

**Dandenong Ranges Community Bushfire Group Inc,
Invitation to:**

“52 Hot Spots” Community Rally

SUPPORTING the IMPLEMENTATION OF FORMAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES of last resort

THIS BUSHFIRE SEASON

Funding, Resourcing and COMMITMENT is needed from VIC Government NOW!

We are calling on all residents, agencies and community representatives in high risk bushfire areas for support in asking the State Government to show us the leadership we need.

**TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER from 1PM
ON THE STEPS OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE
SPRING STREET, MELBOURNE**

WEAR RED TO SHOW THAT NSP'S ARE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Take action now to show you support the safety of your local community!

RALLY OBJECTIVE

Although leaving early, or the night before on high risk days is the best option for safety of residents in high risk areas, formal Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSP's) of last resort are wanted and needed by high risk bushfire communities, as per the Recommendation of the Interim Report of the 2009 Bushfires Royal Commission - as last resort safety options for this fire season.

We need the process to be transparent so we know why sites pass or fail, leadership from our government to provide liability cover, financial support and other resources to local councils to ensure this happens NOW. Only \$7,000 was allocated per council and does not even touch the sides of what is needed.

Councils are already financially burdened and under resourced, particularly fire affected councils and it is imperative they receive the support they need to provide assistance for plan B,C or D options to the residents, visitors and tourists in the area.

Fires happen on lesser risk days when people may not have relocated.

Road structures in many areas do not support mass evacuation.

The last place you should be in an emergency is in your car.

If formal NSP's exist in other states (NSW has a considerable number 300+ designated already) – why has this not happened here in Victoria, one of the highest risk bushfire areas in the world?

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/breaking-news/government-shirked-bushfire-responsibilities/story-e6frf7jx-1225806394208>

<http://news.theage.com.au/breaking-news-national/victorians-await-bushfiresafe-areas-20091201-k3n4.html>

<http://free-press-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/dandenong-ranges-bushfire-group-demand-safer-places/>

For more information, please contact the President of the Dandenong Ranges Community Bushfire Group Inc, Ms. Jo Hirst on 0427 494 831

Please RSVP to rsvp@drdbg.org.au for you seats on the bus to be secured, or meet us at Parliament House at 1PM on the 8th Dec 2009 See below list of 52 HOT SPOT TOWNS INVITED TO COMMUNITY RALLY AT STATE PARLIAMENT

52 HOT SPOT TOWNS INVITED TO COMMUNITY RALLY AT STATE PARLIAMENT	
8th December 2009 at 1pm on the steps of Parliament House, Spring St, Melbourne	
HOT SPOT TOWNS	LOCAL COUNCIL
ANDERSONS INLET (INVERLOCH/VENUS BAY/WARATAH BAY/WALKERVILLE)	BASS COAST SHIRE
AIREYS INLET (AIREYS INLET/MOGGS CREEK/FAIR HAVEN/BIG HILL)	SURF COAST SHIRE
ANGLESEA	SURF COAST SHIRE
BARONGAROOK	COLAC OTWAY SHIRE
BARWON DOWNS	COLAC OTWAY SHIRE
BEMM RIVER	EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE
BENDIGO	CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
BLACKWOOD	MOORABOOL SHIRE
BLAIRGOWRIE	MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE
BOLWARRA	GLENELG SHIRE
BREAMLEA	CITY OF GREATER GEELONG
CANN RIVER	EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE
CARLISLE RIVER	COLAC OTWAY SHIRE
CASTLEMAINE	MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE
COCKATOO	CARDINIA SHIRE
CRESWICK	HEPBURN SHIRE
DANDENONG RANGES	YARRA RANGES SHIRE
DAYLESFORD	HEPBURN SHIRE
DEANS MARSH (BAMBRA/PENNYROYAL)	SURF COAST SHIRE
DEREEL	GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE
DUNKELD	SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE
EAGLEHAWK	CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
FORREST	COLAC OTWAY SHIRE
GEMBROOK	CARDINIA SHIRE
GREENDALE	MOORABOOL SHIRE
HALLS GAP	NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE
HEPBURN	HEPBURN SHIRE
JAN JUC (JAN JUC/BELLBRAE)	SURF COAST SHIRE
JUNORTOUN	CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
KANGAROO FLAT	CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
KAWARREN	COLAC OTWAY SHIRE
LAVERS HILL	COLAC OTWAY SHIRE
LOCH SPORT	WELLINGTON SHIRE
LORNE	SURF COAST SHIRE
MACEDON	MACEDON RANGES SHIRE
MAIDEN GULLY	CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
MALLACOOTA	EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE
MARENGO	COLAC OTWAY SHIRE
MT HELEN/MT CLEAR	CITY OF BALLARAT
MT MACEDON	MACEDON RANGES SHIRE
NELSON	GLENELG SHIRE
NOOJEE	BAW BAW SHIRE
NORTH WARRANDYTE	NILLUMBIK SHIRE
PETERBOROUGH	MOYNE SHIRE
RYE/ST ANDREWS	MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE
SANDY POINT	SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE
ST ARNAUD	NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE
STEIGLITZ	GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE
TRENTHAM	HEPBURN SHIRE
UPPER BEACONSFIELD	CARDINIA SHIRE
WARRANDYTE	CITY OF MANNINGHAM
WOODEND	MACEDON RANGES SHIRE
WYE RIVER (WYE RIVER/KENNET RIVER SEPERATION CREEK)	COLAC OTWAY SHIRE