



# Government Information Billboard

## HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE

Smoke and ash from the Hazelwood mine have been affecting air quality throughout the Latrobe Valley and will continue to do so. Significant resources are dedicated to the firefighting effort, monitoring air quality and other services.

### FIRE SITUATION

The emergency services are focused on extinguishing the fire, but this could take several weeks. Emergency services staff are keeping the residents of Morwell and surrounding communities informed.

For up-to-date information about the fire situation:

visit [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au)  
call the **Bushfire Information Line**  
on **1800 240 667**  
download the **FireReady** app

### AIR QUALITY

The Environment Protection Authority 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)  
call **1300 372 842**

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

Paramedics and nurses are providing health information, basic assessments and referrals at a **Community Health Assessment Centre** located at 2 Saskia Way, Morwell, from 8am to 8pm.

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,  
call **NURSE-ON-CALL**  
on **1300 60 60 24**  
see a doctor

### INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

A **Community Respite Centre** is open at the Moe Town Hall in Albert St from 9am to 7pm for residents needing a break from the smoky conditions in Morwell. For more information:  
visit [recovery.vic.gov.au](http://recovery.vic.gov.au)  
call **5177 2500** (during business hours).

If you live in Morwell and need support to take respite, contact the Department of Human Services on **1800 006 468** to make an appointment to discuss your needs.

**Community liaison officers** are visiting areas in and around Morwell to provide residents with health and fire information. For information about locations, call:  
the **Bushfire Information Line**  
on **1800 240 667**  
**Latrobe City Council** on **1300 367 700**

Some schools and early childhood centres near 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  
visit [education.vic.gov.au/emergency](http://education.vic.gov.au/emergency)