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# *Beyond the Bushfires - Call for stories* rural women's NETWORK

The start of 2009 will go down in memory as one of the most tragic in the history of Victoria as bushfires swept across the state, leaving devastation in their wake. Now, we would like to capture the stories emerging of the extraordinary contributions that women are making to the rebuilding of these communities ... leading the way beyond the bushfires.

In its 75th edition the *Network* newsletter, published by the Rural Women's Network, will focus on what women – wherever they live in Victoria – are doing to help rebuild lives of those directly affected by the 2009 bushfires.

## **Who we would like to hear from**

We are particularly interested to hear from women living and working in the fire-affected areas, including Beechworth, Bendigo, Churchill, Horsham, Kinglake, Kilmore, Labertouche, and the areas in and around Marysville and Strathewen/St Andrews and Wilson's Prom.

We are also interested in hearing from other rural and metropolitan women who are involved in bushfire recovery activities.

## **Story ideas**

We are looking for inspiring, empowering and informative articles that tell the story of beyond the bushfires from a woman's perspective. A variety of themes will be covered: art, tourism, volunteering (fire, community organisations, hospitals, veterinary), shelter, conservation, how to keep history alive, fundraising efforts, the work of government and non-government, local government, schools, children, young people, partnerships formed with other Victorian women ....

As this is truly a women's community publication, writers with all levels of skills and experience are encouraged to send their submissions.

## **What you need to do**

- Submissions should be made by email or post and include your address and phone number.
- Your stories and letters must be written in the first person.
- Length: Maximum of 500 words – however, 250 – 300 words are preferred for articles; 100 words for letters.
- Photographs are welcome, (minimum 350dpi, jpg) in colour or black and white, as well as other artwork – along with captions / short descriptions of the idea behind the photograph / artwork.

**Deadline for submissions is Wednesday 15 July 2009.**

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*Please note: We will acknowledge the receipt of all submissions. We do our very best at Network to include as many articles as we can, however there is no guarantee that your article will be published. There is no payment for articles.*