

- Redesdale Area Fires – Forum to Review the Recovery Program, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Metcalfe Hall.

**PART 1: Community Plan items for Redesdale Recovery from August 2009**

Colour links with next table	Idea / Need from community planning day, August 2009	Current Status ... links to Part 2 [page 2]
	Funding for Fencing Co-ordinator and materials for fence reconstruction	Boundaries mostly done – see L4
	Machinery Pool – equipment for hire by fire-affected people	See L2 – funding being sought
	Farming development and support	See L1 & 2 - funding being sought
	Community Events for well being, including tennis and other sports coaching	Ongoing – see W1 and W3
	Community Events to promote the district, including tourist-related activities, events and Business & Trades Directory / Database	Done picnic event, and see T1 and T2
	Visiting Services from Government and other Agencies	On-going - See M2
	Community Website	Being researched - See C2
	Community Welcome / Information Pack	See T2
	Communications Improvements – better region-wide services	See C3
	Local Newspaper – both equipment and supplies for improving existing service	Done – see C1
	Seed-bank	VBAF funded - See L3
	Bike and walking paths	See T3
	Replace and / or upgrade Community Buildings and Churches	Underway - See A1 and A2
	Maps, Plans and Trails	See T3
	Skate Park	See W2
	Bridge Replacement and Repair	Partly done - See A4
	Memorials	See M3
	Fire Protection Plan – Integrated community planning with CFA, DSE and local councils	Done spring 09, more planned - M1
	Roadside management – especially fallen wood	Discussions continue - See A3
	Additional Fire fighting equipment	See C4

## PART 2: Snap shot of how 'needs' from August 09 evolved into current 'work plan' at April 2010

Ref	Idea / Need from August 09	Status and comments - April 2010
	<b>Community Well-being</b>	
W1	Community Events and Programs for well being, large number of separate initiatives in this category	Many well-being events have happened – what is still needed?
W2	Skate Park	Needs analysis underway with young people - youth workers in place until Dec 2011, via 'Participate and Innovate' project
W3	Tennis and other sports coaching requested for spring 2010	Tennis training ran in summer 09-10
	<b>Communications [a]</b>	
Ca1	Local Newspaper – equipment and supplies for improving existing service	Desk-top printer and supplies purchased. Now in folded format.
Ca2	Community Website	Can this be worked on by Communications Group ?
	<b>[tele-] Communications [b]</b>	
Cb3	Communications Improvements – e.g. mobile coverage and access to Broadband	Could link with Cb4 [UHF radios], a group is needed to lead it
Cb4	Additional Fire fighting equipment [e.g. radio handsets]	UHF repeater requested, but can't be retrospectively funded
	<b>Land management</b>	
L1	Public and private land recovery, includes fencing, farming and 'lifestyle' properties: paid person to co-ordinate and support this, [and see L2]	Being pursued via Land Management Working Group
L2	Materials and equipment for hire needed by fire-affected people to continue physical reconstruction	Being pursued via Land Management Working Group
L3	Seed-bank	VBAF have funded this, but no detailed decision made
L4	Funding for Fencing Co-ordinator and materials for fence reconstruction	99% boundary fences complete or underway
	<b>Tourism and economic development</b>	
T1	Events to promote the district, including tourist-related activities, events	What now after 21 <sup>st</sup> March picnic?
T2	Business and Trades Directory / Database + Community Welcome Pack	Is there a local business assoc? Poss' link with Bridge Connection
T3	Bike and walking paths and Maps, Plans and Trails	If this is still a community priority, a group is needed to lead it
	<b>Assets and Infrastructure</b>	
A1	Upgrade Community Buildings at Barfold, Metcalfe, Redesdale and Baynton	Funds have been committed by VBRRRA, not yet received
A2	Replace Sidonia church with a community hall	Interest from residents in Sidonia is emerging
A3	Roadside management – especially fallen wood	Still an issue on some roads
A4	Bridge Replacement and Repair	Being undertaken by engineering staff in Local Gov't
	<b>Miscellaneous/Other</b>	
M1	Fire Protection Plan – Integrated community planning with CFA, DSE and local councils	Councils and CFA did intensive work in spring 2009
M2	Visiting Services from Government and other Agencies	Less intensive, but still regular visits from Gov't agencies
M3	Memorial projects – "AFTER" project developed since April 2009	Long term project will begin community engagement phase mid 2010

