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NDRGS FUNDING

The Community Recovery Committee have been successful in receiving a National Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme grant of \$30,000 which will go towards a total project cost of \$60,000. The free program will see community leaders undertake leadership and fire preparedness training over a 3 month period. Participants will also develop and implement the Fire Game which is an interactive board game developed by the Surf Coast Shire to raise awareness around planning for bushfires. The game will be tailored to the Scotsburn Area. The project is open to all community members, guidelines are on pages 4-6. Contact Michelle Richards on 5366 7100 for an application form.

PHOENIX PROJECT UPDATE

The project is moving along as the Leigh Catchment Group continues to meet with Landowners, create project plans and have them assessed by the Technical Approvals Panel.

The Scotsburn Phoenix project is a pilot project so we welcome feedback along the way as we go. One great idea we received from a landowner was to offer a chemical users course so that landowners have the capacity to continue the weed control required beyond the scope of the project. If you are interested in this please contact Jane on jane@leighcatchmentgroup.org or 0426 873 202.

Please feel free to contact Jane if you have any queries about any aspect of the project.

CALL FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

As part of the Scotsburn Art Project, there will be the development of a photo book showcasing recovery events, we are calling for any photos you may have for submission into the book.

The Living with Bushfires Community Conference will be held 6 & 7 October at Federation University. Anyone wishing to contribute photos, paintings or sculptures to the Scotsburn Exhibition component of the conference can do so by contacting Michelle on 0419 932 751. Further information on how to register for the conference is detailed on pages 6 & 7.

Sovereign Hill Wrap Up

On Saturday 22 July we had 110 residents attend the family event at Sovereign Hill's Winter Wonderland. During the day, Sovereign Hill rang to the tune of traditional carols, with Christmas trees and colourful decorations lining Main Street. 'Hands-on' activities for children, a full theatre program, make believe snow falls and delicious treats brought Christmas cheer to all. By night, as the sun set and the snowflakes fell, Main Street was transformed by sparkling grand-scale images and bright Winter Wonderlights dancing along its familiar façades. The chilly weather did not seem to dampen the crowd with Sovereign Hill reporting that the night had its largest ever attendance at over 8700 people. Below is a picture of Carol and Geoff who BRAVELY took their six grandchildren to join in on the festivities!



Scotsburn Art Project– Block Printing Day 27 August

Come along to the Scotsburn Public Hall on Sunday 27 August to enjoy a professional block printing class.



SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
9AM-11:30AM
SCOTSBURN PUBLIC HALL



Morning Tea Provided. Friends welcome.

RSVP to Donna Hart on 0408 687 678 by Friday 25 August.

INSURE IT CAMPAIGN

Insure it. It's worth it campaign

One in two Victorians don't have insurance or don't have enough to cover the costs of replacing a home and household possessions that are damaged by fire, storm, flood and other emergencies.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has launched the Insure it. It's worth it campaign to educate families about the risks of under or non-insurance, encouraging them to consider taking out insurance to cover their home and contents.

Encouraging a higher uptake of insurance helps build more resilient communities.

The campaign highlights the importance of insurance and that often following an emergency or disaster, without insurance it can take years to get back on your feet and replace everything.

The campaign uses the story of Scott Pape, the Barefoot Investor, who personally suffered great loss in the Macedon fires of 2014.

As Scott tells his story as a part of the campaign he urges people, whether they are owning or renting a property, to get the insurance products to cover their home and household possessions.

The Insure it. It's worth it campaign has the support of a number of direct and indirect partners including the CFA, MFB, VICSES and Emergency Management Victoria.

DHHS is working with industry, community service organisations and government agencies to develop a strategy and awareness campaign to tackle to the issues of under and non insurance.

For more information visit
www.insureit.vic.gov.au



"Whether you rent or own, you need insurance."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
10 September	Art Project– Block Printing	9am-11:30am	Scotsburn Public Hall
24 September	Bi-Monthly BBQ	6:00pm	Garibaldi Public Hall

Moorabool Shire Council

Recovery Phone Number —0400 324 551

Principal Office: 15 Stead Street, Ballan Telephone (03) 5366 7100

Postal Address: PO Box 18, Ballan VIC 3342

Email: info@moorabool.vic.gov.au

Darley Civic & Community Hub:

182 Halletts Way, Darley

Lerderberg Library:

215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

Website: www.moorabool.vic.gov.au



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Program Guidelines

What is the Scotsburn Community Leadership Program?

The Scotsburn Community Leadership Program is a program aimed at building the capacity of participants to become leaders within their local neighbourhoods, acting as community mentors with a focus on leadership skills, fire preparedness training, promoting wellbeing and connection. The program is looking to involve a range of age groups and individuals from across the fire affected communities from the Scotsburn Fires in 2015.

What will you do as part of the Scotsburn Community Leadership Program?

