

Rural Support and Assistance Contacts – December 2010

	Phone	Website/Service Area/Contact
DPI Locust Sightings Hotline	1300 135 559	www.dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts

Rural Support – Local Government

Hindmarsh Shire Council	5391 4444	www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au
Horsham Rural City Council	5382 9777	www.hrcc.vic.gov.au
Yarriambiack Shire Council - Gavin Blinman, Community Services Manager, emergency relief grants	5398 0100	www.yarriambiack.vic.gov.au
West Wimmera Shire Council – Manager Business and Community Development – Mary- Lou Amos	5392 7700 0429 976 200	www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au
Buloke Shire Council - Community Development Officer Mark Remnant	5478 0175 0439 611 148	www.buloke.vic.gov.au
Northern Grampians Shire	5358 8700	www.ngshire.vic.gov.au

Rural Financial Counselling Services – Identify and assess financial options for rural people (FREE)

RFCS Victoria – Murray/Mallee	0428 238 683 5022 0799	John Byrne – Ouyen/Woomelang Don Seward, Stephanie Ferdelja, - Mildura
RFCS Victoria – North Central	5442 2424 5450 3285	Lyn Simons, Jan Wickes, Greg Cahill, Ted Gretgrix, Kerryne McClelland – Bendigo Dominic Baxter, Geoff Reseigh -Kerang
RFCS Victoria – Wimmera South West	5381 1646 5573 0970 5592 2096 0428 120 141 5232 2976	Patrick White, Malcolm Wyeth – Horsham Greg Lowe, Debbie Milne – Hamilton Vince Thorne – Terang Brian Gardiner – Ballarat Wayne Stephen - Colac

Victorian Farmers Federation

1300 882 833

www.vff.org.au

Wimmera Contacts	5385 5002 5398 9224 5496 6255 5398 2187 5385 5188 5024 5775	Eileen Jorgensen Rob McRae Colin Coates Lance Huebner Russell Dunlop Dennis Gale
Northwest Sunraysia Contact		

Rural Support – Government Organisations

Australian Competition & Consumer Commission	1300 302 502	www.accc.gov.au
Australian Tax Office (deferred payments)	131 142	www.ato.gov.au
Centrelink (Drought relief payment, pension support, farm help, tax relief) Farmer Assistance Chris Marshall - Horsham	131 021 1800 050 585 5362 5149	www.centrelink.gov.au
Consumer Affairs Victoria	1300 558 181	www.consumer.vic.gov.au
Regional Development Victoria (DIIRD) Horsham Office	5381 2762 0417 150 481	www.diird.vic.gov.au Marc Amos - Manager
Information Victoria – Victorian Government departments & services	1300 366 356	www.information.vic.gov.au
Legal Aid – Horsham based agency providing free legal advice	5381 6000 1800 177 638	www.legalaid.vic.gov.au
Rural Finance Corporation	5448 2600	www.ruralfinance.com.au
Rural Women’s Network	9208 3650	www.ruralwomen.vic.gov.au
State Ombudsman	1800 806 314	www.ombudsman.vic.gov.au
Victoria Business Line	132 215	www.business.vic.gov.au
Wageline – Federal awards and agreements and industry rates	1300 363 264	www.wagenet.gov.au
Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria – (Horsham free)	1800 658 528	E: Sharon.richardson@justice.vic.gov.au

This list has been developed and prepared by Wimmera Primary Care Partnership. If you have any questions regarding this list please call (03) 5362 1222 or email pcpadmin@grampianscommunityhealth.org.au

Rural Support – General

	Phone	Website/Service Area/Contact
Rural & Remote Engagement - Tim O'Donnell Outreach Worker (West Wimmera Shire)	0408 542 177	timo@wimmera.unitingcare.org.au
The Salvation Army	5382 1770 5392 2304 5358 4072 5352 2720	Horsham Kaniva Stawell Ararat
Christian Emergency Food Centre – Emergency food supplies	5381 2311	Horsham base, servicing the Wimmera
Wimmera Men's Shed Network	5362 1225	Geoff Witmitz
Red Cross Emergency Services Liaison Officer	5387 1377	Bronwyn Brown
GWMWater , Water Carting and General Enquiries	1300 659 961	www.gwmwater.org.au

Counselling and Support Organisations –

Dunmunkle Health Services – Murtoa, Minyip & Rupanyup	5363 0400	www.dunmunkle.com.au
Edenhope & District Memorial Hospital	5585 8900	www.edmh.org.au
Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative – Koori Health	5381 6333	www.goolumgoolum.org.au
Grampians Community Health (Horsham Office) Counselling for alcohol and other drugs, problem gambling, grief, relationship, family violence, support and advocacy, general. Also Men's Behaviour Change program, Drink Drive program, NSP program	5362 1200	www.grampianscommunityhealth.org.au
Wimmera Uniting Care – Family Counsellors & Rural Counsellor, Problem Gambling and Financial Counselling	1800 195 114	www.wimmera.unitingcare.org.au
Ballarat Psychiatric Services	5382 6744 1300 661 323	Horsham Office
Rural North West Health – Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Beulah	5396 1200	www.rnh.net.au
West Wimmera Health Service – Nhill, Rainbow, Jeparit, Kaniva General counselling, domestic violence.	5391 4263	www.wwhs.net.au
Wimmera Health Care Group – Horsham Counselling, emergency relief.	5381 9242	www.wimmerahealth.com
Yarriambiack Shire Youth Services General youth services 10-25 years. Will travel.	5398 0114	www.yarriambiack.vic.gov.au
Family Relationship Centre Helping families build better relationships	5362 4090 1300 303 988	www.familyrelationships.gov.au
Centacare - counselling	1300 303 988	

Other Assistance Services

Beyond Blue – depression initiative – information only	1300 224 636	www.beyondblue.org.au
Family Drug Support	1300 368 186	www.fds.org.au
Gambler's Help	1800 622 122	www.problemgambling.vic.gov.au
Kids Help Line	1800 551 800	www.kidshelp.com.au
Life Line	131 114	www.lifeline.org.au
Men'sline Australia	1300 789 978	www.menslineaus.org.au
Men's Referral Service (family violence)	1800 065 973	www.ntv.net.au
Parentline	132 289	www.parentline.vic.gov.au
Rural Law OnLine		www.rurallaw.gov.au
SANE – Mental Health Information Line	1800 187 263	www.sane.org.au
Suicide Helpline	1300 651 251	www.suicidehelpline.org.au
CASA (Centre Against Sexual Assault) – Horsham Office	5381 9272	wimcasa@whcg.org.au
Women's Information Referral Exchange (WIRE)	1300 134 130	www.wire.org.au
Connectingcare – Health and Community services Directory Provides links and a referral mechanism to health and community services		www.connectingcare.com.au

In addition to this list, there are a number of private psychologists, social workers and counsellors available. Check out **Wimmera Counsellors Directory** via the Wimmera Primary Care Partnership Website– www.wimmerapcp.org.au or the yellow pages. You may also wish to consult your local GP.