



PRESS RELEASE

Recovery from Recent Bushfires

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I am pleased to announce that the recent bushfires affecting our community have now been brought under control. The resilience and determination shown by our landowners, rural firefighters and emergency services has been nothing short of inspiring. Their tireless efforts have ensured the safety of our residents and managed to limit, where possible, further damage to rural properties and natural landscapes.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Premier of Queensland, David Crisafulli MP, and the Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, Ann Leahy MP, for their recent personal phone calls to me. Their support and commitment to our community during this challenging time was greatly appreciated. It is reassuring to know that we have strong leadership and resources available to assist us in our recovery efforts.

As we move forward, the Etheridge Shire Council is dedicated to supporting our residents and ensuring that our community emerges stronger than ever. We will continue to work closely with state and federal agencies to secure the necessary resources for recovery activities. Council intends to conduct de-briefing sessions to review the event and identify areas of improvement. State Agencies and the Local Government Association of Queensland will be involved in this process.

Council is also planning community gatherings in Einasleigh and Forsyth to recognise the efforts of residents and landowners.

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed to fighting these enormous fires. Together, we will ensure our community continues to display resilience during such extreme events.

For further information, please contact Council on (07) 4079 9090.

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MAYOR