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Folder 1: 8 February 2009 – 18 February 2009

- [1.1.1] Photo, '14 Dead', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2009, p. 1.

Fire truck fighting fires

- [1.1.2] Peter Rolfe & Ellen Whinnett, 'At least 14 dead in horror flames: Toll could hit 50', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2009, pp. 2-3.

At least 14 people are dead and hundreds of houses have been destroyed as a wave of major bushfires devastate Victoria – death toll expected to climb higher today, possibly into the 40s – Deputy Police Commissioner, Kieran Walshe, last night confirmed 6 had died in Kinglake, 4 at Wandong, 3 at Stathewen, and 1 at Clonbinane – some of the fires may have been deliberately lit – towns have been cut off – thousands left homeless – it is likely that more deaths have occurred at Kinglake, Mt Disappointment and Wandong – more than 85 towns were last night on red alert and hundreds have evacuated – 20,000 ha burned across the state – 3000 firefighters using 500 trucks and 37 aircraft – fires were fanned by hot winds up to 100km/h – the worst bushfire to strike Victoria was on Ash Wednesday 1983, when 47 died – firefighters from NSW and SA are expected to help – Whittlesea, Bendigo, Coleraine, Horsham, Horsham Golf Club, Wandong Primary School, Bunyip State Park, Labertouche, Kilmore, Churchill – John Haynes CFA deputy fire chief – John Brumby

- [1.1.3] Evonne Barry, Stephen Drill, Mitchell Toy & David Hastie, 'Owners flee as fires gut homes: town under siege', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2009, pp. 4-5.

Davina Derryck of Drouin watched as her neighbourhood went up in flames – Peta Adamson near Horsham witnessed destruction there – Horsham Golf Course burnt as Manager, Jason Mayberry waited in town – Horsham Town Hall was transformed into an emergency relief centre, with Red Cross and Salvation Army staff delivering water and food to 50 evacuees – Mrs Smith and her husband vowed to protect their 5ha in Plozzas Rd, South of Horsham – fires raged in Ferntree Gully, Kilmore, Wandong, Heathcote Junction, Wallan – water bombers operated out of Horsham Airport – Belgrave Railway line – John Coad of Heathcote Junction lost his home – Pat Colliver's house in Vista Court, Heathcote Junction, survived – Sue Martaeiller, a CFA volunteer and counselor, said the towns of Wandong and Heathcote Junction would pull through the tragedy

- [1.1.4] Evonne Barry, 'Twins at risk', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2009, p. 5.

Conjoined twins Trishna and Krishna, who are awaiting separation surgery, were threatened by fires raging 50m from a farm they were staying at near Kilmore

- [1.1.5] Liam Houlihan, 'Stand on home turf: Bunyip farmers refuse to flee', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2009, p. 26.

Personal accounts – McGuffie family (Lee, Mark) – from rural properties near Bunyip to suburban cul-de-sacs near Drouin, hundreds were forced to choose between fighting for their turf or abandoning homes – Bunyip State Forest – Labertouche

- [1.1.6] Ellen Whinnett, Peter Rolfe & Adrian Bernecich, 'Up to 50 homes lost in Bendigo', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2009, p. 7.

Personal accounts – Bendigo – Trevor Piltz, Ben Lawrence, Danika Fraser, Sen-Constable Dylan Livingstone, Bendigo Mayor, Kevin Gibbons – pensioner, Joe Milburn, stranded in Flowerdale - Vicki Teklenburg of Yering Farm Winery said the fires had reached St Huberts Rd, in the Yarra Valley – Maiden Gully, West Bendigo, Golden Square – Police road blocks around Bendigo – temperatures soared to 45C

- [1.1.7] Ellen Whinnett, Sue Hewitt and Eleni Hale, 'Hottest day on record', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, p. 7.

Melbourne sweltered through it hottest day on record yesterday – 46.4C

- [1.1.8] David Hastie, Sue Hewitt, Mitchell Toy, Stephen Drill & Peter Rolfe, 'Six killed at Kinglake', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2009, p. 9.

Personal accounts – Donna Watson, 43 – Ray Bartlam, 64 – Peter Campbell, 76 – Bill Schembri – Jim Usher of Strathewen – at least 6 killed in Kinglake, understood to be all in the same vehicle – 3 confirmed dead in Strathewen – many Kinglake residents evacuated last night to nearby Yea, parking their cars on the sporting grounds and the town's median strips

- [1.1.9] Photos, 'Black Saturday', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2009, pp. 34&63 (double page spread).

Full two-page spread of photos of the fires – Drouin, Bunyip National Park, Labertouche

- [1.1.10] Photos, '14 dead', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2009, p. 96 (back page – making full spread with that day's front page).

Back page that day showing photos of an ambulance officer attending to a burns victim at Whittlesea – a CFA volunteer resting at Labertouche

- [1.2.1] Stephen McMahon, 'We'll help: leaders unite behind Victoria at this awful time', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 1.

Victoria is mourning and should prepare for the toll to rise Premier Brumby said last night – fires still burning – Kevin Rudd and John Brumby inspected the devastation in the Yarra Valley – Brumby visited Kinglake - Prime Minister announced Centrelink cash payments up to \$1000 per family were available immediately – there would be medium-term grants up to \$22,000 – Red Cross/State Government Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – Myer Bushfire Appeal, proceeds to Salvation Army

- [1.2.2] John Hamilton, 'Heart's break on the road to ruin', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 2-3.

Personal accounts from Wandong – Ian Marstaeller and wife Sue – CFA volunteers at Wandong – Sue Mitchell, is also a Shire Councillor – Steve and Carmen Spiteri, house still standing – Rosaleen Dove, 65, house still standing – Aden Ryan – Brian Dove – Lomadra Living and Learning Centre – Mount View Rd, North Mountain Rd, South Mountain Rd – Heartbreak Hill – Sophy Knight (wife of Herald Sun Cartoonist) saved their home at Tonimbuk in Gippsland

- [1.2.3] Grant McArthur, 'Hospital out of morphine', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p.3.

Alfred Hospital overrun with burns victims – ran out of morphine – fires disaster compared to Bali bombing

- [1.2.4] 'The trail of destruction', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 4-5.

Diagrams showing the Churchill fire (Jeeralang, Callignee, Upper Callignee, Hazelwood, Devon North, Traralgon South) - the Kinglake Complex fires (Kilmore, Wandong, Heathcote Junction, Humvale, Kinglake, Strathewen, St Andrews, Murrindindi, Marysville, Taggerty) - an overall view of the fires burning across Victoria - the death toll now at 84 - tale of destruction - CFA won't send crews in if fire is 4000kW/m - Kinglake fire 20,000 kW/m - Thomas Libreri, who found Mike Flynn in Kinglake - Mary Avola whose husband Peter died at Strathewen

- [1.2.4a] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Do you need help recovering from bushfires?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 6.

Contact Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667 or visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au

- [1.2.5] Terry Brown, 'Where beauty died', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 7.

Personal accounts from Marysville - Dan Walsh, 74, home still stands - most locals fled to Alexandra - some huddled at Gallipoli Park - authorities say 7 perished in Marysville - locals put toll a lot higher - Sen-Const, Peter Collyer - Judy Jans saved her home - Cumberland Resort - Marysville residents evacuated to Alexandra

- [1.2.6] Patrick Carlyon, 'Bad news just kept pouring in: As far as you can see, it's black', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 8-9.

Fires - Kinglake, Marysville, St Andrews, Kilmore East, Wallan, Clonbinane, Wandong, Murrindindi, Glenburn, Narbethong, Bendigo, Churchill - deaths in St Andrews, Strathewen, Arthurs Creek, Humevale, Callignee, Upper Callignee, Hazelwood, Jeeralang - John Brumby

Survivors/victims - Peter Mitchell, a Kinglake resident told ABC Radio - Dianna Robertson - Marie Jones - Raylene Kincaide of Narbethong - Sue Aldred of Kinglake area - Coliban Park Rd (north of Kyneton)

- [1.2.7] Aaron Langmaid, 'Nothing is left for our animals', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 10.

Churchill - Bunyip - Bunyip State Forest - Livestock killed - Julie Whiteley, Ben Whiteley, Labertouche - Sir Ian Beaurepaire's former home destroyed, wife Dame Beryl - John Verstedden, 49

- [1.2.8] Geoff Wilkinson, 'I thought she was a goner', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 10.

Norm Beaman (Channel 7 reporter) and wife, Annie (Beaman?) - Cameron Beaman (camera assistant at Channel 7) - Mt Disappointment - Wandong - quote from Governor-General, Quentin Bryce

- [1.2.9] Anthony Dowsley, 'CFA hero granny's body found in shed', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 11.

St Andrews - Paul Simmons, Christine Halls - Rae Carter, Grandmother in her 70s, died in a shed on her Ninks Rd property - St Andrews CFA - Jacksons Rd, Baldspur Rd, Bowden Spur Rd

- [1.2.10] (writer not known), 'Families flock to website', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 11.

Herald Sun website used for information on missing people - inadequate penalties for firebugs - CFA 'true national heroes'

- [1.2.11] (writer not known), 'A nation ready to give', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 11.

Red Cross Fire Appeal – Corporate Australia pledges \$5 million – Kevin Rudd urges Australians to dig deep – each of the major 4 banks pledge \$1 million – Bendigo Bank \$500,00 – Wesfarmers (Coles/Bunnings) \$500,00 – Myer \$500,000

Nine network has turned tomorrow's Aust-NZ one day into a telethon for the Red Cross fund – Nine will also donate - so far \$8.6 million promised to Red Cross fund

- [1.2.12] Advertisement, full page, Myer, 'The Myer Bushfire Appeal', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 12.

Myer has started 'The Myer Bushfire Appeal' – proceeds will go the Salvation Army, who will distribute to those hardest hit – Myer will match donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000

- [1.2.13] Mike Edmonds, 'Torture just to breathe', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 13.

Kardinia Homestead in Yarra Glen destroyed – Kinglake – Wattle Glen CFA Tanker 2 – CFA Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Greg Esnouf, quote

- [1.2.14] Photo, 'Nightmare from above', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 15.

A satellite image shows smoke streaming into Bass Strait from the bushfires. Residents as far away as NZ reported a 'strange orange glow' – Margot Thimm, Callignee resident, quote

- [1.2.15] Advertisement, CGU, 'Bushfire Damage: Emergency claims for CGU Insurance customers', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 15.

- [1.2.16] Ben Butler, 'Gillard demands speedy payouts', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 16.

Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard has demanded insurers show heart and pay quickly – insurance estimates as high as \$250 million – Gillard told ABC Radio yesterday – Kerrie Kelly, Insurance Council of Aust, Chief Executive – insurers aren't prevaricating – insurers will start assessing claims today as soon as they are allowed into burnt out areas by the CFA – policy holders should contact insurers – Chris James, spokesman for Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce, said it was too early to say how much the disaster would cost the state's economy

Horsham farmer, Barry Clarke, puts down one of his scorched sheep (photo) – O'Briens hay merchants at Eaglehawk (photo)

- [1.2.17] Ben Butler, 'Power grid remains unstable', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 16.

Power supplies cannot be guaranteed – Powercor cut supply to more than 25,000 customers yesterday afternoon, and between 100,000 and 150,000 customers on Saturday night in the area between Shepparton, Swan Hill and Yarrawonga - Melbourne's supply appears safe, despite one of the main power lines from the La Trobe Valley being cut on Saturday – more details of cuts – Powercor spokesman, Hugo Armstrong – Sally Tregea, at Whittlesea, quote

- [1.2.18] Megan McNaught & Georgie Pilcher, 'Fast-moving blaze hit with little warning', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 17.

Beechworth – Mudgegonga (south of Beechworth), Barwidgee Creek, Mt Stanley – Brendan Cole – Stuart Ord, DSE – Mick Daws, Beechworth Strike Team Leader – Mark Vallance, Shepparton firefighter – Jack Hicks, grazier and CFA volunteer

- [1.2.19] Jane Metlikovec, 'Flames a cannonball of terror', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 17.

Traralgon – Churchill – death toll, 4 Callignee, 1 Callignee South, 3 Hazelwood, 1 Jeeralang – residents of Traralgon South and Callignee told how they ran for their lives as the fireball came – Latrobe City Relief Centre in Traralgon housed 500 – Louise and Tony Mann's house exploded – Ian Guy doesn't know if his Callignee home is still standing – road blocks – Jean Perkins, 72, quote

- [1.2.20] Greg Thom, 'It's frightening in the firing line', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 18.

Horsham – Wimmera – Schools destroyed, Marysville, Middle Kinglake, Strathewen – list of schools closed – Peter McCartney, 48, Horsham farmer – CFA Incident Controller, Dale Russell, conditions were the worst he had seen – Horsham Golf Club destroyed

- [1.2.21] Emily Power & Karen Collier, 'The man up the road is on fire', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 19.

Bendigo – Howard Donald, Eaglehawk – Carol Kane, whose husband, Kevin 'Mick' Kane, died in their David St, Long Gully, home that was destroyed – Jenny Carolan – Eaglehawk Leisure Centre, a Bendigo evacuation point – Incident Controller, Ron Shiner – police patrolled to discourage looting – arson squad investigating cause of fire – Travis Fenton – Laurence Clark – Pauline Keen, 62, fled with only \$4 – Karen Plant and Brad Plant's house destroyed – Eilish Dean's house destroyed – Jim Scott, Kinglake resident, quote

- [1.2.22] Editorial, 'Unbelievable holocaust', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 20.

Devastation beyond belief – speed of the fire impossible to imagine – fatalities will probably exceed the 88 killed in the Bali bombings – Victorians are in collective shock

- [1.2.23] Editorial, 'Arson Terror', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 20.

People who deliberately light fires in the bush are idiots and cowards – Victoria police confirmed that such people could be charged with murder or manslaughter

- [1.2.24] Premier John Brumby, 'We shall overcome', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 20-21.

John Brumby – tragedy has come to Victoria – visited Bendigo, Wandong, Whittlesea and Kangaroo Ground during the last 2 days and saw the terrible impact – thanks to Kevin Rudd, Premiers Mike Rann SA, Nathan Rees NSW, David Bartlett Tas, for their assistance

The State and Federal govts will provide every possible assistance – our volunteer and career firefighters are heroes in the truest sense – sadly the fires are not finished – communities are still threatened – remember to leave early or stay and defend – you can donate blood – CFA officer Frank Amerso near Wandong with John Brumby (photo)

- [1.2.25] Alan Howe, 'The twisted hand of man', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 20.

Arsonists – Dr Rebekah Doley, Director of Clinical Psychology at Bond University in QLD, has profiled and interviews hundreds of arsonists – arsonists are repeat offenders – bush arsonists are different from urban ones – city arsonists are from chaotic family backgrounds – rural from more stable backgrounds – both types are resentful, underachieving loners with poor education – Dr Richard Kocsis, forensic psychologist, says arsonists are aware of their actions and will appear stable – they seek revenge on society

- [1.2.26] Salley Morrell, 'Good hearts beat within ruin', *Herald Sun*, Monday February 9, 2009, p. 21.

