

BDAV BUSHFIRE RECOVERY BUILDING DESIGN SERVICES

The Building Designers Association of Victoria (BDAV) has a number of building designer Members who have indicated their preparedness to provide design documentation services without charge (pro bono basis), or at reduced costs, for persons affected by the bushfire disaster.

The ability to provide pro bono services will, of course, depend upon the scale of the project, the required design services, and the need to engage other consultants required for the design services.

The relevant Councils and Case Managers have been advised of the BDAV Bushfire Recovery Building Design Services and have commenced to publicise the Service in their newsletters.

The BDAV has already received enquiries from a number of bushfire affected persons, and BDAV has been able to accommodate all requests for assistance, with BDAV Members having commenced the process of preparing design documentation.

Access to the BDAV Bushfire Recovery Building Design Services is very simple and requires no more than the person forwarding a written application for assistance to the BDAV by email (preferred), facsimile transmission or by post. Refer contact details below.

There is no formal application form required to be completed. The information required is as follows –

- Name
- Location or vicinity of site
- Type of project they are seeking to have designed
- Telephone contact details
- Whether or not the property was insured

Subsequent upon BDAV receiving a request for assistance from a bushfire affected person, the BDAV will submit the request to its database of 'volunteer' Members, who will then contact the person seeking assistance direct. This is usually done within 24 hours of receiving a request.

An appointment time will then be arranged between the building designer and the bushfire affected person to discuss in further detail their specific needs and expectations, and the scope of services to be provided.



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We do ask that the bushfire affected person (or Case Manager) advises the BDAV of the outcome of the initial discussions, so that we can monitor the success rate in assisting enquirers.

To complement the BDAV Bushfire Recovery Building Design Service, BDAV is currently preparing guidance notes for bushfire affected persons.

Apart from general consumer advice, the guidance material will outline issues that require to be addressed, particularly in regard to:

- Complying with the relevant building standards;
- Contemplating the issues that need to be considered and addressed that might impact upon their design expectations;
- Design examples reflecting different styles of house designs taking into account varying site conditions.

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