

## **Media Release**

# **Ash Residue in Morwell Roof Cavities project-Expression of Interest Now Open**



Morwell and Districts Community Recovery Committee recognises that a repercussion of the 2014 Halewood Mine Fire includes the adverse variations it incurred upon the state of the roof cavities of properties in the Morwell and District area. The committee recognises that the repercussion in question has resulted in economic, physical, environmental and health consequences for the occupants of these properties and the wider community. The committee continually mandates its onus to advocate to mitigate the affects of the repercussion in question, and notes that these efforts have proved consistent from the establishment of the committee to the present time and will remain as it always has done central to the committees agenda.

Testament to our efforts, the committee is pleased to partner with the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services in promoting the bureaucracies Ash Residue in Morwell Roof Cavities Project. Notably, the project is the Governments response to Recommendation 9 from the 2015/16 Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry Vol III.

On Thursday July 10 2016 the Victorian Minister for Health (Hon. Jill Hennessy MP MLA) announced that expressions of interest are now open for community members to get involved with the Ash Residue in Morwell Roof Cavities Project.

Community members and interested parties are encouraged to participate in the project by volunteering their house for testing, subscribing to project updates and community meetings and by helping to inform others about the project.

The following information is now available:

- Community Update No. 1 (attached to post)
- Registration Form (attached to post)
- Hazards in Roof Cavities Fact sheet (attached to post)
- Testing Fact Sheet (attached to post)

This information is also available on-line via this official web page (<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/emergencies/hazelwood/ash-project>) and via the DHHS Reception in Morwell and Latrobe City Council Headquarters in Morwell.

Community members seeking information beyond what is provided here are invited to make direct contact with the Department of Health and Human Services, by emailing [ashproject@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:ashproject@dhhs.vic.gov.au) or phoning [1300 761 874](tel:1300761874).

