

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

Redesdale Fire Community Recovery Update No 16

Friday 12th June 2009

NEWS:

Community Recovery Committee Meeting – Wednesday 17th June, at 4.45pm for refreshments, 5pm for business, Barfold Hall. Details of working groups below.

Job vacancies [paid and voluntary] are on page 2.

Monster Garage Sale: distribution of goods, open only to households impacted by the fires from 9.00am on Saturday, June 13th, at Enterprise Park, Eaglehawk. And, from 10.30am, there will be a sale of any remaining items. These are goods donated to Lions for fire-affected people in the Bendigo and Redesdale areas. The money raised will go to the District's Bushfire Relief programs which have already committed almost \$100,000 to projects including support for rural fencing, emergency vouchers for food/pharmacy items etc. and assistance for the Bushfire Relief Centre "Our Place" at Eaglehawk. For more information please contact Ross Wood, *Lions District 201 V1-4*, on 5446 2515 / 0427 071 177.

Mid winter get-together: Saturday 27th June; brought to you by the Redesdale Fires Community Well Being Group, McIvor Neighbourhood House, & proudly supported by Regional Development Victoria. Rug up around the bonfire this winter solstice at Barfold Hall on the Kyneton-Redesdale Road. Music from women's choir 'The Chatwarblers', plus other local performers and face painters. BBQ and soup provided. Bring a chair, a plate of dessert and drinks. RSVP on 5431 0930, by 20 June for catering numbers. Thankyou!

WORKING GROUPS:

- **Community Wellbeing:** This group is working on the 27th June event and school holiday activities. **Next meeting Thursday, 18th June**, 1pm at Barfold Hall. For more info: please call Simone on 0421 458 891.
- **Fencing: Conservation Volunteers Australia** are able to provide labour and fencing wire for farm fencing. This work is funded by the Community Enterprise Foundation of the Bendigo & Adelaide Bank. For an expression of interest form please contact Ken Beasley, CVA, 0427 533 028, fax 5444 0288, or kbeasley@cva.org.au. The next **Working Group** is on **Tuesday 16th June** at 12.30 at Barfold Hall.
- **If you need help with fencing**, please call Karl Metcalf, Fencing Co-ordinator on 54 234 132; or 0437 27 40 50, or email karmetcalf@dodo.com.au. Can you offer your skills and equipment to put in end assemblies, and/or donations of fencing materials?
- **The Economic Development** working group has been formed. This group is liaising with local and state economic development staff and residents about their needs, and about support for businesses who are recovering from the fires. For information, contact Lee on 5425 3101 or Sandra on 5423 4225, or Sandra@barfoldestate.com.au



OPPORTUNITIES

Job Vacancies:

Mount Alexander Shire is advertising two jobs to support the Redesdale Fire Recovery Process:

1. **Volunteer Development Worker:** The role will involve building positive relationships with the CRC and its working groups, and generate additional volunteer involvement in the recovery process. Also working with agencies and service providers to help maintain the momentum in the recovery effort. 3 days per week for 12 months. Closes 19th June. <http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Files/VolunteerDevelopmentWorker-RedesdaleCommunityRecovery-0906.pdf>
2. **Community Recovery Co-ordinator:** supporting the planning and delivery of projects. Part-time for 12 months (3 – 4 days per week). The successful applicant must be organised, capable of building positive working relationships with a range of people and organisations, and comfortable working within a local government environment. Experience working in a community development role and capacity to work independently will be highly regarded. Closes 26th June 09. <http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/>

You can find out more about these positions from Sue Howard on 5471 1700. For an application pack please call Justine on 5471 1720 or download it from Council's Website.

Newsletter editor/apprentice: We are looking for is someone who wants to be editor/compiler of this newsletter [voluntary position]. Either you would have some experience already and/or be interested in a short 'apprenticeship' with support and guidance. You would need skills with Microsoft Word and Outlook – please call Ian on 5422 0337 to discuss.

