

Australian Commercial Property Large Loss Database



August 2024 Losses

The August edition of the Australian Commercial Property Loss Database highlights a very active month for losses

The hospitality industry is back on the list with a country hotel in QLD and a country bowling club in Victoria being destroyed

Losses at tobacconists have now reached systemic proportions. Since October 2023, there have been over 97 major losses .

The Coal Mine fire in QLD ceased burning in early August after 1 month

Fires in the chemical industry in Melbourne have caused such a concern that an interest group has been established by local residents.

The pollution from these losses has caused significant damage and over \$10m being spent on remediation.

The agri industry saw 2 large farm homestead fires during August.

Tasmania made the list this month with a Hungry Jacks store being devastated.

Contingent business interruption losses featured with a month long legionella outbreak in Melbourne and a gas pipeline rupture in QLD

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Date	Suburb	State	Occupation	Press Article
1/08/2024	Strathpine	QLD	Tobacconist	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pj_UiDgMM5E
1/08/2024	Footscray	VIC	Vacant Building - Development	https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-08-01/footscray-factory-fire-kinnears-smoke-warning/104167270
1/08/2024	Curramulka	SA	Plant and Equipment	https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/news-media/media-alerts/farm-machinery-fire-in-curramulka-1-august-2024/
1/08/2024	Moranbah	QLD	Coal Mine	https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2024/08/06/ml0c-a06.html
1/08/2024	Hoxton Park	NSW	Kebab Shop	https://www.facebook.com/9NewsSydney/videos/kebab-shop-destroyed-by-fire/2520763118312283/
2/08/2024	Burleigh Heads	QLD	Industrial	https://www.hottomato.com.au/gold-coast/breaking-crews-battling-large-factory-fire-in-burleigh-heads/
2/08/2024	Labrador	QLD	School	https://www.hottomato.com.au/gold-coast/suspicious-fire-damages-gold-coast-school/
3/08/2024	Rockhampton	QLD	Waste Management	https://wastemanagementreview.com.au/battery-ignites-truckload-of-recyclables/