In these terrible times the good within people has come out – firefighters – Red Cross and CWA volunteers – big names at 3AW and ABC 774 – doctors at the Alfred Hospital helping burns' victims – thousands of offers of accommodation

- [1.2.27] Geoffrey Blainey, 'Our state of infinite fire danger', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 21.
- On Saturday – our hottest day – extent of catastrophe still unfolding – we live in some of the world's most hazardous bushfire zones – article includes a history of bushfires
- [1.2.28] (writer not known), 'Festival raises cash for fires', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, p. 22.
- St Kilda Festival organisers have turned the popular festival into a bushfires fundraiser
- [1.2.29] Brian, Gippsland, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Greens blaming fire on global warming – many fires caused by sick arsonists – soft liberal-Left judicial system
- [1.2.30] Adriano, Flemington, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- An arsonist who lights a fire on a total fire ban day is demonstrating an intention to kill – should be charged with murder
- [1.2.31] Dr Gavin R. Putland, Dandenong, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Dams make good firebreaks
- [1.2.32] Marian, Rosedale, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Mr Rudd, could you please use my \$950 to go towards rebuilding community assets lost in the bushfires
- [1.2.33] Roy, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Shows a thermometer bursting and in flames at the top – depicts the heat on Black Saturday
- [1.2.34] Darrin, Alice Springs, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- CFA, you guys are fantastic – your sacrifice is what makes Australia great – proud to be a Yank Down Under
- [1.2.35] Kathy Baruta, Templestowe, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Come on Rudd – do so many Australians need that \$950? – maybe it should go directly to bushfire and flood victims
- [1.2.36] Urgent, Nunawading, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Rudd should abandon the multi-billion-dollar handout and immediately divert all funds to rebuilding homes and businesses destroyed in the weekend bushfires
- [1.2.37] Maurice Lekamge, Daisy Hill, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- It is really important that we have mandatory – and long – jail terms for convicted arsonists – arson is tantamount to murder – it is bad enough to have to suffer from fire caused by natural causes
- [1.2.38] Sam, Phillip Island, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Our hearts go out to all those affected by the fires – heartfelt thanks to firefighters and volunteers, Red Cross, etc – and neighbours looking out for each other – you are all heroes

- [1.2.39] Russell Picton, Mansfield, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- The recent extreme hot weather only exemplifies the fact that the last place that Melbourne should be removing water from is hot and dry northern Victoria
- [1.2.40] Michelle Brownley, Cranbourne North, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Condolences to those who have lost loved ones – thanks to all firefighters, police and other volunteers and communities helping out their mates and strangers – you are all heroes
- [1.2.41] Daniel Nitsikopoulos, Melbourne, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- I hope those firebugs are caught and made to work in a burns ward to see the agony and destruction they have caused
- [1.2.42] Bill Wiglesworth, Buin Buin, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Wonder if Bolt still thinks that global warming is a crazy theory pushed by the Left?
- [1.2.43] Wayne, Bayside, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- The photos taken by Chris Roche of the bushfires in your online gallery are amazing
- [1.2.44] Janet Gardiner, Lilydale, Letters, 'Help those who most need it', *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- The stimulus money should go to communities affected by the floods and fires
- [1.2.45] Christine, St Kilda, Letters, 'Terrorism on a mass scale', *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- I see Nixon has a special squad to identify victims – when does she plan to have a special squad to catch criminals lighting these fires? – we are sickened that it seems the majority of these fires were deliberately lit – this is terrorism on a mass scale and should be treated as such
- [1.2.46] Shane Pilgrim, Eagle Point, Letters, 'Firefighters are true heroes', *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- CFA firefighters are true heroes – these volunteers risked life and limb for us – where would we be without them? – true heroes, each and every one of them
- [1.2.47] Sad, Rowville, Letters, 'Property owners need more rights', *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- If property owners were allowed to cut down trees without approval and strict guidelines, some of this devastation might have been prevented
- [1.2.48] Steven Follett, Narre Warren South, Letters, 'Amazing show of strength', *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- The communities of Narre Warren South and Hampton Park rallied on Saturday afternoon – amazing to see men, women, teenagers coming together for the benefit of neighbours, friends and strangers – as usual there was the downside, opportunistic scum taking advantage to steal
- [1.2.49] David Weaver, Caroline Springs, Letters, 'Life-saving information', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Thanks to the ABC for its magnificent bushfire coverage – thanks to the wonderful firefighters, police and other volunteers – we can but admire your dedication and feel safe in the knowledge you always do your very best

- [1.2.50] Vox Pop, 'Was Victoria ready for these fires?', *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- Jan Evans, 68, Bairnsdale: Yes – Susan Thompson, 61, Bruny Island: I went through Cyclone Tracy and the unexpected is hard to take; sometimes it's just Mother Nature; it's a shame it's people who light them – Hayley Hickman, 23, Yarra Valley: No – Jayde Tuite, 21, Narre Warren: some towns were better prepared than others – Jay Mason, 42, Williamstown: No
- [1.2.51] Quote, Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 24.
- 'This is an appalling loss of life, an appalling loss of property. This is a terrible and devastating tragedy.'
- [1.2.52] Quote, Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- 'There are going to be whole towns that need rebuilding ... We're going to do everything we can, as quickly as we can.'
- [1.2.53] Quote, Opposition Leader, Malcolm Turnbull, *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- 'The thoughts and prayers of all Australians are with those who have died in this terrible tragedy'
- [1.2.54] Quote, Victoria Police, Deputy Chief Commissioner, Kieran Walshe, *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- 'This is an absolute tragedy for the state.'
- [1.2.55] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- Mark Knight gives personal thanks to those who saved his home and possible his life – caption reads, 'The scene at Tonimbuk, Victoria, Saturday 7th Feb 2009. Thanks to the brave DSE crews who came from Nowa Nowa, Rosebud and Melbourne and good mate Dave who saved my home and quite possible my life...'
- [1.2.56] Peter Norton, Wantirna, Letters, 'Time to keep a closer watch', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- We could extend Neighbourhood Watch to include Fire Watch – on days of extreme fire danger rural folk could carry a pencil and paper and note all unknown vehicles on back roads
- [1.2.57] Graeme Baird, Letters, 'Lives before bushland', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p.25.
- Controlled burns are necessary – environmentalists and local governments have got to take some blame for all this – no life is worth a clump of bushland
- [1.2.58] Gary, Wallan, Letters, 'Tragedy brings out people's best', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- Thanks to volunteer firefighters – many of you live in areas that were burning and gave up protecting your own homes to protect the community – when our backs are against the wall Australians shine – the efforts by communities is nothing short of amazing
- [1.2.59] James Bowen, Glen Waverley, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- It is time for the Government to acknowledge the bravery and service of unpaid volunteer firefighters – the National Medal is available to professionals, but not volunteers – hopes the Government will create an award for volunteers

- [1.2.60] Graeme Gee, Wallan, Letters, 'Take a life, spend yours in jail', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- Let's stop fooling around with firebugs, or low-life, as they should be branded – anyone caught lighting a fire that causes loss of life should be jailed for life
- [1.2.61] Frosty, Greensborough, Letters, 'Message still not heeded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- Letters is from a firefighter who fought the Ash Wednesday fires – more education needed for bushfire plans
- [1.2.62] Daniel Williams, Eaglehawk, Letters, 'Harder penalties, no excuses', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- It's time all criminals were judged equally – proposes a zero tolerance policy for all, including those who come from 'hard backgrounds' – excuses no longer wash – get help or wear the punishment
- [1.2.63] Donna, Qld, Letters, 'Prayers for the devastated', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- My thoughts and prayers go to the families who have lost loved ones, friends, neighbours and livestock – cannot imagine the fear and panic
- [1.2.64] Spud, Letters, 'Our best is not enough', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- Brumby, can we have more 'Elvis' helicopters? – there is more that needs to be done – it's not enough to sit on our hands and say we did everything we could
- [1.2.65] Pedro, Melbourne, Letters, 'Unbelievable bravery', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- My heart goes out to families and friends of those lost – the CFA and DSE firefighters deserve medals for working in impossible conditions
- [1.2.66] Voteline, Question, 'Should any arsonist found responsible for the weekend's fires be charged with murder?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- [1.2.67] Stan Marks, Caulfield, My Say, 'So true, Dorothea', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 25.
- The words in Dorothea Mackellar's poem, 'My Country' are tragically coming true – real heroes
- [1.3.1] Photo, '84 Dead', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 1.
- Michael Walsh – Dan Walsh – Marysville
- [1.3.2] (writer not known), 'At a Glance', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 2.
- Facts and figures on The Toll, To the Rescue, The Repair Bill, The Penalty

- [1.3.3] Mark Buttler, Jane Metlikovec & Geraldine Mitchell, 'Disaster beyond belief', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 2-3.

100 people feared dead – 84 confirmed dead – John Brumby – state looked as if it had been hit by a nuclear bomb – toll has surpassed Black Friday of 1939 in which 71 died – 22 burns victims in Alfred Hospital – Kevin Rudd has called in the army to help – worst tolls are in Kinglake, 12, Kinglake West, 10, St Andrews, 12, Gippsland, 9 – fires still raging in Beechworth, Dederang, Taggerty, Glenburn – Marysville virtually wiped out – Dr Chris Harvey, Kinglake – teams of experts flying to perform body identification – Steve Warrington, CFA Deputy Chief Officer – arsonists still operating – Christine Nixon – Murrindindi Mill blaze – Kinglake survivors not allowed to return to their homes – Kieran Walshe warned that worse news was to come – Kevin Rudd, quote – Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner, Kieran Walshe, quote

- [1.3.4] Mark Buttler, Alice Coster & Darren Devlyn, 'Brian Naylor and wife die', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 3.

Brian Naylor and his wife Moiree died at their Combs Rd property in Kinglake West.

- [1.3.5] John Ferguson, 'From the air, it's like Armageddon', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 4-5.

Marysville – Kinglake – Daryl Hill, Marysville – Robert Davies – Ray Hick, 82, lost his home at Mudgegonga – Chris and Nerissa Isbister – Brumby, quote – Lindy McPhee, Traralgon resident, quote

- [1.3.6] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Long wait to identify the dead', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 6.

Disaster identification teams could take weeks to identify dead

- [1.3.7] Anthony Dowsley, Shelley Hadfield, Georgie Pilcher & Michelle Pountney, 'No way out from raging firestorm', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 6-7.

Mackenzie and Neeve Buchanan died at Kinglake, and their uncle, Danny Clark – Rebecca Buchanan – Jenny Clark, severely injured in hospital – Kevin 'Mick' Kane, 48 – Michael Ryan – Mary Avola, 67, Strathewen – Peter Avola, Strathewen, died – Chads Creek Rd, Strathewen – Rae Carter, 70s, died at St Andrews – Steve Lackas, died at Wandong – John and Sue Wilson dies at Mudgegonga – Allan and Carolyn O'Gorman - Malcolm Turnbull, quote – Dr John Coleridge, The Alfred trauma specialist, quote

- [1.3.8] Photos, 'Heroes and tears inside the inferno', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 8-9.

Brian Kelly, Kilmore East – Hugh Davies, home destroyed in Kinglake — Richard Hoyle, CFA member – Robyn and Kevin Norris, house destroyed in Barwidgee – scenes at Labertouche - Chris Harvey, Kinglake, quote – Olga Tuckerman, 83, of Bendigo, quote

- [1.3.9] Gary Hughes, Senior Reporter for *The Australian*, 'My escape from a blazing hailstorm', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 10-11.

Julie Whitely, with remains of home at Bunyip – Gary Hughes' personal account as a resident of St Andrews – Vivian Stagg, Red Cross Supervisor in Traralgon, quote – Judy Jans, Marysville, quote

- [1.3.10] Russell Robinson, 'Sky turned a charcoal colour', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 11.

Mark and Sophy Knight in property at Tonimbuk – Herald Sun cartoonist

- [1.3.11] Photos, 'How you lived through the horror', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, pp. 12-13.

Readers photos of – Narre Warren North, Cranbourne North, Willowmavin, Warragul, West of Kilmore, Narre Warren North, Jeeralong/Churchill, Doreen, Whittlesea – Hazelwood power station engulfed in smoke – Morwell – Ian Guy, Callignee, quote – Tammy Greene, quote

- [1.3.12] Anne Wright, '7000 heroes hailed', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 4.

More than 7000 fought the flames that ravaged the state – hailed by Premier and Prime Minister – facts and figures on the firefighting and relief effort

- [1.3.13] Shelley Hadfield, 'Old timer pulled from the valley of death', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 14.

Hannelore Durst, 73, Camberville, east of Marysville, not known if house is still standing – firefighter Ross Minifie – Danny Bennett, Reefton Captain

- [1.3.14] Gareth Trickey & Catherine Best, 'The Refugees', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 14.

Whittlesea Relief Centre – Yea – Joanne Fisher, Kinglake – Tina Chapman, Flowerdale – Alan Phillips, Flowerdale – Andrew Berry, Nicole Berry, home destroyed but saved by their fire bunker at their property in Bald Spur Rd, Kinglake – Leanne Francis – Jason and Blake Webb – Marie Edmonds – Karen Plant, quote, lost her home in Long Gully, Bendigo

- [1.3.15] Grant McArthur, 'He was on fire, smouldering', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 15.

Thomas Libreri, Kinglake – Mike Flynn, 64, Kinglake, has burns to more than 40% of his body, is at the Alfred Hospital – John Reeves, Kinglake – Malinda Martin

- [1.3.16] Jane Metlikovec, 'Like a nuclear bomb', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 15.

Hans Vanelmpt, 49, of Callignee – Eileen Scott, Traralgon South, lost her home – Mellisa Falzon – Sen-Constable, Peter Collyer of Marysville, quote

- [1.3.17] Photos, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 9, 2009, p. 16.
- Kevin Rudd, quote
- [1.4.1] Photo, 'Here you go, mate', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 1.
- The now famous 'Sam the koala' photo
- [1.4.2] Stephen McMahon, 'We will rebuild', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, pp. 1-2.
- Rudd and Brumby visit Marysville, Buxton, Kinglake – declare unconditional support to rebuild – Brumby calls for a Royal Commission into fires, including the 'stay or go' policy – Dean Connell cleaning up areas to make them safe so people can return – army has more than 400 soldiers working alongside emergency services personnel – Malcolm Turnbull, quote
- [1.4.3] John Hamilton, 'Looking down on a war zone', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, pp. 2-3.
- Yarra Glen – Steels Creek Rd – Labertouche – Callignee – Callignee North – Mount Benack, fire still raging – Luc Beaurain, Helicopter Pilot – Robert McClelland, Federal Attorney-General, quote
- [1.4.4] Advertisement (full page), Origin, 'A bushfire energy safety message from Origin', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 4.
- Gives safety tips – sympathy – announces a cash donation of \$100,000 to Salvation Army to help fund their emergency care services
- [1.4.5] Alice Coster, 'Joe, where are you?', *Herald Sun*, February 10, 2009, p. 5.
- 'Bushfire Community Notice Board' at Whittlesea – messages on board asking for missing people to contact them and other matters – people named in article either missing or found or posted message: Paul and Karen Roland of Kinglake - Velika, Nove and Iloi Mladenovski of Kinglake - Herbert Ellefsen, Kinglake Central – B. Johnston – Joe Milbourne, Flowerdale – Graham Chanter – Chris Dunnell, Kinglake – Judy and Peter Kerr, Kinglake West – John Kerr – Wendy Griffin, Kinglake – Linda McPhee – Darren and Lesley Gibson, Kinglake – Liz Kourts – Daye Mills and Lochlan Gareth, Kinglake – Julia Wood – Chris Pearman, Kinglake – Nicole Cleary – Robyn Sablejack – Tina Wilson - Jenny Norman, Kinglake, quote
- [1.4.6] Georgie Pilcher, 'Hundreds battle to control blazes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 6.
- Hundreds of fire crews were last night working to contain a 30,000ha fire burning near Yackandandah that has claimed 2 lives and 14 homes – Yackandanda Dederang Rd – 440 firefighters, including CFA, DSE, NSW, ACT crews – Kiewa River – Eskdale, Gundowring, threatened – Shaun Lawson, DSE Ovens operations manager – large blaze near Mudgegonga – John and Sue Wilson killed – Kergunyah, Dederang, Kancoona, Coral Bank and Running Creek on alert – fire in pine plantations 8km from Myrtleford – Barwidgee Creek – Dolorez and Sam Crisci – Mal Fraser – Rudd, quote
- [1.4.7] Mark Dunn, 'Expert blames firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 6.
- Dr Damon Muller, Australian National University research fellow – half of all bushfires in Australia lit by fire bugs – Robert McClelland, Federal Attorney-General – Kevin Rudd – special police and CFA taskforce working in the Churchill area – all fire areas where deaths occurred have been designated by police as crime scenes – Narre Warren fire, arson suspected – Kinglake and Marysville assumed to be natural disasters – Ross McNeil, Police Supt – Dr Muller, typical arsonist has history of low-level property and violence offences and generally came from a lower socio-economic status

- [1.4.8] Advertisement, Commonwealth Bank, 'Victorian Bushfire Appeal. Join us in donating today.', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 6.

Asks for donations to the Commonwealth Bank's Bushfire Appeal

- [1.4.9] (writer not known), 'The tragic toll', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 7.

Maps showing where and how many dead found so far – maps outline the extensive fires continuing to threaten the state - Jean Pidd, 79, survivor, quote

- [1.4.10] (writer not known), 'Thanks to our modern-day diggers', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, pp. 8-9.

Photos of firefighters: Andrew Barber, Deakin Criggie, James Conquest, Marcus Harris, Brendan Fiscalini, Denis Vincent, Bob Hodgetts

Letters/messages printed in article – list of authors – Aaron, Blackburn – Jenni Cooper - Chris Wishart, Dubai – Ben McCartney, Neutral Bay, NSW – Karen, Frankston North – Rod Parkinson, Sunshine Coast – Steven Duray, East Brunswick – Debra Dalglish, Strathmore – Angela, Melbourne – Andy Collins, Newtown, NSW – James, Balwyn Nth Prim – Danny, Alix, Ivy and Rachell Warren, Coleraine – Meaghan Lee, Geelong – The Hunters, Dubai – Peter Woolsey – Karen, Sydney – Barbara Ostapczuk, Werribee – Angie Krom, Inverloch - Jeff Cohen, Sydney – Nadine and Darren McPadden, Lethbridge – Evan, Balwyn Nth Prim - Sarah, Adelaide – DeArne Leonard, Heidelberg

Dr De Villiers Smit, Alfred Hospital, quote – Dave Wolf, CFA spokesman, quote

- [1.4.11] Advertisement, State Government Victoria, 'Do you need help recovering from the bushfires?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 10.

Vic Government offering help via the Victorian Bushfire Information Line – urging people to donate money, blood

- [1.4.12] Terry Brown, 'We were gonna die', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 11.

Kinglake – Dan and Maryanne Mercuri, Kinglake, home survived in Robertsons Rd, Australian Flag Flying – Red CFA tape marks homes where occupants thought to have survived – blue & white police crime scene tape denotes possible death scene – local Emergency Service depot a wreck, 2 vehicles still inside

- [1.4.13] Gerard McManus & Michael Harvey, 'Disaster thaws hard-hearted politicians', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 11.

Julia Gillard – Malcolm Turnbull – a condolence motion in Federal Parliament yesterday – Kevin Rudd remains in Victoria – Fran Bailey (McEwan), Liberal – Sophie Mirebella (Ind) – Darren Chester (Gippsland), Nationals – Mr Turnbull visited survivors and firefighters at Whittlesea yesterday – Neville Goulding – Greg Hough, Inspector, quote

- [1.4.14] Advertisement (full page), Coles, 'Help us help the bushfire victims', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 12.

Message of sympathy – every Coles store in Australia will donate this Friday's profits to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal – people can make donations at Coles' supermarket registers

- [1.4.15] Photos, 'Triumph of a dogged spirit rises from Angela's ashes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, p. 13.

