

# Rebuild Support Service Update

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## Registration with the RSS

The Rebuild Support Service is a free service to bushfire impacted residents that has already helped many people begin their rebuild process. If you think the service may be helpful for your rebuild, or you would just like to make contact to discuss your options, you can register by completing this form:

<https://bit.ly/3ammMNY>

## RSS in your community

The RSS team will be on the road over the coming few months, holding information sessions across the region. Come along

and find out more about how we can support your rebuild.

Keep an eye out in the next update and on our Facebook page for further information.

## Rebate schemes and funding

The Victorian and Federal Governments have announced further rebate programs to support landholders rebuilding. Landholders can apply for 3 types of rebates, totalling up to \$25,000. These rebate programs can support landholders with:

- Up to \$5,000 rebate for professional services and advice for planning or

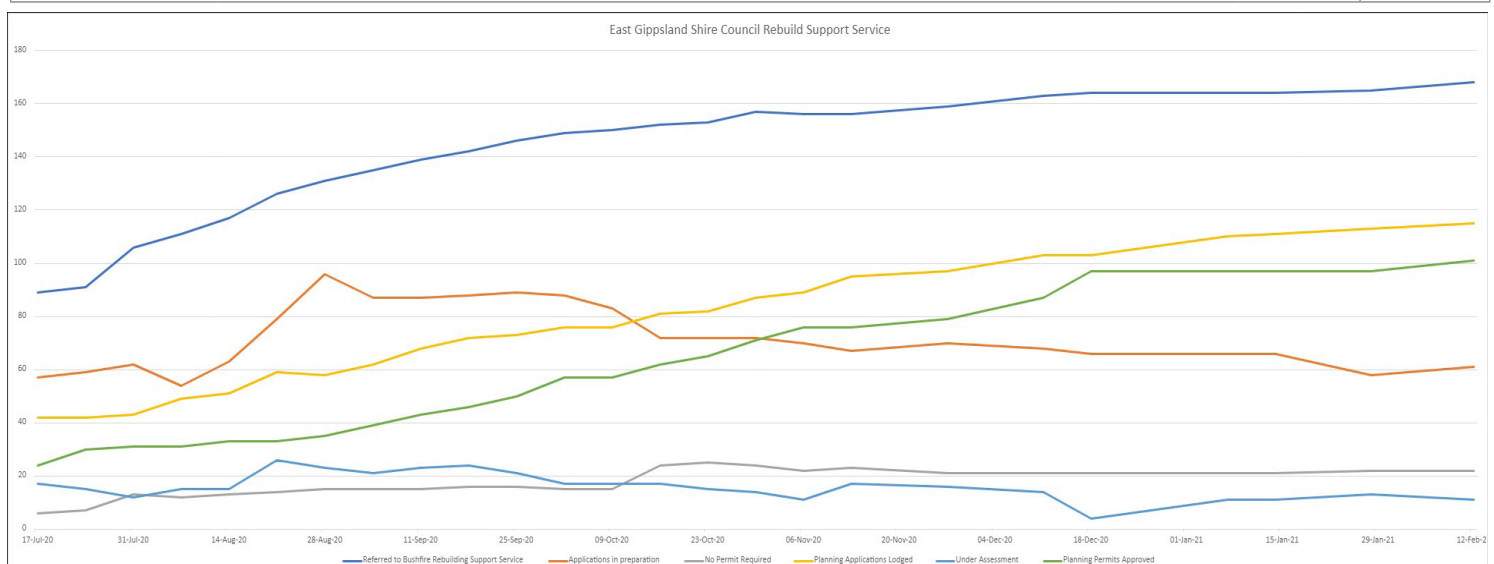
building permits for rebuilding.

- Up to half the cost of purchase and installation of a new primary septic tank or rainwater tank system, and further full cost coverage and financial support for other costs related to primary use systems.
- Up to 80% of the cost of a full geotechnical assessment of your property, and standard soil testing report.

