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Morwell Roof Cavity Investigations

The Morwell and Districts Community Recovery Committee are encouraging members of the Latrobe Valley Community to participate in the current investigation into the ash in roof cavities in Morwell.

During the Hazelwood Mine Fire of February/March 2014, the CRC advocated strongly to the government and agencies that the ash and dust in the roof cavities needed further investigation. The recent Inquiry has agreed that this work needs to take place, and the Department of Health and Human Services is commissioning a study to investigate Morwell roof cavities. The Inquiry Recommendation 9 stated, “Commission an analysis of the ash contained in roof cavities of houses in Morwell and publish the results of that analysis to the community and Latrobe Valley Heath Assembly together with clear advice about the potential known or unknown health effects. If the analysis of the ash residue in roof cavities reveals any content that is potentially hazardous to health or of unknown impact on health conduct an audit of the extend of the exposure to ash and develop an action plan to remove the ash from all affected houses.”

The CRC is currently collecting the contact details of interested Morwell residents.

Residents are encouraged to register their details either by email to roofash@latrobe.vic.gov.au or call the service desk at Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700 to register.

The CRC new website is also available for further details and links. It can be accessed at www.morwellcrc.org.au