

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**MID WINTER GET-TOGETHER:** THIS **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 6pm.** Rug up around the bonfire at Barfold Hall on the Kyneton-Redesdale Road. Music from local choir *The Chat-warblers and the Acafellas*, plus other local performers and face painters. BBQ and soup provided. Bring a chair, a plate of dessert, and drinks. **RSVP on 5431 0930** 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](mailto:holidayprograms@ymca.org.au) or [www.victoria.ymca.org.au/holidayprograms](http://www.victoria.ymca.org.au/holidayprograms). Also families who are in areas where a free YMCA program or service is not being offered can apply for a reimbursement of fees for primary and secondary students who attend programs offered by **registered vacation care providers** in the Term 2 school holidays. More information from Ben Rodgers, Program Coordinator, YMCA Victoria, 9403 5090, 0415 731 134

**Fencing reaches halfway!** More than 50% of road boundary re-fencing has been completed thanks to a massive effort from local landholders, other volunteers and paid staff from DPI, VFF and Local Government. Over \$100,000 worth of materials has been received and put in place. The Catchment Management Authority are beginning to fence 30km of crown land along waterways – some of the most difficult country anywhere! If you need **help with fencing**, please call Karl Metcalf on 54 234 132.

**Business Renewal Forum:** let's hear from you about what your business needs to recover and thrive after the fires. Local business owners are organising a forum on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the Redesdale Hall from 6.30 to 9.30pm. Dinner will be provided. Bookings are essential to Sandra Aitkin on 54 234 225. The Economic Recovery working group [part of the Community Recovery Committee] are organising this event and their next planning meeting is Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10am at Barfold Hall. All welcome.

**Fire Recovery Job Vacancy - 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 26<sup>th</sup> June 09. *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 [http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Activity/downloadFiles.asp?Activity\\_Id=379](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Activity/downloadFiles.asp?Activity_Id=379)*

**Mosaic tile mural for the Redesdale fire memorial:** some tiles have already been completed. The finished tiles can be viewed on the AFTER web-page: <http://www.kpmosaicwords.com/AFTER.php> . You are invited to contribute to this mural, if you lost your home, and/or sheds or outbuildings. More information from Kathryn Portelli, project manager, on 5423 5281 or 0407 887 498. *[more details about this project were in Newsletter 14 and can be sent to you on request – call 5423 5281].*

**Photographic businesses** around Victoria have joined together to give fire-affected residents a pack with frames and an album, plus a number of vouchers that will enable you to create new prints. The pack also contains a voucher for you to have a family portrait taken by photographers from the Leader Newsgroup. The shots will be taken on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Simply call Beau Photos on 9589 2466 or email [click@beauphotos.com.au](mailto:click@beauphotos.com.au) for details.

**Looking to replace your burnt trees and shrubs?** *Yalca Fruit Trees* has a wide range of heirloom and modern varieties, very reasonably priced and healthy stock. Yalca's varieties are selected for their taste and hardiness – good for the home garden. <http://yalcafruittrees.com.au> Contact Campbell Holt on 03 58682101. *A & B Trees of Heathcote* grow wonderfully healthy seedlings of local trees and shrubs. Also very reasonable prices and very generous with advice on choice and planting techniques. Call Liz on 54 332236.

**Department of Primary Industries bushfire recovery program** has information on pasture management, pest plant and animal control, erosion protection, animal health, livestock feed planning, crop and horticulture management and reforestation. Click on the large tile 'Bushfire Recovery Information' at [www.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au) . The DPI program Services and Information for New Landholders (SINL) can also provide tailored assistance to smaller landholders. Call the Victorian Bushfire Info Line 1800 240 667, ask for DPI services.

**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. A fully operational mobile office with Centrelink staff who can talk to you about professional advice and planning assistance or exceptional circumstances payments. Staff can also assist with other Centrelink matters, such as general payment information, updating customer contact details, printing documents and making appointments.

**Free Massage Day for Fire Affected Households:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July between 12 and 7pm in Redesdale. A 30 minute massage by Masseur, Di Hall, followed by coffee & cake. Contact Lisa Stables - 5425 3207 or 0409 231 662. This service is provided with the complements of Zonta Kyneton.

**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](mailto: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. *Case managers/key contact workers are based at the Community Health Services in Castlemaine [5479 1000] and Kyneton [5421 1666].*

#### **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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