



*Update #4 Thursday 6 May 2021.*

Yuna have welcomed Blaze Aid to the community and they are now on the ground working across the region, focussing on reinstatement of damaged/lost fencing. Blaze Aid is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters. Working alongside the rural families, these volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed.

Blaze Aid volunteers travel to a dedicated site and establish a 'base camp' for eight weeks to six months. From this base camp, the volunteers then travel in teams of 4-5 with a trailer each day to local farms and assist with fencing and structure rebuilds. Work is prioritised in order of urgency, such as stock security, boundary fencing etc.

#### **Do you need Blaze Aid's help?**

The City has commenced visits to rural community members and farmers to conduct welfare checks and to see if residents have power lines down in paddocks, condition of livestock, how much fencing needs replacing, if other accommodation is available and so forth. Over 40 properties have been visited in Bringo, Moonyoonooka and Mullewa and will continue throughout various areas. Names and contact details have been passed on to them from those that have been in touch with the City about your property needs.

If you would like to complete a form that details damage sustained so we can pass it onto Blaze Aid, please head to the City's website at [www.cgg.wa.gov.au/tc-seroja.aspx](http://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/tc-seroja.aspx)

Blaze Aid will follow up directly with you but if you don't hear from them feel free to give them a call. Anyone seeking help from Blaze Aid can complete the form and return to City or contact Judy Bland from Blaze Aid on 0427 614 546.

#### **Would you like to volunteer?**

Blaze Aid have expertise and willing volunteers, as well as financial support from the City of Greater Geraldton, Shire of Chapman Valley, Shire of Northampton, NAG/Great Southern Fuel towards their costs and to assist with material costs, which are usually met by the property owner.

Anyone who can offer time to add to the numbers of volunteers and maximise their effort needs to be at their camp base in Yuna at the Community Centre by 7.15am in the mornings to be registered as a volunteer and deployed for the day.

Please contact Judy Bland from Blaze Aid on 0427614546 if you can offer some time to them.

**Community Information Sessions:**

**-Mullewa Community Information Session** – Thursday 6 May at 3.30pm at the Mullewa Recreation Centre Dining Room

Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Department of Communities, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Power, Insurance Council and other agencies have been invited to attend and provide the community with a post-cyclone update, as well as answer any community questions and queries.

Please let us know if there is any particular key messaging you'd like to know more about. Please pass this onto your friends, family, neighbours and contacts who may be impacted. If you would like to add an email to the database to receive communications, please email [communications@cgg.wa.gov.au](mailto:communications@cgg.wa.gov.au)

**Important Contact Details**

Western Power: ..... 13 13 51  
Telstra: ..... 1800 888 888  
Insurance Council: ..... 1800 734 621  
Water Corporation: ..... 13 13 75

Department of Communities'  
Disaster Response Hotline: ..... 1800 032 965  
SES: ..... 13 25 00  
DFES: ..... 13 33 37  
Emergency: ..... 000  
City of Greater Geraldton: ..... 9956 6600

*IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE ARE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES PLEASE CONTACT*

**LIFELINE: 13 1114    RURALINK: 1800 552 002    SAMARITANS: 135 247 OR 1800 198 313**

