



Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Better by Nature

Lucindale Hall Place of Relief

Background

Naracoorte Lucindale Council and LINC have discussed the Lucindale Hall being utilised on days of inclement weather, power blackouts, and other non-emergency declared events, and those discussions commenced in late 2020.

With the Blackford/Avenue Range/Lucindale fire in January 2021 – the Hall was opened by Council at the request of LINC and community for people to be able to go to, and where they felt safer than at their place of residence.

Definitions & Restrictions

Place of Relief is a place for community members to be able to access in times of inclement weather, extreme hot weather, community wide power outages, etc

The Hall is not a designated Bushfire Safer Place, nor is it a Last Resort Refuge, and CFS will not designate it as such.

Fire Event Access

The Lucindale Hall will be opened by Council, for access by the general public if the CFS issue a ***Bushfire Watch and Act Message*** for Lucindale or surrounding districts.

The CFS definition of a Bushfire Watch & Act Message is:

A Bushfire Watch and Act Message is regularly issued for bushfires that pose a localised threat to property or public safety where:

- *a bushfire is threatening or is a potential threat to public safety in the immediate area of a fire*
- *a bushfire is producing smoke in an area that may cause concern to the public on a day of elevated fire danger*
- *there is a need to advise of a specific event*

The Lucindale Hall will be deemed to be no longer required during a fire event once the CFS have issued a ***Bushfire Advice Message - Reduced Threat*** message

The Lucindale Hall will still only be a Place of Relief during fire events, and people choosing to access the Lucindale Hall on such days should understand that it is not a Bushfire Safer Place nor is it a Last Resort Refuge.

General Access & Use

Council will consider opening the Lucindale Hall for use as a place of relief, subject to the following:

1. Community Members or Community Organisations can make a request to council (8760 1100 – all hours, or council@nlc.sa.gov.au);
2. Council will then provide access to the Hall (but may also refuse).
3. Community members may then access the Hall for the duration of the event (inclement weather, extreme hot weather, community wide power outage, etc)
4. The community will be responsible for provision of any food, water, and other community requirements
5. No pets or animals allowed inside the Hall
6. Community members using the Hall will make their best endeavours not to make any alterations to electricity supply, fixtures or fittings within the Hall.
7. Council will arrange cleaning of the Hall after use (if required) – but community members should make their best endeavours to leave the Hall in a reasonably clean and tidy state.
8. Community could also consider if there are other facilities that may be a better place (subject to event) to seek relief ie Hotel, football club, etc.