You will take part in a unique learning program that will challenge you on many levels and provide opportunities to extend yourself personally. More specifically it will allow you to:

- grow your leadership skills,
- grow your connections in the community,
- be part of a project to develop and implement the “Fire Game” to the Affected Communities
- share your stories and experiences.

The program will also explore:

Leadership styles

Self-awareness

High value conversations

Project planning and managing time effectively

Making the right decisions

Fire Preparedness Training

The importance of a positive mindset

You will visit a number of different sites throughout the Fire affected communities, hearing from agencies and organisations about current issues and exciting initiatives.

Who should consider applying?

To be eligible to participate in the program you will:

- Live within the fire affected communities.
- Have some level of connection to a “community”.
- Be able to commit to attending two sessions per month (one full day session 9am-4pm and one night session 6:00pm-8:30pm) over a three month period (September to November).
- Have a passion for your local community and a vision to creating strong connections with individuals and groups within the community.
- Have a willingness and desire to develop your own personal leadership skills with the aim of using these skills positively within your local communities.

We are looking to involve a range of age groups in the program and we are also hoping to involve individuals who have different levels of involvement in their community. You might have been involved in your local sporting or craft group for many years or you might be new to the area and are wondering how to become more involved in your community. You might be looking to develop yourself personally and professionally or you might just be looking for a way to keep active, healthy and connected! If you are even a little bit interested in the program you should put in an application. This is guaranteed to be a challenging and rewarding experience, and an opportunity not to be missed!

Over a 3 month period, you will be required to attend 3 full day sessions (9am-4pm) and 3 night sessions (6pm-8:30pm). While we realise that this might be challenging for those in paid employment, consider discussing the benefits of the program with your employer. Involvement in Leadership Programs are often looked upon favourably by employers, and given that this program will be delivered together with the CFA and a registered training organisation, it is a winning combination. What an amazing opportunity for you, for your employer and your community and at no cost!

Why you should get involved?

We are very fortunate to be able to offer this program at no cost thanks to Emergency Management Victoria's National Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme, Moorabool Shire Council and the City of Ballarat. This is an incredible opportunity to be involved in a high quality leadership program that will not only look amazing on your CV, but will also benefit your community and your employer (for those in paid work). You will be guided through a comprehensive and tested program and will be exposed to learning opportunities not offered before.

How do I get involved in the SCLP?

It's very simple. All you need to do is complete a short application form that gives us an idea of who you are, your interests, experience, passions and connections within your community. "Your community" can be however you like to define it, for example it might be your school community, your sporting club, your writers group or your neighbourhood.

What are the timelines for applying and when will I know if I have been successful?

The timelines are as follows. Once the applications close, you will be contacted by telephone within a couple of days to confirm your application. You will know by September 5 if you have been successful in securing a place on the program and you will be notified by telephone.





Living with bushfire

COMMUNITY CONFERENCE **2017**

Friday 6 and Saturday 7 October 2017

Founders Hall, Federation University, Mount Helen Campus, Ballarat

Connect with us



Register your interest to Helen Wade h.wade@federation.edu.au

Preliminary notice of the 2017 conference

4th Living with Bushfire Community Conference 2017

Venue: Federation University Australia, Mt Helen Campus, Ballarat

Date: Friday 6 October and Saturday 7 October 2017

The Conference Message:

Safer together is a bushfire management approach that is effective in reducing bushfire risk and is driven by local knowledge and expertise. By bringing together the expertise of our land and fire managers together with the knowledge of local communities, effective and successful partnerships will be established. By bringing together the latest science, data and technology, and community expectations, this then enables actions to be targeted more effectively, reducing bushfire risk and protecting community safety and values.

Conference Attendees:

The fourth *Living With Bushfire Community Conference* provides a forum to build and share knowledge around bushfire management in Victoria. The conference has been very successfully held in eastern Victoria annually since 2014 and attracted an average of 300 attendees each year. Recognising the impact and importance of bushfire management in western Victoria, the 2017 conference will be held in Ballarat. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from leading emergency personnel, agency and industry experts, scientists, community emergency groups and community members to gain valuable insight and practical knowledge on bushfire risk. Community members will be encouraged to gain a greater understanding of bushfire risk and improve their bushfire knowledge at the fourth annual *Living with Bushfire Community Conference*.

Conference objectives:

- Share knowledge and create connections around living with bushfire
- Engage communities in all aspects of living with bushfire risk
- Highlight responsibilities associated with bushfire management

Conference scope:

The conference will be structured around three key strands each including a number of key themes. Within each strand, the PPRR (Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery) framework will be covered. The Strands and their Themes are:

Social – shared responsibility in living with bushfire

- Social research
- Community projects
- Community planning
- Bushfire education and engagement (schools and communities)
- Community response and recovery

Economic

- Economic research
- Insurance – before and after experience
- Small business
- Farming
- Other industry – wine, apiary, tourism, recreation

Environmental

- Modelling bushfire risk
- Fire ecology
- Fuel management
- Indigenous people's burning practices and knowledge – building it in