Angela O'Connor, reunited with family pet Chaz at St Andrews – CFA volunteer, Jamie Frankenberg – Elaine Scholes, Kinglake, quote

- [1.4.16] Advertisement, Suncorp, 'An important message for Victorians affected by bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 13.
- Message of sympathy – has set up dedicated telephone contact teams for its customers – Suncorp includes AAMI, Apia, Shannons, Just Car Insurance – Suncorp has donated \$500,000 to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – staff are also organizing fundraisers
- Steve Perkin, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 14.
- [1.4.17] 'Black and white'
Wedding at Saturday at Coleraine
- [1.4.18] 'Right place'
A fire crew near Kilmore overrun by the fire
- [1.4.19] 'Aircon-men'
42 firefighters booked in at a hotel for Sunday, but had to cancel because they wouldn't have time for a break
- [1.4.20] 'Stress attacks'
Expect to hear firefighters being assaulted by victims claiming they could have done more
- [1.4.21] 'Field instruction'
The Australian Disasters Conference in Canberra tomorrow has been cancelled because half the speakers and audience are fighting a natural disaster
- [1.4.22] Advertisement, Allianz, 'Important to notice to all Allianz customers affected by the bushfire tragedy', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 14.
- Bushfire claims hotline – don't worry about documents destroyed in the fire
- [1.4.23] Guide to services, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 14.
- Guide to the availability of Roads, Trains, Phones, Buses, Schools, Water, Electricity – Terry Ryan, weather forecaster, quote
- [1.4.24] Evonne Barry & Ian McPhedran, 'Army in, boots and all', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 15.
- The Australian Defence Forces has offered emergency accommodation at Simpson Barracks at Watsonia, Puckapunyal Army Base, Maygar Barracks at Broadmeadows – Defence Task Force Commander, Brigadier Mike Arnold – the army has supplied bulldozers, water tankers, tanks – Division Commander, Steve Grant – Defence Minister, Joel Fitzgibbon said about 200 soldiers were on the job – Reservist, James Booth – Andrew Demetriou, AFL chief, quote
- [1.4.25] Russell Robinson, 'Businesses digging deep for victims', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 17.
- Details of business donation pledges: Tabcorp (CEO, Elmer Funke-Kupper), Australia Post, NAB, ANZ, Westpac, CBA, Woolworths, Safeway, AMP, Hoyts, Western Australian Government, Crown, Wesfarmers, Bunnings, Myer, Qantas, Commonwealth Bank, Malthouse Theatre (artistic director, Michael Kantor), The Butterfly Club, Melbourne Recital Centre – Andrew Woollard, Marysville – Pat Daley, Salvation Army Spokesman, quote
- [1.4.26] Advertisement, Apia, 'Apia customers affected by bushfires call 13 50 50', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 17.

- [1.4.27] Cheryl Critchley, 'It's worse than Bali', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 18.
- Anna Dykes of the Alfred Hospital – Victorian hospitals have treated more than 500 people for fire related injuries – 100 were admitted to hospital, of which 20 were critically ill in intensive care – Alfred and Austin hospitals are treating the most serious cases – emergency physician Dr De Villiers Smit, quote – Dr Heather Cleland (burns unit surgical head), quote – Marisa Pegorao, Kinglake, quote
- [1.4.28] (writer not known), 'The world watches', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 18.
- People around the world are shocked – in Hong Kong, the South China Morning Post had a front page story and local TV and new bulletins – the fires were the most visited story on CNN's website, and led coverage on US cable network Fox News
- [1.4.29] (writer not known), 'Saving rare species', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 18.
- Endangered wildlife were rushed from the Healesville Sanctuary to the Melbourne Zoo during the bushfire emergency
- [1.4.30] Advertisement, AAMI, 'If you're with AAMI and affected by the bushfires phone 13 22 44 or contact us at aami.com.au', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 18.
- [1.4.31] Readers' photos, 'Through your eyes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 19.
- Strathewen – Onleys Rd, Gormandale, Gippsland – Churchill – Castella, Warragul
- [1.4.32] Advertisement, RSPCA, 'Countless animals have been devastated by the fires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 19.
- RSPCA providing emergency care and temporary accommodation for animals from bushfire affected areas – you can donate to the RSPCA – Carol Kane, Bendigo, quote
- [1.4.33] Gary Mason, East Malvern, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
- Friends and relatives who have photos could give copies to those who lost theirs in the fires
- [1.4.34] Helen Ewing, Notting Hill, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
- Instead of spending money on Valentine's Day this Saturday, donate to the bushfire appeals
- [1.4.35] Ron Penney, Epping, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
- Would like to see all Victorians display red and white ribbons on their cars to acknowledge the work of CFA volunteers
- [1.4.36] Alan Young, Greensborough, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
- Thanks to all CFA volunteers – the true spirit of Australia
- [1.4.37] Vicki Simpson, Riddell's Creek, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
- The burnt and battered Australian flag in Wandong must be rescued and framed as a symbol of the Australian spirit
- [1.4.38] Mick Towan, Newcomb, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
- Kevin Rudd, if and when you dish out the \$950, give mine to the bushfire victims

- [1.4.39] Sally Brothwell, Frankston, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
The government handouts should go to the fire victims
- [1.4.40] Paul Baines, Reservoir, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
Idea for AFL – best of Victoria versus the best of Australia, with proceeds to bushfire victims
- [1.4.41] Cameron Walmsley, Greensborough, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, p. 26.
My \$950 is going straight to bushfire victims
- [1.4.42] D. Drew, Strathmore, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009 p. 26.
Thanks to Elvis and its crew
- [1.4.43] Ian Johnston, Boronia, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
Are we ready to start respecting the planet yet?
- [1.4.44] Bill Van den Akker, Mooroolbark, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
Felt badly done by losing half his super, but his \$950 can go to bushfire victims
- [1.4.45] Leanne Adoe, Bentleigh, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
People can have an amount deducted from their pay to go to bushfire victims
- [1.4.46] Morgan, Wandin, Letters, ‘Let us work together’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
Let us work together to heal this heartache
- [1.4.47] Kathryn Barrett, Greensborough, Letters, ‘My 10-year-old heroic brother’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
I take my hat off to all those who are and who have been fighting the fires, putting their lives on the line – my 19-year-old brother who is a CFA volunteer is a hero
- [1.4.48] Craig Harrison, Montmorency, Letters, ‘Thank God for ABC and CFA’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
Escaped from Yarra Glen – thanks to the CFA who pointed the way out, and Radio 774 for their information on the safest route home – no thanks to our mobile phones which had no reception
- [1.4.49] Mark, Moorabbin, Letters, ‘Not time for recriminations’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
Some rednecks are exploiting the situation to attack ‘greenies’ and anyone else – how about a bit of respect for the victims and survivors?
- [1.4.50] Poss777, Victoria, Letters, ‘People suffering and more coming’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
People are suffering and there is more to come – Victorians need your help, not your bickering
- [1.4.51] Carolko, Melbourne, Letters, ‘Brumby, Rudd rise to occasion’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
Both Brumby and Rudd have risen to the occasion – now is the time to band together and help

- [1.4.52] Vox Pop, 'How have you been affected by the Victorian bushfire tragedy?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 26.
- Eddi Warde, 23, St Kilda – Ali Samimi, 35, Melbourne – Angela Yau, 51, St Kilda – Stewart Lawrence, 42, Lara – Neomi Townsend, 60, Balmain, NSW
- [1.4.52a] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- Depicts burnt trees and a burnt out car – caption reads, 'It puts the global financial crisis into perspective'
- [1.4.53] Kerry Peterson, Seymour, Letters, 'Not right time for a fine time', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- Speed camera vehicle in Wallan while traffic was being diverted from Hume Hwy – with tragedy and death engulfing the area, we couldn't believe our eyes
- [1.4.54] Lizette Salmon, Wodonga, Letters, 'Tragic reality of global warming', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- Fires like this will almost certainly occur again – CSIRO modeling supports this – we must face up to the cause of the problem and start reducing greenhouse emissions
- [1.4.55] Peter Crawford, Bonbeach, Letters, 'Naylor will be sadly missed', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- Like many others I grew up with Brian
- [1.4.56] Alex Brook, Woodend, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- The unimaginable devastation of the bushfires has left an enduring and enormous sadness
- [1.4.57] Mark H., Letters, 'Emergency shelter should be priority', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- Councils should encourage the building of emergency shelters in homes
- [1.4.58] John Watkins, Auckland, NZ, Letters, 'Kiwis ready to lend helping hand', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- Kiwis are ready to help – brownie haze can be seen across the Tasman from NZ
- [1.4.59] Peter Rush, Awards and Culture Branch, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Letters, 'Medal has always been available', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- Re James Bowen's letter, see [1.2.59] – CFA volunteers have the same access to this award as their full-time colleagues in emergency services
- [1.4.60] Voteline, Question, 'Should any arsonist found responsible for the weekend's fires be charged with murder?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- Total votes – 14,509 YES – 98.4%; NO – 1.6%
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- [1.4.61] Andrew Charles, Waitara, NSW, My Say, 'Fire-proof homes possible', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 27.
- The technology and design techniques for building homes impervious to intense, fast-moving fires has been known for years – isn't it time building codes throughout Australia were changed?
- [1.4.62] Editorial, 'After the terrible day', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 28.
- Bushfires are Australia's natural disasters – nation brought together – optimism – News Ltd to give \$1 million
- [1.4.63] Bernard Salt, 'Treechange to red alert', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, pp. 28-29.
- Melbourne is more exposed to bushfire than any other capital city in this nation – 'treechange' is the idea of escaping the city and living in the bush, generally within striking distance of work in Melbourne – compares Melbourne's bushfires with San Francisco's earthquakes
- [1.4.64] Susie O'Brien, 'No strangers, just friends', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 28.
- Life goes on as normal for most – people are glued to the radio, the papers, the web, the TV – the fires keep burning and the toll keeps rising
- [1.4.65] Gary Morgan (Chief Executive of the Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre), 'We still need to know more', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 29.
- We are better prepared than we have ever been, but it is not enough – we need to know and do more – supports the 'stay or go' policy – research has consistently shown that fleeing at the last moment is the worst possible option – a properly prepared home that is actively defended is the safest place
- [1.4.66] John Sorell, 'May your news be good news', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 29.
- Story about Brian Naylor and wife, Moiree
- [1.4.67] Terry McCrann, 'A focal point for rescue package', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 47.
- The economic and financial cost of Victoria's tragedy is recoverable – the rebuilding effort will go some way to alleviating the pain – how should the Federal Government's \$42 billion stimulus package be factored into the rebuilding effort? – the short term answer is it should, but it should not take over
- [1.5.1] Photos, 'Bushfire toll soars to 134 – All Lost', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 1.
- The Roland family of Kinglake, Paul, Karen, Caitlin, 14, and Nicola, 12, are missing – Kirstie Nilsson, 39, a victim of the Marysville blaze – Penny, 21, and Melanie Chambers, 22, died in Kinglake – Neeve Buchanan, 9, and her brother died at Kinglake
- [1.5.2] At a Glance, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 2.
- Facts and figures on The Toll, and The Rescue – Rod Mercuri, Allyson Mercuri, Kinglake – Dolorez Crisci and Anissa McCarthy lost their homes in Mudgegonga

- [1.5.3] Paul Kent, 'The pain of lost children', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 2.
- Ross Buchanan saved his house but lost his children Neeve and Mackenzie – Police victim identification crews searching for hundreds still missing in Kinglake – Insp Ian Lanyon, Victoria Police – it is certain the death toll will exceed 200 – Carl Agius – Helen Fischer – Tonni-Anne Hope – Barry Johnson, Pheasant Creek – Joe Ropar, Kinglake, quote
- [1.5.4] Mark Buttler, 'Tragic toll certain to rise', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 3.
- Firefighter, Bob Hodgetts, near Beechworth – Brumby – toll stands at 134, fears it could double – Rebecca Trezise – locals say 22 died in Steels Creek Rd, near Yarra Glen – Faye and Bill Walker – Geoffrey Walker, 53 – emergency refugee camps established at Alexandra and Whittlesea – Paul Lackas – Steve Lackas – Red Cross says 5000 homeless – soldiers and firefighters arrive – Insp Greg Hough, Victoria Police – Christine Nixon tours Kinglake and Marysville – Nixon, quote
- [1.5.5] Editor, 'Our \$1m pledge to help victims', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 3.
- News Ltd pledges \$1 million – Chairman and Chief Executive, John Hartigan – Herald and Weekly Times Managing Director, Peter Blunden
- [1.5.6] Nikki Protyniak & Holly Ife, 'Sisters perish saving horses', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 4.
- Sisters Penny and Melanie Chambers died together trying to save their horses in Reserve Rd, Kinglake – Milly Kiely, 22 – Tom, Luke, Jan and Brouss Chambers – Elaine Scholes – Garry Fullerton – Jenny Clark
- [1.5.7] Mark Dunn & John Masanauskas, 'Veteran actor, partner presumed dead', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 4.
- Veteran actor Reg Evans, 80, and his partner are believed to have died on their farm in Bald Spur Rd, St Andrews – Jacinta Waterf, Creative Representation – Bud Tingwell – Matt Virtue, Glenburn, quote
- [1.5.8] Fiona Hudson, 'End to festive cheer', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 5.
- Kirstie Nilsson, Marysville – Bruce Morrow, Marysville – Isak Nilsson
- [1.5.9] Holly Ife, 'Maddison rescued', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 5.
- Jacinta and Gary Bartlett, St Andrews, died – Maddison Bartlett survived, but in Royal Children's Hospital – Ray Ellis, Kinglake, quote
- [1.5.10] Alice Coster, 'Grave fears for a loving family', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 5.
- Paul, Karen, Caitlin and Nicola Roland, thought to have died at Kinglake – Rebecca Trezise – Dianne and Kevin Roland
- [1.5.11] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Final round of golf', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 6.
- John and Sue Wilson died at Mudgegonga – Dolores Crisci – Myrtleford Golf Club President, David Matthews – Julia Gillard, quote

- [1.5.12] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Train driver's last ride', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 6.
- Train driver, Arthur Enver, 57, dies whilst escaping on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle – Mick Nazim
- [1.5.13] John Ferguson, 'Fireball from nowhere: Naylor's never had a chance', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 7.
- Brian, 77, and Moiree Naylor – Coombs Rd – Joe Ropar
- [1.5.14] Mal Walden, 'Legend, gentleman, pro, friend', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 7.
- Mal Walden recalls his friendship with Brian Naylor – John Maher, Channel 7's former news editor – Norm Spencer, program manager – Geoff Raymond – David Johnston – Carol Kane, Long Gully, quote
- [1.5.15] Stephen Drill & Brendan Roberts, 'The valley of death', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, pp. 8-9.
- Firefighters have declared the tiny township of Strathewen the Valley of Death – it has been wiped off the map – Peter Avola, 67, dead – Jack Powell, 95 – Greg Hough, Police Inspector, quote – Sam Crisci, 61, of Mudgegonga, quote
- [1.5.16] Karen Collier, 'Haunted by the worst nightmare', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 10.
- Happy Valley Rd, Eaglehawk – Carol Kane – Kevin 'Mick' Kane – Michael Ryan - Queen Elizabeth, quote
- [1.5.17] Mark Dunn, 'Racer was so close to safety', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 10.
- Steve Lackas, well-known speedboat racer – Paul Lackas
- [1.5.18] Tim Habel, 'Couple survive to tell their tale of a miracle', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 11.
- Dennis and Joy McCrohan survived at Strathewen by staying in their dam – their house was destroyed and they lost 13 horses – Lloyd and Mary Martin died – Don and Cliff Brown – Kevin Dagg – Alan Evett
- [1.5.19] Holly Ife, 'Selfless to the very end', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 11.
- Ocean Grove man Danny Shepherd, 30, died at Kinglake – Bree Fairlee, 29 – Geelong Mayor, John Mitchell
- [1.5.20] Fiona Hudson, 'Teammates cling to hope', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 11.
- Scott Frendo of Traralgon was in Callignee and is missing – Mal Fraser, near Bruarong, quote

- [1.5.21] Jane Metlikovec, 'Horried residents forbidden to return', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 12.
- Callignee – 4 people found dead in a shed – at least 21 people have died there – crime scene – residents barred from returning – search for bodies – Tracey Bechaz – Geoffrey Sanderson – road block – almost 900 people have registered at La Trobe emergency relief centre in Traralgon – David Maat – Julie Prescott – Pat Bromley of Taggerty, quote
- [1.5.22] Megan McNaught, 'Bush haven became an incinerator', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 13.
- Steels Creek Rd, near Yarra Glen – teams of forensic investigators beginning task – Carolyn Kelmar – Gareth Roberts
- [1.5.23] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Plea for patience as search continues', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, p. 13.
- Insp Greg Hough pleads with community to be patient and supportive of forensic teams searching for bodies – State Coroner's Office – Det-Supt Dough O'Loughlin – Det Insp Bob Sitlington – Federal MP, Darren Chester, quote
- [1.5.24] Darren Devlyn, 'Eddie to lead telethon', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 14.
- Eddie McGuire will host a fundraiser on Channel 9, 'Australia Unites – the Victorian Bushfire Appeal' – will screen live at 8.30pm on Thursday – money will go to the Red Cross – CEO David Gyngell – Channel 9's Executive Director and Melbourne Managing Director, Jeffrey Browne
- [1.5.25] Darren Devlyn, 'Free legal advice for victims', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 14.
- Law Institute offers free legal advice – President, Danny Barlow – half hour free – Gary, Melanie, and Amanda Pascoe – Maryanne Mercuri, Kinglake, quote
- [1.5.26] Gareth Trickey, 'Tears, fears, but spirits unbowed', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 15.
- Marisa Pegorao – Whittlesea Sports Complex overflowing with donations – Chris and Jessica Barnes – Kerry White, Doreen – hundreds of Kinglake residents camped on the front lawn of Whittlesea Community Activity Centre – John Brumby, quote
- [1.5.27] Gareth Trickey, 'Friends express their sorrow', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 15.
- The Queen expresses shock – British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown – Kevin Rudd – UK ready to help – East Timor President, Jose Ramos – Rudd accepts an offer of 100 firefighters from NZ Prime Minister, John Key
- [1.5.28] Photos, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 10, 2009, p. 16.
- Photos of – Brian and Moiree Naylor – Danny Clark – John and Sue Wilson – Arthur Enver – Peter Avola – McKenzie Buchanan – Danny Sheppard – Kevin 'Mick' Kane – Steve Lackas – John Brumby, quote
- [1.6.1] Photo, 'A fire hero's view of hell', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 11, 2009, p. 1.

