

Friday 5th June 2009***Information for communities of Barfold / Baynton /
Glenhope / Redesdale / Sidonia***

Kyneton Olive Oil 2009 harvest product launch this weekend, 6th 7th & 8th June, 10am – 4pm. This is a great weekend to sample award-winning products. There are tours of the olive processing facility; wine tastings from local wineries; local handmade chocolates, pizza and refreshments. At 2090 Kyneton-Heathcote Road, Barfold. For more information, contact Sam: 0419 191 192 or 54 234 240, and on the web at: www.kynetonoliveoil.com.au/html/open_weekend.html

Job Vacancy to support Redesdale Recovery: **Volunteer Development Worker.** Three days per week for the next twelve months, supporting the committee in its planning and delivery of projects. The role will involve communications, building positive relationships with people in the community and support agencies and services and helping maintain the momentum in the recovery effort. You can find out more about this position from Sue Howard on 54711700. For an application pack please call Justine Franklin on 5471 1720 or download it from Council's Website at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au

Fencing opportunity through Conservation Volunteers Australia: CVA are able to provide labour and fencing wire for farm fencing. You have to organise the strainer post/end assemblies. 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

Firewood: fire-affected residents can cut firewood on Saturdays and Sundays at 1915 Redesdale Road, just north of the Barfold Hall. This wood was stacked there when the main road was cleaned up. Bring chainsaw, trailer and protective clothing. For more information, call Elaine on 54 234 156.

Donations. Thanks to the Bush Users' Group [Mt Alexander Region], and the Campbells Creek Bowling Club who presented cheques totalling \$1,900 last week. This money will be used as part of the fencing reconstruction effort. Another \$10,000 is held in trust at the Mount Alexander Shire for the benefit of the fire-affected community. The CRC is seeking ideas on what this money is to be spent on. Please call Ian on 5422 0337 or email i.lillington@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au if you have any suggestions or questions.

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 2], or Ian on 5422 0337 or email i.lillington@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au if you want to know more.

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.

Christmas in June?! Lions Christmas cakes are available for fire-affected families. These can be collected at Barfold Hall on Tuesday lunchtimes and Thursdays between 10am and 12 noon while stocks last. Thank-you Lions Club!

Stephen Ryan, Rural Services Officer from Centrelink, continues to attend at Barfold Hall on Thursday mornings 10am – 12. 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.

Mosaic tile mural for the Redesdale fire memorial: details of this project were in Newsletter 14. You are invited to contribute in some way. Distorted finds of china or glass will become a permanent part of the tile mural on the north side of the Shire Hall in Kyneton. If you lost your home, or if the fire burned your sheds and outbuildings, you can provide glass or ceramic pieces to go in the middle of the tile. For information on how you can be involved, please call Kathryn Portelli, memorial project manager, on 5423 5281 or 0407 887 498.

WORKING GROUPS:

- **Community Wellbeing:** This group are planning a community social for the fire-affected communities, on **27th June** from 6pm at Barfold Hall. Soup, BBQ and performers will be there. More details next week, and from Simone on 0421 458 891.
- **Fencing:** If you need help with fencing, please call Karl, 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 will meet on 9th June. This group will liaise with local and state economic development staff to liaise with residents about needs and access 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

Next Community Recovery Meeting – Wednesday 17th June, 4.45pm, Barfold Hall

ASSISTANCE and INFORMATION:

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 Thursdays 11th June and 25th June, with a range of vouchers and assistance available. The same service is available at the Salvos in Castlemaine on Fridays from 9am – 12 noon.

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.

For more help on grants and services, please contact a Case Manager/Key Contact Worker 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.

