What Happens at the Alpine Shire Council in an Emergency?

Municipal Emergency Coordination Centre (MECC)

Depending on the severity of the emergency, the Victorian Police may direct Alpine Shire Council to open a Municipal Emergency Coordination Centre (MECC).

This MECC will be staffed by local and state government agencies, emergency services and community support agencies and be led by the Municipal Emergency Response Coordinator (from Victoria Police).

The MECC does not make decisions regarding the operations of control agencies - such as the CFA, DSE, DPI or SES. Instead, the MECC is set up to coordinate the additional resources that are required in response to the emergency.

The MECC will:

- Acquire, deploy and coordinate resources to support response activities
- Coordinate the council’s relief and recovery role
- Collect and distribute community information as required.

Municipal Emergency Resource Officer (MERO)

The Municipal Emergency Resource Officer (MERO) is a council staff member who works from the MECC during an emergency. The MERO is responsible for providing and coordinating council resources and equipment (such as earth moving equipment to reinforce levees or create fire breaks) to support the combat of the emergency.

Municipal Recovery Manager (MRM)

The Municipal Recovery Manager (MRM) is also a senior council staff member. The MRM is responsible for coordinating municipal relief activities (such as opening a relief centre). The MRM also works closely with state government departments and other support agencies to provide relief services.

The MRM continues their work after the emergency to help those affected by the emergency to restore their lives to as normal as possible.