



KINGLAKE BUSHFIRE MEMORIAL



Bushfire memorials 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 provides 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 and significant losses were also experienced in other parts of Victoria. More than 100 people lost their lives and 1,397 homes, 75 businesses, 16 community or government buildings and 234 sheds were destroyed in Murrindindi Shire.

The development of the Kinglake Bushfire Memorial was a collaborative effort between the community and Murrindindi Shire Council.

Location: 255 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, Kinglake VIC 3763



The memorial features:

- Two gathering spaces, designed in an eternity shape.
- Inscription text on the concrete wall panels which depicts the timeline of when the fires reached the community and how many lives were lost from each community.
- A curved mural wall with an elliptical viewing portal which offers views of the rolling hills.
- An etched map of the fire affected areas on the concrete ground.

Symbolism:

This memorial symbolises the persistence, courage and determination shown by our communities.