



# Government Information Billboard

## MORWELL MINE FIRE

**Smoke and ash from the Morwell mine fire are affecting air quality. The Victorian Government is dedicating significant resources to the firefighting effort, to monitoring air-quality and to community services.**

### FIRE SITUATION

The emergency services are focused on extinguishing the fire, but this could take several weeks. Emergency services staff are providing information in Morwell and surrounding communities to keep residents informed. For up-to-date information about the fire situation: visit [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au) call **1800 240 667** download the **FireReady app**

### AIR QUALITY

The EPA has installed monitoring stations to measure the impact of smoke and ash on local air quality to minimise risks to the community and firefighters. The EPA will issue a smoke advisory notice when air-quality levels require action to be taken.

For daily air-quality forecasts: visit [epa.vic.gov.au](http://epa.vic.gov.au)

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

It is important to reduce your exposure to the smoke and ash and to protect those most at risk, especially children, the elderly, pregnant women, smokers or those with a heart or lung condition. Where possible, stay indoors and keep windows closed or take a break away from the smoke-affected areas. Continue to take prescribed medication or follow your asthma plan in line with medical advice.

For information: visit [health.vic.gov.au](http://health.vic.gov.au)

If you have concerns about your health, see a doctor or call **NURSE-ON-CALL** on **1300 60 60 24**

### SERVICE INFORMATION

Paramedics and nurses are providing health information, assessments and referrals at a **Community Health Assessment Centre** located at the Ambulance Victoria regional office, 2 Saskia Way, Morwell, open daily from 8am to 8pm. For more information: visit [health.vic.gov.au](http://health.vic.gov.au)

The Victorian Government in conjunction with Latrobe City Council has opened a **Community Respite Centre** at the Moe Town Hall in Albert St, so residents can take a break from the smoky conditions in Morwell. For information about the opening hours: visit [recovery.vic.gov.au](http://recovery.vic.gov.au) call **5177 2500** (during business hours)

Schools and early childhood centres closest to the mine site have been temporarily relocated to give children a break from the smoke. For more information contact your school or early childhood centre or visit: [education.vic.gov.au/emergency](http://education.vic.gov.au/emergency)