EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Redesdale Fire Community Recovery Update No 1 10 Feb 2009

INFORMATION

RECOVERY

Information for residents affected by fires in the
Redesdale / Barfold / Sidonia / Glenhope areas
7 – 10 February 2009

Thanks to the great efforts of our local emergency services no-one was seriously hurt as a result of these fires. However, a number of homes have been lost along with stock, pasture and some other infrastructure. Assessments are currently underway to determine the extent of the damage.

Four local Councils are working together with a number of other agencies to get information to affected communities about support that is available.

A **Recovery Centre**
has been established at the
Metcalfe Town Hall
and will be open
10am – 2pm each day this week

The Recovery Centre has information about:

- Immediate cash grants available
- Accessing immediate accommodation if you have nowhere to stay
- How to support yourself, your family and friends during this stressful time
- In particular how to support children whose behaviour may change if they were scared or confused
- What to do if the water quality in your rainwater tanks has been affected by ash
- What to be careful of when undertaking salvage or rebuilding works (eg some old structures may contain asbestos)
- How to access support for fencing or other works needed
- How to access emergency fodder if you are a primary producer
- Arranging replenishment if your dam water was used by fire fighting services
- How to access support in liaising with your insurance company

**Local residents are encouraged to come to the Recovery Centre as a
"one-stop-shop" for up-to-date information and support,
as well as an opportunity to touch base
with your neighbours and local community.
If you can't come in person, contact staff at the centre on 5423 2571.**

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Thursday 19th February
6.30pm at

Metcalfe Town Hall