- [1.6.1a] (writer not known), 'Act of terror: Inferno victim blasts 'disgusting' firebug', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 1.
- Callignee – Janice Michelsson, 42, home destroyed – writes an open letter branding the arsonist a terrorist – CFA Captain, Steve Barling – toll rises to 181
- [1.6.2] At a Glance, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 2.
- Facts and figures on the Toll and Rescue
- [1.6.3] Fiona Hudson, 'Charity worker was set to leave home', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 2.
- Cancer Council fundraiser, Eva Zann, 25 – Richard Zann, world-renowned bird expert at La Trobe University, Department of Zoology – Eileen Zann, 62, former dancer with NZ Ballet Company – all three died in their Bald Spur Rd home in Kinglake – Deb Stringer – Tony Zann – Timothy New – Kevin Rudd, quote
- [1.6.4] Matt Johnston, '“love you” were the last words', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, pp. 2-3.
- Melanee Hermocilla, 23 – Greg Lloyd, 22 – Jaeson Hermocilla, 21 – all died in Yarra Glen – Stephanie Kounelis – Mick Stanway – Facebook tribute – Terry Spitalieri – Matt McGhee
- [1.6.5] Matt Johnston, 'Father's sacrifice for family', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 3.
- Allan, Carolyn, and Stuart O'Gorman died in Yarra Glen – Robert Rainey – Warren McCarthy
- [1.6.6] Megan McNaught, 'Fuel trip cost him his life', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 3.
- Gareth Jones-Roberts, 48, died in Yarra Glen – Gareth Jones-Roberts Sr – Federal MP, Russell Broadbent, quote
- [1.6.7] Fiona Hudson, 'Dream dies as mother and son perish', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, p. 4.
- Marilyn and Damien Spooner dies at Strathewen – Ahmed Hammam
- [1.6.8] (writer not known), 'Friends stunned by loss', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 4.
- Luke Jacobs and Nathan Charles died at Koornalla, near Callignee – MySpace
- [1.6.9] Emily Power, 'Parents in plea for help', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 4.
- Debbie, 37, Graham, Trey, 10, Lyric, 8, died at their home in Shelley Harris Drive, Kinglake – Kelli Lambert – Nola Maxfield, President, Rural Doctors Association of Australia, quote
- [1.6.10] Fiona Hudson, 'Home no shelter for loving family', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 4.
- Fay and Bill Walker – Geoff Walker, 53, disabled, wheelchair bound, son – all died in their Narbethong home – Michael Lowrie
- [1.6.11] (writer not known), 'Fears for mum-to-be', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 5.
- Jamie Bowker and Nicole Jefferson of King Rd, Marysville – missing, believed dead – Nicole pregnant – were to be married on February 22 – Ian Bowker

- [1.6.12] (writer not known), 'Rail worker mourned', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 5.
Glenis Delmenico, V/Line worker – died at Marysville while on a camping trip – V/Line Chief Executive, Rob Barnett
- [1.6.13] Georgie Pilcher, 'Couple's luck runs out', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 5.
Sue and John Wilson died at their home in the Mudgegonga Valley on the Myrtleford-Yackandandah Rd – Trish Sweeney – Trish Carroll – Clint Debortoli, 30 – Howard Paix, Recovery Team Co-ordinator in Marysville, quote
- [1.6.14] (writer not known), 'Austin mourns', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 6.
Prof Rob Pierce died trying to defend his home in Bald Spur Rd – he was Director of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine at the Austin Hospital, and Director of the Institute of Breathing and Sleep – Austin Health, Chief Executive, Dr Brendan Murphy – Jessica Barnes of Kinglake, quote
- [1.6.15] (writer not known), 'Patients' sadness', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 6.
Dr Chris Towie of the Melbourne Clinic, died at his property at Reedy Creek, near Broadford – Betty Towie – Cheryl Ferguson
- [1.6.16] (writer not known), 'Mother trapped', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 6.
Tina Wilson, 36, originally from the North Island town of Whakatane, NZ, died with her 3 children in Kinglake
- [1.6.17] (writer not known), 'Actor a sad loss', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 6.
Actor Reg Evans and his partner are believed to have perished at their Bald Spur Rd home in St Andrews – John Wood – Paul Bishop
- [1.6.18] (writer not known), 'Carving a niche', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 6.
Harley and Errol Morgan of Marysville – Harley was a chainsaw artist – Joanna Duffy
- [1.6.19] Advertisement, RACV, 'RACV Bushfire Emergency Hotline 13 19 03', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 6.
- [1.6.20] Alice Coster, 'Disaster in the making', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 7.
Facts and figures on climate conditions – crowning and spotting – terrain – radiant heat – comparison of average bushfire and Saturday's superfire in terms of spread, heat, height – Dr Kevin Tolhurst, Senior Lecturer, Melbourne University in Fire Ecology and Management – DSE fire behaviour specialist, Peter Billing – CSIRO senior fire researcher, Andrew Sullivan – Prof Paul Wilson, Forensic Psychologist and Criminologist at Bond University, quote
- [1.6.21] Megan McNaught, 'Sam a world star', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 9.
Sam became the most famous koala in the world, when firefighter David Tree stopped to give him a drink – Sam is female – Sam featured in major newspapers, including The New York Times, and London's The Sun, and on CNN – yesterday Sam was recovering in Mountain Ash Wildlife Shelter, Rawson – carers Jenny Shaw and Colleen Wood

- [1.6.22] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Precious connection for shattered communities', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 9.
- Bottled water being distributed to fire victims – water supply restored yesterday to Marysville and Buxton, but residents must still boil water for domestic use – Yarra Valley Water is offering bottled water, tanks of water and drinking stations to those affected in the Kinglake area – Water Minister, Tim Holding – fires in the Maroondah and Upper Yarra catchments are threatened – construction of north-south pipeline suspended – the government has established a Water Industry Mutual Aid Arrangement between water authorities in Victoria and interstate to help smaller water authorities hit by bushfires
- [1.6.23] (writer not known), 'Fears for education expert', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 9.
- Education expert, Dr Ken Rowe, Senior Research Director at the Australian Council of Educational Research, is missing – Richard Wynne, Victorian Housing Minister, quote
- [1.6.24] Evonne Barry, 'Return to Ground Zero', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, pp. 10-11.
- Photo of Geoff, Marilyn, Renee, Jessica Maddams at the ruins of their home in the Bendigo areas – Ashlee Dreier, 22, and Tanya, 32, at the remains of their parents home at Maiden Gully – Russell Rees, CFA Chief Fire Officer, quote – Aaron Robertson, Kinglake firefighter at the ruins of his home – Bernie and Jan Hansell at the ruins of their Kinglake home – Matthew Lombardi, 30, uninsured, sifts through the debris of his rented home in Happy Valley Rd, Bendigo – Don Smurthwaite, US National Interagency Fire Centre, spokesman, quote
- [1.6.25] Advertisement, AAMI, 'If you're with AAMI and affected by the bushfires phone 12 22 44 or contact us at aami.com.au', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 12.
- [1.6.26] Advertisement, Safeway/Woolworths, 'Safeway Backing our Farmers 09: the road to recovery', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 12.
- On Friday 20 February, all Woolworths and Safeway stores will give 100% of their profits to the Country Women's Association to give financial support to farming families and help rebuild rural communities hit by recent fires and floods
- [1.6.27] Jane Metlikovec, 'Messages to a killer', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 13.
- Open letters to the arsonist who lit the Churchill fires from – Steve Barling, Churchill CFA Captain – Janice Michelsson, 42, former Callignee resident – John Brumby, quote
- [1.6.28] Norrie Ross, 'I won't leave Poncho behind, she's my best friend', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, pp. 14-15.
- Juliet Moore, 35, refused to leave her dog, Poncho, at her property in Coombs Rd, Kinglake West – home survived – Priscilla Wakefield – Susan Harvey at Bendigo Animal Hospital – Priscilla Wakefield, quote, pp.14-15
- [1.6.29] Megan McNaught, 'Carers fight hard to save injured wildlife', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 15.
- Healesville Sanctuary takes in wildlife – Senior Vet, Rupert Baker

- [1.6.30] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Flood of generosity', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, p. 17.
- Red Cross State Government Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – Whittlesea Relief Centre – list of donations from businesses and organisations – Ash Wednesday survivors donate 4 truckloads of food and clothing – Geoff Rounds – authorities in Alexandra are now telling Victorians to stop taking clothes and food to its Relief Centre, as there is no storage space left – Bushfire Fund total estimated at \$40 million – John Brumby – Dannye Moloney, Crime Dept Assist Commissioner, quote
- [1.6.31] Photo, 'Devastating spectacle', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 18.
- Satellite image taken from the Earth Observatory Satellite – Brumby, quote
- [1.6.32] Gerard McManus & Michael Harvey, 'MP emotions overflowing', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 19.
- Rob Hodgetts, CFA, at Mudgegonga – Kevin Rudd spoke to Parliament yesterday – Governor-General, Quentin Bryce – Victorian MP, Russell Broadbent spoke to Parliament – US President, Barack Obama – Rudd comments on those who deliberately lit the fires
- [1.6.33] Sarah Wotherspoon & Emily Power, 'Fickle wind renews threat', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 19.
- Strong winds cause havoc for firefighters – Gembrook threatened – Diamond Creek CFA firefighter, David Spargo – DSE spokesman, Kevin Monk – 23 bushfires still raging – Malcolm Turnbull, quote
- [1.6.34] In Brief, 'Lawyers work for free', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 19.
- Law Institute offers half hour fee – Law Institute President, Danny Barlow
- [1.6.35] In Brief, 'Obama offers support', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 19.
- [1.6.36] In Brief, 'Messages of hope', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 19.
- Mark Fraser – Darryl and Bev Jones, survived, Kinglake – Redshaws of Buxton, safe – Paula Denny and Keith Abram – Ronnie Gouge of Flowerdale, survived
- [1.6.37] In Brief, 'Chum Creek survivors', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 19.
- Jeremy and Linda McRea, Chum Creek – Chum Creek under threat – Lowes, Arlunya and Warringah Rds
- [1.6.38] In Brief, 'Long wait for IDs', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 19.
- The bodies of some victims are so badly burnt they will never be identified – Prof Stephen Cordner, Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine – State Coroner, Jennifer Coate – temporary mortuary set up in the grounds of the State Coronial Services at Southbank – more than 100 bodies have been admitted
- [1.6.39] Photos, 'We couldn't hold the flames back', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, pp. 20-21.
- Matthew Lombardi, Bendigo resident, quote – Stephen Henderson, CFA volunteer, Taggerty – Bill Carta, Kinglake, quote
- [1.6.40] Advertisement, AMP, 'Important message for AMP customers affected by the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 20.

Steve Perkin, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 22.

- [1.6.41] 'Fortunately, the show will go on'
Perry Brothers Circus were to be in Kinglake soon – will hold fundraiser
- [1.6.42] 'Work and play'
Kinglake Kindergarten destroyed – other kinders donating, including Minyip, Murtoa, Rupanyup
- [1.6.43] 'Disastrous tally'
It is possible that more people will die in the fires than the combined death toll of Ash Wednesday, Black Friday and Cyclone Tracey
- [1.6.44] 'Positively buzzing'
Swimming pool at Whittlesea offers generators at cost price
- [1.6.45] 'Sign me up'
Glen Martin of Churchill thanks local firefighters
- [1.6.46] 'Lazy loafers'
Deano, owner of Redesdale General Store stays open
- [1.6.47] Greg Flanagan of Churchill, quote
- [1.6.48] Guide to Services, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 23

Guide to – Roads, Water, Schools, Phones, Trains, Electricity – John Pyle of Wandong, quote
- [1.6.49] Advertisement, ETU (Electrical Trades Union) and United Firefighters Union, 'Thank you.', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 24.

Both unions thank their members for their tireless efforts
- [1.6.50] Advertisement, GIO, 'Have you been affected by the Victorian bushfires?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 29.
- [1.6.51] Anne Fitzsimmons, Safety Beach, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.

The photo of the firefighter giving a koala a drink says it all
- [1.6.52] Garry Davis, Almeria, Spain, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.

I'm a POM living in Spain - I hope and pray you get a massive amount of rain to help your firefighters
- [1.6.53] Glen, Eltham, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.

Maybe the Federal Minister for the Environment could get his former bandmates together for a charity concert?
- [1.6.54] Nelly Thomas, Brunswick, 50/50, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.

Can someone set up a billeting register so people can offer temporary room?
- [1.6.55] Wayne Nagorcka, Hamilton, 50/50, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.

This Valentine's Day, donate money to the bushfire relief fund

- [1.6.56] Mary C, Ringwood, 50/50, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- Glad to hear the Prime Minister say that anyone caught deliberately lighting fires should be charged with murder
- [1.6.57] Tony Sedawie, Kangaroo Flat, 50/50, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- During the 1939 fires many lives were saved because of underground shelters legislated to be built in isolated timber communities after fires in 1926 - they should be reintroduced in locations such as Kinglake and Marysville
- [1.6.58] Noel Howard, Heathmont, 50/50, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- We hope that political parties will unite and go for political point-scoring as evidenced in our present economic crisis
- [1.6.59] Peter Barker, Cohuna, 50/50, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- Surely more greenhouse gases were released by the fires in one day than we can save with emission control policy in our homes in 10 years
- [1.6.60] Phil, Braybrook, 50/50, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- When houses are being rebuilt I hope councils make bunkers mandatory
- [1.6.61] Alan A. Hoysted, Thomastown, 50/50, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30,
- Our CFA and DSE firefighters must be the bravest of the brave
- [1.6.62] S. Wallace, Mirboo North, 50/50, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- Now will we act on global warming?
- [1.6.63] Bernice Battams, Cranbourne North, Letters, 'Firefighters suffer along with victims', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- The firefighters are true heroes and are suffering along with the fire victims
- [1.6.64] Cameron, Melton, Letters, 'Volunteers miss out on salary', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- I think those CFA volunteers who take time off work and don't get paid should get something – some employers are not even letting their workers take time off unpaid
- [1.6.65] Brian, Greensborough, Letters, 'Blame game too easy', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- No amount of blame and small-mindedness is going to improve things for the victims
- [1.6.66] L.F., Deniliquin, NSW, Letters, 'Koala picture brings tears', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- The photo of the CFA volunteer and the Koala touched a spot deep inside
- [1.6.67] Alan Young, Greensborough, Letters, 'Image photograph of the year', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- Your photo showing CFA firefighter David Tree and the koala has to be photo of the year

- [1.6.68] Corinne Summerhayes, South Geelong, Letters, 'Example of CFA members' care', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- The photo of David Tree and the koala epitomizes the love, care and dedication of our CFA heroes
- [1.6.69] Vox Pop, 'What early lessons can we learn from the Victorian bushfire disaster?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 30.
- Rohid Ghai, 27, Altona - Christopher Davies, 18, Hoppers Crossing - Rhydian Cowley, 18, Glen Waverley - Melanie, 30, Brunswick - Jacinta Grimaldi, 27, St Kilda
- [1.6.70] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 31.
- Shows firefighters and a koala having a drink break
- [1.6.71] Paul, Box Hill, Letters, 'Heartache and inspiration', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 31.
- Don't know what drives me more to tears – the heartbreaking stories and photos of the victims or the overwhelming generosity and inspirational human spirit
- [1.6.72] Jim, Letters, 'Police have unenviable role', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 31.
- Have sympathy for the police who are caught in the middle, having to stop people wanting to return to Kinglake to see if their families are still alive
- [1.6.73] Brad Adams, Wattle Glen, Letters, 'Too hot for tennis stars', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 31.
- It might be too hot for the tennis stars, but our CFA volunteers get paid nothing to fight fires for longer periods in greater heat without complaint – they also save lives
- [1.6.74] G. Turner, Warragul, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p.31.
- Perhaps our governments would put money where there mouths are and fund the CFA and SES properly
- [1.6.75] Doug Hardy, Longwarry North, Letters, 'Fire plan needs looking at', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 31.
- We evacuated with no warnings and little information – surely the 'leave or stay and defend' advice should be changed and evacuation sirens introduced
- [1.6.76] Patrick, Letters, 'CFA badly underfunded', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 31.
- Why isn't the CFA fully funded by the Government? – the CFA has a raw deal
- [1.6.77] Donna Marshall, Vermont Secondary College, Letters, 'Students raise \$7000 for appeal', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, p. 31.
- Yesterday the Vermont Secondary College Student Representative Council held a fundraiser and collected more than \$7000
- [1.6.78] Jennifer Salter, Ringwood, Letters, 'Jail killer arsonists for life', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 31.
- How can anybody understand such a sick, evil act as to deliberately light fires – Kevin Rudd is right – these people are cold-blooded, mass murderers