3/08/2024	Torrington	QLD	scrap metal	https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/newsroom/articles/torrington-near-toowoomba-rubbish-fire-355pm-fri-2-august
7/08/2024	Molong	NSW	Farm Homestead	https://www.mudgeeguardian.com.au/story/872279/structure-on-fire-at-historic-fairbridge-farm-near-molong/
7/08/2024	Willetton	WA	Day Care	https://www.perthnow.com.au/news/gofundme/gofundme-fundraiser-launched-after-devastating-fire-destroys-willetton-community-daycare-c-15621415
7/08/2024	Ocean Shores	NSW	Tobacconist	https://www.echo.net.au/2024/08/fire-in-ocean-shores-the-centre-of-police-investigation/
7/08/2024	Ettalong	NSW	Tobacconist	https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-08-09/retailers-fear-tobacco-turf-war-in-ettalong/104206350
7/08/2024	Torrensville	SA	Restaurant	https://7news.com.au/news/suspicious-fire-guts-saray-kebab-house-on-hentey-beach-rd--c-15881567
8/08/2024	Yatala	QLD	Industrial	https://www.heraldsun.com.au/subscribe/news/1/?sourceCode=HSWEB_WRE170_a_GGL&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.heraldsun.com.au%2Fnews%2Fgold-coast%2Femergency-services-
8/08/2024	Burleigh Heads	QLD	Bar	https://www.facebook.com/7NEWSGoldCoast/videos/search-launched-around-burleigh-pavilion-after-arson-attack/8456621157703735/
9/08/2024	Ettalong	NSW	Tobacconist	https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-08-09/retailers-fear-tobacco-turf-war-in-ettalong/104206350
10/08/2024	Glen Moira	NSW	Farm House	https://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/story/8722011/tamont-family-farmhouse-at-harefield-destroyed-by-evening-fire/
10/08/2024	Castle Hill	NSW	Barber Shop	https://www.facebook.com/9NewsSydney/videos/castle-hill-shop-fire/1164733408094644/
10/08/2024	Southport	NSW	Luxury Car Hire	https://www.9news.com.au/national/gold-coast-police-investigate-suspicious-fire-at-car-rental-business/b9516842-e711-4c90-a6b2-95b5707e2a79
11/08/2024		NSW	Strata - Residential	https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/unit-fire-in-sydney-started-by-e-bike-20240811-p5k1iw.html
11/08/2024	Melton	VIC	Tobacconist	https://www.heraldsun.com.au/subscribe/news/1/?sourceCode=HSWEB_WRE170_a_GGL&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.heraldsun.com.au%2Ftruecrimeaustralia%2Fpolice-courts-
12/08/2024	Christies Beach	SA	Strata - Residential	https://www.9news.com.au/videos/national/residents-hailed-heroes-after-fire-tears-through-unit-block/clzqr9gez00390htbno8rlx08
12/08/2024	Queanbeyan	NSW	Hardware	https://the-riotact.com/factory-fire-sends-black-plumes-over-queanbeyan/797297
12/08/2024	Gungahlin	ACT	Barber	https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13734079/Canberra-Gold-Blade-Barbers-fire-arson.html
12/08/2024	Cairns	QLD	Motel	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-EHOjFh8jU
13/08/2024	Dandenong South	VIC	Car Accessories	https://www.9news.com.au/national/dandenong-family-devastated-after-business-destroyed-by-suspicious-inferno/97478ab3-cecb-46df-817e-85bfe9611d0d
13/08/2024	Bauhinia	QLD	Gas Pipeline	Gas Pipeline rupture
13/08/2024	Glenorchy	TAS	Fast Food	https://pulsetasmania.com.au/news/fire-completely-destroys-hobart-hungry-jacks-restaurant/
14/08/2024	Noble Park	VIC	Gym	https://www.9news.com.au/videos/national/fire-engulfs-melbourne-gym/clzt71gq100310gqstltg420p
15/08/2024	Traralgon	VIC	Library	https://www.heraldsun.com.au/subscribe/news/1/?sourceCode=HSWEB_WRE170_a_GGL&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.heraldsun.com.au%2Fleader%2Fbass-coast%2Ftraralgon-library-on-kay-

