

# Community Recovery News for the Redesdale Area Fires

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**First Anniversary Events - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010:** the following events are happening and we encourage you to take part in any of them. This is also an invitation to anyone who supported you in the early days after the fires. Please invite your friends and family, neighbours and anyone who helped in any way. This could include people from Lions, Rotary, churches, businesses, and includes staff of agencies that were/are involved, such as DPCD, DPI, DHS and the Case Management teams.



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**INVITATION**  
TO THE UNVEILING OF  
THE  
Black  
Saturday  
Memorial

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
2010  
At 11am  
The Kyneton Town Hall  
129 Mollison Street, Kyneton

**8am - 9.30am:** gourmet breakfast at Metcalfe Hall. Free, but please let us know you are coming so that we can make sure we have enough food. Bookings to Kirra: 54 711 807.

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**Church Services:**

Kyneton Baptist Church Service: **'Refined by fire' - A response to February 7, one year on** at 9.45 to 10.45am., at 43 Ebdon Street, Kyneton, **and** Redesdale Church at 5pm, with the **presentation of 'Our Lady of Recovery' - an Icon for Redesdale.** [details in Bridge Connection newspaper.]

**Message from Christine Nixon:** A service is being held for all Victorians to remember your communities and to pay respect to the 173 people who lost their lives. The service will be held at midday on 7<sup>th</sup> February at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne. We know that most people want to stay in their local area on February 7, however we'd welcome you and any of your community members at the service. For those from the bereaved community who wish to meet with others before the service please contact Joyce Goh from VBRRRA on 0438 836 321. My best wishes for the coming weeks. Christine.

**Other events coming soon**

**26<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Day Film Night "Dr Plonk":** Games, BBQ, fun - from 6 pm (meat & vege burgers provided, plus bring a plate to share). Film at 8pm. Baynton Hall Darlington Rd. *"It is 1907... Dr Plonk (scientist, inventor,) calculates that the world will end in 101 years, unless immediate action is taken. Dr Plonk invents a time machine in order to be able bring proof back from the future. In a fateful meeting with the incumbent Prime Minister of a century later, the future of the world is sealed."*

**30<sup>th</sup> January - Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors"** at Rowanston Winery, 2710 Burke and Wills Track, Glenhope. Fire-affected residents are entitled to free entry, including picnic meal. For tickets, contact Kirra [details at end of newsletter].



**Hip-hop comes to Redesdale!** Castlemaine's hip-hop festival will reach out to Redesdale on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb with a break-dance workshop from 10am – 1pm. Open to all ages, beginners welcome; with professional tutors and lots of fun. RSVP Heather Steele by 4 February on 0428 867 654. This is a preview of the **"2 the Extreme"** hip-hop festival in Castlemaine from 19 – 21 Feb. Heather is organising a bus to Castlemaine for the Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>. Pick up approx 8am at Langley and 8.15 at Redesdale, but bookings are essential to Heather by 16<sup>th</sup> February on 0428 867 654.

**Barfold Hall Drop-in:** Thursday drop-in at Barfold Hall happens every week from 10am – 12 noon. The Donations Co-ordinator is now Debby, who has replaced Steph Wigan (thanks Steph!). Debby will be at Barfold on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. Donations close at the end of Feb., so if you still want to access some donated goods, please talk with your case manager or Debby on 0400 35 08 08. [debby.andre@dpc.vic.gov.au](mailto:debby.andre@dpc.vic.gov.au)

**Castlemaine Football Club** have confirmed that they will give one day of labour on odd jobs that people need doing around their yards – eg mulching, small scale rubbish removal. This will happen on a Saturday in late February. Please let Kirra know about specific jobs that you need help with – details at end of newsletter.

**New Grant Funding:** the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund [VBAF] has announced a grant of \$55,000 to the Redesdale Community Recovery Committee for a wide range of events and activities through 2010. There is also a Community Summer Events fund of up to \$10,000 for bushfire-affected community activities throughout the summer months, similar to the program that funded the Elmore Field Day trip.

Discussion about how to allocate these grants will take place at the Well-being Working Group meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm at Barfold Hall and the next CRC meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please come to those meetings if you can, or contact Ian or Kirra [details at end of newsletter], if you want to have a say but can't get to those meetings.

**Fencing Program:** Karl Metcalf will return to his Fencing Co-ordinator role for six weeks from 18<sup>th</sup> January. This will allow work to continue on repair and replacement of boundary fences. A pneumatic post driver is available for short term loan – but you need to have your own compressor. For fencing requests, contact Karl on 0437 27 40 50 after 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Please leave a message if Karl is out of range.

**Women Gathering After The Fires:** women in the community affected by the fires are invited to attend a 2 day workshop in Castlemaine in early March. They then may be eligible for funding to run a Women Gathering {"WG"} group in their own community. For more information, contact Kirra, or Elaine Atkinson, Case Manager on 5479 1000.

**Job to be advertised soon:** Youth Participation and Development Worker, [0.8 eft for 2 years to January, 2012]. Funded by the State Government's Office for Youth, this project will focus on giving young people in the Redesdale bushfire affected areas a voice in the recovery and seek to develop Rural Social Enterprise and Sustainable Youth participation models for young people. A tertiary qualification in Social Work, Youth Work, Welfare Studies or other relevant tertiary studies and skills and experience in youth work, community development, leadership and social enterprise development is required. Watch for ads in local papers or contact Castlemaine District Community Health Centre.

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Ian is on leave from 15<sup>th</sup> Jan to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. Our next newsletter will be on 28<sup>th</sup> January.

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