

## BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

# Redesdale Fire Community Recovery Update No 20

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INFORMATION for communities of Barfold, Baynton, Glenhope, Redesdale and Sidonia

**Fire Recovery Officer Ian Lillington** was heading for a fire-forum in Bendigo on 7<sup>th</sup> July, but ended up going to Bendigo Hospital by ambulance instead. He was knocked off his bike by a ute being driven on the wrong side of the road and has two cracked vertebrae. However he is up and about and recovering well. For any recovery related enquiries, please contact Anne-Louise Lindner at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0249 or email [alouise@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:alouise@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au).

**Fencing Group news** - good steady progress is being made on fencing and about 66% of boundary fencing is now restored. The CMA are continuing with work on riparian zone fencing. Next meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30 at Barfold. If you need **help with fencing**, please call Karl Metcalf on 54 234 132.

**CRC Meeting minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> July** have been sent out and copies are available on request. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at Baynton Hall - 4.45pm for refreshments for a 5.00pm start. The Economic Recovery forum took place on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Details to follow.

**Fire Recovery Job Vacancies** - Community Recovery Co-ordinator and Volunteer Development Worker: Interviews for these positions have taken place and the successful applicants should be on board by the start of August.

**A Community Planning Day** will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> August (date to be confirmed) -  
- More info to follow.

**Bushfire Recovery Trust:** The fundraising screening of "Australia" at the Kyneton Town Hall in May raised \$1,175 dollars. This money has been deposited into the Bushfire Recovery Trust account.

**Mosaic tile mural for the Redesdale fire memorial:** **This is a final call to contribute to this mural**, if you lost your home, and/or sheds or outbuildings. Some tiles have already been completed. The finished tiles can be viewed on the AFTER web-page: <http://www.kpmosaicwords.com/AFTER.php>. 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.



**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.

**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 [ions.toolsfortradies@gmail.com](mailto:ions.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].*

**Free public transport offer:** Free public transport travel is available to bushfire affected people until 1 October 2009. Free travel is available on all public transport services in Victoria, including metropolitan trains, trams and buses and V/Line trains and coaches and town bus services. Previously, people needed a blue form to access this offer. People can now provide any one of three documents:

- a letter from their case manager stating the client was affected by the bushfires
- a Bushfire Appeals Fund grant letter, stating they have received a grant, or
- the blue form.

Visit <http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/news/news-promotions/free-public-transport-for-bushfire-victims> to download an application form or ring Metlink on **131 638**

**Australian Taxation Office assistance:** In an effort to ease the burden on people suffering personal and financial loss at this time, the ATO can help with any concerns clients might have about tax, including:

- fast tracking refunds
- giving clients extra time to pay debts
- giving clients more time to meet activity statement, income tax and other lodgement obligations
- helping to reconstruct tax records where documents have been destroyed, and make reasonable estimates where necessary
- helping clients who are experiencing serious hardship

To contact the ATO phone **1300 304 975** between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday, or visit their website at [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au). If you would like to make an appointment with one of the ATO staff you can register for assistance on [www.ato.gov.au/assistancevisit](http://www.ato.gov.au/assistancevisit) or call Kelly Canavan on **0401 141 208** to arrange a time.

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