16/08/2024	Albert Park	VIC	Vacant Restaurant	https://www.9news.com.au/national/the-point-restaurant-community-anger-after-abandoned-albert-park-lakefront-location-set-alight-in-melbourne/f1c27cc1-9ea7-4593-9652-d022aba57376
17/08/2024	Kangaroo Island	SA	Takeaway	https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-08-17/woman-suffers-burns-in-gas-explosion-at-fish-and-chip-shop/104238326
17/08/2024	Port Melbourne	VIC	Hair Salon	https://www.skynews.com.au/australia-news/crime/more-than-30-firefighters-respond-after-car-crashes-into-port-melbourne-salon-before-blaze-erupts-two-children-hospitalised/news-
17/08/2024	Cairnlea	VIC	Tobacconist	https://7news.com.au/news/innocent-victim-of-port-melbourne-arson-attack-says-its-only-a-matter-of-time-until-someone-is-killed-in-tobacco-war-crossfire--c-15801089
19/08/2024	Maroochydore	QLD	Tyre and Mechanical repair	https://www.sunshinecoastnews.com.au/2024/08/20/owner-loses-dog-in-tire-at-long-standing-business/
19/08/2024	Derrimut	VIC	Chemical	https://www.wyndhamtv.com.au/worker-burnt-in-chemical-explosion-at-derrimut-factory/
19/08/2024	Depot Hill	QLD	Towing	https://cqtoday.com.au/news/2024/08/19/car-fire-at-depot-hill-business/
19/08/2024	West Melbourne	VIC	Industrial	https://www.miragenews.com/west-melbourne-suspicious-fire-1307786/
20/08/2024	Melbourne	VIC	Legionnaires outbreak	https://www.health.vic.gov.au/health-alerts/outbreak-of-legionnaires-disease-in-metropolitan-melbourne
20/08/2024	Warners Bay	NSW	Swimming supplies	https://www.newim.com.au/2024/08/19/motorbike-rider-seen-with-jerry-can-moments-before-warners-bay-business-engulfed-in-flames/
20/08/2024	Holt	ACT	Medical Centre	https://the.riotact.com/medical-centre-at-belconnen-left-with-significant-damage-after-morning-fire/799756
20/08/2024	Belalie North	SA	Vacant Building	https://www.facebook.com/7NEWSadelaide/videos/belalie-norths-old-general-store-destroyed-in-fire/314494288351383/
20/08/2024	Morwell	VIC	Bowling Club	https://www.9news.com.au/national/morwell-bowling-club-fire-heartbeat-of-community-destroyed-in-devastating-fire-in-victoria/c69000e5-8684-474d-b41c-c22c5795aec4
20/08/2024		WA	Prison	https://thewest.com.au/news/wa/hakea-prison-disturbance-unrtding-on-tuesday-with-reports-fires-being-lit--c-15765161
21/08/2024	Charmhaven	NSW	Tobacconist	https://www.bay939.com.au/local-news/hoppers-business-damaged-in-firebombing/
21/08/2024	Mildura	VIC	Vacant Shop	https://www.river1467.com.au/local-news/two-local-overnight-structure-fires/
22/08/2024	Hoppers crossing	VIC	Supermarket	https://www.3aw.com.au/supermarket-firebombed-in-suspicious-early-morning-attack/
22/08/2024	Richmond	VIC	Furniture store	https://www.9news.com.au/national/richmond-shooters-open-fire-at-melbourne-stone-benchtop-business/fee98375-aa8b-467e-9b71-98f275a6850e
23/08/2024	Elwood	VIC	Bar	https://themusic.com.au/industry/melbourne-venue-the-elwood-lounge-gutted-by-fire/pjEUuL6vbw/23-08-24
23/08/2024	Mildura	VIC	Vacant Building	https://www.heraldsun.com.au/subscribe/news/1/?sourceCode=HSWEB_WRE170_a_GGL&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.heraldsun.com.au%2Fleader%2Fmildura%2Fa-fire-that-engulfed-the-
23/08/2024	Sydenham	VIC	Tobacconist	https://www.wyndhamtv.com.au/police-investigate-suspicious-shop-tire-and-ram-raid-in-sydenham-overnight/
24/08/2024	Baralaba Hotel	QLD	Hotel	https://www.cairnspost.com.au/news/queensland/fire-destroys-historic-outback-pub-baralaba-hotel/video/420a1b193c3d7bf0043cb7eeff7958f
26/08/2024	Bowen Hills	QLD	Building Site	https://www.msn.com/en-my/news/other/chaotic-scenes-as-emergency-crews-respond-to-massive-fire/ar-BB1pgUza?ocid=ientp

27/08/2024	Yandina	QLD	Mechanical repair	https://www.facebook.com/groups/995450917131692/posts/26950535474529881/?_rdr
27/08/2024		QLD	Mining site	https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/motoring/on-the-road/will-not-stand-chemical-company-lashed-after-workers-death/news-story/0a0131bb35b24cfb94e3f47a3123d9ab
27/08/2024	Albury	NSW	Shopping Centre	https://www.bordermail.com.au/story/8743425/switchboard-fire-leads-to-albury-myer-centrepoint-being-evacuated/
28/08/2024	Warragul	VIC	Vacant Building - heritage	https://www.thegazette.com.au/news/fire-in-napier-st
28/08/2024	Edmonson Park	NSW	Vacant theme park	https://www.9news.com.au/national/amusement-park-owner-watched-as-emergencylevel-grassfire-tore-through-beloved-property/442df7c7-bfb3-4bac-a33e-10ea05230975
29/08/2024	Inglewood	VIC	Vacant Building Heritage	https://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/8747220/inglewoods-w-jennings-store-may-be-condemned-after-blaze/
31/08/2024	Melbourne	VIC	Chemical Fires Victoria	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRiHeefwf3c
31/08/2024	Wetherill Park	NSW	Pallet factory	https://www.9news.com.au/national/sydney-pallet-factory-fire-wetherill-park/68db5fa1-d2f0-420e-a6fe-564356c08e1f

