

Smoke in the Latrobe Valley – 30 sec radio ad

The Latrobe Valley is experiencing smoky conditions.

It's important to minimise exposure – especially for children, the elderly, pregnant women or those with heart and lung conditions.

Stay indoors and keep windows shut.

If possible, take a break away from the smoke or consider staying with someone living outside the smoke affected area.

For health concerns, contact your doctor or NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24.

Or visit health.vic.gov.au

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**LATROBE VALLEY FIRES
RADIO - GOLD 1242 and 3TR**

**LIVE READ – RADIO SCRIPT 1
To run Thursday 20 Feb**

The Victorian Government has opened a community respite centre at the **Moe Town Hall in Albert St**, so residents can take a break from the smoky conditions in Morwell and get up to date information on the fire situation.

Public transport is available through Latrobe Valley Bus Lines. There is also a V/Line station in Moe, a short walk from the Moe Town Hall.

The centre will be open from **9am to 7pm today and tomorrow**. Opening hours will be reviewed depending on demand, for more information visit **recovery.vic.gov.au**

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**LIVE READ – SCRIPT 2
To run Friday 21 Feb.**

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RADIO - LIVE READ SCRIPTS – MORWELL MINE FIRE

To run on 50/50 rotation

1. HEALTH (amended to run from 25 Feb 2014)

Air quality in and around Morwell is being affected by smoke and ash from the mine fire.

It is important to reduce your exposure and protect those most at risk.

Paramedics and nurses are providing health information, assessments and referrals at a Community Health Assessment Centre located at the Ambulance Victoria regional office, 2 Saskia Way, Morwell, daily from 8am to 8pm.

If you live in Morwell and need support to take respite, contact the Department of Human Services on 1800 006 468.

For information about how to protect your health from the smoke and ash visit:
health.vic.gov.au

[pronunciation: HEALTH DOT VIC DOT GOV DOT A – U]

ENDS

2. AIR QUALITY (to run from 25 Feb 2014)

Air quality in and around Morwell is being affected by smoke and ash from the mine fire.

EPA has issued a high smoke advisory notice. Where possible, residents should stay with friends or relatives or take a break away from smoke-affected areas.

EPA has installed more monitoring stations to measure the impact of smoke on air-quality, to minimise risks to the community and firefighters.

Emergency services staff are providing information in Morwell and surrounding communities to keep residents informed.

Stay aware of changing conditions via the EPA website at epa.vic.gov.au
[pronunciation: E – P – A DOT VIC DOT GOV DOT A – U]
or by calling 1300 372 842.

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2. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (to run from 28 Feb 2014)

A Community Information and Recovery Centre is open in Morwell at 22 Hazelwood Road, from 9 am until 6 pm daily.

A range of government and community services are based at the centre with staff available to talk to you.

Grants are available from the Victorian Government to help eligible Morwell residents who are in financial hardship and who need assistance to take a break away from the smoke.

Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible. For more information about financial assistance call the Department of Human Services on **1800 006 468**.

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RADIO - LIVE READ SCRIPTS – HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE

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1. COMMUNITY ADVICE (to run from 1 March 2014)

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For information about how to protect your health from the smoke and ash visit:
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2. TEMPORARY RELOCATION (to run from 1 March 2014)

The Chief Health Officer has advised people aged over 65, pre-school aged children, pregnant women and anyone with a pre-existing heart or lung condition living or working in Morwell South to consider temporarily relocating, as a precaution.

Grants are available from the Victorian Government to help eligible Morwell residents who are in financial hardship to take a break away from the smoke.

Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible. For more information about financial assistance to help you relocate call the Department of Human Services on **1800 006 468**.

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RADIO - LIVE READ SCRIPTS – HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE – REVISED 4 MARCH

To run on rotation

1. HEALTH ADVICE

Temporary relocation away from smoke is recommended for people aged 65 and over, children under 5 (including infants and babies), pregnant women, and anyone with an existing heart or lung condition living or working in South Morwell.

For advice on temporary relocation and other support contact the Department of Human Services on **1800 006 468** or visit **recovery.vic.gov.au**

[pronunciation: RECOVERY DOT VIC DOT GOV DOT A – U]

Health assessments and referrals are available at 2 Saskia Way, Morwell, daily from 8am to 8pm.

