



## Understanding fire in our landscape: a community conversation

12-13 November 2016, Newstead Community Centre

### *Program*

### **Saturday 12 November**

- 10am                    **Welcome to Country:** Trent Nelson and Mick Bourke  
**Introduction to our Community Conversation**
- Framing the questions**
- Short presentations on the key questions to be explored over the weekend
  - Speakers: Trent Nelson, Andrew Bennett, Joan Sartori & Sam Strong
- Planning the day**
- 11am                    *Morning tea, provided by Newstead Primary School*
- 11.30am                **Looking at the landscape: an exploration of places, values and perspectives.**  
Field trip by bus and shared cars to Mt Tarrengower and back through the Muckleford Forest looking at past fires, their impact, and ecological recovery. Experts will guide you through a learning journey. Speakers include Peter Skilbeck, Paul Bates, David Cheal, Tanya Loos, Andrew Bennett, Geoff Park, and others.  
*BYO lunch to eat on the trip.*  
Returning to the Community Centre by 3.00pm.
- 11.30 to 3.30pm              **Activities in the Community Centre**
- **Recording stories of fire:** the local history of fire and fire activities/events – with Gordon Dowell
  - **Creating a timeline** – local events, fire stories, brigade stories – set on a timeline from then to now
  - **Mapping values** – what is it that you love in town or out there – pin your ‘heart places’ on a map and share what makes it special for you
  - **What worries me is ...?** Add your fears, issues and worries to our graffiti wall
- 3.00pm                    *Afternoon tea, provided by Newstead Primary School*
- 3.30pm                    **Sharing stories**  
Come together to share what we have experienced – in the field or in the hall
- 4.30pm                    Close for the day – an invitation to return on Sunday

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## Sunday 13 November

10.00am *Hall opens. Come in for a cuppa and morning tea to start the day, provided by Newstead Primary School*

10.30am **Focusing on risk**

What are the risks in our landscape? This session will present a range of different perspectives on landscape scale risk assessment, community perceptions of risk, and fire and our local vegetation. Speakers: Alison Boak (DELWP), Steve Pascoe and David Cheal.

### **Looking locally**

What are the risks for Newstead and Maldon – and everywhere in between? Are the risks the same or quite different? Speakers include: Doug Richardson (Newstead Fire Brigade), with Luke Ryan (Mount Alexander Shire) and Eain McRae (Vegetation Management Officer, CFA)

A word from Maldon & District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank)

12.45 *Lunch: Catered by The Newstead Men's Shed and Community Garden: free for all participants*

1.30 **Rethinking fire at a landscape scale**

Taking what we have heard over the two days, how can we rethink 'fire' at a landscape-scale, not just as a threat to a house or a town?

What might we do differently?

What have we learnt? What are we puzzled by?

This session will be facilitated by Jinette de Gooijer, with contributions from a variety of experts – and everyone in the room.

3.00 **Where to from here?**

A summary of ideas and possible actions.

3.20 **Drawing to a close**

- Thanks to all our supporters and helpers
- Thanks to everyone who participated.