



## Community Information Newsletter Number 11 Latrobe Valley Open Cut Mine Fire

### HAZELWOOD OPEN CUT MINE FIRE

The fire is controlled, which means the complete perimeter of the fire is secured and no breakaway is expected. Hotspots are also being monitored and extinguished with specialist equipment. Fire Services Commissioner Craig Lapsley has advised that 'over the next 10 days firefighters will continue to work with the mine staff to secure and maintain fire areas, and to respond to any small pockets of heat or smoke that occur'.

### FACE MASKS

It's important to note that face masks only come in one size so be aware children may find them difficult to fit and wear properly. Please visit the website to get more information. [www.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.health.vic.gov.au)

### FREE VLINE TRANSPORT

Morwell residents are able to get free transport on 18 return train services between Morwell and Melbourne each weekday.

If you are interested in taking up the offer, you can get a free ticket from the VLine staff at the Morwell Station. For further information, please contact **1800 800 007**.



### INFORMATION SESSIONS AT MORWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Weekly information sessions regarding the fire situation and the health implications.

#### **Dates:**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 11am**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 11am**



Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

For further information contact the Morwell Neighbourhood House on **5134 5488**

### COMMUNITY VACUUM CLEANERS AVAILABLE TO BORROW

Vacuums have purchased several HEPA vacuum cleaners (cleaners that have filters which are made specifically for vacuuming small particles). If you are interested in borrowing one of these to clean around your home, you are able to get them at the following locations:

- Morwell Neighbourhood House
- Pro Rent
- Berry Street
- Men's Shed, Morwell
- Salvation Army, Morwell

**Wellbeing Pamper Day**  
**25 Minute Sessions\***  
**FREE** Massage  
Kinesiology  
Reflexology  
Reiki  
Energy Clearing Patterns  
and much more..

For people affected by recent fires and smoke  
\*max. 2 sessions per person  
Morwell Neighbourhood House  
48 - 50 Beattie Crescent  
Morwell  
Friday 21st March 2014  
1pm - 5pm  
Call Samantha 0427-824-722  
[www.soroptimistinternational.org](http://www.soroptimistinternational.org)

### UPDATE ON SCHOOLS

Commercial Road Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School remain closed, with students and staff relocated to schools in Moe and Newborough. All other Morwell schools remain open.

Majority of early childhood services have relocated to locations outside of Morwell.

It is important that parents should continue to send their children to school or their early childhood program as usual.

Parents should tell their school or early childhood service if their child will be absent.

### BUSINESS RELIEF FUND

The State Government, Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI) has established the VECCI Morwell Business Relief Fund (VMBRF) to provide short term financial support for small businesses impacted by the Morwell Mine Fire.

The Fund will provide support to Morwell township small businesses that are reliant on local trade and are suffering loss of income as a result of the smoke and ash associated with the Morwell Mine Fire.

For further information and to download the application form visit <http://www.vecci.org.au/policyandadvocacy/Morwell-fire>

