



Dear All,

Do you live in **West Bendigo**? Want to assist your community in medium to long term recovery after the bushfires?

Are you a resident of Darnum? Are you confused about why you should be involved because the fire didn't directly go through your town? We would like you to be involved, as many people still felt under threat. The study will be looking at your community as a rural town and trying to discover issues you face and compare them to bushfire affected towns. Were you living in West Bendigo or Darnum in February 2009? We warmly invite you to become involved along with current residents. **To become involed email Elyse snowdone@unimelb.edu.au or call 1800 020 727**

Letters have been sent to every household in West Bendigo and Darnum inviting residents to participate. If you haven't received a letter please contact us.

The rest of the study will commence after the summer period (around March 2012) and involve the following communities:

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

Yarra Ranges – Lisa & Elyse met with the Shire of Yarra Ranges Bushfire Recovery Network Team. This was a great way for us to get an idea of what is going on in regards to Bushfire Recovery in this local area.

Darnum - We had a great visit with some community leaders in the Darnum community. It was great to discuss our project and have assistance with starting up recruiting people to complete the first stage of our study in this town before the end of the year.

West Bendigo – We visited local community centres and a local shop to put up flyers about our project and are in regular contact with the *Bendigo Bushfire Recovery Steering Group*.

Kind regards,

The Beyond Bushfires team



Our website is now up and running:

www.beyondbushfires.org.au

Further, you can now find 'Beyond Bushfires' on Facebook and Twitter. Check out these pages for regular project updates and send us your thoughts/comments.

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