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Red Cross to use state of the art emergency room

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Red Cross will be supporting Gippsland communities in future emergencies using Gippsland Water's state of the art incident room.

In a trial arrangement, Red Cross will coordinate the support services it provides during emergencies out of Gippsland Water's Traralgon office.

The incident room has been set up to be able to manage a wide range of emergencies and has proven to be effective over the past eighteen months.

Red Cross Emergency Services Coordinator Gippsland, Brian Soall, explained the difference the incident room will make in future emergencies. "The Gippsland Water incident room provides us with a more permanent home for our emergency services team during an activation, which means we will save valuable time by not having to set up equipment when an emergency occurs.

"It also means that Red Cross staff and volunteers will be working in a more fit-for-purpose setting, and this will help support our people as they provide the services needed by affected communities in an emergency."

A training day was held recently at Gippsland Water, where Red Cross staff received an induction on the features of the incident room and then conducted an emergency exercise.

Gippsland Water managing director David Mawer said, "Gippsland Water is pleased to offer its incident room for the benefit of the Gippsland community. We hope that this will help Red Cross in the important work it does to support the community during emergencies."



Above: Red Cross Emergency Management Team conducting an emergency training exercise in the Gippsland Water incident room.

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