

Community Recovery News for the Redesdale Area Fires

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Community Recovery Committee will meet on Wednesday July 14th at Metcalfe Hall.

Dates for next working groups:

- Community Well-Being group – Thursday 15th July at 1pm at Barfold Hall
- Land Management Group Wednesday - 21st July at 7pm at Barfold Hall
- Communications [Bridge Connection & web-site development] call 54 255 501

Land management Working Group:

- Have completed terms of reference
- Currently working on grant applications
- 25 fire affected families came and collected 4000 tube stock to revegetate wind breaks on their properties. This was a VBRRA funded project and managed by the Baynton & Sidonia Landcare group

The Well Being Working Group:

- Organising Rob Gordon event for July 13th.
- Trying to arrange more "Women Gathering After Fires" workshops within the local area
- Health and Well Being for older people program has been supported and funding has been received

Rob Gordon is coming to Redesdale: Since the February 2009 bushfires Rob Gordon has been talking in fire-affected communities about the critical stages of recovery. He is a live speaker and we are fortunate to have him come to Redesdale.

When: Tuesday July 13th

Where: Redesdale Hall

Time: 6.30pm for super, expected to finish by 9pm

To RSVP please contact Kate Mutsaers on 5471 1821 or email at

k.mutsaers@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

Parenting skills: Castlemaine District Community Health is facilitating a skills based parenting program in Kyneton. The free, six session program has been funded in recognition of the impact on families in the aftermath of the bushfires with topics relevant for all parents. Sessions will run Monday evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm commencing 9th August. For enquires and bookings please contact Rob Gill on 0488 026 446

Youth Program: Mike Hall is running mentoring program as part of the youth participate and Innovative project for the Redesdale fire affected area for youth aged 17 to 26 years. The program offers guidance toward a career or assistance to define your goals and achieve them, For more details contact Mike Hall at CHIRP 5479 1000 or 0457 524490 / email: mhall@cdch.com.au

Free Massages: You can have a free 45minute massage at the Riverview Lavender and Craft (491 Lyells Rd Redesdale). For more information please contact Viv Bourke on 0429 708 707

A picture tells a story: Fire affected residents are invited to be part of a project using photography to tell stories. The workshops aim to be interesting, fun and rewarding, by providing an opportunity for residents to connect, learn new skills or just have a yarn. **Dates for workshops are:** July 24th, August 7th, 14th and 21st, September 4th and 11th
For further information and bookings contact Deanna on 5475 1092 / 0428 751 090 or email deanna@focusoncommunity.org

Funding for grief and loss counsellors in bushfire affected areas will be extended past the current funding commitment of August 2010. Anyone interested in receiving more information please contact Nerida Melsmith on 0415 060 565.

The Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority will be hosting a state-wide Community Leadership Development Forum. The forum will be at the Sebel Heritage Yarra Valley on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July 2010. Council and DHS will have representatives attending the forum and we would like to have community members from the CRC and each of the working groups. If you sit on a working group you're interested please contact Kate Mutsaers for more information.

Post hole driver for fencing recovery: contact Pip on 03 5423 7263 or p.j.elston@bigpond.com

Get Active Program for women over 50: Get fitter at Redesdale Hall, on Friday mornings – 9.30 to 11.30 from 23rd April. Contact Sue Stewart on 5439 2618. Supported by the Bendigo YMCA and City of Greater Bendigo.



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