

MEDIA RELEASE

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Emergency grants available to Mount Larcom and Ambrose residents

Mount Larcom and Ambrose residents affected by bushfires are now eligible to apply for the Queensland Government's Emergency Hardship Assistance grants.

The jointly funded Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) personal hardship grants were initially activated on 27 November 2018 for people in Deepwater, Baffle Creek, Rules Beach, Oyster Creek and Taunton.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett thanked the Queensland Government for aiding those in need and for extending the offer of assistance to include further communities in the Gladstone Region affected by bushfires.

"This has been a distressing week for many residents within our communities and we are thankful that those in need of assistance now have access to funds," Councillor Burnett said.

Along with the Emergency Hardship Assistance, Department of Communities will operate a temporary recovery hub, offering face-to-face help for those in need.

Temporary recovery hubs will operate today at:

- Mount Larcom Rural Transaction Centre (47 Raglan St, Mount Larcom), 11am to 4pm.
- Agnes Water Rural Transaction Centre (71 Springs Rd, Agnes Water), 10am to 4pm.

A temporary recovery hub has also been set up daily at Miriam Vale Community Centre (41 Blomfield St, Miriam Vale), 9am to 5pm.

Representatives from Australian Red Cross, Lifeline and The Salvation Army Australia are available to provide support also.

For more information on the Emergency Hardship Assistance Scheme visit <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/financial-assistance/immediate-hardship-assistance>