



NARBETHONG 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 Narbethong Bushfire Memorial was a collaborative effort between the community and Murrindindi Shire Council. It honours the four people who lost their lives in the Narbethong area during the 2009 bushfires.

Location: 618 Maroondah Highway, Narbethong VIC 3778



The memorial features:

- This intimate circular memorial is nestled into the surrounding bushland of Narbethong Forest Reserve.
- The perimeter of the memorial site consists of four large, locally-sourced seating rocks, these rocks honour the four lives lost in the fire.
- The centre piece of the memorial has three key elements: the unfurling fern frond motif, a stone cairn and a viewing portal.
- The stone cairn in the centre of the memorial is comprised of locally-sourced rocks. Each rock commemorates the lives lost during the fires. Four of the rocks in the stone cairn are significantly different, these represent the four individuals who lost their lives in Narbethong during the 2009 bushfire.