



FIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

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CORANGAMITE SHIRE



Bidge Boyd entertains the crowd at Terang.

BARBECUES BUILD BONDS

Shire residents gathered around the barbecue to thank everyone involved with the South West Fires in all capacities, during the emergency and during the subsequent recovery. About 120 people attended the barbecue in Cobden Apex Park on Sunday 16 September and 100 or so were at the Terang RSL Hall on Monday 17 September. Another 50 gathered in the park at Timboon on Saturday 22 and about 40 at Camperdown Golf Club on Sunday 23. The get-togethers were all great opportunities to relax and enjoy being part of the community.



BlazeAid volunteers Bert, Jim, and Cos.



BlazeAid camp co-ordinator Chris Male and Bazza at the Cobden barbecue.



Flynn Gurry plays at Cobden.

SMALL BUSINESS BUS

Whether you're planning, starting or growing your business, the Small Business Bus can help you to develop your business ideas and capabilities. Free 45-minute sessions are provided by an experienced business mentor. Sessions are available between 10 am and 4 pm and can be tailored to address the specific needs of your business. Please note that only one session is available for each business, and bookings are essential.

The on-board mentor can help you to identify a clear direction for your business, discuss key issues and priorities, and develop an action plan to achieve your goals.

- Wednesday 24 October, 88 High St, Terang
- Thursday 25 October, Curdie Street, Cobden
- Thursday 6 December, 35 High Street, Lismore

Please contact 13 22 15 for further information.

BLAZE Aid GIVE A FARMER A BREAK

BlazeAid is co-ordinating a program to match farming families with people or businesses offering a free holiday, house or apartment so farming families can get away for a bit of rest and recreation. Register at giveafarmerabreak.blazeaid.com.au to gain access to a secure cyberspace room where you can arrange a well-earned break.

FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE- FARMER SUPPORT

FHA gives farmers and their families the time and financial support they need to decide what's best for their future.

Recent changes announced by the PM include the following-

- Increase in the assets threshold from \$2.6m to \$5m.
- Hardship supplement up to the value of \$12,000 for a household
- Extension of the program from 3 to 4 years.

We can support you to access these programs- don't self-assess. Contact RFCS now, 1300735578 or www.wswrcs.com.au



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A new beginning



Maree and Phil Beasley and their four kids are watching their new home take shape. It's the second time in five years they have built on their hobby farm, just east of Terang.

"We were lucky in some ways that we had only recently built," Maree said. "We knew what we wanted and have tweaked a few things, but are essentially building the same house."

"With a lot of help from family, friends and local tradesman things are progressing really well
"We hope to be in the house within 12 months of the fire."

LOOK OVER THE FARM GATE

Look Over the Farm Gate is a wellbeing initiative which provides grants for community events and training for local champions to recognise and respond to distress. It encourages rural communities to look out for one another, promote social inclusion, create awareness about mental health, and reduce the impact it has on rural communities. Online applications are open at lookoverthefarmgate.org.au.

FREE BBQ WITH SAM

KEKOVICH

The Community for South West Farmers and Volunteers is putting on a comedy and family fun night at the Five Start Function Centre in Camperdown on Friday 12 October. There will be a free food and drinks, sports stars to meet, and activities for the kids. Entry is free for farmers, volunteers and their families. Doors open at 6:30 pm for a 7 pm start.

MELBOURNE CUP GALA

FUNDRAISER

The Camperdown Turf Club will raise funds to help revegetate the Camperdown Sporting Complex and Golf Club area at its Melbourne Cup Tour gala dinner on Saturday 13 October. Racing royalty Des Gleeson and Georgia Connolly will be the Cup ambassadors and the trophy will be on display at the three-course function at the Camperdown Golf Club. Get your tickets at geebeesmedia.com.au.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mental Health Services: ...1800 808 284
beyondblue:.....1300 22 4636
Lifeline:13 11 14
Kid's Helpline:.....1800 55 1800
MensLine:1300 78 9978
Nurse on Call:1800 02 2222
www.blackdoginstitute.org.au

EVENTS

Waking the Giants Friday 12 Sunday 14 Mount Elephant Visitor Centre, Hamilton Highway, Derrinallum

Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour Saturday 13 October, Theatre Royal, Camperdown Showgrounds, Camperdown Golf Club

Camperdown Show Saturday 13 October, Camperdown Showgrounds

Rock the Clock Thursday 18 - Sunday 21 October, Camperdown

Girls Night In for Camperdown Hospital Cancer Care Tuesday 16 October 6pm Showcase Jewellers

Cobden Spring Festival Friday 19 - Sunday 21 October

Webber and Chivell Annual Fun Run/ Walk Sunday 21 October, register at Cobden Tech gym 8 am - 8:30am

Terang Arts Show Friday 26- Sunday 28 October Terang College

KC18 music festival Friday 26-Sunday 28 October Kennedy's Creek

VicMow and Camperdown College Mowdown Saturday 27 October Frederick Street Oval

An Evening of Celtic Music Saturday 27 October, McBlues Band, TriGuthan The B's, Ryan Sisters, 7:30 pm Timboon Hall. Tickets \$30 at Changing Seasons. Ph Enid 0447 983 296

Sister in Sync art exhibition Saturday 27- Sun 28, St Pauls Hall Church Street Camperdown, 10 am - 4:30 pm

Planning an event? Tell us on 5593 7100 or shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au