



Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Callignee Community Hub project newsletter. This newsletter is designed to keep all key stakeholders and members of the community informed of exactly what is going on with the Callignee Community Hub project, and also give all interested parties an opportunity to provide feedback or offer their ideas on this project.

A Community Hub?

This project has been initiated by the loss of the Callignee Hall in the recent fires that had a devastating impact on Callignee, and other areas around Victoria. It is intended to replace the Callignee Hall with multi-use facility to be constructed to specifically meet the needs of several community groups, the Callignee CFA and the wider Callignee community. The "Callignee Community Hub" title represents this project only, and during this project the Callignee community will assist in actually naming the new building.

The Premier of Victoria

During a recent visit to Callignee, Victorian Premier John Brumby committed to assisting the Callignee community in replacing the town hall and fire station. "The Callignee Fire Station and Town Hall are vital pieces of community infrastructure and our government is committed to helping to rebuild them" Mr Brumby said.

Who will be involved?

Representatives from Latrobe City Council, various state government departments and the CFA have been meeting regularly to progress the Callignee Community Hub project. Latrobe City has been nominated by this group to lead the project on behalf of the Callignee community. A detailed project plan has been developed

for this project to ensure that it is completed and ready for opening by the target date of January 26th 2010.

A Project Control Group (PCG) has been established to ensure this project progresses on schedule. Representatives from Latrobe City Council, the state government departments of Regional Development Victoria (RDV), Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD), Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and the CFA will be meeting regularly to ensure a coordinated governmental approach to this project.

In addition to the PCG, we are in the process of establishing a Community Reference Group (CRG). The purpose of the CRG is to provide a consultative forum that can effectively communicate the needs of the Callignee community during the design and development of the new Callignee Community Hub. The CRG will be chaired by the Latrobe City Gunyah Ward Councillor, Cr Ed Vermeulen.



Victorian Premier John Brumby at Callignee



Each organisation will have one representative on the CRG. The group will be made up of Callignee residents, and representatives of the following organisations

- Callignee CFA
- Callignee Country Women's Association
- Callignee Hall Committee
- Callignee Playgroup
- CATS Cricket Club
- Traralgon South & District Association

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Become involved

We are also seeking expressions of interest from residents of Callignee who would like to be involved on the CRG. There are positions on the CRG for two residents. If you would like to be involved, please contact Damian Blackford.

Community engagement

Latrobe City Council is committed to engaging the community through consultative decision making processes. We acknowledge and value input from people who have a stake and interest in issues affecting their lives. Throughout all stages of this project, we will engage the community to ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved for the community of Callignee.

Designing the building

It is Latrobe City's intention to engage a consultant to commence the design phase of this project. The project

brief has been developed to attract a consultant with a range of skills, to assist in the process being as efficient as possible. The key objectives of the consultants brief are;

- Facilitate the community consultation process with the Callignee community in accordance with the agreed community consultation plan
- Identify the most appropriate location of the new Callignee community hub within the recreation reserve and former hall precinct to best serve the needs of the Callignee community;
- Design of the new integrated facility in conjunction with the Callignee community;
- Develop the detailed tender documentation (AS4000) and drawings for the construction of the building in preparation for a public tender process;
- Project manage the construction contractor during construction of the building

It is expected that the consultant will be appointed towards the end of this month and will commence works immediately.

Want more information?

To join our mailing list or if you have any comments or questions relating to this project, please contact Damian Blackford on 5128 5307 or damianbl@latrobe.vic.gov.au