

Moorabool Recovery—Scotsburn Fire

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PHOENIX PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who sent back their expressions of interest for the Phoenix project. The Leigh Catchment Group will be contacting people shortly to organise site visits and project proposals. The Steering Committee is currently in the early stages of formation, further details will be published in the next newsletter.

COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Community Recovery Committee (CRC) was formed in March last year to oversee the delivery of the \$65,000 allocated by the State Government for community capacity building programs and events. Due to the overwhelming donations from the community of in-kind labour the projects have come in under budget. The CRC has decided to allocate the remaining funds to the following events:

- A family footy trip
- Continuation of the Scotsburn Barbeques, to be changed to bi-monthly during the winter months and alternated between local halls
- Continuation of the Scotsburn Art Project to include terrarium building, quilting, felting and crochet workshops.

Any community feedback and ideas are welcome for the improvement of programs and events and can be directed to Michelle Richards or your CRC representative:

Janie Power, Nick McKinley, Graham Shearer, David Wells, Steve Hodgetts, Trevor Smith and Donna Hart.



THANK YOU PAULA

From the beginning of the response to the Scotsburn Fires, Paula Lawrence has worked tirelessly to keep the

community up to date and informed with accurate information through communications, newsletters and our SMS service. Paula is now handing these functions over to Michelle

Richards and will focus on her role as the Executive Officer of the Peri Urban Group. We would like to thank Paula for all her efforts over the past 14 months.

RELIEF AND RECOVERY

PRESENTATION CITY OF YARRA

Emergency Manager Cherie Graham and Fire Recovery Coordinator Michelle Richards were invited to the City of Yarra on Thursday 2 March to present on the response, relief and recovery undertaken as a result of the Scotsburn Finns Road Fires in December 2015. The presentation detailed:

- An overview of the event
- Damage to Moorabool and Ballarat
- Response, relief and recovery
- Blazeaid
- Need for Feed
- Dr Rob Gordon
- The Bushfire Appeal
- Fire Foxes visit
- Community Recovery Funding
- Establishment of the Community Recovery Committee

As a token of appreciation the City of Yarra presented the Community Recovery Committee with a donation of \$300 to contribute towards the Scotsburn Art Project.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The CRC has lodged applications for the following projects:

Moorabool Shire Council Community Grants Program

The Community Share Trailer Project will be a trailer with tools and personal protective equipment, and BBQ that can be accessed by any members/groups in the Scotsburn, Garibaldi, Elaine and Lal Lal areas.

National Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme

The project proposes to see a group of community champions attend fire preparedness training over a six month period and will include the development of a fire game similar to that of the Surf Coast Shire to promote awareness and preparedness in the community.

CLARENDON COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

On Sunday 12 March the community rolled up their sleeves to participate in a working bee at the Clarendon Recreation Reserve to begin works for the new building and tennis courts. Of notable mention was the huge number of hours Trevor Hart and Trevor Smith (pictured right) spent carting heavy offcuts of wood– well done guys!

Architectural plans are currently being drafted for the building and the committee are obtaining quotes for solar power and the interior fitout of the building.



EVENTS WRAP UP



GARDEN TOUR WITH ROB PELLETIER

On Saturday 11 March the community participated in a Garden Tour with renowned horticulturist Rob Pelletier. The event visited gardens affected by the Scotsburn Fire and focussed on re-establishment after bushfire. Rob Pelletier is a qualified horticulturist and has had extensive experience in civil and landscape construction, garden maintenance and fruit tree propagation. He is also well known to gardeners with over 35 years in horticultural media including radio, national television and writing for magazines and newspapers. The tour was well attended and concluded with morning tea at the Scotsburn Hall.

MISSING TURTLE SCULPTURE

During the pack-up of the Arts Exhibition, a turtle sculpture (below) was misplaced.

Could you please check to see if the turtle accidentally went home with your exhibition entries?

The turtle can be returned to Michelle.



SOIL AND PASTURE FIELD DAY

On Friday 10 March residents took part in the Soil and Pasture Field Day held at the Mahar property in Scotsburn to learn more about assessing and managing soils and pastures, with a focus on fire recovery and small landholdings. The event featured guest speaker Greg Bekker, Livestock and Land Management Officer Agriculture Victoria and detailed soil pits, assessing the current pasture composition and learning more about selecting pasture species to suit soil conditions.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
7 April	Scotsburn BBQ	6pm	Scotsburn Hall
TBA	Family Footy Trip	TBA	TBA

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The Scotsburn Community Recovery Committee
and Upper Williamson's Creek Landcare Group

Invite you, your family and friends to the:

**SCOTSBURN FIRE COMMUNITY
GET TOGETHER**

This event is for the whole community to help support those affected by the fire at Scotsburn, Clarendon, Elaine and Durham Lead

Friday 7 April, 6:00pm

Fully Catered BBQ Dinner

Followed by

**A VISIT FROM EASTER BUNNY & EGG
HUNT**

Scotsburn Hall, Midland HWY (Next to Primary School)

All members of the community are welcome to attend

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