For information about how to protect your health from the smoke and ash visit: **health.vic.gov.au**

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ENDS

2. TAKING A BREAK

The Victorian Government and Latrobe City Council are coordinating options for Morwell residents to take a break from the smoke and ash.

Free return tickets for V/Line trains are available from staff at Morwell Station.

Morwell residents can visit free at Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary by showing address identification at the entry.

Scouts Victoria is offering free temporary accommodation at popular campsites across Victoria. Call **03 5128 5616**.

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RADIO SCRIPTS – HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE – REVISED 6 MARCH

To run on rotation

1. HEALTH ADVICE

Temporary relocation away from smoke is recommended for people aged 65 and over, children under 5 (including infants and babies), pregnant women, and anyone with an existing heart or lung condition living or working in the areas south of Commercial Road in Morwell.

For advice on temporary relocation and other support, contact the Department of Human Services on **1800 006 468** or visit **recovery.vic.gov.au**

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For information about how to protect your health from the smoke and ash visit: **health.vic.gov.au**

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Free return tickets for V/Line trains are available from staff at Morwell Station.

Morwell residents can visit free at Melbourne and Werribee Zoos, Healesville Sanctuary, Melbourne Museum, the Immigration Museum and Scienceworks. Just show address identification at entry.

A range of free arts experiences are on offer at Victorian arts agencies. Find out more at **arts.vic.gov.au**

[pronunciation: ARTS DOT VIC DOT GOV DOT A – U]

ENDS

RADIO SCRIPTS – HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE – REVISED 12 MARCH

To run on rotation

1. HEALTH ADVICE

The Hazelwood mine fire is now contained, however there may still be smoke affecting air quality in the area.

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 Morwell South area are advised to reduce exposure to smoke and ash as they can irritate these conditions. Keep taking medications and follow your asthma plan.

Advice on cleaning up ash is available together with more information at **health.vic.gov.au**

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Free return tickets for V/Line trains are available from staff at Morwell Station.

Morwell residents can receive free entry at Zoos Victoria and Museum Victoria venues by presenting address identification at the entry.

A range of free arts experiences are on offer at Victorian arts agencies. Find out more at **arts.vic.gov.au**

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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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RADIO SCRIPTS – HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE – REVISED 17 MARCH

To run on 50/50 rotation

1. HEALTH ADVICE

The Chief Health Officer has lifted the temporary relocation advice, and people can now return to their homes and workplaces.

The EPA will continue to monitor air quality in the Latrobe Valley.

People aged 65 and over, children under school age, pregnant women, and anyone with an existing heart or lung condition should avoid cleaning up ash.

The ash isn't toxic, but breathing in fine particles can aggravate heart or lung conditions.

For health information visit **health.vic.gov.au**.

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For cleanup information, contact the Latrobe City Council on **1800 017 777**

ENDS

2. CLEANING UP ASH

Before cleaning up ash, make sure you're properly prepared.

Material in the ash is similar to what is in the soil in your garden.

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

The ash isn't toxic, but breathing in fine particles can aggravate heart or lung conditions. It can also irritate eyes, skin and throat so follow the advice about cleaning up.

For advice about cleaning up ash call **1800 017 777** or visit **health.vic.gov.au**.
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RADIO SCRIPTS – HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE – REVISED 19 MARCH

To run on 50/50 rotation

1. HEALTH ADVICE

The Chief Health Officer has lifted the temporary relocation advice, and people can now return to their homes and workplaces.

The EPA will continue to monitor air quality in the Latrobe Valley.

Anyone with an existing lung condition should avoid cleaning up ash.

The ash isn't a health concern, but ash can irritate eyes, nose and throat.

For health information visit **health.vic.gov.au**. [pronunciation: HEALTH DOT VIC DOT GOV DOT A – U]

For cleanup information, contact the Latrobe City Council on **1800 017 777**

ENDS

2. CLEANING UP ASH

Before cleaning up ash, make sure you're properly prepared.

Material in the ash is similar to what is in the soil in your garden.

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

Ash particles are too big to be breathed deep into the lungs, however if you have a lung condition you may be more sensitive to ash that is stirred up into the air. Ash can irritate eyes, skin and throat so follow the advice about cleaning up.

For advice about cleaning up ash call **1800 017 777** or visit **health.vic.gov.au**. [pronunciation: HEALTH DOT VIC DOT GOV DOT A – U]

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