

Fire, Flood and Disaster Precautions for The Arbour Berry

The Arbour is an independent living village & as such an order to evacuate would involve independent actions by residents, as directed by emergency services.

In order to seek best practice and facilitate communication, the village has two designated evacuation points

- 1) ON SITE The staff car park (for Enclave evacuations)
- 2) OFF SITE The Berry Hotel (for all of Village evacuations)

Assembling at these points allows for staff or resident committee/volunteers to account for all residents as soon as possible & pass on (or receive) any messages from emergency services (e.g. SES, Fire Brigade, Police or Health Department).

Village Management to ensure

- a) **all residents, particularly those living alone, were aware of the two evacuation points**
- b) **all residents receive an evacuation plan during induction which is updated and annually**
- c) **residents with mobility issues or illness are identified at weekly staff meetings re: Resident At Risk Update (RARU)**
- d) **All at risk residents are encouraged to complete a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) which details their preferred evacuation plan and gives their next of kin and neighbour details and arrangements.**

In addition, The Arbour Berry has the following safeguards & arrangements

- 1) Fire hydrants with double taps with the preferred Stortz caps, Enclave fire hydrants, all tested 6 monthly
- 2) Blue reflectors adjacent to hydrants to assist hydrant location
- 3) Hard-wired smoke detectors & annual inspections
- 4) An Emergency system (Blue Assist)
- 5) There is an informal arrangement in place with Darrell Punnet whereby Arbour residents could evacuate (if required by emergency services or due to loss of utilities) to The Grange if needed (and vice versa) with the understanding residents could 'buddy up' & share accommodation & facilities.
- 6) West perimeter (Vanni property) has a fire break maintained by TAM staff

If residents were required to move further, they would be directed by emergency services. Options could be

- 1) To Enclave pool
- 2) The Berry Hotel (official Evacuation point).
- 3) To Berry Showground or Sports Complex
- 4) If required to move higher, along Kangaroo Valley Road to either Kangaroo Valley or other safe sites as directed by SES

Additional measures

- 1) Designated car to take resident emergency contacts list, mobile & first aid kit;
- 2) Staff or Volunteers to sweep village for unexplained absences & to secure site.
- 3) All residents to pack for overnight accommodation & take any medicines and (if practical) their pets.
- 4) Known offsite absentees contacted by mobile, advised of situation.
- 5) Next of Kin available on key staff mobiles (General Manager and Resident Manager).
- 6) Village to be inspected by emergency services & specialist trades before residents return

Whilst the chances of a village evacuation are remote all residents should be aware there is an onsite and offsite evacuation point from where emergency services can be coordinated.

In extreme weather incidents (rain or wind) residents are strongly advised to stay indoors & use their emergency caller if warranted.