yourself

Emergencies are traumatic events that can affect anyone in the community. Do not wait until things are too hard before speaking to someone.

Talk to your local GP, health professional or someone you trust.

Or you can call:

- Social Work Services
Northwest - 6478 6119
North - 6777 4155
South - 6166 8354
- Rural Alive and Well – 1300 4357 6283
(1300 Help Mate)
- Lifeline – 13 11 14
- Mensline Australia – 1300 789 978
- beyondblue – 1300 224 636
- Kids helpline – 1800 551 800

3. Financial support

Please note that closing dates and eligibility criteria will be different for each funding opportunity.

Recovery and Restoration Grants

These grants will help with temporary living expenses, the purchase or repair of essential household items, and property repair and restoration. They are available based on need, but are not a replacement for insurance or a compensation for losses.

For: Individuals and families affected by the floods

Closing date: 31 October 2016

Contact: Flood Recovery Taskforce on
1800 567 567 or
floodrecovery@dpac.tas.gov.au

Vinnies Flood Appeal Grants

St Vincent de Paul Society is managing the collection and distribution of community donations to the flood appeal. Funds are available for a wide range of uses to address financial hardship such as loss of income, loss of property and additional costs related to recovery.

For: Anyone affected by the floods (no means test)

Closing date: Ongoing until funds exhausted

Contact: St Vincent de Paul Society on 6333 0822 or admin@vinniestas.org.au

Primary Producer Clean-up Grants

Grants of up to \$10 000 for clean-up and restoration activities including debris removal, salvaging crops, grain and feed, and repairing plant and equipment such as fences, pumps and dams.

For: Primary producers in the local government areas of Break O'Day, Central Coast, Central Highlands, Kentish, Latrobe, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands, Waratah-Wynyard.

Closing date: Your initial application must be lodged by 30 December 2016

Contact: Flood Recovery Taskforce on 1800 567 567 or floodrecovery@dpac.tas.gov.au

Transport Subsidy

Receive help with the cost of transporting fodder and/or water to a property, stock to or from agistment, stock to sale or slaughter, and transport of materials, and plant and equipment directly associated with primary production.

For: Primary producers

Closing date: Your initial application must be lodged by 30 November 2016

Contact: Flood Recovery Taskforce on 1800 567 567 or floodrecovery@dpac.tas.gov.au



Rural Relief Fund

Access up to \$2 500 for anything from household goods including food or utility bills to fence repairs and fodder.

For: Primary producers

Closing date: Ongoing

Contact: Rural Business Tasmania on 1300 883 276 or www.ruralbusinesstasmania.org.au

Farm Household Allowance

This is a fortnightly allowance that gives farming families who are experiencing financial hardship time to get back on their feet and improve their long term situation.

For: Farming families

Closing date: Ongoing

Contact: Farmer Assistance Hotline on 132 316 or www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance

Flood Recovery Loan Scheme

Use this loan for essential working capital and/or the replacement and repair of damage caused to your property, associated improvements and equipment not covered by insurance. Loan amounts will range from \$25 000 to \$200 000.

For: Small business and primary producers

Closing date: 16 December 2016

Contact: Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026 or businessfinance@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

Other non-flood loan schemes

There are also a number of loan schemes for agribusiness, not related to the floods, which support recovery from drought and recent changes in the dairy industry.

For: Agribusiness

Closing date: Ongoing

Contact: Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026 or businessfinance@stategrowth.tas.gov.au



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