



ALIA DISASTER RECOVERY

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May 2010 project summary

After the bushfires



- Libraries as safe havens
- Libraries as community resources
- The return of mobile libraries, a cause for celebration
- ALIA helping people to Rebuild with Books
 - Fundraising
 - Dealing with donations
- Guidance for disaster planning for libraries

Library, book and arts organisations working together to Rebuild with Books





Report
**ALIA Disaster Recovery
Project**

Bespoke Results



Local Victorian bushfire initiatives led by Yarra Plenty
Regional Library Service - <http://bacwiki.wikidot.com>

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Australian Booksellers Association
Australian Library & Information
Association
Australian Publishers Association
Friends of Libraries Australia
Public Libraries Victoria Network
School Library Association of Victoria
State Library of Victoria
The Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction
and Recovery Authority

Bushfires swept across Victoria in February 2009. Homes were destroyed and thousands of books turned to ash. The ALIA Disaster Recovery project was set up and Yarra Plenty Regional Library led the initiative, distributing an emergency stock of second-hand books to families left homeless by the blaze.

Many libraries asked what they could contribute. Then, there was little anyone outside the affected area could do. Now, there is the chance to be part of a nationwide library campaign Rebuilding with Books, providing new books for families with empty bookshelves.

Between 24 and 31 October, 2009, we are asking libraries to hold a booksale or some other fundraising activity to raise money for bushfire affected communities.

Our target is to provide every household with a voucher to purchase one new book for their home.

Posters and other promotional materials will be available soon to download from the ALIA website.

Contact ALIA's Disaster Recovery Project Manager (see panel) to register.

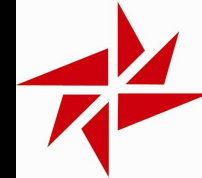
Decide your fundraising activity – a booksale or some other event for staff and/or the public.

Start planning your event.

Please help us provide families with a special Christmas present, the gift of new books.



AUSTRALIAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION



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Fundraising to help people replace their book collections at home



HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOUR ENTIRE COLLECTION OF BOOKS WENT UP IN FLAMES?

More than 4800 people are still rebuilding their lives after the Victorian bushfires

As a booklover, you know how important your own personal collection of books is in making your house a home. The victims of the February bushfires in Victoria lost not only their houses, but everything that made them into a home.

In the immediate aftermath of the fires, basic necessities were the priority. Now that people are rebuilding their homes and their lives, they need your support to help them rebuild with books.

Would you like to help these people rebuild in a personal way? It's simple!

>>> Just purchase a gift voucher here at your favourite bookshop and it will be forwarded to a person affected by the bushfires <<<

The Australian Booksellers Association, in conjunction with the Australian Library and Information Association and the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, led by former Victoria Police Commissioner Christine Nixon, are sponsoring this campaign.

Your donation will be tracked and administered to bushfire-affected families by the VBRRA, whose role is to coordinate donations and work with donors to maximise the positive impact your donation will have.

Vouchers are available in these denominations: \$10, \$20, \$30 and \$50

Our goal is to provide 10 new books for every home affected by the bushfires

OUR THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

The Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority supports the ALLIANCE 'Rebuilding with Books' campaign



AUSTRALIAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION

Booksellers and publishers working with library people to Rebuild with Books

Rebuilding with Books at the Bushfire Relief Warehouse



182 pallets of donated books to be sorted and distributed

10 days
72 volunteers
137,000 books sorted
27,400 distributed
7 libraries
3 relief centres



Now on the ALIA website



2009 outcomes

Collaborative action – partners brought together by ALIA

\$110,000-worth of new and pristine second-hand books distributed in bushfire affected communities

\$9510-worth of vouchers given to families who lost their homes in the bushfires

ALIA submission to the Royal Commission Bushfire Inquiry

2010



A further \$2310-worth of vouchers to bushfire-affected families from the sale of pallets of donated books to second-hand booksellers

Cheques for \$2000 to each of the three rebuilt schools to spend on books for the library

Official launch of the *ALIA Guide to Disaster Planning, Response and Recovery* at the MayDay Symposium, National Library of Australian, 6 May, 2010

Presentations to library groups including Australian Libraries in the Emergency Management Sector

Free disaster preparedness teleconference for ALIA members during Blue Shield Australia MayDay disaster awareness month

31 May – ALIA Disaster Recovery Project formal completion date (start date February 2009)