

REGENER8

2006 - 2007

Project Description

Stories, impressions and artworks by the community who experienced the 2006 East coast bushfires come together in a book.

Host Organisation

Tasmanian East Coast community University Department of Rural Health(UDRH) University of Tasmania.

Funding sources

Support from UDRH, Tasmanian Voluntary Bushfire Service, Break O' Day Council, Forestry Tasmania, Red Cross, Bushfire Disaster Recovery Coordinator and committee, the Tasmanian Fire Service, Health Community Project Regional Health Service of St Helens, and members of the Cooperative Research Centre Bushfire Research Unit, RMIT, Victoria. The printing was funded by the National and State governments.

Project workers

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Outcomes

As the exhibition was held for over 1 month in 3 locations exact numbers of individuals viewing the works is not known, it is estimated over 1000 individuals viewed the work. 174 individuals recorded entries in the comments book. The book received extensive and sustained publicity, in particular in Northern Tasmania, from November 2007 to May 2008.

Highlights

The book is dedicated to Forestry Tasmania firefighter Thomas Orr who lost his life as a result of the fires. The book was presented by Hon Dick Adams to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd earlier this year and the Prime Minister sent his congratulations to all the people involved.



The Project's purpose was to show and reflect the resilience of spirit and community caring within the East Coast communities after the Tasmanian East Coast Bushfire, December 2006.

38 individuals from the Break O' Day Municipality contributed to the exhibition through various art media. 62 individuals contributed stories to 'ReGener8 Stories and impressions of the Tasmania East Coast Bushfire 2006'. Over 20 individuals also contributed photographs for the project. There were a total of 120 individuals and organisations contributing to the production of the book. As the exhibition was held for over 1 month in 3 locations exact numbers of individuals viewing the works is not known, it is estimated over 1000 individuals viewed the work. 174 individuals recorded entries in the comments book.

It is the output of a project to celebrate and pay tribute to the extraordinary spirit, courage and humanity of ordinary people who faced great danger during the East Coast bushfires in December 2006.

Image

Cover (Detail) of the Regener8 Publication
Courtesy of the Regener8 Project Committee

