



MARYSVILLE 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.

The Murrindindi Fire (as opposed to the Kilmore East Fire) started around 2.55pm on 7 February near the township of Murrindindi, and travelled rapidly. By 4.30pm it had reached Narbethong. At around 6.15pm the wind direction changed and the fire continued to rage through Granton, Marysville, Buxton and Taggerty with catastrophic consequences. The fire was not officially contained until 5 March 2009. The Marysville Bushfire Memorial commemorates the loss of life in these locations.

Location: 13 Falls Road (access via Gallipoli Park), Marysville VIC 3779



The memorial features:

- Three multi-coloured and meandering paths which all lead to a central gathering space near the creek.
- Three sculptural entry portals and two shadow inscription sculptures, which overhang the central gathering space like giant tree ferns.
- A curved inscription wall with words and images that tell the story of the February 2009 events.

Symbolism

The key themes of this memorial are remembrance, life, environment, loss, hope, grief, resilience, gratitude and respect.

It also pays tribute to the courage shown by those who provided assistance in the response, relief and recovery effort. The spirit and determination of the Marysville and surrounds community to nurture regrowth and renewal remains the enduring legacy.