



### Welcome

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Callignee Community Centre newsletter. The Callignee Community Centre is currently under construction and will 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 the status of the project, as well as give all members of the community an opportunity to comment and be involved in this project.

### The Callignee Community Centre

The new Callignee Community Centre includes a community hall with stage area, large kitchen, and external doors opening up onto a large patio that faces north and looks out over the surviving oak trees. There is also a foyer, amenities and a large community 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.

### Project Update

All of the concrete and footings have been poured. The CFA building and cricket pavilion block work and roof trusses have been completed. All of the structural steel has been installed and the timber frames and roof trusses are 90% complete to the main building. Installation of roof cladding to the Community Hall and Meeting room has commenced and is expected to be completed by early June.



← **22 April 2010**  
View of Community Hall looking towards the oval  
↓ **19 May 2010**  
View of Community Hall from Oval (West)



**19 May 2010-** View of Hall and amenities from South/West



## Alstom

Alstom is an international company with a workshop in Morwell and employs around 600 people in Australia, 100 of which are employed in the local area. The company design, builds, operates and maintains power and transport infrastructure in over 70 countries around the world, and has been in Australia for over 120 years.

The Alstom Foundation was established in 2007 and supports a wide range of initiatives all designed to support communities committed to improving and preserving their environment by:

- providing funding for local projects
- supporting global actions at Sector and Group level.

Alstom in Australia is contributing to the community of Callignee in Victoria by supporting a sustainable project: The Callignee Community Hall Redevelopment. Alstom's contribution will ensure that the Community Centre is more eco-friendly and sustainable.

As part of its support for the Callignee Community Centre, Alstom committed to provide funding for solar panels, solar hot water systems, grey water systems and other environmentally conscious technologies. The final scope will be defined by mid 2010.

A video of the ground breaking session with the Premier is available on [www.alstom.com.au](http://www.alstom.com.au) under the 'Community and Environment' section.

## Hall Committee

The process of appointing a hall committee for the new facility has now commenced. The process involves Council being appointed committee of management by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), and then appointing a new hall committee to oversee the day to day use of the hall, kitchen and meeting rooms. An expression of interest will be advertised in the near future requesting interested community members to nominate for

the committee. If you would like any further information on this process, please contact Kirsty Quail on (03) 5128 5799.

## Community Reference Group

A Community Reference Group (CRG) was established to provide a consultative forum that can effectively communicate the needs of the wider community for the duration of this project. The last CRG meeting was held on the 27 April 2010. The CRG members can be contacted for further information if required.

The CRG 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>Jon Missen</b>	Traralgon Sth & District Assoc.
<b>Mardi Symons</b>	Country Women's Assoc.

## Naming the new hall

At the last Community Reference Group meeting the subject of naming the new hall was raised. The community will be given an opportunity to comment or put forward suggestions closer to the completion of construction of the building.

Although the project has been referred to as the Callignee Community Centre, the intention has always been for the community to name the new facility.

## Landscaping Ideas

The CRG has applied for an "Open Garden's Grant" to assist with the landscaping for the new community centre. The Victorian Bushfire Grants Fund has been established by Australia's Open Garden Scheme to support Victorian communities affected by bushfires. We would like to invite community members that would like to be involved in the landscaping project to contact members of the Community Reference Group.



### Art work

#### 'Yarning'

##### *Youth Mural Project*

A youth driven form of artwork has been proposed for the new Callignee Community Centre on completion of the building. Local Community Artist and Art Therapist, John Mutsaers through Centacare Gippsland plans to work with the local youth in giving expression to their experiences of living in the local area, their experiences with the fires and their hopes for the future. Further details of the project will be in the next newsletter, however if you are interested in being involved or would like further information please contact Jane Weekes at Centacare on (03)51 333180.

### Background on Significant Donations

Further to the \$2.5M contribution from the state and federal governments and \$390K contribution from Latrobe City Council we have been very fortunate to secure significant donations to assist in the construction of the Callignee Community Centre, including;

- \$165,000 from Alstom towards eco-friendly aspects of the building
- \$25,000 from Fremantle Media, who are the company that are responsible for the television show Neighbours. The Neighbours cast and crew also ran a community day for bushfire affected residents.
- Tasmanian Rotary are donating funds for a community BBQ area, including an electric BBQ and picnic tables.

### How to receive information

Latrobe City is committed to ensuring that all members of the community are informed about this project.

If you have any questions, comments or would like to view a large copy of the floor plan please don't hesitate to contact Damian Blackford on 5128 5307 or [damianbl@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:damianbl@latrobe.vic.gov.au)