- [1.6.88] Fiona Byrne & Jane Metlikovec, 'Daddo unites LA Aussies', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 34.
- Actor Cameron Daddo is rallying fellow Aussie expats in the US to support the Australia Unites bushfire appeal – Simon Baker – Anthony La Paglia
- [1.7.1] Photo, 'Alive', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 1.
- Debbie Bisnella and her boyfriend, Adam Zampelis
- [1.7.2] The Tragic Toll, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11. 2009, p. 2.
- Details of the toll by location
- [1.7.3] Holly Ife, 'Together from crèche to grave', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 2.
- Matthew, 7, Brielle, 3, Eric, 8, Adrian and Mirabelle Brown, all died at Kinglake, Bald Spur Rd – Melanie Scholes
- [1.7.4] Holly Ife, 'Test stars to visit fire victims', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 2.
- Australian Test Team to visit Whittlesea today – Michael Clarke – Ricky Ponting – Cameron White – Peter Siddle – Danielle Hansell, quote
- [1.7.5] Megan McNaught, 'Pets' great escape fills Ruth will joy', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 3.
- Ruth Lynn – Jason Lynn – three dogs survive
- [1.7.6] Mark Buttler, 'Our heroes fight on', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 3.
- Death toll grows to 181 – firefighters worked tirelessly yesterday to make the most of the cool weather – police are assembling a 100-strong team of detectives to hunt down the arsonists as part of Taskforce Phoenix – looters prowling ruined towns – Kinglake residents were allowed to return – Jack Powell, 94, walked away unhurt at Strathewen – Juliet Moore – Evonne Paddison of Access Ministries – Gembrook and Rubicon under threat – Paul Lackas – Brumby – Nixon – Danielle Hansell, quote
- [1.7.7] Gareth Trickey, 'Love on the line', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 4.
- Joshua, 5, Julia, 3, Ruth, 39, and Jason Lynn, 35, of Kinglake – all survived – Jason Lynn crawled to his dam – Ziad Ghobril – Shane Lepp
- [1.7.8] Cheryl Critchley, 'Couple thought each other lost forever', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 4.
- Bill, 52, and Sherrill, 56, Carta – Kinglake – both were taken to the Alfred Hospital separately – Robert Bruton, Chum Creek, quote
- [1.7.9] Paul Kent, 'Amid chaos, children show us the way', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 5.
- Liam and Lachlan Berns of Kinglake – Whittlesea Community Centre – nobody allowed up to Kinglake – those in Kinglake and Pheasant Creek and other affected areas running out of supplies – residents angry – Craig Ingram

- [1.7.10] Matt Johnston, 'Home saved by an 89c bargain', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 5.
- Michael Rogers of Kinglake – Jennifer Coate, Coroner, quote
- [1.7.11] Michelle Pountney, 'Frantic fight from inferno', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 6.
- Benjamin Banks, 25, Kinglake West – personal account
- [1.7.12] Michelle Pountney, 'Old Jack beats the odds', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 6.
- Jack Powell, 94, of Pine Ridge Rd, Strathewen – personal account – Lachlan Berns, 6, of Kinglake, quote
- [1.7.13] Paul Kent, 'Flames came into car', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 7.
- Debbie Bisnella – Adam Zampelis – Kinglake – personal account
- [1.7.14] Shannon Deery, 'I could not leave five people there to die', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 7.
- Jane and Karl Amatnieks, 56 - personal account – saved a family of five – Lachlan Berns, Kinglake, quote
- [1.7.15] Angus Hohenboken, reporter for The Australian, 'Who will walk this girl down the aisle?', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, pp. 8-9.
- Bride-to-be Grace Wilson – Samantha Wilson, 19 – John and Sue Wilson, died – Mudgegonga – Trish Sweeney, Assistant Communication Officer with the CFA, Mudgegonga – Myrtleford Golf Club President, David Matthews – Samantha Wilson, quote – Tony Zann, quote
- [1.7.16] Julie-Anne Davies, 'Town dies in tears', Special edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 10.
- John Munday, firefighter, at Marysville – Gallipoli Park, where people sheltered – Police have declared Marysville a crime scene – Sgt David Rowles – Kevin Rudd saw devastation first hand – Marie O'Sullivan – missing, Liz Leesfield and her boys Mathew and James – Adam Zampelis, quote
- [1.7.17] Gemma Jones, 'Heroic pair save 19', Special edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 11.
- Andrew Collard, 30, Brian Lawry, 46, DSE workers – firefighter Brad Sexton – Mike Lauder, Ranger
- [1.7.18] Evonne Barry, 'It took 28 years to build ... now we'll start again', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 11.
- Pat and Lindi Leddin's home destroyed in Wandong – Pat Leddin SES and CFA volunteer – Ryan's Rise Rd – Terry Swaniick – Ruth Lynn, quote
- [1.7.19] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Alarm system shelved', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 12.
- Early warning alarm system shelved for almost 4 years while authorities argue about who should pay for it – Steve Bracks described it as 'landmark' technology – former Superintendent Murray Adams who was State Emergency Response Officer until 2005 – 'Stay or go'

- [1.7.20] Russell Robinson, 'Going home to a ghost town', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 12.
- Kerryn and John Edmonds and their children, Orianna, 9, Tahlia, 4. Micah, 2 – St Andrews – Diamond Creek Relief Centre – Gavin Jordan, a Nillumbik Council Officer
- [1.7.21] Anthony Dowsley, 'Anger over shire's tree policy', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 12.
- Fiery meeting at Arthurs Creek – Dennis Spooner and relatives say Nillumbik Council responsible for deaths because it did not cut down trees – Nillumbik Mayor, Bo Bendtsen – Kylie McErlain, Kinglake West baker, quote
- [1.7.22] John Ferguson, 'Looters move in to rob dead', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 13.
- Paul Lackas – Bruce Champion – South Mountain Rd, Heathcoate Junction – Wallan police aware of looting concerns – Jason Brincat
- [1.7.23] Evonne Barry, 'House runs out of blessings', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 13.
- Noeline Pyle – John Pyle – home destroyed – South Mountain Rd - Arthurs Creek CFA Captain, David McGahy, quote
- [1.7.24] (writer not known), 'Mail held in hot spots', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 13.
- Towns hear the bushfires will be without postal services for several days, Australia Post says – it is believed that Narbethong, Marysville and Kinglake West post offices were destroyed
- [1.7.25] Cheryl Critchley, 'Handle fears with kid gloves', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 14.
- Deakin University psychologist Helen McGrath, said it was important to tell children about the disaster, but not in graphic detail – most children would recover with minor effects – adolescent psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg, said catastrophes were frightening for children and adults, whether they were involved or not – Carr-Gregg said children directly involved were more likely to experience problems – Michael Grose, parent educator, urges parents to reassure their children they were safe – clinical psychologist, Dr Janet Hall, said fire affected children could also be upset about losing a favourite toy, blanket or item adults considered insignificant
- [1.7.26] John Hamilton, 'Refugees climb off the canvas', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 14.
- Yea – Diana Smith – Ray and Mark Bartlam – 100 refugees living in army tents and other temporary accommodation on Yea football oval – Yea Relief Centre – Debbie Shaddock, Mansfield Red Cross – Carolyn Grace, care worker – Margaret Mahon, Chairwoman of Yea Red Cross for 27 years – Victorian Health Minister, Daniel Andrews – Juliet Moore of Kinglake, quote
- [1.7.27] Karen Collier, 'Acts of kindness lift burden of pain', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 14-15.
- Karen Fabrikant of Mt Riddell – Irene Passi of Buxton lost her home – Linda Ellis, 46 – Gail Dacey, 50 – Hugh Wyatt – Tracey Jackman, 36 – Raelene Cheetham, 53, of Chum Creek – Frank Hayes, 60 – Sen-Sgt Shaun Young – Dr Helen McGrath, Deakin University family psychologist, quote

- [1.7.28] Photos, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, p. 16.
- Bill and Sherrill of Kinglake – Jason Lynn and family
- [1.8.1] Photo, ‘Mate, you’re a lifesaver’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 1.
- Sam the koala is reunited with CFA hero, David Tree
- [1.8.2] Geoff Wilkinson, ‘Rudd and Brumby meet on early warning fire alerts: never again’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 1 (cont p. 6.).
- An early warning system could finally be activated – Kevin Rudd – John Brumby – Bruce Esplin
- [1.8.3] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, ‘How to show your support’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 2.
- List of Spotlight stores where people can get free (yellow) ribbons
- [1.8.4] Ron Reed, ‘Makybe’s owner races to help’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 2.
- Tony Santic, owner of three-time Melbourne Cup winner Makybe Diva, has joined the racing industry’s rally for the bushfire appeal – Santic has pledged 10% of all prizemoney won on his horses in February – Deslee Kennedy, Operations Manager – Sophie Neumann, 14, quote
- [1.8.5] Ron Reed, ‘Mum’s story moves Ponting’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, pp. 2-3.
- Ricky Ponting – Nathan Bracken – Cameron White – Peter Siddle – Mike Hussey – Michael Clarke - (Australian Cricket Test team members) – Emergency Relief Centre, Whittlesea – Kirriley Scanlon from Kinglake – Andrew Avola, 39, lost his father – Glen Lehner, Vice President, Whittlesea Cricket Club
- [1.8.6] Ron Reed, ‘Shark heads sport appeal for victims’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 3.
- Greg Norman will play in a celebrity tournament next week – Justin Langer, cricketer – Todd Pearson, swimmer – The Vines Resort, Qld, next Tuesday – Johnnie Walker Classic – players and officials at this week’s Women’s Australian Open at Melbourne’s Metropolitan course pledged support – AFL NAB game between Brisbane Lions and St Kilda on the Gold Coast – NZ rugby fans – Red Cross appeal reaches \$44m – AFL clubs efforts to raise money – Peter Thorp of Kinglake, quote
- [1.8.7] Matt Johnston, ‘Just two words, then nothing’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 4.
- Ralph Koch – Rob and Natasha Davey of Kinglake and their children, Jorja, 3, Alexis, 8 months, all died – Murray Cousins, Mt Williams winery owner – Cameron Caine, Kinglake Football Club President, quote
- [1.8.8] Matt Johnston, ‘The pain that won’t go away’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Personal account – Marion Taffe telling the story of the Davey family, see [1.8.7] – Peter Thorneycroft, who saved the Kinglake pub, quote

- [1.8.9] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Vow on early warning', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 6 (from p. 1).
- Esplin – early warning system – legislation to be introduced in Federal Parliament to allow access to the electronic White Pages databases – work has started on safety checks to ensure a new system would not crash the phone system or affect 000 – Kerry Plowright said his Australian Early Warning Network had been offered free of charge to governments, but had received no response – Ray Keating of Kinglake, quote
- [1.8.10] Shelly Hadfield, 'Idyllic haven to death trap', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 6.
- Kate Ansett, 43, and Steve Fisher, 44, of Toolangi, died in their home
- [1.8.11] Matt Johntson, '“Larrikin” put his farm first', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 6.
- George Jackson, 74, of Strathewen died in his home – Geoff Jackson, 53
- [1.8.12] Advertisement, RACV, 'Here's how RACV can help right now if you're affected by bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 6.
- [1.8.13] Holly Ife, 'At least my boy died with his mates', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 7.
- Kaya Mehmedoff, 18, Jon Le Gasick, 18, Haydn McMahon, 17, all died at Strathewen – Rosemary Dale-Mehmedoff
- [1.8.14] Megan McNaught, 'Scientists mourn loss', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 7.
- Melbourne University Associate Professor, John Barnett – Victorian National Parks Association researcher, Jenny Barnett – both died in their car at Steels Creek – Melbourne University Animal Welfare Service Centre Director, Paul Hemsworth – Charles Exton, Pheasant Creek farmer, quote
- [1.8.15] Emily Power, 'Great talents lost', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 7.
- Artist Angela Brunton, 48 – actor, Reg Evans – both believed to have died at their farm in St Andrews
- [1.8.16] John Masanauskas, 'Man who adored his haven', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 7.
- Marcel Smits, 56, died at his St Andrews home – owner of courier company Z Transport Group – member of the BMW Motorcycle Club
- [1.8.17] John Masanauskas, 'Couple gave so much', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 7.
- Geoff and Suzanne Hyde are believed to have died defending their Cobham Rd property in Kinglake – Tim Huggins of Kinglake
- [1.8.18] Megan McNaught, 'The messages that were never returned', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 8.
- Greg and Judy McIver of Strathewen, believed to have died – Amelia Coombs of Mudgegonga, quote
- [1.8.19] Megan McNaught, 'Teachers made mark on school', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 8.
- Carol and David Holcombe died – Chris Brandon – Terry Twooney, Principal, Whittlesea Secondary College

- [1.8.20] Advertisement, AAMI, 'We're here to help you recover. Please call 13 22 44', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 9. [1.8.20]
- [1.8.21] Fiona Hudson, 'Mates rally to aid orphans', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 9.
Isak and Kirstie Nilsson died at Marysville – Maudie Palmer – 'Elvis' pilot, Shawn Stavang, quote
- [1.8.22] Fiona Hudson, 'Flames too fast for family racers', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 9.
Alan, Luke, and Miros Jacobs all died at their Koornalla home, near Callignee – Suzie Wright
- [1.8.23] Fiona Hudson, 'Hotels launch appeal', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 9.
The Australian Hotels Association has launched a bushfire appeal – the AHA will start the appeal with a donation of \$200,000
- [1.8.24] Advertisement, Coles, 'Help us help the bushfire victims', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 9.
Every Coles store in Australia will donate this Friday's profits
- [1.8.25] Megan McNaught, 'Play it again, Sam', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 11.
Sam the koala and David Tree, CFA firefighter are reunited – Mountain Ash Wildlife Shelter in Rawson – the photo of the two has been shown around the world – Colleen Wood, carer – the Herald Sun is selling copies of the now famous photo for \$20, with all proceeds going to the CFA – Stephen Fontana, Assistant Police Commissioner, quote
- [1.8.26] Megan McNaught, 'US experts flying in', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 11.
The US will send 60 experts to help in recovery efforts – Emergency Management Australia and Victorian fire authorities requested the support team which should arrive on Sunday
- [1.8.27] Advertisement, RSPCA, 'Countless animals have been devastated by the fires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 11.
- [1.8.28] Aaron Langmaid, 'Monster fire fears grow', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 12.
Diagram of the fires still burning across Victoria – fears that the Kinglake complex fire will join with the Bunyip National Forest fire and create a monster fire – Steve Warrington, CFA Deputy Chief Fire Officer – Rev Evan Prentice, Whittlesea, quote
- [1.8.29] Advertisement, Apia, 'Affected by bushfires? Apia staff are available.', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February, 2009, p. 12.
- [1.8.30] (writer not known), 'Terror at 120km/h', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 13.
Diagrams of the size and speed of the Kinglake-Marysville fire – James Dullard, CFA Divisional Commander, quote
- [1.8.31] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Plan. Prepare. Practice. Are you fire ready?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 13.
Reminds Victorians that the fire risk remains extremely high – have a fire plan and leave early if you intend to leave

- [1.8.32] Peter Jean, 'Rules eased for aid', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 15.
- Kevin Rudd has instructed Centrelink to relax identification rules to ensure bushfire victims don't miss out on emergency assistance – some families who lost everything have been unable to produce drivers' licences or bank statements normally required - \$1000 payments – Centrelink make almost \$1.9m worth of emergency payments to support 2317 adults and children on Monday and Tuesday – 200 Centrelink staff are providing support – John Brumby, quote
- [1.8.32a] Lauren Williams, 'Not home any more', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 15.
- Kinglake children being counselled – Ashley McIntyre, 12, of Pheasant Creek, lost 6 close friends – Kyle vander Berk, 12 – Luke van der Berk
- [1.8.33] Shelley Hadfield, 'Madly in love til the end', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 16.
- Mary and Lloyd, 85, Martin died at their home in Humvale – Marisa Robbins – Pine Ridge Stud – Jane Morrison – Steve Warrington, CFA Deputy Chief Fire Officer, quote
- [1.8.34] Photo, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 16.
- Daryl Lloyd, CFA volunteer, looks through the remains of his Kinglake home
- [1.8.35] John Masanauskas, 'Will be greatly missed', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 16.
- This is exactly the same article as the one by John Masanauskas on p. 7 today, but the earlier headline was, 'Couple gave so much'
- [1.8.36] Guide to Services, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 16.
- Guide to – roads, schools, trains, buses, water, phones, electricity
- [1.8.37] Photo, 'Snapshot of a catastrophe, Monday, 11am', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 17.
- Appears to be a satellite photo of the Kinglake/Marysville area on the Monday after the Black Saturday fires
- [1.8.38] Advertisement, GIO, 'An important message for GIO customers', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 17.
- [1.8.39] Photos, 'Your view of our tragedy', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, pp. 18-19.
- Photos submitted by the public – Labertouche – Ray and Lyn Earl's Warragul home – Narre Warren South – Yarra Glen railway bridge in flames – Napier Rd between Woodside and Won Wron in Gippsland – a fire truck at Kinglake West – Isabella Hastings in Narre Warren North
- [1.8.40] Advertisement, St. George, 'Are you a St. George customer affected by the Victorian bushfires?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 19.
- [1.8.41] Stephen McMahon & Ben Packham, 'The rebuilding work begins', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 20.
- Army privates, John Newberry and Tim Place, at Kinglake – John Brumby – Christine Nixon – the new Reconstruction Authority will initially focus on electricity, sewerage and roads to devastated communities – bunkers – Maj-Gen John Patrick Cantwell will take control of the Reconstruction Authority til Nixon takes over in 3 weeks – Master Builders Association – Kevin Rudd, re insurance difficulties

