

15 January 2021

Glenorchy sees 'substantial' 3.5 magnitude earthquake



A map from Geoscience Australia shows the epicentre of the earthquake

An earthquake described as 'sounding like a truck smash' has occurred north of Glenorchy, with over 200 official felt reports.

The 3.5 magnitude tremor occurred at a depth of 11km at 8am on 15 January, with the epicentre in the state's central west near Stawell. This has been revised down from a 3.6 magnitude, reported earlier.

At this stage VICSES has received zero calls for assistance and no reports of building damage. However, a community notification has been issued through the VicEmergency app and website.

The incident is the first notable tremor of 2021, with a handful occurring over the course of 2020.

VICSES is the control agency for earthquakes, with key resources available to Victorians wanting to learn more about safety during and after tremors. [Visit our website](#) for more, or head to [Geoscience Australia](#) for additional reading.

Quotes attributable to VICSES Regional Agency Commander Andrew Murton:

This 3.5 magnitude earthquake has been felt across a fairly wide area, from Horsham to Ararat, around the Victorian goldfields, as well as the Wimmera-Mallee and Grampians. VICSES, thankfully, has not had to respond to any calls for assistance.

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The bulk of felt reports, according to Geoscience Australia, have been in Stawell, where we saw 75, and Ararat, where there were 32 reports.

A community notification has been issued via the VicEmergency app and website, which I encourage residents to download or access. This information can ensure the community are aware of this event and can take appropriate action if an aftershock occurs.

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