



2016 January Bushfire 1 Year Memorial Evening

On Saturday, 7th January 2017, a Yarloop Memorial Evening was held to acknowledge the first Anniversary of the January 2016 bushfires in Yarloop and surrounds. Approximately 300 people attended the event to acknowledge the death of local residents Les Taylor and Malcolm Taylor and remember the devastation experienced by the community. At the conclusion of the formal proceedings, a memorial seat was unveiled in memory of the two men. During the afternoon, the local bushfire brigade fire trucks travelled through the streets of Yarloop and did a circuit around the oval. A highlight of the evening were the kites flying in the breeze and the release of 100 white balloons that slowly drifted up into the blue sky to the sounds of 'Amazing Grace'. The Shire of Harvey would like to thank the Anniversary Working Group for their hard work in organising this event. Thank you also to the sponsors Lotterywest, Bendigo Bank, Alcoa, Harvey Beef, First Choice Meats, Harvey Water, Kite Kinetics, GCS, Toolin About Fabrication, Mike Lovitt, CPFS Emergency Services, Salvation Army & Red Cross for their support.



Yarloop Recovery Update

The Tox-free clean-up team has finished clearing private properties with only the Yarloop Workshop site left to complete. Due to the complexity of the site and the need to salvage items of heritage value, a firm timeline for the cleanup of the site is unknown at this stage.

The Shire has recently met with interested parties and will shortly appoint a consultant to formulate a new Town Development Plan for Yarloop. The priorities will include the rebuild of the Yarloop Fire Station and a multi-purpose Community Centre. Plans for the new fire station have been drafted and tenders will be invited once funding has been confirmed. Further developments include the rebuild of public toilets in One Tree Park which will commence in the near future.

Community consultation will be a critical part of the rebuild. If you have any questions or suggestions please email recovery@harvey.wa.gov.au and information will be forwarded to the Town Development Working Group.

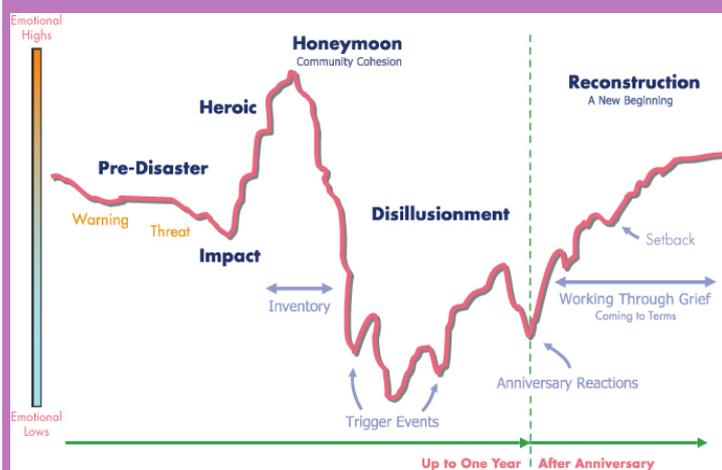
Community Events for 2017

- ⇒ **Cookernup Morning Tea** - Join the Cookernup crew on Wednesday mornings from **10.00am** at the Cookernup Hall for morning tea and great company.
- ⇒ **Yarloop Connect Luncheon** - Every Tuesday from **11.30am**, Red Cross with CPFS are holding a BBQ lunch at the old Yarloop Anglian Church Hall.
- ⇒ **Harvey Morning Tea** - Held on the first Thursday of the month at the Bushfire Recovery Centre hosts a morning tea, the next one is on **2nd February 2017** starting at 10am.
- ⇒ **Farmers Breakfast** - Held quarterly on the second Friday of the month. The next breakfast will be on the **10th March 2017** starting at 7.30am. Location to be confirmed - watch this space!



2017.. A New Beginning

As we close the door to 2016, and open the door to 2017 we begin a new chapter as past beginnings come to an end. Literature tells us we are entering the 'Reconstruction' stage of recovery. This phase may take years, otherwise known as long-term recovery. During this time support services begin to wind down and the media shift focus. The aim of the reconstruction phase is to assist communities to fully recover to pre-disaster levels. "Still Standing after a Crisis" is a video series by Dr Rob Gordon that provides professional advice in helping people deal with long-term recovery, please visit the Salvos website www.salvos.org.au or [Click Here](#) to view.



Preparing for a Power Outage

Despite Western Power's best efforts you may still lose power for extended periods during bushfire season. When there is a fault or other interference during a total fire ban Western Power has to wait for conditions to ease or the bans to be lifted before they can patrol the power line or attempt to restore power. This means you may be without power for an extended period of time, possibly until late in the evening.

Without power, you may not be able to operate cordless phones, automatic doors, water pumps and other electrical devices so it is important to have a backup plan.

Ways to stay aware and prepare:

- If you care for someone who is sick or elderly operate a business or you rely on electrical pumps for water, we recommend you maintain your own emergency electricity and water supply.
- If you have a generator, keep it fuelled and ready to operate.
- If you have automatic garage doors or gates, learn how to operate them manually before an outage occurs.
- Keep your mobile phone and other important devices charged up. Remember, you can recharge many devices in your car.
- Keep a torch and radio in an accessible place and have spare batteries on hand.
- If you don't have a surge protector, during an outage unplug sensitive appliances such as computers, TVs and sound systems to protect them when power is restored.
- Stay informed by checking for Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans by visiting www.dfes.wa.gov.au

After the Fire #2

A follow up workshop providing assistance in planning for bushfire risk and the next steps in productive landscape recovery after fire

This practical session will:

- Work through each individual attendee's property plans with a special eye to rebooting the farm landscape
- Assist you to gain an understanding about how to reactivate your landscape and farm enterprise following a fire
- Help you to understand how to apply the Rograrians Platform to future and current farm and enterprise planning
- Look at the property plans and approach taken by the participants of the previous workshop as case studies.

WHEN: 8th & 9th February 2017
VENUE: To be confirmed
DURATION: 2 day workshop (9am to 4pm)
COST: No cost to landowners

morning/afternoon tea & lunch provided

Places are limited, please register before the 3rd February by calling the PHCC on 6369 8800, or emailing admin@peel-harvey.org.au

Presenter

Darren J. Doherty from Rograrians Ltd will be the key deliverer for the sessions. Since 1993 Darren has worked as a farm planner in close to 50 countries, with much of this work being in the fire-prone mediterranean landscapes of the planet. He has nearly 2000 commercial clients and has helped many of these recover from fire and other catastrophes. Darren has also worked with a number of landholders in the coastal plain region of South West WA and understands the unique attributes of this landscape.

Please bring

- Your farm map (contour plan & aerial photo)
- Recent photos of your farm



Emergency Warnings

To keep up-to-date with bushfire warnings and alerts please visit the new Emergency WA website www.emergency.wa.gov.au that provides information on multi-hazards in a format that is easy to understand. Remember preparedness is everyone's responsibility.

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