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New Bushfire Place of Last Resort for Euroa

Strathbogie Shire Council has endorsed Kirkland Avenue, between Clifton Street and Bury Street, as the Bushfire Place of Last Resort (Bushfire Neighbourhood Safer Place) for Euroa.

The need for a new Bushfire Place of Last Resort came after the Euroa Service Centre was decommissioned as the designated location earlier this year.

The Kirkland Avenue location was endorsed by Council at the recent Ordinary Meeting in Strathbogie.

The following locations in the Strathbogie Shire are also Bushfire Places of Last Resort:

- ✓ Avenel Recreation Reserve Pavilion, bounded by Swamp Road, Anderson Street and Watson Street, Avenel
- ✓ Longwood Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Down Street, Longwood
- ✓ Mangalore Airport Main Building, 331 Aerodrome Road, Mangalore
- ✓ Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre, 66 Loddings Lane, Nagambie
- ✓ Ruffy Recreation Reserve Oval, Noye Lane, Ruffy
- ✓ Strathbogie Golf Club House, Armstrong Avenue, Strathbogie
- ✓ Violet Town Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Tulip Street, Violet Town

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Kirkland Avenue is the new Bushfire Place of Last Resort effective immediately, with the appropriate signage in place at the location.

“We want to remind our communities that Bushfire Places of Last Resort are places you can go when all other fire plans have failed; they are not an alternative to your fire plan.” Cr McClaren explained.

“If you haven’t already, please review and update your fire plan and prepare your property for the fire season.”

Country Fire Authority (CFA) provides the following advice regarding Bushfire Places of Last Resort:

- ✓ Locations may provide some protection from direct flame and heat from a fire, but they do not guarantee safety
- ✓ Not an alternative to planning to leave early or to stay and defend your property; they are a place of last resort if all other fire plans have failed
- ✓ Not to be confused with Community Fire Refuges, Relief Centres, Recovery Centres or Assembly Areas, each of which have a different and specific purpose
- ✓ Not an appropriate destination when leaving the area early

- ✓ Not a place of shelter from other types of emergencies (e.g. to escape rising floodwaters or severe weather events)

For more information regarding planning and preparing for fires, please visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare.

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