- [1.8.42] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Ex-con calls for volunteer tradies', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 20.
- Carpenter, Doug Morgan, once known as the After Dark Bandit, and spent 11 years in jail, asked tradesmen to donate one day a month for the next 12 months – Warren Sevil, Australian Ladies Professional Golf Tour boss, quote
- [1.8.43] In Brief, 'Help from behind bars', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 20.
- Prisoners at Ararat, Barwon, Loddon and Beechworth prisons, and Marngoneet Correctional Centre, offer help – Sally Miles – Corrections Victoria spokeswoman, Christine Panaytau - RSPCA
- [1.8.44] In Brief, 'Legal aid on offer', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 20.
- Victorian Legal Aid, the Federation of Community Legal Centres, the Law Institute of Victoria, the Victorian Bar, the Public Interest Clearing House are all working together to help families – Attorney-General, Rob Hulls – The Office of Births, Deaths and Marriages has offered free replacement of documents
- [1.8.45] In Brief, 'Free asthma medicine', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 20.
- Free asthma medicine to be donated – Robin Ould, CEO of the Asthma Foundation of Victoria – pharmacies in bushfire affected areas will provide the free medication and a spacer
- [1.8.46] In Brief, 'Aiming to get back on air', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 20.
- Broadcast Australia is working around the clock to restore TV and radio transmission to the La Trobe Valley – fire damaged the Mt Tassie tower which transmits ABC, WIN, Prime and SBS to the area – many residents are furious that they only received Channel 10
- [1.8.47] In Brief, 'Undies in demand', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 20.
- Undies in short supply – Bonds will distribute more than 10,000 items, including underwear to support agencies – Bonds will also send a pallet of jocks to Coles in Healesville
- [1.8.48] Advertisement, AMP, 'Important message for AMP customers affected by the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 20.
- Steve Perkins, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 23.
- [1.8.49] 'Tankers top the class'
Labertouche Primary School survives – Acting Principal, Pat Alexander – under school door was a note 'Lang Long and Beaconsfield tankers saved your school. Can we have an A plus?'
- [1.8.50] 'Streets ahead in generosity'
Tess Slater and Julie Thompson organized a drop-off point for donations at a local oval in East Croydon – response was outstanding, so much so that the Ringwood Salvos organized truckloads of items to be delivered to Kinglake
- [1.8.51] 'Tip Top effort by baker'
Deano, who runs the General Store at Redesdale, complained about TipTop bakeries refusal to deliver bread to him – Tip Top says it will deliver if possible – Tip Top has donated 9 cars to the bushfire appeal
- [1.8.52] 'BBQ with the works a delight'
Narre Warren businessman, Mark Dickinson, has organized a fundraiser at Amberley Park Shopping Centre this Sunday – Bakers Delight and Foodworks are fully supporting the venture

- [1.8.53] 'Stamp of approval'
On March 13, Prestige Philately will hold a special auction to raise money to go to the Bushfire Relief Fund
- [1.8.54] 'Holiday for volunteers'
Offer of accommodation in Batemans Bay for a volunteer firefighter
- [1.8.55] Quote, Peter Beales, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 23.
- [1.8.56] In Brief, 'Help for students', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 24.

Students affected by the bushfires will be given support by education authorities – they will be eligible for special consideration for coursework and exams
- [1.8.57] In Brief, 'JPs do the rounds', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 24.

Justices of the Peace (JPs) are making special arrangements to sign documents for free at police stations in Epping, Traralgon and Warragul – Garry Runge, President, The Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices
- [1.8.58] In Brief, 'A chance to mourn', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 24.

Special church services to remember bushfire victims – St Patrick's Cathedral today at 1pm – Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Denis Hart – St Paul's Cathedral service at 1pm tomorrow – Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Philip Freier
- [1.8.59] In Brief, 'Surge in road deaths', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 24.

The TAC said that people who died in cars fleeing the fires would receive the benefits and support they were entitled to
- [1.8.60] Quote, Eva Koegel, 74, of Callignee, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 24. [1.8.60]
- [1.8.61] Simon Mossman, 'ID teams comb a razed hamlet's ruins', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, pp. 24-25.

Sen-Constable Peter Cox – disaster identification experts moved into Steels Creek yesterday – Detective Inspector, Bob Sitlington – Gayle Chappell, from Hepburn Wildlife Shelter, quote
- [1.8.62] Editorial, 'Ties to bind us together', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 36.

The yellow ribbon campaign is supported by the Herald Sun and the Victorian Government – yellow ribbons symbolic, like the red poppies we wear on Remembrance Day in honour of war victims
- [1.8.63] Editorial, 'Say it for Sam', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 36.

The photo of Sam is on CNN, in the New York Times and the Sun in London
- [1.8.64] Kevin Rudd, 'Together, we will rebuild', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, pp. 36-37.

Kevin Rudd visits fire affected areas – Jenny Macklin, Families Minister – Commonwealth Disaster Plan – Defence Force personnel deployed – Australian Federal Police – Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority – Centrelink – Human Services – Appeal Fund

- [1.8.65] Bruce Esplin, 'Blazes that no fire service can combat', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, pp. 36-37.
- We must still support communities fighting the fires and preparing their homes – now is not the time for the blame game – the 'stay or go' policy must be discussed – my view is that 'stay or go' is based on sound research and evacuation is not the way forward – 500,000 people would have had to be evacuated on Black Saturday – forest fuel reduction – Bruce Esplin, Victoria's Emergency Services Commissioner
- [1.8.66] Jill Singer, 'Creatures great and small', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 37.
- People's attachment to their pets, animals – Juliet Moore unhitched herself from a rescue hospital and rushed back into the blaze to get her dog, Poncho, after he escaped from her arms, both survived – both Penny and Melanie Chambers died trying to save their horses
- [1.8.67] Dawn Peck, Havelock, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- The photo a Sam the koala and David Tree shows compassion is alive and well
- [1.8.68] Peg Eddy, Watsonia, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- The photo of Sam the koala and David Tree should be titled, 'Compassion and trust' – two features lacking in firebugs
- [1.8.69] Belinda Wilson, Black Rock, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Mark Knight's cartoon on February 10 says it all
- [1.8.70] Tony Webber, Sunbury, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Why doesn't Australia have a fleet of heli-tankers that the states can share?
- [1.8.71] Brad Canavan, Chelsea, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- It's been 26 years since Ash Wednesday – isn't it about time the government bought some Elvis water bombers for Victoria?
- [1.8.72] Meredith Cooke, Melton, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Triumph of the human spirit – proud to be Australian, particularly Victorian
- [1.8.73] Gary Billington, London, UK, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Offers prayers from all the people of the East End of London
- [1.8.74] Rick Maslan, Kinglake, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Those responsible for lighting the bushfires should be dropped off in Kinglake
- [1.8.75] Shane Briggs, Ararat, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Isn't it time we paid are brave volunteers?
- [1.8.76] Margaret Torpy, Highett, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Cellars (bunkers) should be mandatory in heavily timbered areas

- [1.8.77] Bob Toth, Elwood, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Arson that causes multiple deaths must be punished with cumulative, rather than concurrent, sentences
- [1.8.78] Aidan Curran, Bayswater North, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Proud of our firefighters
- [1.8.79] Ted Rose, Lysterfield South, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- It was a wonderful picture of Angela O'Connor being united with her dog – see [1.4.15]
- [1.8.80] Mark E. Bloomfield, Lavington, NSW, Letters, 'Broadbent speech uplifting', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- I congratulate Russell Broadbent, Federal Member for McMillan, on his speech in Parliament on Tuesday
- [1.8.81] Graeme Minns, Korobeit, Letters, 'Cut back on green laws', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- The Royal Commission should look at allowing more clearing in bushfire prone zones – bunkers should be built
- [1.8.82] Jodie Hetherington, Gisborne, Letters, 'Mourning for lost souls', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- The state should have a day of mourning
- [1.8.83] Richard Peirce, Worthing, UK, Letters, 'British are thinking of us', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- The idea that some imbecile started the fires beggars belief
- [1.8.84] Jay Albert and Brian Meeder, Santa Barbara, California, US, Letters, 'Americans in shock', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- We are devastated to read of your tragic losses
- [1.8.85] Paul, Melbourne, Letters, 'Murder unnatural', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Why call this a natural disaster? – most of the fires were deliberately lit – murder is not a natural disaster
- [1.8.86] E. N. Brand, Moorabbin, Letters, 'Make cellars mandatory', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Bunkers – I hope that when rebuilding begins authorities will make it compulsory to have an underground cellar with fireproof doors
- [1.8.87] Roy Norman, Cape Town, South Africa, Letters, 'Determination to recover', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- South Africans are immensely sad at the tragedies caused by the fires

- [1.8.88] Vox Pop, 'What would you like to see the fires royal commission particularly focus on?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 38.
- Cassandra Brown, 27, Port Melbourne, 'stay or go' – Cecelia Macaulay, 39, North Melbourne, 'building of appropriate houses' – Jason Najdanovski, 29, Bell Park, 'stay or go' – Stuart Brough, 26, Bentleigh, 'a warning system' – Greg Koh, 24, Docklands, 'better roads and fire breaks'
- [1.8.88a] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 39.
- A single CFA truck and 5 firefighters facing a mountain of flames – caption reads, 'The thin yellow line'
- [1.8.89] Angela Cole, Werribee, Letters, 'World of kindness', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 39.
- It is heartening to see communities coming together – the arsonists and looters are not part of the world I want to live in
- [1.8.90] Michael, Letters, 'Inquiry to firewall Government', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 39.
- Politicians have learnt little from the Canberra fires in 2003 – any Royal Commission into the fires will be a back-burning exercise protecting State Government interests
- [1.8.91] Marcel, Letters, 'Fires spread in treeless areas', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 39.
- The fires ripped across sparsely treed areas, open pasture and pine plantations just as quickly as it did through the 'evil' national parks – the parks/green haters are pushing their agenda, irrespective of the facts
- [1.8.92] Mick Newman, Captain, Rockbank Brigade, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 39.
- I must pass on my thanks to the forgotten people in ESTA's (Emergency Services Telecommunication Authority) VicFire team that manages brigade turnouts – even though the woman operating last Saturday was under great stress, she was so professional and caring, and did not falter
- [1.8.93] Alan Elliott, Fadden, ACT, Letters, 'Heart-warming photograph', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 39.
- Please ensure that the astonishing photo of Sam and David Tree gets global circulation – it is enormously moving
- [1.8.94] Muriel Smee, Seymour, Letters, 'Perfect picture catches the moment', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 39.
- The photo of Sam and David Tree is the ultimate in photography – a beautiful memory in distressing times
- [1.8.95] Alan Cotterell, Benalla, Letters, 'Better fire plan needed', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 39.
- Compulsory evacuation irritates me – we should develop an Australian Standard guide to surviving bushfires and assess rural people's fire plans in the light of it

- [1.9.6] Aaron Langmaid, 'London benefit gig on the cards', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 3.
- Kylie and Dannii Minogue, Natalie Imbruglia – possible fundraiser in London – Author, Kathy Lette
- [1.9.7] (writer not known), 'Symbol of our support', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 3.
- John Brumby – yellow ribbon campaign – Herald Sun – the yellow ribbon signifies support for the CFA, DSE and interstate firefighters and solidarity with the hundreds who have died and thousands who lost their homes and possessions – Herald Sun Editor, Simon Pristel
- [1.9.8] Daniel Fogarty, 'Wildlife toll may top a million', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 4.
- More than a million animals may have died in the inferno – Gayle Chappell, Hepburn Wildlife Shelter – Stella Reid's Wildhaven shelter at Kinglake, destroyed
- [1.9.9] Terry Brown, 'Just too busy to dwell on losses', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 4.
- Taggerty – CFA volunteer, David Fitzgerald – CFA volunteer, Paul Beckman, quote
- [1.9.10] Cheryl Critchley, 'Saved by the angel on the roof: Tradie risks his life to save 20', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Tradesman Peter Thorneycroft, 43, saved 20 women and children sheltering in the Kinglake National Park Hotel – Jodie Thorneycroft, 41 – Tanya Cadman, 41 – Publican, Craig Lovick, 28 – Sharon McCulloch, 40
- [1.9.11] Jane Metlikovec, '“Forgotten” townships begin long road to recovery', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 5.
- Residents of Callignee and Traralgon South are pleading with Australians not to forget their plight – media attention is on Kinglake – Julie Prescott's Callignee home was destroyed – Cricket Captain, Steve Mesaric – Forensic psychologist and criminologist, Paul Wilson, quote
- [1.9.12] Georgie Pilcher, 'I'm no hero – it's just the Aussie way', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 6.
- Amelia Coombs, Paul Mercieca, 33, Barry Mapley, 67, CFA Captain, Eurobin – Mark Bursill, Shaun Roass, Malcolm McKinnon – Mudgegonga Valley – Karen Ward, 54 – Dwayne Ward – Anna Thomson, Kinglake, quote
- [1.9.13] Georgie Pilcher, 'Police getting closer to arsonist', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 6.
- Deputy Police Commissioner, Simon Overland – Greg Flanagan – John Brumby – Taskforce Phoenix closing in on Churchill arsonist – Traralgon Emergency Relief Centre
- [1.9.14] Georgie Pilcher, 'Looters stealing uniforms', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 6.
- Looters have been stealing police and CFA uniforms to go through houses left standing in Callignee – police spokeswoman, Marika Fengler, said there had been no reports of looting

- [1.9.15] Paul Dent, 'You must prepare', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 7.
Tracey Flowers, Kinglake – Reedy Creek – personal account – CFA volunteer, David Tree, re Sam the Koala, quote
- [1.9.16] Russell Robinson, 'Looking down on Armageddon', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, pp. 8-9.
Dennis Corrin, 61, helicopter pilot, quote and photos – 40 years experience – personal account – travels the world battling fires in US and Europe – was in Greece 2 years ago where 57 people died – Dennis Corrin, quote
- [1.9.17] Catherine Best, 'No time to get hitched', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 10.
Bride-to-be Alison Powell – wedding plans ruined – Rosella Ct, Flowerdale – Rick Johnson – Maggie Johnson
- [1.9.18] Emily Power, 'Family will ride out the storm', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 10.
Shelly Flood, 17 – Mark Flood, 19 – Steve Flood – Bendigo – personal account
- [1.9.19] Jamie Duncan & Jeff Turnbull, 'Gas and water supply threatened', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 10.
The Thomson Dam and the Longford Gas Plant threatened by fires – CFA Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Steve Warrington – Melbourne University scientist, Dr Paul Feikema – Dawn O'Neil, CEO of Lifeline, quote
- [1.9.20] Jamie Duncan & Jeff Turnbull, 'Free transport for those doing it tough', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 10.
Families who lost homes in the bushfires will receive free public transport until October 1, 2009 – Public Transport Minister, Lynne Kosky – Metlink Chief Executive, Bernie Carolan – Dept of Human Services
- [1.9.21] Gareth Trickey, 'A paradise lost', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 11.
Karen Bodycott-Seymour, of Kinglake, home destroyed – Peter Thorp, personal account – Murray and Julie Robertson – Peter Beales, Murrindindi Shire Council – Pheasant Creek farmer, Charles Exton, 55, property reduced to ashes – John Duthie, 40 – Madeleine Jablonski, 33 – Janeden River, 44 – Ashley McIntyre, 12, of Pheasant Creek, quote
- [1.9.22] Gary Hughes, a writer for The Australian, 'Memories reduced to a pile of ashes', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 12.
Gary Hughes lost his home in St Andrews – personal account – Wayne Debernardi, Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, quote
- [1.9.23] Shannon Deery, 'We owe you our lives', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 13.
Alex and Anna Thomson and their 3 children crashed their car fleeing the fires – Karl and Jane Amatnieks stopped and picked them up

- [1.9.24] Fiona Hudson, 'Ultimate price paid in bid to save business', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday 12, 2009, p. 13.
- Guest house operator Elizabeth Liesfield sent guests away from Marysville, but she died with her 2 sons – Helen Finch of Leicester, UK – Wildlife carer, Diana Cooper, quote
- [1.9.25] Ashley Gardiner, 'Down to her last 8 lives', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 14.
- Kathie Crocker, Forest Rd, Flowerdale, personal account – Susan Tucker
- [1.9.26] Cementine Cuneo, 'I'm no believer, but I owe a thank you to someone', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 14.
- Ray Keating, 58 of Kinglake – Rev Evan Prentice, St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Whittlesea – Ralph Koch, of Kinglake, quote
- [1.9.27] Jane Metlikovec, 'True grit wins out in 48-hour ordeal', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 15.
- Eric, 78, and Eva, 74, Koegel – Judy Wallace – Callignee – personal account – John Brumby, quote
- [1.9.28] Cheryl Critchley, 'Spirit is still showing', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 15.
- Vicki Ruhr, 47 – house destroyed in Kinglake – 2006 Pride of Australia Community Spirit medallist – Chris Ruhr
- [1.9.29] Cheryl Critchley, 'Vegies shortage', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 15.
- Fruit and vegetables are likely to be affected by the Victorian bushfires and the Queensland floods
- [1.9.30] Photos, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 12, 2009, p. 16.
- 'Close to peril', a view of the city of Melbourne from Kinglake West – 'Simply dazed', Jesse Green, 16, with his dogs at Pheasant Creek
- [1.10.1] Photo, 'Hope from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 1 (cont p. 15).
- Emma Smetham – Jonathan Densem – fled from the fires at Buxton – birth of their son
- [1.10.2] Michael Harvey, 'PM declares national day of mourning: united in grief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 1 (cont p. 2).
- Kevin Rudd – John Brumby – Malcolm Turnbull – national day of mourning, date to be decided – Victorian Council of Churches (VCC), General Secretary, Maureen Postma – Julia Gillard – CFA Captain, Barry Mapley and Peter Thorneycroft, praised by Kevin Rudd – Treasurer Wayne Swan, re concerns about banks
- [1.10.3] Anthony Dowsley, 'Firefighter's death mystery', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 2.
- CFA firefighter, Russell Pitt, died in suspicious circumstances in a fire at his home in Jean St, Ferntree Gully – homicide and arson squad detectives are investigating – Upper Ferntree Gully CFA Captain, Peter Smith – CFA Operations Officer, Ross Sullivan – David Nicholls, Narbethong, quote