### PART 3: Summary of funds raised and distributed, Redesdale Area, February 09 to April 10

<b>A – Fencing – all items already spent</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>\$ spent</b>	
Fencing materials	Lions North West Vic Region	82,000	
Fencing materials	Elmore B & S Club	16,000	
Fencing Co-ordinator and equipment	Victorian Farmers' Federation	20,000	
Tractor and post driver hire, June – Dec 09	Dept Primary Industries	25,000	
Tractor hire, Jan – March 10	Community Recovery Support Grant,	3,000	
	sale of scrap fencing & donations	7,000	
Management & support of CVA's fencing teams and fencing co-ordination	Bendigo Bank C'mty Enterprise Fund {CEF}	191,000	
Fencing materials donated as part of CVA program	Futuris Elders	40,000	
Misc fencing costs	Fencing donations	3,800	
<i>Mclvor Neighbourhood House - to pay their volunteer co-ordinator</i>	<i>May – July 09 - ?5,000 – 10,000?</i>		
	<b>Fencing total</b>	At least	<b>385,000</b>

<b>B – other funds – not all spent.</b> Some of these unspent items are for discussion by Forum – see Part 4	<b>Source</b>	<b>Total \$ committed</b>	<b>\$ spent</b>	
Fencing incidentals, Picnic start up costs, and other misc items	General donations from NGOs	18,000	6,238	
Direct gifts to residents and CFAs	Redesdale Fundraiser event – Feb 09	30,000	30,000	
Planning and review days, CRC catering, equipment, venue hire and other misc items.	Community Recovery Support Grant	30,000	17,000	
Community Well-being activities	DHS grant	16,900	6,900	
Elmore, community meals, etc	VBAF funded [winter events]	3,240	3,240	
Bonfire, and Luna Park	RDV funds Mclvor N'hood house	6,000	6,000	
Social activities, working bees etc	VBAF funded [Summer Events]	10,000	10,000	
Commemorative Events [related to 7 Feb and similar]	VBAF funded	20,000	20,000	
Communications [photo-copier for newspaper]	VBAF funded	18,000	18,000	
Refurbishment of 4 Community Halls - expected mid 2010	VBAF funded	171,770	0	
Seedbank and seedlings	VBAF funded	5,000	0	
Redesdale Events [5,000 for community part of 21 March picnic and \$2,000 for hampers for fire-affected residents]	VBAF funded	55,000	7,000	
	<b>Sub totals</b>	383,910	127,378	
	<b>Total committed from B</b>			<b>383,910</b>

<b>C - these things are also happening and/or planned to happen</b>			
<b>Youth 1 - Participate and Innovate program</b> – involves two Shires and COBAW and CHIRP, running until approx March 2012.	Office for Youth	all youth programs approx 300,000 over 2 years	
<b>Youth 2</b> – part time youth worker to June 2010	FACHSIA via CHIRP		
<b>Health and well-being for older persons</b> – application submitted by CHIRP for \$30,000,	DPCD/Office for Senior Victorians	30,000	
<b>Parenting After the Bushfires</b> – facilitated sessions to be run by CHIRP	Parenting Research Centre funded by VBAF	Approx 5,000	
<b>Gardening for older people</b> – 6 sessions in the spring, for ~\$5,000 - application to be done by C'maine Community House	funded by VBAF	Approx 5,000	
<b>Memorials</b> – Kyneton Mosaic [~11,000] and project about to be rolled out [~149,000]	Funded by DPCD	160,000	
<b>Community Projects</b> - small grants for voluntary organisations in the fire-affected community.	Funded by DPCD through Mt Alexander Council	12,000	
<b>Environment and farming workshops</b> - application going to NCCMA for series of workshops during remainder of 2010 + DPI workshops depending on demand.		Greater than 10,000	
<b>Total part C - over next 21 months</b>		At least	<b>522,000</b>
<b>TOTAL A+B+C</b>			<b>1,290,910</b>

The above has been supported by Recovery Staff time in local government {Ian, Kirra}, at MRSC and up to April '10 at MASC	At least \$100,000		<b>100,000</b>
<b>Community Recovery Total value [spent already and committed]</b>			<b>1,390,910</b>

