



## Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the Callignee Community Centre newsletter. This project is all about working with the community to design a multipurpose facility that will meet the needs of the community to replace the former Callignee Hall that was destroyed in the Black Saturday fires. This newsletter is one of the tools used to keep the community informed on exactly where this project is at, as well as give all members of the community an opportunity to comment and be involved in this important project.

## Community Reference Group

A community reference group has been established to provide a consultative forum that can effectively communicate the needs of the wider community for the duration of this project. The community reference group is being chaired by Gonyah Ward Councillor Ed Vermeulen, and has representation from the Callignee organisations that will utilise the new facility, as well as two Callignee residents. The community reference group members are;

<b>Rudi Bence</b>	CATS Cricket Club
<b>Anita Charles</b>	Callignee Playgroup
<b>Leanne Crowe</b>	Callignee Resident
<b>Paul Crowe</b>	Hall Committee
<b>Ian Ewart</b>	Callignee CFA
<b>Kurt Loechenhoff</b>	Callignee Resident
<b>Jon Missen</b>	Traralgon Sth & District Assoc.
<b>Mardi Symons</b>	Country Women's Assoc.

Members of any of the above groups or any members of the community are encouraged to contact one of the nominated representatives who will be in a position to provide feedback on this project, and will also pass on any ideas or information to the community reference group meetings.

## The damaged oak tree

Latrobe City arborists have been to the Callignee Hall site to assess the oak tree that was severely damaged

during the fires. The southern most oak tree that has split down one side will have a cable inserted through the split, to hopefully assist in repairing it. Thanks to Anita Charles who has been caring for the oak trees.

## Designing the new building

Latrobe City Council have recently appointed Design Urban and Blomquist and Wark Architects to work with the community to design the new Callignee Community Centre. To initiate the design process, a workshop was held at the Traralgon South Community Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> of May that was open to members of the public. This was the first chance for the community to meet with the consultants and describe exactly what they would like see included in the new facility. Each user group was asked to list their specific needs and requirements for the new hall, which included;

1. A hall capable of seating 100 people (150m<sup>2</sup>)
2. Foyer or entrance to the hall
3. 2 X meeting rooms (each about 25m<sup>2</sup> or 20m<sup>2</sup>)  
To have soft and hard floors for playschool use
4. Large kitchen (30m<sup>2</sup>)
5. Smaller tea kitchen near playschool
6. Toilets with showers and external access
7. Dedicated toilets for playschool (Children size)
8. Cricket change rooms and toilet with verandah facing the oval
9. Storage

## Community Meeting

Come along and take the opportunity to view and make comment on the draft plans of the new Callignee Community Centre.

<b>Date:</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> of May 2009
<b>Time:</b>	7.00pm to 9.00pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Cats Cricket Club, Cats Drive, Traralgon South



Draft Floor Plan



10. Small library area (In meeting rooms) with broadband access
11. Recycling areas
12. Covered walkways

At this meeting the community we asked to answer several questions relating to this project, including

### What did you like about the old hall?

- Character of the old hall
- The oak trees
- The timber floor
- The traditional look of the old hall
- The big kitchen
- The size and scale of the old hall
- Parking facilities
- The recycling activities at hall

### What would you change about the old hall?

- The new hall needs to be bigger
- More storage needed
- The views need to be appreciated from the hall
- Disabled access needs to be provided
- Better access to and from the kitchen
- Better lighting
- The acoustics need to be improved
- Two small meeting rooms are required.

### What amazing new feature would you like to see in the new hall?

- Timber ceilings and character
- A stage with a projector
- Stained glass window
- Solar or geothermal heating and cooling
- Shutters for fire
- LEDs for toilets to allows use at all times of the day or night
- Outdoor protection from the sun for the children
- Verandahs on the west to overlook the oval
- Avenue of oaks
- Alfresco area for barbecues
- Energy-efficient design

- High quality venue for music
- Internet access
- Memorial or Rotunda
- Contemporary architecture
- Showers
- Relocate Neaves Road

With this information in hand, the consultants developed a draft concept of a proposed building and presented this to the community at a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2009. The initial plans show the relocation of Neaves Road, a possible floor plan and a sketch of how the building may look. These plans are the initial concept only, with the consultants now spending further time on developing this concept.

A more detailed plan will be presented to the community at a meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2009 at the Cats Cricket Club, Cats Drive, Traralgon South.

## How to get involved

Latrobe City is committed to ensuring that all members of the community are informed, or have the opportunity to provide feedback about this project. Multiple forms of communication will be used, and will include;

1. Regular Callignee Community Centre Newsletters being distributed throughout the community
2. Community Reference Group meetings
3. Placement of a noticeboard at the Callignee Hall site
4. Suggestion boxes placed at the Callignee Hall site
5. Public display of all plans allowing the community to comment on the proposed facility
6. Contacting the Latrobe City project manager, Damian Blackford directly.

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