

Mudgegonga & District Community Newsletter

AUTUMN 2010

Compiled by the Mudgegonga social group

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Mudgegonga Fire Brigade

Contact: Captain - Andrew Cross Ph: 5753 4424 or Secretary - Hugh Forrest Ph: 5753 4468

Autumn has arrived and with it comes the DSE burning season as evidenced by the burn-off at Mt. Stanley last Thursday. Other prescribed burns are planned when the "window of opportunity" presents itself.

Contact the DSE at Ovens or Beechworth or ring the Bushfire Information line on 1800 240 667 for any relevant information. Only ring 000 and report a fire if you can see flames and have accurate information on the location.

The cooler weather has been a great relief to us all and the green of late summer pasture and weed growth is very pleasant on the eye and good for the mind and soul.

A couple of reminders; check batteries in your smoke alarms and have a good look at chimneys and flues before lighting them when the first of the cold weather descends on us.

Cheers, Andrew Cross.

Mudgegonga Hall Committee

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every second month from 8pm at the Mudgegonga Hall. All welcome to the next committee meeting on Monday 29 March 2010 (brought forward due to Easter holidays). Contact President - Lynda Johnson Ph: 5753 4506 or Secretaries Neil Hodge & Trish Davies 5753 4590

In February the Alpine Shire announced the successful application for funding to upgrade the Mudgegonga Public Hall. A total of \$453,100 has been allocated for building works and administrative overheads. The committee, along with Drew Carey from the Alpine Shire is working on developing a leaflet to be distributed to all households containing general information outlining the renovation process and who's involved. This will be followed by three meetings at the hall. The first is an information session where we will update you on the project so far and let you know how you can be involved in this major opportunity for our community and then a further 2 meetings giving residents the opportunity to view and contribute to the draft plans. There will be more information on these meetings soon via email and in your letterbox.

A very warm welcome to our two new committee members, Nell Showers and Henry Brewer who were recently elected at a public meeting. Nell and Henry bring a wide range of skills to our committee and we look forward to working with them during this exciting period in the history of the Mudgegonga Hall.

Don't forget to stop and check out the notice board, we update it regularly and it's another way for us to let you know what's going on at the hall.

If you have any queries or would like to put forward any ideas contact:

Lynda: bleser@harboursat.com.au or Trish & Neil: neil-trish@bigpond.com

Mudgegonga Social Group

During 2009 the events group raised \$11,510 through donations and events to assist the hall committee achieve its strategic plan to upgrade the hall.

More recently, the events group has wound back from coordinating major fund raising events for the hall committee due to substantial funding now available for the hall upgrade from VBRRRA. We have also discarded the 'Events Group' title.

We plan to meet monthly for a coffee and will retain a focus on social activities in the district.

You are welcome to join us for a coffee at Barwidgee Lavender on Friday 9 April, 10.00am-12.00pm
714 Happy Valley Rd Rosewhite (Opposite the Homestead Estate B&B)

Contact - Debbi Ph: 5753 4581, Coral Ph: 5753 4557, Susan Ph: 5753 4483, Paula Ph: 5753 4547, Jacky Ph: 5753 4424

Mudgegonga Book Club - anyone interested?

Some finance is available from the Myrtleford Library to commence a book club if enough people in the district are interested. If you would like to be part of a local Book Club please contact:

Carol Forrest by **Fri 26 March** Ph: 57534478 or Mobile: 0421 277 619

Mudgegonga Landcare Group

Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month from 7.30pm at the Mudgegonga Hall. The next meeting will be held 7.30pm Wed 7 Apr (moved to Wed due to Easter weekend). All welcome. Contact President - Loretta Carroll Ph: 5753 4529 or Secretary - Cindy Lucas Ph: 5153 4539

The Mudgegonga Landcare Group has been fortunate to receive funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal for the establishment of an emergency communication network for Mudgegonga and Barwidgee using UHF radios. The radio network is intended to be used to improve communication between residents and emergency services and operate independently of power, land lines and mobile phones.

The grant has enabled us to purchase a UHF radio for every residence in the district to be provided on a loan basis to everyone who wishes to be included. Letters to residents have been distributed which outline how the system is to operate. **Radios have been purchased and will be available for distribution at the hall between 4-7pm on Mon 22 March.** Training will be provided for residents to operate the system which will be organized through a series of 'hubs'.

Landcare group activities:

- recently purchased a whiteboard made possible by the many generous donations received following the fires. It is kept at the hall and is available for all groups to use as required.
- held a Dung Beetle information evening at the Hall on 25 Feb. A few extra dung beetle monitoring stations were distributed, so hopefully we'll be able to gain a picture of the dung beetle activity in our valley.
- received a Caring for our Country Community Action Grant to eradicate blackberries on Murrays hill while access is possible after the fires. Contractors will commence work soon.

2010 Dates for your Diary

Everyone welcome to attend the final mass at the Catholic Church

After a meeting with some local residents involved in the caretaking of St John's Catholic Church, Mudgegonga, it was decided by the Bishop with consent of the community that the Church building and land is to be sold.

A final mass will be held at 12.30pm this coming Sunday 21st March joined by Bishop Joe Grech. This will be followed by a light lunch at the hall from 1.30-2pm onwards.

All residents of the Mudgegonga community are most welcome to attend the service. Please bring a salad or sweet/slice if you are able to join us for lunch.

Contact Julie Carroll for further information Ph: 5753 4535

Change of date for - Women Gathering After Fires day at Rosewhite

The workshop has been changed to Friday 16 April from 10.30am to 3.00pm at the Rosewhite Hall. All welcome and please RSVP to register your attendance

For more information visit www.wealth.com.au/women_gathering_after_fires.html

Or contact Julie Tyler, Women's Health Goulburn North East Ph: 5722 3009 or Jane Carney Ph: 5753 5207

- Monday 22 Mar **Radio distribution by Mudgegonga Landcare Group - 4-7pm**
At the Mudgegonga hall. All interested persons welcome.
Contact Cindy Lucas Ph: 5753 4539
- Monday 29 Mar **Mudgegonga Hall Committee meeting - 8pm**
To be held at the Mudgegonga hall. All welcome to attend.
Contact Lynda Ph: 5753 4506
- Wednesday 7 Apr **Mudgegonga Landcare Group - 7.30pm**
All welcome to attend the monthly meeting at the hall.
Contact Loretta Ph: 5753 4529
- Friday 9 Apr **Mudgegonga Social Group morning coffee - 10am**
All welcome to attend a morning coffee at Barwidgee Lavender, 714 Happy Valley Rd, Rosewhite. Contact Deb Ph: 5753 4581 or Coral Ph: 5753 4557
- Tuesday 4 May **Mudgegonga Landcare Group - 7.30pm**
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