

Murrindindi Shire Council Bushfire Reconstruction Works Program

How contractors can get involved in the program Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions

FACT SHEET

The Shire of Murrindindi was the most highly impacted by the February 2009 bushfires, with 95 lost lives and more than 1400 destroyed private, public and commercial properties.

The reconstruction effort across Murrindindi Shire is on a large scale, with more than \$15 million worth of construction projects planned over the next two years to ensure key community and council facilities are rebuilt.

Murrindindi Shire Council is not currently in a position to manage such a large program of works.

To assist Council, a single contract covering its reconstruction program across the Shire has been outsourced and will initially be managed by the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority (VBRRRA) before being handed back to Council later in the year.

VBRRRA, in partnership with Council, have appointed Bovis Lend Lease to undertake this program of works over the next two years.

This ensures projects can get underway while Murrindindi Shire Council scales up to be able to manage bushfire-related construction projects, as well as continue to provide its normal services.

Bovis Lend Lease will act as the 'Managing Contractor' for the Council's reconstruction program, which includes the redevelopment of council-owned assets and community facilities. This means Bovis Lend Lease will project manage the works and oversee construction. As Bovis Lend Lease does not have its own permanent construction work force, they will sub-contract out the actual construction activities.

Projects to be rolled-out over the coming months include:

- Construction of Marysville Community Centre – a multi purpose facility providing health, recreation and community services
- Restoration of Gallipoli Park, Marysville – incorporating a memorial garden, playground and recreation facilities
- Marysville Murchison Street and Town Amenity restoration project
- Construction of Narbethong Community Hall
- Strath Creek projects including Pioneer Reserve, Community Hall and tennis facilities upgrades



VBRR, Murrindindi Shire Council, and Bovis Lend Lease, are inviting Registrations of Interest from contractors wanting to engage in the reconstruction works program.

Local contractors are particularly encouraged to take part.

How to register?

You can register via Regional Industry Link - a state-wide program linking Victorian businesses with opportunities and major projects.

Registration is easy. Visit www.regionalindustrylink.com.au and follow the links to 'Victorian Bushfires Reconstruction'.

By registering, you will then be able to participate in the pre-qualification process being run by Bovis Lend Lease for projects in Murrindindi Shire.

Your registration information will also be available for other projects and opportunities across Victoria, not just projects in bushfire areas.

What happens next?

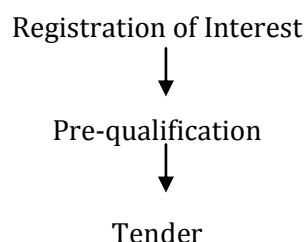
Following Registration of Interest, Bovis Lend Lease will invite registered businesses to participate in a pre-qualification process. By becoming pre-qualified, businesses will then be eligible to tender for work with Bovis Lend Lease.

As part of the pre-qualification process, businesses will be asked to submit information on their resource capacity, licensing, previous performance, and quality and safety processes.

The pre-qualification process will be undertaken periodically, depending on the timing of projects. Bovis will target those trades that are likely to be required based on project demands.

The responses will be used to establish a panel of pre-qualified businesses which Bovis Lend Lease will target for formal tendering processes.

In summary, the process works as follows:



As is normal practice in the construction industry, contracts will only be let following a full competitive tender process, and will be based on both quality and value-for-money and availability criteria.

VBRRRA and Murrindindi Shire Council are committed to using local contractors wherever possible and encourage local businesses to participate in the qualification process.

The process is expected to create a wide range of opportunities for contractors, from individual tradespeople through to larger companies.

A series of briefings about the process will be held across Murrindindi Shire Council for local contractors and Bovis Lend Lease will also be setting up an office locally in coming weeks.

For further information, please call Ashley Admiraal (VBRRRA's Commercial Manager) on 9092 2549.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. *Will local contractors be hired for work on the Murrindindi reconstruction program?*

A. All contracts will be awarded through competitive processes, however local contractors will be given every opportunity to take part.