<b>PART 4 - funds available, or possibly available, from April 2010</b>								
	name of grant	from	total	spent to date	available	spend by	report by	Notes
<b>4a</b>	Community Recovery Support Grant	VBRRA	30,000	20,000	<b>10,000</b>	31-Jul-10	31-Aug-10	Not tied by charitable conditions
<b>4b</b>	DHS - Community Well-being	Loddon Mallee DHS	16,900	6,900	<b>10,000</b>	not set	aim for late 2010	At the Discretion of the Well-being group. Winter and summer events money was used first before this fund.
<b>4c</b>	general community donations	various sources	18000	6,238	<b>11,762</b>	not set	aim for late 2010	No criteria were set by the donors
<b>4d</b>	'Redesdale Events'	VBAF	55,000	7,000	<b>48,000</b>	not set	?	Tied by charitable conditions.
	<b>Total confirmed \$ available</b>			<b>Approx 80,000</b>				
	<b>POSSIBLE GRANT</b>							
<b>4e</b>	Community Fund	DPCD	82,650	0	82,650	2011?	?	Can include, youth, history, regeneration of public spaces and communications. Proposals from community have to be agreed by DPCD
					162,412			

## PART 5: the small print – ie. What criteria relate to each of the above Part 4a to e

- 4a: Community Recovery Support Grant - Purpose of Funds** - the funds can be used to support the following recovery activities, before 31 July 2010:
- Development and implementation of a Community Recovery Plan - holding of meetings, venue hire, focus groups, consultation activities, event promotion and advertising, catering, facilitators, provision of transport and other activities designed to encourage broad community participation in the development of a Community Recovery Plan.
  - CRC operating costs - basic committee operating expenses such as stationery, travel, phone, support services and meeting costs can be met.
  - 'Quick Win' Recovery Activities - activities that support the achievement and delivery of smaller 'now' projects, production of community recovery newsletters, and provision of equipment or materials that contribute to the implementation of current community led recovery priorities
  - Skill Development - provision of learning and development opportunities for the recovery committee and for the broader community. Funds support may include promotion of opportunities, room hire, catering, facilitators and training materials.
- 4b: DHS - Community Well-being** - the funds can be used at the Discretion of the Well-being group, with no absolute time limit, but suggested time limit is December 2010
- 4c: General donations** – no criteria were set by the donors, but ideally the donor and the recipient have some mutual interest
- 4d: "Redesdale Events"**
1. **The intent of community events** should be to relieve the distress associated with the 2009 bushfires through events and programs that allow people to share their experiences, commemorate their recovery progress and build, promote and strengthen a sense of community identity. Events may help build peer support networks and provide respite from stressful personal circumstances.
  2. **Acceptable events include:**
    - Those that are directly related to re-establishing the community post the bushfires, and the re-establishment of existing community events and/or arts programs that were disrupted by the 2009 bushfires.
    - Community Arts programs are included within the scope of community events.
    - Creation of new community events and/or arts programs that will assist communities in the recovery process and can demonstrate a broad public benefit.
    - Examples of community events include Christmas celebrations, barbeques, meals, sporting events, trivia nights and movie nights.
    - Examples of arts programs include community newsletters, community histories, story-telling and installations.
  3. **Unacceptable events include:**
    - Those that only support an existing local community organisation. However, such organisations may be funded to stage an event or program that will be freely available to everyone in a bushfire affected community.
    - Events that merely provide entertainment and do not have a link to community recovery.
    - The funding of alcohol as part of the event or program.
    - Events that involve barriers to participation such as specialised skills or equipment.
    - Events that support local councils in their normal activities or reimburse them for past costs.
  4. **Location/accessibility:** Events should be located within bushfire affected areas and admission should be free of cost and widely available to bushfire affected individuals.
  5. **Commercial activity:**
    - The gift should not be aimed at profit-making and any profits should be ancillary or incidental. While suppliers providing foodstuffs for a community event may be making a nominal profit, this is acceptable so long as the event remains focused on the purpose of bushfire recovery.
    - If any assets are purchased, they must be divested at the end of the project in accordance with legislative guidelines (ie – to a tax exempt body, providing a broad benefit to a local community not-for-profit organization)
    - The event should not be for the purposes of providing sales opportunities to an individual or small class of people/businesses.
- 4e Community Fund** – grant not yet agreed, conditions will be set if agreed.