

Community Recovery News for the Redesdale Area Fires

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Community Forum – Saturday, 17th April: 12 noon for lunch, and 1pm-5pm for the forum, at Metcalfe Hall. Earlier this week you should have received an invitation from the facilitator, Antoinette, to attend this Forum to review the Redesdale Area Fires Recovery Program and set future directions. This is your chance to say what you want to happen over the next 12 months. If you can't be there on the day, you can indicate your priorities in Antoinette's invitation. You are encouraged to attend other community meetings coming up soon:

- **Land Management** Working Group, Wednesday 14th April, 3pm, at Clare and Win's, [35 Sievers Lane, Glenhope];
- the next **CRC meeting**, Wednesday 14th April, 5pm for dinner and 6pm for business at Baynton Hall, Darlington Road, Baynton [via Mission Hill Rd]
- Barfold Hall **Drop-in** will restart on 22nd April from 10am to 12 noon
- Campaspe Valley **Landcare** Group has re-formed. Contact Gordon 5423 4158

Youth Program: important dates are here, and please see over for more on youth.

- Friday 16th April - **Table tennis & games night** with **Free BBQ** at Redesdale Hall 6-9 pm, for ages 10 and over.
- Saturday 24th April - **Family picnic and 20/20 cricket match** 1– 5pm at Redesdale recreational reserve.
- Friday 21st May - **Teens Night Music** and international food, Barfold Hall 7-10pm. Open mike, Karaoke, Prizes, Free - international foods & drinks
- Friday 18th June - **Games and Pie night** at Baynton Hall 5.30 pm- 8 pm all ages; 8 pm - 10pm older teens (15yrs +)

To let the youth committee know if you wanna come along to these events (so we buy enough stuff for everyone) call Jo Wedgwood on 0457 520 167 or Mike Hall 0457 524 490. **All events are supervised, and alcohol free.**

Job Vacancy - Ian completes his Recovery Co-ordinator role on 23rd April. Mount Alexander Council is advertising for a **Bushfire Community Development Officer** at http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Activity/downloadFiles.asp?Activity_Id=430

The successful applicant must be organised, capable of building positive working relationships with a range of people and organisations, and comfortable working within a local government environment. Experience working in a community development role and liaison with other government agencies including grant acquittals will be highly regarded. More info from Mandy Grinblat on 54 711 711. Closes – 16th April at 4pm.

Get Active Program for women over 50: if farm work and rebuilding is not enough, or you want some company ☺, get fitter at Redesdale Hall, on Friday mornings – 9.30 to 11.30 from 23rd April. First hour - talking about areas of interest to you, for example, gardening, health issues. Second hour – gentle exercise, suitable for everyone. More info: Sue Stewart, 54 392 618. Supported by the Bendigo YMCA and City of Greater Bendigo.

Better Writing, Public Speaking and Media Skills Workshop A *FREE* workshop for *Rural Women*. Wednesday 21st April. 9.30am (for a 10.00am start) – 2.30pm. This workshop will help you increase your ability to express information more clearly, build a rapport with your audience and deal more confidently with the media. Led by local, Andrew McKenna, an expert communicator who brings with him twenty years experience in journalism. Heathcote RSL Hall, 127 High Street, Heathcote. Morning tea and lunch included and child minding is available on request. **Bookings are essential to** Jenny, City of Greater Bendigo, by 16th April, on 5434 6479 or email j.pendlebury@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Youth participation and development workers for the Redesdale fire area
Jess and Mike are pictured at the Duigan Monument on the Burke and Wills Track, Mia Mia.



Mike Hall: G'day to all. I come from a long involvement with young people in a variety of places including an outdoor adventure group called Lunarcy, The Yipirinya Primary School in Alice Springs, an Outdoor Education centre near Healesville and most recently I worked for the Mount Alexander Sustainability Group. I have a passion for wild-places, woodcraft and windsurfing! I am also kept happily busy by my own two youngsters, Monty and Elsie (ages 4 and 7). Hope to see you at an event soon! Contact : mhall@cdch.com.au or 0457 52 44 90

Jess Maude: Hi, I have worked for 12 years with young people who have had issues around substance abuse, trauma and mental health. I am trained in welfare and community development, counselling and art therapy. I have worked in inner Melbourne and for the past 12 months worked at Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton as a Youth Alcohol and other Drugs counsellor. I too have two small people of my own, and am passionate about the outdoors and environment. I look forward to listening to your needs and working with Mike and yourselves to make the most out of this position and to be as creative as we can to engage and connect with your young people. Jess.Maude@cobaw.vic.gov.au 0417 54 66 26

The **Youth Participate** project will deliver services for young people including

- 1 on 1 support and counselling
- Information and access to youth services for young people.
- Arts focus program around the bushfire experience.
- Fire preparation education
- Develop leadership and mentoring program for older youth [17 to 26 years].
- Community support for youth participation in local planning.

The project will reach out to young people and find out what they want and need, and involve them in the process of making things happen in the short, medium and long term. Other goals are to connect with young people who are isolated and may not be involved with the community, developing and using educational kits for young people and schools around bushfire trauma and anxiety, and facilitating an arts focus project for young people. Family and community support for initiatives and events will be crucial to this process.

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