

RADIO SCRIPTS – HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE – REVISED 14 MARCH

To run on rotation

1. HEALTH ADVICE

People aged 65 and over, children under school age (including infants and babies), pregnant women, and anyone with an existing heart or lung condition living or working in the southern part of Morwell are advised to reduce exposure to smoke and ash as they can irritate these conditions. Keep taking medications and follow your asthma plan.

The Community Health Assessment Centre at the Regional Office of Ambulance Victoria Gippsland at 2 Saskia Way, Morwell is open from 8am to 8pm.

For health advice contact Nurse-on-Call on 1300 60 60 24 or visit **health.vic.gov.au**.

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2. CLEANING UP ASH

Materials in the ash from the Hazelwood mine fire are similar to what is in the soil in your garden and the ash you'd find in a fireplace.

Ash can be dug into your garden, added to compost or placed in a plastic bag in your household garbage bin.

If you have an existing heart or lung condition, such as asthma, it's best to get help to clean up ash.

For advice about cleaning up ash call **1800 017 777** or visit **health.vic.gov.au**.

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