

Southern Grampians Drought Support Contacts – Nov 2008

Rural Support – Government organisations

Australian Tax Office (<i>deferred payments</i>)	131 142	www.ato.gov.au
Centrelink (<i>Farm help, income/pension support</i>)	131 021	www.centrelink.gov.au
Drought Assistance Hotline	132 316	
Farmer Assistance	1800 050585	
Phil Clapham – Hamilton	5551 7048	
Department of Human Services Larry Neeson <i>Regional Drought Coordinator</i>	0438 596 550	www.dhs.vic.gov.au
Country Fire Authority Operations Manager, Region 5	5551 1500	www.cfa.vic.gov.au
Department of Primary Industries	136 186	www.dpi.vic.gov.au
Victorian State Drought Advice Hotline	5573 0900	
<i>Technical farming and land management assistance; community drought forums</i>	5573 0900	
<i>Animal welfare reporting, livestock animals</i>		
<i>Domestic animals – RSPCA</i>	5561 2591	
Information Victoria- <i>Victorian Government departments & services</i>	1300 366 356	www.information.vic.gov.au
Rural Finance Corporation (<i>interest subsidy support for farmers</i>)	5562 9611	www.ruralfinance.com.au
RIST Rural Industries Skill Training (<i>Practical on farm training</i>)	55730943	www.rist.com.au
Rural Women's Network	9208 3650	www.ruralwomen.vic.gov.au
Victoria Business Line	132 215	www.business.vic.gov.au
Wageline - <i>federal awards and agreements and industry rates.</i>	1300 363 264	www.wagenet.gov.au
Wannon Water – Steven Kearns	5551 0400	www.wannonwater.com.au
Southern Rural Water – Angus Ramsay	1300 139510 0419 509087	www.srw.com.au
Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority	5571 2526	www.glenelg-hopkins.vic.gov.au

Rural Support – Local Government

Southern Grampians Shire Council <i>Tim Neeson - Executive Manager, Economic Development and Tourism</i>	5573 0492	www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au
Glenelg Shire Council	5522 2200	www.glenelg.vic.gov.au

Rural Financial Counselling – *Identify and assess financial options for rural people (free)*

<i>Rural Financial Counselling Service Victoria – Wimmera South West</i>		
<i>Debbie Milne – Hamilton</i>	5573 0906	
<i>Vince Thorn – Terang</i>	5592 2096	
<i>Mal Wyeth – Horsham</i>	5381 1646	
<i>Greg Lowe – Hamilton</i>	5573 0941	

Health Services and Generalist Counsellors

Western District Health Services Acute emergency services, health and community services	5551 8222	www.wdhs.net
Frances Hewett Community Centre General counselling, depression, grief, loss, family, work changes, stress, relationship, illness, adolescent	5551 8450	
Community Connections – Hamilton and Warrnambool	1300 361 680	
Balmoral Bush Nursing Centre	5570 1304	
Coleraine and District Health Services	5553 2000	
Penshurst and District Health Services	5552 3000	
Merino Bush Nursing	5579 1303	
Nurse – on-call – 24 hours service	1300 606024	
Hamilton Community House	5571 9780	
Sustainable Farm Families	5551 8460	www.sustainablefarmfamilies.org.au/drought.html
Youth Services – Youthbiz	5571 2233	

Victorian Farmers Federation

Warrnambool Peter Walsgott	5561 7269 0427 043981	www.drought.org.au
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Other assistance services

Beyond Blue – <i>depression initiative - information only</i>	1300 224 636	www.beyondblue.org.au
DirectLine (drug & alcohol)	1800 888 236	www.health.vic.gov.au
Family Drug Support	1300 368 186	
Gambler's Help	1800 858 858	www.problemgambling.vic.gov.au
Kids Help Line	1800 551 800	www.kidshelp.com.au
Life Line	131 114	www.lifeline.org.au
Mensline Australia	1300 789 978	www.menslineaus.org.au
Parentline	132 289	www.parentline.vic.gov.au
Suicide Helpline	1300 651 251	www.suicidehelpline.org.au
Women's Information Referral Exchange (WIRE)	1300 134 130	www.wire.org.au