



The Beyond Bushfires surveys are now well underway. Letters asking people to participate have been sent to all those on the electoral roll in participating communities.

If you have already completed the survey, we would like to take the opportunity to say a massive thank-you for taking the time to complete this. We know that it is quite a lengthy process, but the results that we obtain will be very important, not only for your community but to increase our knowledge about supporting recovery for all communities that experience a disaster.

However, for the research to really make a difference, we still need more people to participate. So we are asking for your help once more – to encourage your friends and family members to also complete the survey if they have not done so already and to forward this message to anyone that is currently a resident of one of our communities or was in 2009.

We would love to hear what they have to say – whether positive or negative. So that we can include all voices within our study. It would be great if you could send this to neighbours, friends, family, sporting clubs, or any other networks to which you belong.

If you have not yet completed the survey yourself, we especially invite you to be part of our research into looking at communities medium to long term after a disaster. Your voice is particularly important to us, we want to hear what you have to say about what is going on in your community now. The survey takes most people 30-40 minutes to complete.

Everyone living in the selected communities (please see list below) now and everyone who was living there at the time of the 2009 bushfires, can take part in the study.

Unfortunately we are not able to include all bushfire-affected communities in the study; however we have sought to include people who have and have not been affected by fires to get a full understanding of impacts and experiences.

List of communities involved in our study:

Dixons Creek, Steels Creek, Kinglake, Kinglake Central, Pheasant Creek, Kinglake West, Mudgegonga, Dederang, Kancoona, Bruarong, Glen Creek, Gundowring, Running Creek, Rosewhite, Callignee, Koornalla, Axedale, Marysville, Buxton, Taggerty, Narbethong, Granton, Tallarook, and Eildon.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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