- [1.10.4] Matt Johnston & Georgie Pilcher, 'Warnie melts victims', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, pp. 2-3.
- Shane Warne, Mick Clarke, Aiden Buchanan, 13 – Shane Warne promises to help Aiden Buchanan – John Dodd – Carole Wilson – John Brumby, talking about a bushfire near Mansfield, quote
- [1.10.5] Jane Metlikovec, 'Five cheat death in concrete bunker: mates have every right to be tanked', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 4.
- Frank Gissara, 32, Paul Andreou, 37, Tony Fleischer, 40, Brett Crosby, 35, Colin Aylett, 38 – Callignee – all fled to a concrete water tank and survived – Robin and Gwenda Jones, Callignee – CFA volunteer, Paul Beckman, salutes the courage of fellow volunteer, Chris Wilson, quote
- [1.10.6] Geoff Wilkinson & Geraldine Mitchell, 'Alert system ready to go', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 4.
- Early warning system delays – Telstra – Brumby – Steve Bracks – retired senior policeman, Murray Adams – Bruce Esplin – David Quilty, Telstra
- [1.10.7] Shannon Deery, 'Dream to rebuild in God's garden', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 5.
- Ashraf Doos survived with his family in Marysville – Christine Doos – Marysville Patisserie, destroyed
- [1.10.8] Terry Brown, 'Still hope for tomorrow, despite the horror', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 5.
- Angus Bartlett, 5 – Narbethong – Marysville – Niki Ebacioni, granddaughter of Robert Harrop, 83, who died trying to save his home in Flowerdale, quote
- [1.10.9] Aaron Langmaid, 'Embers rain on bride', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 7.
- Groom Ben Van Deventer, 23, and his bride, Elizabeth Nisbet, 24 – wedding at De Bortoli Winery on the Melba Highway, outside Yarra Glen – Eben Venter, photographer – water bombing helicopter dumped water on the centre – Katrina Reynolds, Operations Manager at Immerse Winery – Federal Agriculture Minister, Tony Burke, quote
- [1.10.10] Aaron Langmaid, 'Strangers step in to rescue wedding', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 7.
- Alix Furnell, from Averel, and Whittlesea hair and make-up artist, Kate Finlay, have offered to help Alison Powell and her fiancé, Rick Johnson, with their wedding
- [1.10.11] (writer not known), 'Charity scam', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 8.
- Brian Luke O'Malley, 29, of Brisbane, appeared in the Richlands Magistrates Court yesterday charged with 5 counts of fraud and 6 of attempted fraud – posing as a charity worker collecting money for the bushfire victims
- Steve Perkin, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 8.
- [1.10.12] 'Village mentality proves highly generous'
The Village Glen Retirement Village in Rosebud has about 850 residents – as of yesterday afternoon they had raised \$102,900 for the bushfire appeal
- [1.10.13] 'Volunteering again and again'
Frank Willis of Port Fairy – volunteer firefighter – went to fight the Churchill fires

- [1.10.14] 'Firey wins week away'
Frank [is it the Frank referred to in the article above?] has been offered the holiday away in Batemans Bay
- [1.10.15] 'Feted to become big'
Mark organising a fundraiser at Amberley Park Shopping Centre
- [1.10.16] Quote, Diana Cooper, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 8.
- [1.10.17] (writer not known), 'They're united forever', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 9.
Steve Fisher, 44, and Kate Ansett, 43, died in their Toolangi State Forest Home
- [1.10.18] Kate Jones, 'Resolute in a rocking chair', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 9.
Len Postlethwaites, 82, died at Marysville – Elaine Postlethwaites, 72, survived – Pat Lawson
- [1.10.19] Shelly Hadfield, 'Couple lost at home', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 9.
Charmain and Leigh Ahern are believed to have died at their Steels Creek property – George Philbey, 76, of Strath Creek, quote
- [1.10.20] Kate Jones, 'Generous to the end', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 11.
Daniel Stokes died at his Upper Plenty property – Jenice Stokes – Howard Stokes
- [1.10.21] Kate Jones, 'Tributes for goat breeder', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 11.
Raye Carter, 68, Secretary of the St Andrews CFA, died trying to save her goats at her Kumala Goat Farm in St Andrews – Glenis Keays
- [1.10.22] Emily Power, 'Died for wife's memories', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 11.
Robert Harrop, 83, died at Flowerdale – Elizabeth Harrop – Niki Ebacioni – Winery Manager, Matthew Struthers, quote
- [1.10.23] Jane Metlikovec, 'I knew he was scared', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 12.
Martin Schultz, 33, Callignee – not known if he survived – Nadine Jones, animal carer, quote
- [1.10.24] Shelley Hadfield, 'Day trip to tragedy', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 12.
Rudi The, 28, and Dean Lesmana left from Melbourne for Marysville and have not been heard from since – Juliana The, 29
- [1.10.25] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'How to show support', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 12.
Where to get free ribbons from Spotlight stores
- [1.10.26] Advertisement, RACV, 'Here's how RACV can help right now if you're affected by bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 12.
- [1.10.27] Shelley Hadfield, 'Fearing the worst', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 13.
Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake – Dimitrios, 35, and Tanja, 39, Tsimiklis – feared dead – Theoni Tsimiklis – NSW Police forensic specialist, Sgt Glenn Williams, quote
- [1.10.28] John Masanauskas, 'Couldn't contact husband', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 13.
Dr Carole Webb – Marcel Smits died in St Andrews

[1.10.29] Cheryl Critchley, 'Did I miss anything?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 15.

Caspar Densem was born in Shepparton – Emma Smetham, 40, Jonathan Densem, 39 – Buxton – home still standing – John Cameron, Kinglake home destroyed, quote

[1.10.30] In Brief, 'Millions for agriculture', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 15.

The Federal Government has committed more than \$5m to aid long-term recovery for agricultural land damage in the Victorian fires

[1.10.31] In Brief, 'Poor neighbours help out', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 15.

Indonesia has offered \$1.5m and Papua New Guinea \$2m

[1.10.32] In Brief, 'Insurers swamped', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 15.

Insurers have received 4100 claims from fire victims according to Assistant Treasurer, Chris Bowen

[1.10.33] In Brief, 'Tatts fundraiser draw', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 15.

A special Tattslotto draw to raise money for burns victims will be held on Saturday, February 21

[1.10.34] Photos, 'How you saw it unfold', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, pp. 16-17.

Volunteers move horses at Kinglake – Elvis at Narre Warren – Thorpdale, Gippsland – Druin Fire brigade

[1.10.35] Brendan Roberts, 'Sniffer dogs help with grim task: military precision', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 18.

More than 100 soldiers have been deployed – Captain Daniel Strack – military taskforce operating from Kinglake football ground – taskforce finished at Flowerdale – now at Kinglake making assessments of property damage and the dead – Andrew and Julie Cowan – next stop for Taskforce is Marysville – Deputy Commissioner, Simon Overland, quote

[1.10.36] In Brief, 'Low blow', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 18.

Money has been stolen from the Werribee RSL Club fire relief appeal

[1.10.37] In Brief, 'Bank blast', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 18.

Treasurer Wayne Swan has slammed a bank over its handling of customers affected by the fires

[1.10.38] In Brief, 'Time to grieve', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 18.

Victorians can blog with a Lifeline counselor

[1.10.39] Advertisement, AAMI, 'We're here to help you recover. Please call 13 22 44', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 18.

[1.10.40] Mark Buttler & Jemma Jones, 'The mystic miracle', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 19.

CFA volunteer, Paul Beckman – Mystic Mountains bush gear store in Narebethong – 15 people sheltered there – Tudor Lodge – CFA volunteer, Chris Wilson – CFA volunteer, Dave Nicholls and Ron Bean – Wayne Bissett – Chris Bowen, Federal Assistant Treasurer, quote

- [1.10.41] Anne Wright, 'Man behind Elvis' might', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 20.
Elvis pilot, American, Shawn Stavig – Andrew Scipione, NSW Police Commissioner, quote
- [1.10.42] Megan McNaught, 'Valentine's Day for Sam', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 21.
Sam the koala – Mountain Ash Wildlife Shelter in Rawson – carer, Colleen Wood – David Tree – photo – John Brumby, quote
- [1.10.43] Advertisement, Apia, 'Apia is open this weekend', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 21.
- [1.10.44] Fiona Byrne & Jane Metlikovec, tattle, 'Dave drives up bid', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 22.
Nova FM breakfast show host Dave Hughes was the winning bidder for a Ford Mondeo at \$38,000 – fundraiser for bushfire appeal
- [1.10.45] Fiona Byrne & Jane Metlikovec, tattle, 'Trivia fundraiser', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 22.
Neighbours trivia night fundraiser at the Elephant and Wheelbarrow Hotel in St Kilda on Monday
- [1.10.46] Fiona Byrne & Jane Metlikovec, tattle, 'Show delayed', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 22.
Organisers of the stage production 'Burn This', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 22.
- [1.10.47] Advertisement, GIO, 'An important message for GIO customers', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 22.
- [1.10.48] Editorial, 'It must never happen again', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 38.
Early warning system may have saved lives – such a system could have helped people to decide whether to 'stay or go' – survivors say they didn't have enough information
- [1.10.49] Editorial, 'Who are they?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 38.
Police believe some of the fires were deliberately lit – arsonists could be charged with reckless murder which carries a life sentence – Kevin Rudd – proposed national firebug register
- [1.10.50] Andrew Bolt, 'Time to heed the warnings', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, pp. 38-39.
Fuel reduction burns – advice not heeded by governments since 1939 – Mitchell Shire Council fined Liam Sheahan \$100,000 in fines for clearing his own fire break at Reedy Creek, which saved his home – Nillumbik Shire warned ratepayers not to clear trees around their homes – Bolt quotes from numerous inquiries and reports from 1939 onwards which call for increased burning off
- [1.10.51] Michael Carr-Gregg, child and adolescent psychologist, 'Help the little ones understand', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 39.
Research suggests that 80% of people recover without significant problems – psychologists warn parents from trying to shield children from what has happened
- [1.10.52] Konnie Gault, Santa Barbara, CA, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
My heart breaks for you

- [1.10.53] Pam Sparkes, Morwell, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- Thank you to Jane Metlikovec for her article, ‘ “Forgotten” townships begin long road to recovery’, Feb 12, for reminding us that many people are suffering in this area
- [1.10.54] Irene Felner, Murrumbena, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- Mark Knight’s cartoon on Wednesday sums up David Tree’s actions helping the koala
- [1.10.55] Reuben, Sunbury, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- Hopes the millions raised for victims are spent not only on those affected but also on local suppliers and manufacturers - not spent overseas
- [1.10.56] Margaret Stone, Rochester, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- Fire bunkers like that built by Andrew Berry – see [1.3.14] - should be compulsory – perhaps donations could pay for them
- [1.10.57] Suzana Djilas-Gaal, Sunbury, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- To paraphrase Bob Hawke, any boss who refuses to pay or approve leave without pay for a volunteer firefighter is a bum
- [1.10.58] Susan Buchanan, Bangholme, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- Danny Clark’s paper Christmas hat and cheeky grin - see [1.3.7] - unleashed a torrent of tears for a man and his family I never knew, but will never forget
- [1.10.59] Diane Dyson, Pambula Beach, NSW, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- I thought I had no tears left til I saw an exhausted firefighter sharing his water with an injured Koala
- [1.10.60] Courtney, Mentone, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- Families, firefighters, volunteers, victims, survivors and wildlife are the real Southern Cross Soldiers
- [1.10.61] Joe Joannides, North Blackburn, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- Mark Knight’s carton – see [1.6.70] - of the firefighters and koala drinking water should be an early nomination for cartoon of the year
- [1.10.62] Kate, Yarram, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- A huge thank you to Mark Knight for his cartoon – see [1.6.70]
- [1.10.63] Maryse Usher, East St Kilda, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- Mark Knight’s cartoon is a classic – see [1.6.70]
- [1.10.64] Ash, Heather, Milly, Sam, Andrew, Lauren, Danni, Andrew, Janell, Aleisha, Jono, Steph and Lauren, your friends from Plenty Valley Christian School, Letters, ‘Free spirits taken too soon’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.
- Mel and Penny Chambers – see [1.5.6] - will be with us forever, not just in our memories, but in our hearts

- [1.10.65] Bronwen Garlick, Cranbourne, Letters, 'Three to miss school roll call', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.

Talks of three students who died in the bushfires

- [1.10.66] Gaile Davenport, Broadmeadows, Letters, 'GP's people say thanks', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.

Chris Towie had a clinic in Broadmeadows – he died on his Clonbinane farm – will be missed

- [1.10.67] Mary Feeney, Boronia, Letters, 'Volunteers, police are fantastic', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.

In awe of the firefighters, police and other volunteers

- [1.10.68] Vox Pop, 'The fire disaster has triggered criticism of council conservation policies. Is this warranted?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 40.

Natalie Weinel, 31, Oak Park, yes – Brian Warren, 72, Melbourne, yes – Phil Hartley, 33, Gerogery West, NSW, yes – Matt Howarth, 22, Ascot Vale, yes – Martin Burglass, 37, England, yes

- [1.10.69] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

Depicts a fire fighting helicopter dumping water on a house, with 2 figures with hoses on the ground praying for rain

- [1.10.70] Mike Benefield, US, Letters, 'US firefighters on standby', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

There are firefighters here in the US waiting to lend a hand

- [1.10.71] Peter Shaw, Liverpool, UK, Letters, 'Heroic deeds on fire front', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

The firefighters are heroic

- [1.10.72] David, Glenroy, Letters, 'Message from above the danger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

Thanks to the police air wing, especially the pilot and one policeman, who dropped in at Coombs Rd, Kinglake, to advise us to get out

- [1.10.73] Bo, Heathcote, Letters, 'Same good work at staging posts', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

Thanks to the tireless behind-the-scenes volunteers who feed the CFA volunteers

- [1.10.74] Bruce Clark, Ferntree Gully, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

We should acknowledge the support of employers who co-operate by giving leave to firefighters – maybe employers who continue to pay the volunteers should be given tax concessions – volunteers who use their holiday entitlements should receive similar concessions

- [1.10.75] Di Cross, Kamarooka, Letters, 'Bunkers a must for new homes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

Concrete bunkers must be mandatory in bushfire prone regions

- [1.10.76] Malcolm Fudge, Letters, 'Example of bipartisanship', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

Australians have put aside religious and political differences in this time of need

- [1.10.77] Nigel Austin, Somerville, Letters, 'Widen land clearing', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

John Brumby must allow people to clear say within a distance of 50m from their homes without a permit – what's more valuable, a tree or a human life?

- [1.10.78] Rex Huntley, Palm Beach, QLD, Letters, 'Agony shared farther north', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

Your pain is ours

- [1.10.79] Rob Clancy, North Melbourne, Letters, 'Invest in solar energy', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

Now is the time to rebuild using solar energy

- [1.10.80] Voteline, 'Would you volunteer to help rebuild somebody's home?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

Total votes – 695	YES – 88.9%	NO – 11.1%
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- [1.10.81] Kras Kulas, Mulgrave, My Say, 'Heaven turned into hell', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 41.

Marysville was a beautiful town where I have gone fishing every week for 14 years – we should dig deep for those wonderful friendly people so they can restart their lives and rebuild their town

- [1.11.1] Photos, 'Heart of a nation', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 1.

Shane Warne with Aiden Buchanan – Australia unites to help bushfire victims in an unprecedented fundraising effort

- [1.11.2] The dead and missing, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 2.

List of the dead and missing by location

- [1.11.3] Richard Gluyas, 'Bank shelves fees for victims', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 2.

Mick Christie and Alaina McKee plan to rebuild their home in Kinglake – the Commonwealth Bank reversed its decision to charge interest on suspended home loan repayments of bushfire victims – Federal Treasurer, Wayne Swan, raised the issue with the bank's Chief Executive, Ralph Norris – Ross McEwan, retail lending boss, Commonwealth Bank – Kevin Rudd – Comm-Insure – Westpac head of retail, Peter Hanlon – Westpac sets up temporary branches – Shane Warne, quote

- [1.11.4] Gerard McManus, 'Centrelink ID blunder', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 2.

Hundreds of bushfire victims have been sent a letter by Centrelink rejecting their pleas and asking that they provide proper identification – victims had no form of ID – Centrelink staff told to personally apologise to all those who received the letters – Families Minister, Jenny Macklin – Human Services Senator, Joe Ludwig – mistake made by computer software that automatically flags applications where there is insufficient ID

- [1.11.5] Geraldine Mitchell, 'New fear in firebug hunt', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, pp. 2-3.

Arsonists may have started the Marysville blaze – CFA volunteers still battling 15 fires across Victoria – have contained 15 fires – have controlled 99 fires – Brumby says the police are making progress with arson investigations – Nixon

- [1.11.6] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Yellow ribbons unite nation', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 3.