For more information, including eligibility criteria, FAQs, and how to apply, visit Melbourne Water's website at

<https://bit.ly/3jPwVWt>

| East Gippsland Shire Council Rebuild Support Service - 12 February 2021 |  |    |     |
|---|--|----|-----|
| Referred to Rebuilding Support Service                                  |  |    | 168 |
| Applications in Preparation   |  |    | 61  |
| No Permit Required  |  |    | 22  |
| Other Status  | Advice Only – No Further Action / Private Consultant | 20 | 85  |
|   | Not Rebuilding                                       | 12 |     |
|   | Planning Permit Application Approved                 | 42 |     |
|   | Planning Permit Application Lodged                   | 11 |     |
| Assessment and determination of Planning Permits                        |  |    |     |
| Planning Applications Lodged  |  |    | 115 |
| Under Assessment  |  |    | 11  |
| Planning Permits Approved   |  |    | 101 |



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## Meet the Rebuild Support Service Team

### **Morgana Te Pauae, Manager – Built Environment Recovery**

Morgana Te Pauae joined the East Gippsland Shire Council in early March 2020, as Manager – Built Environment



Recovery, previously working as Program Manager with the Country Fire Authority.

With a long-standing relationship and love of the East Gippsland region and its communities that spans over 30 years, Morgana made both the personal and professional decision to return to East Gippsland to support communities to rebuild.

Morgana has over 25 years' experience working in environmental, natural resource and civil construction industries. She has a comprehensive knowledge of project management practices, regulatory compliance, emergency response and coordination, civil engineering and construction project management.

### **Caroline Larcher, Coordinator**

Caroline Larcher is the Coordinator of the Rebuild Support Service.

A structural engineer by background, she has many years'



experience in building design and construction. She has also worked in overseas refugee programs and developing social housing for low-income families.

Caroline has come to the Rebuild Support Service with a particular interest in achieving good housing outcomes for people and communities. She is available to meet with any residents thinking about their options or ready to progress through the rebuild process.

### **Jane Bailey-Ryan, Administration Officer**

Jane Bailey-Ryan has been living and working in the East Gippsland area for the past 25 years.

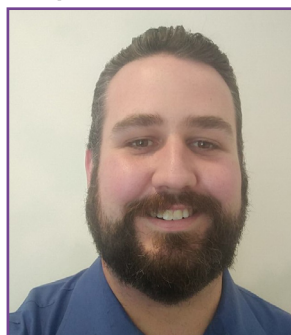
Jane has worked within both State and local government, with a strong background in Property Valuations, Town Planning, and Administration. She is studying for a diploma in community service and case management.

Her role within the Rebuild Support Service is to be the first point of contact and a coordination point for residents entering the service.



### **Timothy Blackie, Planner**

Tim has been working as a planner across a variety of rural Victorian Councils, including Murrindindi where much



previous bushfire damage and rebuilding has occurred.

He has joined the Rebuild Support Service out of an interest in applying his work to a role where he can be useful to others and help people in a time of need to work through the aftermath of the bushfires.

As a planning officer Tim helps residents check and understand planning regulations for getting houses and other structures rebuilt. He provides planning advice and prepares planning permit applications on residents' behalf, to get these approved as soon as possible.

### **Bill Collins, GIS and Data Expert**

Bill's background is in Surveying, Mapping, Cartography, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as well as graphic design, video, music and sound engineering.

He has worked within every sphere of private and public business: solo consulting, SMEs and global corporations, as well as Local, State and Federal government agencies, and for Defence.

Bill started work for East Gippsland Shire Council Bushfire Recovery virtually from the beginning - at the start of February - and has been centrally involved with Secondary Impact Assessments and data collection ever since. His focus is to ensure that the data gathered from all the inspections is as true and correct as possible, accurate data being the fundamental building block for supporting the Rebuild Support Service's ongoing work with residents.

