



Welcome

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Callignee Community Centre newsletter. The new Callignee Community Centre replaces the former Callignee Hall, fire station and school that were destroyed in the Black Saturday fires. This newsletter is one of the tools used to keep the community informed on the status of the project, as well as give all members of the community an opportunity to comment and be involved in this important project.

The Callignee Community Centre

The new Callignee Community Centre includes a community hall with stage, large kitchen, and external doors which open up onto a large patio that faces north and looks out over the oak trees. There is also a foyer, amenities and a large meeting room with kitchenette and storage. The CFA building is linked to the building by a fully enclosed walkway. The new cricket pavilion joins the main building by an undercover walkway, with direct access to the oval, cricket change room and amenities, and houses the public toilet facility. An artist's impression and floor plan drawing have been included in this newsletter.

Engagement Methods

The community consultation for this project has been extensive and has included:

- Forming a Community Reference Group (CRG). The last CRG meeting was held on Tuesday 19th January 2010. A range of topics were discussed by the group. The CRG members can be contacted for further information if required.
The members are:

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

- Design workshops held by the architect in May 2009
- Establishment of community newsletters.
- Public meetings to display and discuss concept plans July 2009.
- A Project Control Group (PCG) was established to ensure this project progresses on schedule. Representatives from Latrobe City Council, the state government departments of Regional Development Victoria, Department of Planning and Community Development, Department of Sustainability and Environment and the CFA have met regularly to ensure a coordinated governmental approach to this project.
- Establishment of Callignee Community Centre web page on www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

Project Update

Premiers Visit/ Sod Turning

To mark the beginning of the construction phase of this project Premier John Brumby "turned the first sod" at the site on Sunday 31st January, with the help of some of the younger locals who weren't afraid to get their hands dirty!





The building

Macalister Constructions were awarded the contract for the construction of the new Community Centre. Macalister commenced on site in early February and expect to have all footings and the concrete slab completed by the end of March.

Road and Car parks

The former Callignee Hall and old school building were separated from the community oval by Old Callignee Road. This separation of facilities created a dangerous mix of pedestrians and traffic during large community events. The realignment of Old Callignee Road will maximise the amount of public open space around the new facility. The new car park was completed in early February. The new road is due to be sealed at the end of February.

Neighbours

On the 14th November 2009 around 170 residents from Callignee, Koornalla, Traralgon South and the surrounding area all made the trip by bus to the Neighbours studio in Nunawading. Once they arrived they were provided food and entertained by clowns, balloon artists, magicians and even some of the cast got involved in the entertainment.



There were plenty of photo opportunities and the cast and crew were more than happy to sign photos and chat with whoever approached them.



There were guided tours throughout the studio and outdoor sets and the day concluded with an extremely generous donation from Fremantle Media Australia. The donation of \$25,000 was raised by the cast and crew of Neighbours and was accepted by Councilor Ed Vermeulen to put towards the Callignee Community Centre.

Our thanks go out to the cast and crew of Neighbours for this outstanding show of support and encouragement to our community – well done and thanks.





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