

Make those winter days brighter

What could be better on a cold winter's day than getting together around a fire and laying in to a hearty feed with a few friends from your favourite community group? It's a great time and place to dream and come up with ideas and plans for a **PROJECT!** Kinglake Ranges Foundation are about to open another Grant Round on the 1st of July and are looking for Expressions of Interest for projects fitting within Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund criteria.

A number of groups throughout the Kinglake Ranges have already made their vision a reality with financial assistance through the Kinglake Ranges Foundation in previous grant rounds. It has been especially rewarding to see these groups grow and have a lot of fun as well, while engaging in activities that build social connection and respect between themselves, our communities and our ever resilient and beautiful environment.

A past successful applicant has been the Kinglake Scouts Junior Landcare Group led by some great volunteers totally dedicated to the growth and wellbeing of our children.

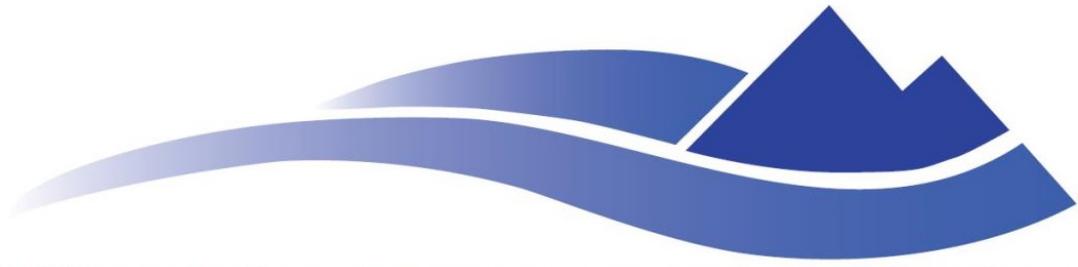


Their nest box project saw the children building and installing boxes in the Stony Creek, Number One and Number Two Creek areas- a good example of "Reconnecting Community with Nature". They had a great time doing it and our wildlife will benefit from the existence of more "homes". Part of the grant received by the Scouts also enabled them to purchase camera equipment for checking on and recording what creatures had been using the nest boxes they had built.



The Mother/Daughter Princess evening held recently at Middle Kinglake Primary School is also a project funded through the Kinglake Ranges Foundation in the category of “Improving Community Connectedness and Social Wellbeing”. Principal Meagan Callander comments “It was a huge success and we are very grateful for your ongoing support”. Congratulations to the children, the professional staff and the school community for the work and fun they put in to their project.

Make sure you visit the Kinglake Ranges Foundation website at <https://krfoundation.org.au> to view and understand the grant criteria on the “Community Grants” page. If you are not quite sure about eligibility, please talk it over with Steve Joblin, the Development Officer on 5786 1361 before you submit your Expression of Interest on line. Don’t forget the Marysville Triangle Community Foundation at www.marysvilletrianglefoundation.org.au with whom Kinglake Ranges Foundation have a good working relationship. The two Foundations have been asked by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund to co-ordinate activities and between them are able to offer Shire wide grants.



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