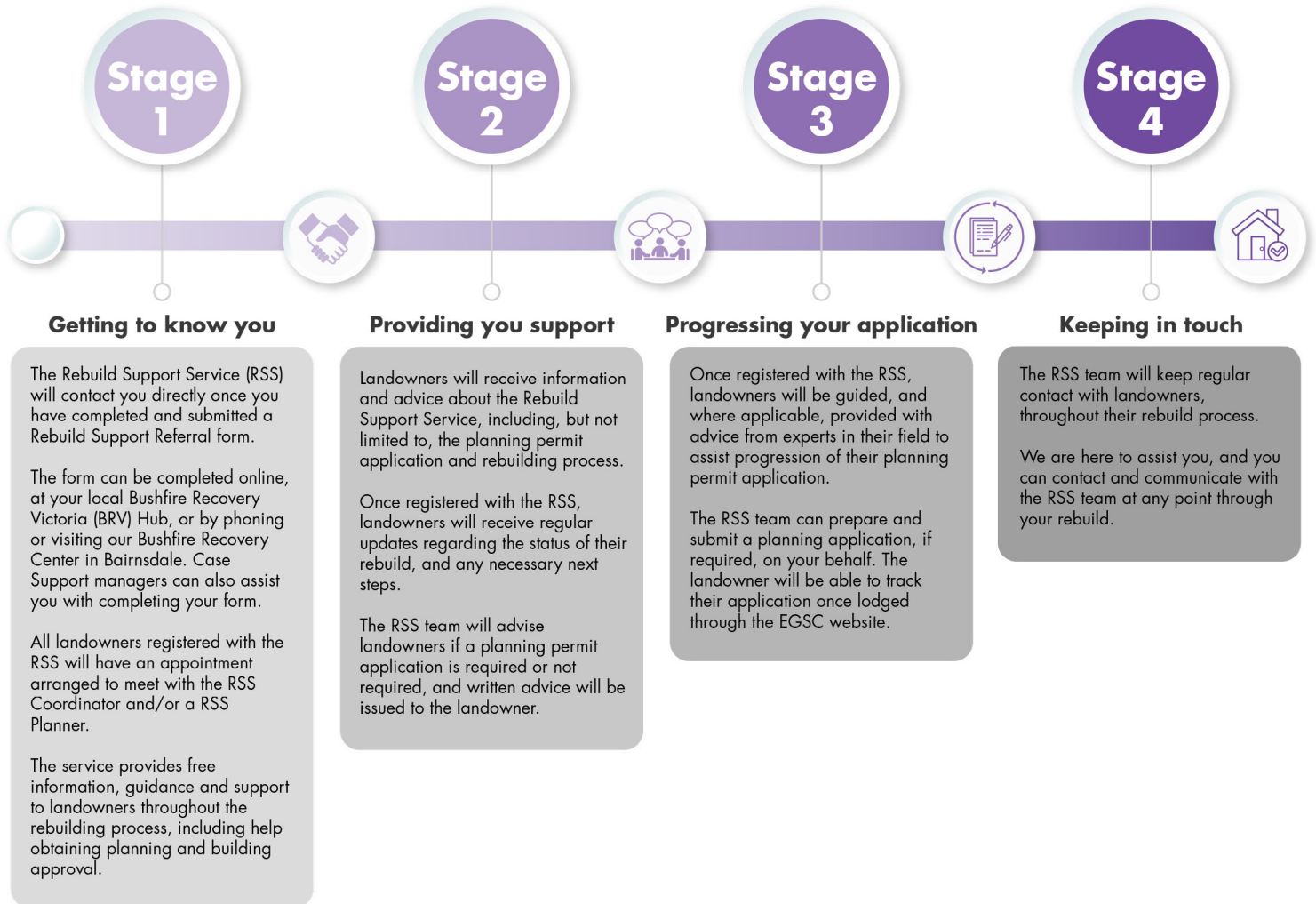


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## How we help your bushfire rebuild



## Useful links

Obtain a copy of your certificate of title and other land documents at [www.landata.vic.gov.au](http://www.landata.vic.gov.au)

Find information about wastewater and septic tanks - [www.epa.vic.gov.au](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au)

### BRV

<https://www.vic.gov.au/your-property>

<https://www.vic.gov.au/rebuilding-support>

### CFA

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/>

<https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/vicplan/>  
**DELWP**

<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/bushfire>

### VBA

<https://www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/bushfire/rebuilding>



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