Provided local contractors can demonstrate they meet the minimum requirements, it is expected local contractors will be very competitive in providing value-for-money.

The process is expected to provide a wide range of work opportunities across the Shire for individual tradespeople through to larger companies.

VBRRRA, Murrindindi Shire Council and Bovis Lend Lease are holding a series of forums within Murrindindi Shire to brief local contractors on the project opportunities and related requirements.

Q. *What is the role of Bovis Lend Lease?*

A. Bovis Lend Lease will act as the 'Managing Contractor' for the program. This means Bovis Lend Lease will project manage the works and oversee construction. As Bovis Lend Lease does not have its own permanent construction work force, the actual construction activities will be sub-contracted out.

Q. *What is the process for hiring contractors to participate in the reconstruction program?*

A. Appointment of contractors will follow a three stage process:

1. Registration of Interest
2. Pre-Qualification
3. Tender

Q. *As a small company, I don't think I have the capacity to go through the registration and pre-qualification process, and then win a tender. Can I still get work?*

A. The works program over the next two years will cover a range of different projects and skill sets, as well as contract sizes. All work will be let by Bovis Lend Lease on a sub-contract basis. Sub-contractors will however need their own workforce and these could be sourced locally. All businesses great and small are encouraged to lodge a Registration of Interest.

Q. *What is Registration of Interest?*

A. Registration of Interest is a process of establishing awareness between contractors and Bovis Lend Lease. It enables Bovis Lend Lease to have up-to-date information on potential candidates for redevelopment works.

The process will involve interested businesses registering their details with the Regional Industry Link, at www.regionalindustrylink.com.au



Bovis Lend Lease will then use this information to invite businesses to participate in a pre-qualification process.

Registration will not automatically involve an invitation to take part in a pre-qualification process. Pre-qualification will be undertaken for specific trades only when there is a demand for such work to be undertaken.

Q. What is pre-qualification?

A. Pre-qualification is a process where Bovis Lend Lease asks selected businesses registered with Regional Industry Link to provide a range of information so it can determine whether those businesses meet its minimum standards and are eligible to be considered for work.

The information requested will include:

- Technical, managerial, physical and financial resources
- Previous performance and service delivery
- Quality assurance
- Employee and industrial relations
- Safety processes

Only those businesses that can successfully demonstrate their capacity against the pre-qualification criteria will be eligible for work. They will be included on a panel of businesses that Bovis Lend Lease will then call on to tender for work as needed.

Q. What will the tender process involve?

A. Only those businesses that are on Bovis Lend Lease' pre-qualified Panel will be eligible to enter a tender process.

Tenders will be by invitation from Bovis Lend Lease.

Successful tenderers will be selected on a range of performance and value-for-money criteria, with tenders undertaken in accordance with normal business practice and the State Government's procurement guidelines.

Q. What if I don't have access to the internet, can I still submit a Registration of Interest?

A. Yes. If you don't have access to the internet, you can call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 and request a Registration of Interest form to be sent to you. When you return the form, the information will be uploaded in the register for you, and you will receive confirmation. We encourage businesses to get internet access as many business opportunities now use the internet for registration.

- Q. What if I miss out on becoming pre-qualified? Can I resubmit my Registration of Interest again?*
- A. Yes. The Registration of Interest site will remain open at all times and Bovis Lend Lease will conduct periodic reviews of additional Registrations of Interest to determine additional pre-qualified businesses.
- Q. This process is new to me. Is there anywhere I can get help with my Registration of Interest?*
- A. Yes, workshops will be held for contractors to brief them further on the process; assist with tender writing, and provide information on quality management systems and occupational health and safety requirements.

The Workshop details are:

ALEXANDRA – Thursday 3 June, 2-5pm, Alexandra Bowling Club

MARYSVILLE – Thursday 10 June, 2-5pm, Marysville Community Golf & Bowls Club

KINGLAKE – Thursday 17 June, 2-5pm, Kinglake Ranges Business Centre

Further workshops may be held in the future on a needs basis.

Bovis Lend Lease will also be setting up an office in the Shire in coming weeks.