

20th April 2009

***Information for communities affected by the Redesdale Fire:
Barfold / Baynton / Glenhope / Redesdale / Sidonia***

The Redesdale Bushfire Appeal [Registration Number: 9789] was a great success with fund-raising efforts total approximately \$38,000. A community meeting was held on the 25th March at 7pm at the Redesdale Hall. At this meeting it was unanimously decided to divide the monies evenly between all those who had property damaged or destroyed by the bushfire, and who have registered with the Shire-led bushfire recovery efforts. To date, approximately 100 properties have been registered and therefore, the amount allocated to you is over \$300.

If you are one such member of our community you will need to complete and return the form at the end of this newsletter by 31 May 2009.

Community Cabinet – last night, a commitment was made by the Premier to fund a Redesdale community tool bank. Tools would be held in common to be accessed by fire-affected residents and we'd like to know what would be useful to have in there. This is a request to the community to suggest what tools can be included. These can be more expensive items that you wouldn't normally have in your own shed. Suggestions to Ian on 5422 0337 or Clare at clare@mchouse.org.au

The **Redesdale Hall Committee** are running a fabulous Sunday afternoon dance being held on 26th April from 1.00 to 5.00pm. This dance, complete with afternoon tea is a fundraiser for the Redesdale Fire Brigade. **Where:** The Redesdale Hall, Redesdale **Cost:** \$10.00, which includes a delicious afternoon tea **Entertainment:** The 'Silhouettes' band. **Bookings:** Not necessary, just come along! **More information:** Gloria Pocock tel: 54253123. All proceeds go directly towards purchasing a 4 Wheel Drive vehicle to carry quick fill equipment for the Redesdale Fire Brigade.

Fencing support: The Lions District V1-4 [which includes the fire-affected area] is offering a relief fund to people with fences affected by the Redesdale fires. It is for *fire-damaged fencing along roadsides and crown land (eg creeks)*. If you haven't applied already but believe you are eligible, please call Ian on 5422 0337.

Bunnings Rebuilding support: Bunnings are offering discounts on materials and products for those people rebuilding after the fires. The offer is only available to people who are rebuilding their homes as a result of loss from the fires. The offer is not available via local Bunnings stores so queries should be directed to Caroline Edge at Bunnings on 8831 9205 or cedge@bunnings.com.au.



Community Recovery Committee (CRC) – the CRC met on 15 April, minutes are available by post or email. Call Ian on 54220337. Next meeting 6th May, 6pm, Barfold Hall. All welcome.

Working Groups are meeting regularly – details follow:

- **Fencing:** The fencing working group meets again on **Tuesday 21st April at 12.30 at Barfold Hall.** Information about funding for Stock Containment Areas, is available from Geoff Winsall on 0418 817 327 before **23rd April.**
- **Communication:** the McIvor Neighbourhood House will set up a web site for bushfire recovery news. This will be a place where community members can post their offers, requests and issues and where we can provide minutes, and information. ***We are still open to suggestions for a name for the website – we need a word or phrase to precede the letters ".org.au".***
- The **Community Wellbeing Group** meets again on **23 April at 9.30am - venue tbc.** Please call Susan on 04 000 54 971 if you are planning to attend.
- The **Roadside Management working group** met on 15th April at 4pm at Barfold Hall and again at 4pm on 6 May at Barfold. A sheet of Frequently Asked Questions will be distributed shortly.

More information and minutes of the CRC, and its working groups, are available by calling 5422 0337 or 0417 147 058, or email i.lillington@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au . Contributions for this newsletter can be sent here as well.

Redesdale Bushfire Appeal

Registration Number: 9789

The **Redesdale Bushfire Appeal** was a great success with all participating enjoying the night's activities and entertainment. The event certainly gave all those affected, in one way or another by the fires, a chance to come together to share their stories, catch up with family and friends and celebrate the spirit of community that has been strengthened by the effects of the events that took place on the 7th February 2009.

Students from Sacred Heart College, Kyneton and the Trentham's Lions Club have donated a further \$15,000 in total to the appeal. Combined fund-raising efforts total approximately \$38,000.

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You have been identified as one such member of our community. ***You will find below a form to complete and return by 31 May 2009.*** Funds will then be distributed as per your request, and distributed after this date. You may choose to accept the funds personally, OR donate the same amount to the combined community CFA's, OR the funds can be donated to the fencing fund currently held by the Mt Alexander Shire to assist in re-fencing the many properties in need of this assistance.

This letter is from the Redesdale Bushfire Appeal committee, elected at the meeting on the 25th March 2009, and the committee is not informed of individual's circumstances.

The recovery road ahead is long, and sometimes a slower process than people expect. We are confident that with the support from the community and the pride in our region, those affected by the fires will be able to rebuild and continue on with their lives.

Again we would like to thank the communities for their overwhelming generosity and spirit of goodwill in assisting with the fund-raising. Without their assistance this process would not have been possible.

Please see form on next page





Please complete and return to 13 Nicolle Lane, Redesdale, 3444.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

I accept the funds from Redesdale Bushfire Appeal [*Registration Number: 9789*] and:
(*Please tick the appropriate box*)

I wish to accept the donation – please make the Cheque payable to:

I wish to donate the amount to the CFA (Redesdale, Mia Mia, Barfold/Langley, Pastoria)

I wish to donate the amount to the fencing fund, held in trust by Mt Alexander Shire Council.

Thankyou

