

Community Recovery News for the Redesdale Area Fires

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HIP HOP / BREAKDANCE - FREE workshop at the Redesdale Hall, Saturday 6th February from 10 – 1pm. All ages – beginners welcome. With Tutors from Castlemaine’s famous “Movement Zone”. The Redesdale workshop is part of the lead up to the “2 the Xtreme” Youth Festival, 19th – 21st Feb in Castlemaine.



The final day (21st Feb.) is from 9am – 5pm at the Castlemaine Town Hall and includes FREE hip hop workshops, competition finals and performances by “So You Think You Can Dance” winner Talia Fowler, Joel “JD” De Carteret and Stephen Tannos. **Those who book will receive FREE bus travel (with stops at Langley, Barfold and Redesdale) and day pass to the final day of the event. Booking are essential for 6th Feb. workshop (by 5th Feb) and for bus travel (by 16th Feb) to the final day of the festival - text or phone Heather on 0428 867 654.**

First Anniversary Events - Sunday 7th Feb 2010: we encourage you to take part in any of these events. This is also an invitation to anyone who supported you after the fires. Please invite you 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.

8am - 9.30am: gourmet breakfast at Metcalfe Hall. Food by Daylesford-based “Spade to Blade” who did the yummy food at the community planning day. Breakfast is free, but please let us know you are coming so that we can make sure we have enough food. **Bookings** to Simone Gordon on 0421 458 891.

11am – 12noon: Mosaic Mural unveiling at Kyneton Town Hall – composed from tiles made by fire-affected residents and supporters. See inset panel for details.

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.]

In Bendigo: A community day and service to remember the 2009 Victorian bushfires will be held in Rosalind Park from 11am. There will also be free entertainment and art activities for the whole family to enjoy. For more info contact Vanessa at City of Greater Bendigo 5434 6271.



Community Meetings: Well-being working group meetings happen fortnightly on Thursdays from 11th Feb., at 1pm at Barfold Hall. Fencing and Farming working group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 2nd February at 5pm at Barfold. For fencing requests, contact Karl on 0437 27 40 50 and leave a message if Karl is out of range.

The next **Community Recovery Committee** will be on **10th February** – this is a whole-of-community meeting with Ben Hubbard, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority. Ben will talk about the role of VBRRRA and discuss what can be expected during the second year of the recovery process. Please attend if you can.

Barfold Hall Drop-in: Thursday drop-in at Barfold Hall happens every week from 10am – 12 noon. 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

Women Gathering After The Fires: women in the community affected by the fires are invited to attend a one 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, or Elaine Atkinson, Case Manager on 5479 1000.

Mobile Library's Big Three Days Out in Redesdale: organiser, Julie Gittus writes: "A big thank you for all your support regarding the Mobile Library's Big Three Days Out in Redesdale. We have received some wonderful feedback and feel very positive as to how it all went. It certainly wouldn't have been possible without your support, also the support from the Health and Well Being Committee. Could you express the Goldfield Library Corporation's appreciation to the group at the next meeting? We loved being a part of the community for those few days and were pleased to be a part of the Bushfire Recovery Project. Thanks again and best wishes. *Julie Gittus, Outreach Services, Goldfields Library Corporation. 5449 2786*

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.

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 on 5479 1000.

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