

Thursday 18th June 2009

Mid winter get-together: Saturday 27th June from 6pm. Rug up around the bonfire this winter solstice, at Barfold Hall on the Kyneton-Redesdale Road. Music from women's choir *The Chat-warblers*, 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. *Brought to you by the Redesdale Fires Community Well Being Group, McIvor Neighbourhood House, & supported by Regional Development Victoria.*

School Holiday Programs: will be run by the YMCA in early July. For information call 9403 5090 or email holidayprograms@ymca.org.au or www.victoria.ymca.org.au/holidayprograms

Job Vacancies:

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

1. **Volunteer Development Worker:** building positive relationships with the CRC and its working groups, and generating 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/Activity/downloadFiles.asp?Activity_Id=378
2. **Community Recovery Co-ordinator:** supporting the planning and delivery of projects: 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. 3 – 4 days per week for 12 months. Closes 26th June 09.
http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Activity/downloadFiles.asp?Activity_Id=379

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 someone to help compile and edit 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.

Thanks to Elmore B&S. The Elmore Bachelor and Spinsters Ball have raised \$16,000 for fencing materials. These will be presented at Dalgety's in Bendigo on Friday 19th June.

Mosaic tile mural for the Redesdale fire memorial: 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 and Langley Primary Schools; Langley CFA Shed [Sundays at 9.15am]; Cobaw Community Health, High St, Kyneton, and at Recovery and Wellbeing Meetings as scheduled. *[more details about this project were in Newsletter 14 and can be sent to you on request – call 5423 5281].*

CRC and WORKING GROUPS:

Community Recovery Committee Meeting – met on **Wednesday 17th June**. Minutes are available from i.lillington@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au. The CRC working groups continue to meet regularly and details are below.

- **Community Wellbeing:** Next meeting **Thursday, 18th June**, 1pm at Barfold Hall. For more info, please call Simone on 0421 458 891.
- **Fencing: if you need help with fencing**, please call Karl Metcalf, Fencing Co-ordinator on 54 234 132; or 0437 27 40 50, or email karlmetcalf@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 and are discussing a potential funding application for the Taste of Gold Trail. For information and meeting times, contact Lee on 5425 3101 or Sandra on 5423 4225, or Sandra@barfoldestate.com.au

OPPORTUNITIES, ASSISTANCE and INFORMATION:

Pets: do you need the RSPCA's help? The RSPCA Bushfire Assistance fund may be able to provide you with support. Various packages are available. Please click on one of the links at http://www.rspcavic.org/campaigns_news/news_bushfires.htm or call 9224 2222.

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.

Garages at discount prices: SIDACH are offering reduced rates on garage, shed and other outbuilding related product for those people affected by the February 2009 fires. For more info please contact Gavin Dobson, Manager, Sidach Superstore, Phone 9793 2460

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.

Drought Bus will be here on Thursday, 16 July at Baynton Hall, 10.30am to 2.00pm, and **Monday, 20 July** at Redesdale Hall, 9.30am to 3.30pm. Details in future newsletters.

Stephen Ryan, Rural Services Officer from Centrelink, is at Barfold Hall on Thursday mornings 10am – 12noon. Stephen can provide information about financial assistance, answer questions and help with 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.

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.

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

