

# Southern Grampians Drought Support Contacts – April 2009

## Rural Support – Government organisations

Australian Tax Office ( <i>deferred payments</i> )	131 142	<a href="http://www.ato.gov.au">www.ato.gov.au</a>
Centrelink ( <i>Drought, income/pension support</i> )	131 021	<a href="http://www.centrelink.gov.au">www.centrelink.gov.au</a>
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	<a href="http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au">www.dhs.vic.gov.au</a>
Country Fire Authority Operations Manager, Region 5	5551 1500	<a href="http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au">www.cfa.vic.gov.au</a>
Department of Primary Industries	136 186	<a href="http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au">www.dpi.vic.gov.au</a>
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 &amp; services</i>	1300 366 356	<a href="http://www.information.vic.gov.au">www.information.vic.gov.au</a>
Rural Finance Corporation ( <i>interest subsidy support for farmers</i> )	5562 9611	<a href="http://www.ruralfinance.com.au">www.ruralfinance.com.au</a>
RIST Rural Industries Skill Training ( <i>Practical on farm training</i> )	55730943	<a href="http://www.rist.com.au">www.rist.com.au</a>
Rural Women's Network	9208 3650	<a href="http://www.ruralwomen.vic.gov.au">www.ruralwomen.vic.gov.au</a>
Victoria Business Line	132 215	<a href="http://www.business.vic.gov.au">www.business.vic.gov.au</a>
Wageline - <i>federal awards and agreements and industry rates.</i>	1300 363 264	<a href="http://www.wagenet.gov.au">www.wagenet.gov.au</a>
Wannon Water – Steven Kearns	5551 0400	<a href="http://www.wannonwater.com.au">www.wannonwater.com.au</a>
Southern Rural Water – Angus Ramsay	1300 139510	<a href="http://www.srw.com.au">www.srw.com.au</a>
Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority	5571 2526	<a href="http://www.glenelg-hopkins.vic.gov.au">www.glenelg-hopkins.vic.gov.au</a>

## Rural Support – Local Government

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

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

Rural Financial Counselling Service Victoria – Wimmera South West <i>Debbie Milne – Hamilton</i>	5573 0906	
<i>Vince Thorn – Terang</i>	5592 2096	
<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	<a href="http://www.wdhs.net">www.wdhs.net</a>
Frances Hewett Community Centre General counselling, depression, grief, loss, family, work changes, stress, relationship, illness, adolescent	5551 8450	
Community Connections – Hamilton, Warrnambool and Portland	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	<a href="http://www.sustainablefarmfamilies.org.au/drought.html">www.sustainablefarmfamilies.org.au/drought.html</a>
Youth Services – Youthbiz	5571 2233	

## Victorian Farmers Federation

Peter Walsgott	0427 043981	<a href="http://www.drought.org.au">www.drought.org.au</a>
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## Other assistance services

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