



FLOWERDALE BUSHFIRE MEMORIAL



The six memorials in Murrindindi Shire provide an opportunity to pay tribute to loved ones lost in the 2009 bushfires, as well as all those who lost homes, animals and property. These memorials also provide a space to reflect upon all the ways the community and landscape was affected by the events which began on 7 February 2009 and forever changed our lives.

Forty percent of Murrindindi Shire was burned during the 2009 bushfires. More than 100 people lost their lives and 1,397 homes, 75 businesses, 16 community or government buildings and 234 sheds were destroyed.

The development of the Flowerdale Bushfire Memorial was a collaborative effort between the community and Murrindindi Shire Council. It honours the 11 people who lost their lives in the Flowerdale area during the 2009 bushfires.

Location: opposite 3008 Whittlesea-Yea Road, Flowerdale VIC 3717



The memorial features:

- A spiral design, made up of 11 segments of coloured pavement, on the ground.
- A commemorative gathering space with 11 seating rocks and 11 native trees.
- The spiral pavement leads to a place of remembrance, where the 'Flowerdale Tree' sculptural feature sits at the centre.
- The base of the 'Flowerdale Tree' is home to 'community pebbles'. The 'community pebbles' represent the dreams and hopes of the Flowerdale community.
- This memorial is nestled between existing trees and a walking trail.

Symbolism:

Just like the power of the Eucalypt, whose green shoots will sprout forth again, the Flowerdale community's strength and resilience will continue to grow in the traditional Australian spirit.