Please write for the Rural Women's Network magazine: The Autumn 2009 edition is available at Barfold Hall. This publication is a good read for both men and women in rural areas. The next edition will focus on ***Beyond the Bushfires*** and they are seeking women to write about their stories and experiences for publication. This edition will contribute to the healing process as communities begin the task of rebuilding. Deadline for articles is 19th June 2009 and details are on the back page of the Autumn edition. Please call Philippa Calwell 5471 1744, if you would like a magazine posted to you.

Farm Planning workshop: A Farm Plan 21 workshop will happen in July. There are a few places left. Contact Trevor Pollard at DPI on 54 211 733 or 0408 34 55 79.

Firewood for fire-affected residents: you can cut firewood on Saturdays & Sundays in June; at 1915 Redesdale Road, just north of the Barfold Hall. This wood is available to fire-affected residents. Bring chainsaw and trailer and protective clothing. Call Elaine on 54 234 156 for more info.

Storyboard: a website to encourage story telling about the fires: Storyboard is a safe place to archive your precious images and record local histories. www.rav.net.au/storyboard

Re-building seminar: are you rebuilding a house, barn, shed or other building? A seminar can be organized to cover permits, design, materials, costs, etc. if there is enough interest. Please contact your case manager [see page 3], or Ian on 5422 0337 or email i.lillington@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au if you want to know more.

Mosaic tile mural for the Redesdale fire memorial: [see Newsletter 14]. You are invited to contribute to this mural if you lost your home, and/or sheds or outbuildings. You can provide glass or ceramic pieces to go in the middle of the tile for the mural. More information from Kathryn Portelli, project manager, on 5423 5281 or 0407 887 498. You can drop off your materials at: Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School; Langley Primary School; Langley CFA Shed [Sundays at 9.15am]; Cobaw Community Health, High St, Kyneton, and at Recovery and Wellbeing Meetings as scheduled.



ASSISTANCE and INFORMATION:

Seed from DPI: Anyone still wanting to obtain seed for replanting of fire-control lines should contact Trevor Pollard at DPI in Kyneton on 54 211 733, or 0408 34 55 79, **ASAP**, and DEFINITELY before 30th June.

Stephen Ryan, Rural Services Officer from Centrelink, continues to attend at Barfold Hall on Thursday mornings 10am – 12noon. Stephen can provide information about financial assistance that is available, answer questions and assist in making applications. It is not necessary to make an appointment. Stephen is also available for home visits. Contact him on 5430 5941 or 0414 947 602.

Australian Taxation Office assistance line: As the end of the tax year approaches, the ATO has a support information line to assist clients affected by the bushfires: 1300 304 975

Salvation Army services: The Salvation Army is available at Barfold Hall on Thursday 25th June, with a range of vouchers and assistance available. The same service is available at the Salvos in Castlemaine on every Friday, from 9am – 12 noon.

Planning approvals contacts:

- Mount Alexander: Ray Christy - Tel. 5471 1762 / 0428 129 697, fax: 5471 1749;
- City of Greater Bendigo: Peter Hargreaves - 5434 6441; Jim Banfield - 5434 6344;
- Mitchell Shire: 5734 6200 - ask for any planning or building staff;
- Macedon Ranges Shire: 5422 0333 - ask for any planning or building staff.

For more help with the following services, please contact a Case Manager/Key Contact Worker at the Community Health Services in Castlemaine [5479 1000] or Kyneton [54 211 666].

Tools for Tradies: The Lions Clubs (in association with Bowens & the Housing Industry Association) have come up with "Tools for Tradies". This offers new or good quality used power and hand tools for those running a business who lost tools in the fires. To find out if there are tools available to suit you, contact: Rob Tunney (Blackburn North Lions Club) on 0419 894 013 or lions.toolsfortradies@gmail.com. If there is a suitable tool for you, Rob or your Case Manager/Key Contact Worker can supply you with an application form.

Winter Needs Payment: The \$2000 grants are going into the bank accounts of anyone who applied for Rebuilding and Recovery grants, and householders who received National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements. If you have not received the payment or believe that you may be eligible, contact 1800 180 213, or your Case Worker/Key Contact Worker.

There are still **Holden vehicles** available to people whose car was destroyed or damaged in the bushfires. To apply, please contact your case manager/key contact worker.

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http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=754&h=0 and
http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=1961&h=0

