

Community Emergency Management Plan

Lake Tyers Beach

Lake Tyers Beach is located to the east of Lakes Entrance along the East Gippsland coast. We are known for our scenic waterways and natural beauty – bordered by Lake Tyers to the east, Lake Bunga to the west, coastal waters to the south and bushland to the north,

This Plan applies to the communities of Lake Tyers Beach and Toorloo Arm. Many of us live here permanently with a mix of house blocks and lifestyle rural acreage. However, many homes around us are owned by holiday-makers and are often vacant. This means we may not know our immediate neighbours. While there is no retail nor post office, we have many social meeting places – a growing school, Hall, Rec Reserve, Oneonta community gardens, The General and a Tavern. At last census (2021), we were approximately 1300 people.

This Lake Tyers Beach Community Emergency Plan sets out how we respond as a community in an emergency. Our community actions below are key activities taken by our community in the first 72 hours of an emergency, before state and other agencies can physically attend.



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Before Any Emergency Starts (Pre-Season)



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Information

- This Community EMP provides a summary of Lake Tyers Beach emergency procedures and provides advice for agencies.
- ABC Local Radio (AM 720, 828, FM 100.7, 103.5)
- REG Community Radio (FM 105.5, 90.7)
- VicEmergency App
- Emergency information: <https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au>
- **Assembly Area** (information point): Lake Tyers Beach Hall (1 Mill Point Road)
- **Emergency Relief Centre** (if requested by the Incident Controller): provides shelter, food, information and support services. Mechanics Hall (18 Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance).

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Phone numbers

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| • Police / Fire / Ambulance | 000 |
| • VicRoads | 13 11 70 |
| • Vic Emergency Hotline | 1800 226 226 |
| • State Emergency Service | 13 25 00 |
| • Hearing Impaired, call text phone TTY | 1800 122 969 |
| • East Gippsland Shire Council | 03 5153 9500 |

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Before An Emergency Occurs (Preparation & Planning)



Community Action

- Clean up around house/property.
- Assembly Area committee is established with protocols for its operation.
- LTB Hall Sub-Committee to practice using local STAND capability including satellite communications, back-up power and audio-visual (AV) capability for community meetings (e.g., with DEECA, CFA, SES).

Expectation of Agency(s)

- Council to support a live exercise of STAND equipment to familiarise ourselves with how it works.
- Council to support the periodic running of emergency event scenarios (possibly with neighbouring communities).

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Emergency Occurs (e.g. fire, storm)



Community Action

- Keep well-stocked pantries, medications and fuel to last 72 hrs.
- Carry wool blankets in car.
- Check properties and check in on each other.
- Community ensures Assembly Area is ready to operate/ open as required.
- Monitor Emergency advice and warnings (see Step 1 for Information sources).
- Refer to [Lake Tyers Beach LIMP](#)

Expectation of Agency(s)

- Provide locals with timely information (meetings) using STAND system.
- Relevant agencies (CFA, SES, Shire and VicPol) to regularly update Assembly Area via Incident Control Centre.

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Communications



Community Action

- Provide information to locals via Audio Visual (AV) set up and satellite wi-fi capability at the Hall (receives information from Incident Control Centre.)
- Telstra has enabled satellite to mobile texting capability to enable basic texting when towers are down (note: can't text 000, but can text family and friends).
- Relevant lead agency to provide accurate localised information (broadcast information may be too general, so it's difficult to know which way to evacuate).
- Request: Large roadside noticeboard outside Hall.
- *Newsletters/letter box drops are a successful way of reaching people.*
- *Telephone trees not in place.*
- *Many choose not to use social media.*

Expectation of Agency(s)

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Power Out



Community Action

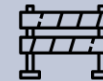
- Hall open to provide access to solar power, e.g. for phone charging (when Assembly Area open).

Expectation of Agency(s)

- *While some do, community members unlikely to have generators in their homes.*

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Road Closures



Community Action

- The Colquhoun Forest affects everyone travelling out or trying to return – large trees fall over road, landslips occur following intense rainfall.
- If evacuating to Bairnsdale (or further West) due to flooding, the Mitchell River bridge may be impassable.

Expectation of Agency(s)

- Clear fallen trees (residents don't carry chainsaws).
- VicRoads provide up to date information at traffic.transport.vic.gov.au.
- *Lake Tyers Beach has only one road out.*

FIRE

- Identify (visual/smell) where smoke is coming from and notify '000' agencies accordingly.
- Assembly Area operates at Lake Tyers Beach Hall in case of fire (as advised by EGSC).
- When fire/wind coming from West, Toorloo Arm community may wish to travel to Nowa Nowa rather than Lake Tyers Beach Hall.

STORM

- Destructive storms, have historically been short-lived, and Lake Tyers Beach Hall (Assembly Area) unlikely to open.

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Meals, Goods, Food, Water Delivery



Community Action

- Community to make sure pantries are stocked.
- Community to access fresh drinking water from the Hall (Assembly Area).
- Hall open to provide access to meal preparation (fully equipped commercial kitchen).
- Tavern is a social meeting place and closed during emergencies.

Expectation of Agency(s)

- If required, deliver to the Hall (Assembly Area).
- No donated goods. Cash or gift cards only.

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Evacuation



Community Action

- Assembly point at the hall. Provide notice/sign with date/time advising evacuation route.
- Those with caregiving responsibilities to evacuate early.
- Complete **Community Leave Early form** on Council website: www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/forms/.
- Individuals responsible for own pets. Depending on pet size, may need pet carrier.

Expectation of Agency(s)

- Advise best way to evacuate.

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Relief & Recovery



Community Action

- Hall Committee to form interim Community Recovery Committee (CRC).

Community Recovery Toolkit:
<https://www.vic.gov.au/community-recovery-toolkit>

Expectation of Agency(s)

- Risk of isolation is real, and community may need additional relevant and localised support post-emergency.

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