Herald Sun's Yellow Ribbon campaign – 200,000 ribbons handed out – John Farnham, Shannon Noll, Kate Ceberano wore yellow ribbons for Channel 9's bushfire telethon last night – every Victorian Government minister wore ribbons on a visit to Healesville, including John Brumby – Kevin Rudd, Malcolm Turnbull, Julia Gillard – Spotlight stores providing ribbons – Ashraf Doos, Marysville survivor, quote

- [1.11.7] Norrie Ross, Ben Butler & Alice Coster, 'The road that disappeared', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, pp. 4-5.

Detailed photo of Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake West, with street nos and residents' names marked – all 31 houses in the road destroyed – Keith Chasemore, 10 Pine Ridge Rd – Rob Richings – Craig Draper, 15 Pine Ridge Rd – residents who sought refuge at Kinglake West CFA were told to go home and follow their fire plans – Sam Gent and Tina Wilson fled their home at 7 Pine Ridge Rd – Paul, Karen, Caitlin and Nicola Roland, Pine Ridge Rd – Rebecca Trezise – Keith Chasemore, 10 Pine Ridge Rd, quote – Sam Gent, 7 Pine Ridge Rd, quote

- [1.11.8] John Ferguson, 'Where dreams died', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 5.

Pine Ridge Rd – all 31 homes destroyed – Police Chaplain, Peter Owen – Stuart Nechodiuk

- [1.11.9] John Masanauskas, 'Boy on a mission', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 6.

Jayden Henry, 5, of Currajong Dr, Kinglake – Paul Henry – personal account

- [1.11.10] John Masanauskas, 'Kiwi dogs help in body search', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 6.

Four victim recovery dogs will come from NZ police – 52 firefighters also coming – NZ PM, John Key – appeal for victims in NZ

- [1.11.11] John Masanauskas, 'Power loss warning in fire areas', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 6.

People in fire affected areas could be without power for several weeks – 5000 homes without power – electricity supplier, SP Ausnet, said it had restored power to 9000 homes since last Saturday – about 4750 homes have no power in Kinglake, Yea and Murrindindi, and 250 homes in Churchill – power restored to Labertouch and Bunyip – no access to Marysville to assess power supply – Balook and Callignee should have power by Monday – Kinglake should have power by tomorrow – Jan Adams, Healesville, quote

- [1.11.12] Karen Collier, 'Moved by kids' plight', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 7.

Governor-General, Quentin Bryce – visibly upset after visiting Alexandra Relief Centre

- [1.11.13] Karen Collier, 'In Pope's thoughts', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 7.
- Pope Benedict praying for bushfire victims – Archbishop Denis Hart – mass at St Patrick's Cathedral – Kathryn Snipe, 17, of Eltham – Director of Catholic Education, Steve Elder, said the church as planning to waive victims' school fees for a year – Alix Furnell, quote
- [1.11.14] Natalie Tkaczuk Sikora, 'The day Bruno cheated death', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 7.
- Marysville survivor, Bruno Torf, 53 – Bruno's Art and Sculpture Garden – Simone Ray – Marylands Resort, Blackwood Cottages, destroyed
- [1.11.15] Photos, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2009, p. 8.
- J'den Ellery of Healesville with Richmond footballers, Brett Deledio, Nathan Foley, Kelvin Moore – Whittlesea school students – Bulldog skipper, Brad Johnson, hugs a Kinglake survivor
- [1.12.1] Mark Dunn, 'Champ's agony', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 1. (cont p. 4.)
- Football legend Kevin Murray, 70, lost his home in Flowerdale – saved his 1969 Brownlow Medal
- [1.12.2] Megan McNaught, 'Forget walkies ... just run', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 2.
- Gladys 'Val' Cross, 90, was dragged to safety to a dam by her dog, Levi, at her Steels Creek property – Joanne Spears – Maj-Gen, John Cantwell, interim head of VBBRA, quote
- [1.12.3] Matt Johnston, 'Nine bodies huddled in horror', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, pp. 2-3.
- Identification experts still combing Kinglake have found eight bodies huddled around a baby's body – Det Ins Bob Sitlington – asbestos causing problems for identification teams
- [1.12.4] Lauren Williams, 'Aid with a local touch', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 3.
- Jack Sutton, 3, Community Centre Whittlesea – Whittlesea Hardware owner, Alan Hayward – Bruce, Cathleen, and Blake Cringle – Joel, 5, Emily, 7, and Nathan, 20, Eaton – NSW police Leading Sen-Constable Debbie Veness, quote
- [1.12.5] Cheryl Critchley, 'Extraordinary tale of ordinary heroes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 4.
- Richard Woolley, 39, Yarrambat – Peter Thorneycroft, 43 – Adam Coffee – Kevin Rudd – Jodie Thorneycroft, 41 – Andrew Kleining, Callignee fire survivor, quote
- [1.12.6] Advertisement, Commonwealth Bank, 'Victorian Bushfire Appeal. Join us in donating today.', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 4.
- So far the Commonwealth Bank's Bushfire Appeal has raised over \$20m
- [1.12.7] Stephen McMahon, 'Troops start rebuilding: Restoring basic services first step', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 5.
- Up to 300 soldiers working around the clock to restore electricity, water and provide toilets, washing machines, showers – John Brumby appoints former Supreme Court judge, Justice Bernard Teague, as chair of the Royal Commission – Major General John Cantwell – rebuilding will begin with destroyed primary schools at Marysville, Strathewen and Middle Kinglake

- [1.12.8] John Ferguson, 'Emilee defines tragedy with a hearty push', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 5.
- Emilee De Maria, 8, of Hazeldene – of the 47 houses in Creekside Dr, just 5 remain – Emilee's home survived – Flowerdale Hotel – John Brumby, quote
- [1.12.9] In Brief, 'Blair sympathises', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 6.
- Former British PM Tony Blair sympathised with Victorians in an SBS interview – Blair and Rudd meet
- [1.12.10] In Brief, 'Indonesia helps', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 6.
- Indonesia will send 20 police forensic experts to help with victim ID – Indonesian Foreign Minister, Hassan Wirajuda – Indonesia has donated \$1m for reconstruction
- [1.12.11] In Brief, 'Sparkies warning', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 6.
- Those returning to homes in bushfire areas need to be careful when connecting generators
- [1.12.12] (writer not known), 'Tales of hope and heroism', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 6.
- Errol Donnelly, Robyn Hair, David Coles, all wear yellow ribbons in Yea – stories of survival and heroism will be published in a joint venture between News Ltd and HarperCollins with proceeds going to the bushfire appeal – Peter Hughes, Bali bombings survivor, quote
- [1.12.13] Fundraiser events, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 6.
- Summary of fundraiser events 15/2 – 21/3
- [1.12.14] Advertisement, RACV, 'Here's how RACV can help right now if you're affected by bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 6.
- [1.12.15] John Ferguson, 'Fear for hill dwellers', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 7.
- Residents fear there will be more bodies found in Hazeldene and Flowerdale – John De Maria of Hazeldene – Hazeldene General Store owner, Olivia Vrancic – Ray Caulfield, 75 – Hilda and Dave Nixon
- [1.12.16] Photo, 'Survival in the river a snap decision', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 7.
- Sean O'Toole took shelter with DSE firefighters in a river at Murrindindi – Victorian Police Commissioner, Christine Nixon, quote
- [1.12.17] Holly Ife, 'Workmates devastated', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 8.
- Graeme Savage believed to have died at St Andrews – Graham Cock, Ace Contractors Group, Eltham
- [1.12.18] Kate Jones, 'Families wait fearing worst', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 8.
- Patrick Jennings and Geoff Grady managed the Fruit Salad Farm Country Cottages in Marysville – both believed dead
- [1.12.19] Kate Jones, 'A pair of true blue Aussies', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 8.
- Greg and Gail Leonard are believed to have died at Steels Creek – Betty Taylor – Whittlesea Secondary School Principal, Terry Twomey, quote

- [1.12.20] Advertisement, The Lost Dogs Home, 'Public Announcement: Pets in Bushfire Areas', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 8.

Offering free identification tags and microchipping services for pets in bushfire areas

- [1.12.21] Holly Ife, 'Creek's diamonds', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 9.

Sue Evans and Bob O'Sullivan missing – Jon Le Gassick, 18, Hayden McMahon, 17, Kaya Mehmedoff, 18, all missing – Karen Crabtree – Strathewen – Helene Hayman, Lord Speaker, British House of Lords, quote

- [1.12.22] Shelley Hadfield, 'Praise for literacy leader', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 9.

Dr Ken Rowe, 63, believed to have died at Marysville – Chief Executive of the Australian Council for Educational Research, Professor Geoff Masters

- [1.12.23] Advertisement, AMP, 'Important message for AMP customers affected by bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 9.

John Hamilton, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 10.

- [1.12.24] 'After the roar an eerie silence'
The silence after the fires

- [1.12.25] 'Washing dried'
A laundry in a house partly destroyed by the fires

- [1.12.26] 'Flag flutters'
A battered Australian flag still flying

- [1.12.27] 'Aussie refugees'
Yea Relief Centre – Red Cross volunteers getting meals ready – survivors on the footy oval – army tents – Australians are refugees in their own land

- [1.12.28] 'Pet minders'
Animals and pets were hit hard by the fires – Pam-Purred Pets have offered to keep cats, dogs and animals in general, for free

- [1.12.29] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Who can you turn to for bushfire help?', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 10.

List of government departments and contacts for bushfire help

- [1.12.30] In Brief, 'Lords' sympathy', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 10.

Britain's House of Lords has sent its condolences – Speaker, Helene Hayman

- [1.12.31] In Brief, 'Power caution', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 10.

People returning to their homes in fire affected areas should be careful when connecting their generators

- [1.12.32] In Brief, 'Oman helps', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 10.

School students in Muscat, Oman, have raised \$2000 for the students at Strathewen Primary School – Stephen Madden, principal

- [1.12.33] John Hamilton, 'White stones of hope', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 11.

Governor, David de Kretser – Rosemary Brumby – white stones with the names of town and lives lost and messages of hope – service at St Paul's Cathedral – Archbishop, Dr Philip Freier

- [1.12.34] Charles Miranda, 'Prince Charles feels the pain', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 11.
- Prince Charles was horrified – Craig Lapsley, Dept of Human Services, quote
- [1.12.35] Photos, 'The week we will never forget', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, pp. 12-13.
- A view of the fires from Doncaster and Lilydale – clouds of smoke hovering over Marysville – fire at Labertouche – aftermath of fire in Upper Plenty region – smoke from Bunyip Ridge over Thorpdale
- [1.12.36] Photos, 'All creatures great and small', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 15.
- Diana Cooper at Yea Relief Centre, holding Mandy the giant wombat – Lynette Watson with Charlie the Cockatoo – a scorched koala with vet nurse Kelly Wynn at Healesville Sanctuary – vet Tomi Dredge, quote
- [1.12.37] Advertisement, InsuranceLine, 'To all Victorians impacted by the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 15.
- [1.12.38] Advertisement, Commonwealth Bank, 'Our emergency claims service is just a call away', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 27.
- [1.12.39] Matt Johnson, 'Through the eyes of our children', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, pp. 28&89.
- Drawings by young children in Kinglake area – Jasper Kaye, 9 – Faith Butler, 8 – Vicki Kaye – Peter Wykes – Jessie Kaye – Jami Meyer, 4 – Danica Meyer, 3 – Michelle Meyer – Castella
- [1.12.40] Kate, Lakes Entrance, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- The yellow ribbons are very popular – hopes an annual yellow ribbon appeal is established
- [1.12.41] Mandy, Bairnsdale, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Sam and David Tree make one proud to be an Aussie
- [1.12.42] W. van Schie, Hobart, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- How appropriate that a koala was saved by a Tree
- [1.12.43] Peter Holloway, Upwey, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Fires sightseers causing congestion last Saturday on Glenfern Rd, Rowville – next time, watch a DVD
- [1.12.44] Trevor, Cheltenham, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Well done to Channel 9, Eddie McGuire and all the celebrities and volunteers for such a fantastic appeal effort
- [1.12.45] Max Adams, Barwon Heads, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- A man is fined \$50,000 for removing trees close to his home for safety – his home is the only one in his street still standing – who applied common sense? – bureaucratic nonsense?

- [1.12.46] Gloria Watson, Preston, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Thank you to Russell Robinson – see [1.9.16] - for helicopter pilot, Dennis Corrin’s tribute to our firefighters
- [1.12.47] Jenny McNally, Erica, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Maybe we should consider making February 7 Australia Day
- [1.12.48] Brad, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- I understand everybody’s anger, but remember civilized societies have courts and juries, not lynch mobs
- [1.12.49] Judith Lenthall, Croydon North, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- My nephew drove his dogs to his parents’ place in another town so they would be safe, and when he returned home someone had broken in and stolen cash and goods
- [1.12.50] Hilary, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Please evacuate Healesville – enough innocent lives have already been lost
- [1.12.51] Nigel Wotherspoon, Epping, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Heartfelt thanks to Ricky Ponting and team for visiting fire victims
- [1.12.52] Bill Noonan, Secretary, Transport Workers Union, Victoria, Letters, ‘Loss of noble safety pioneer’, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Re [1.6.14] – the loss of Prof Robert Pierce for transport workers as well as the medical profession – he was a pioneer in work that uncovered the link between sleep apnoea and driver fatigue
- [1.12.53] Michelle Bradley-Smith, Heyfield, Letters, ‘Don’t forget the Gippsland victims’, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Couldn’t agree more with ‘ “Forgotten” townships begin long road to recovery’ – see [1.9.11] – you would hardly know 21 lives were lost in the Callignee-Traralgon South fires – hopes that when appeal funds are distributed Gippsland is not forgotten
- [1.12.54] Damien Kiernan, Oak Park, Letters, ‘Some sad stories not being told’, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Don’t forget Gippsland where 21 people died and possibly 100 homes have been lost – it doesn’t seem we merit the same attention from polities, celebrities, sports stars and the media as other parts of Victoria
- [1.12.55] P. Lacey, Healesville, Letters, ‘Protect houses or protect trees?’, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- I have wanted to clear trees and shrubs around my house – the council has refused – Yarra Ranges Council must allow people to protect their homes from fires
- [1.12.56] Raymond Hoser, Park Orchards, Letters, ‘Lucky escape for bush suburbs’, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.
- Warrandyte and Park Orchards are lucky they didn’t go up in flames – the Manningham Council refuses to allow the removal of old and dangerous pine trees – they prosecute residents who do, even when the trees are dead and falling

- [1.12.57] Cheryl, Melbourne, Letters, 'A friend in need is a friend indeed', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.

Sam and Mr Tree gave most of us a reason to smile this week

- [1.12.58] Vox Pop, 'Should emergency services have the power to order people to evacuate houses when fires threaten?', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 90.

Lindsay Ford, 65, Melbourne, No – Tracey Gluschenko, 34, Pascoe Vale, No – Lauren Reading, 26, Ocean Grove, no – Tim Micallef, 26, Ocean Grove, maybe – Chris Daniel, 39, Marlo, yes

- [1.12.59] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

A male firefighter giving a female firefighter a burnt stick for Valentine's Day 2009

- [1.12.60] Esmond Curnow, National Union of Workers, Docklands, Letters, 'Doctor a tower of strength', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

On behalf of the National Union of Workers I would like to express our sorrow at the death of Dr Chris Towie – he worked tirelessly for many workers

- [1.12.61] T. Olson, Bentleigh, Letters, 'Even more reason to love our land', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

I have never felt prouder of my country or state – the courage and bravery of the victims, and CFA volunteers has been inspiring – the generosity of Australians amazing

- [1.12.62] Karen Rothacker, Mysia, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

I have nothing to give, but the services of my husband – he left the other night on a strike team

- [1.12.63] Catherine Tate, Gladstone Park, Letters, 'Bunkers best for the future', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

Could some of the appeal money be used for bunkers when rebuilding?

- [1.12.64] Ron Arnold, Canada, Letters, 'Thinking of us from far away', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

Canadians share your pain and sorrow

- [1.12.65] Barbara Hamilton, Seaford, Letters, 'Schoolkids have hearts of gold', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

At schools all over Victoria children are donating towards the bushfire appeal

- [1.12.66] William Newbery, West Hobart, Letters, 'Abortion link out of order', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

Has anyone explained to Pastor Danny Nalliah and the folk at the Catch the Fire Ministries just how inappropriate it is to attach the bushfire catastrophe to their campaign on abortion laws?

- [1.12.67] Chris Hammat, Willung South, Letters, 'Compassion not just for humans', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

The picture of Sam and David Tree is a true act of human compassion

- [1.12.68] Ross Brundrett, This Week, 'Thinking aloud', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 91.

The cruelest of ironies – one end of Australia suffered the worst firestorm – the other end suffered horrific floods

- [1.12.69] Editorial, 'Hope amid the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 92.

No-one could have stopped the raging firestorms – the financial crisis that devastated the world's financial markets and cut back superannuation packages and retirement investments has not stopped people giving – the telethon raised more than \$21m – the bushfire appeal is now more than \$81m – the editorial then gives some examples from Herald Sun articles during the past week

- [1.12.70] Laurie Oakes, 'Complacency kills yet again', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 92.

Gary Nairn chaired the Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2003 bushfires that burnt across 5 states and the ACT – many recommendations ignored – Australia has had many inquiries into bushfires – a list of inquiries is given – common recommendations have been education and awareness, clearing fuel around buildings, track access and fuel reduction – complacency is a big problem, and this includes politicians and those living in bushfire areas – we don't need another royal commission, just go through the recommendation of previous inquiries and see what has been implemented and what has been ignored

- [1.13.1] Photo, 'Love from the ashes', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 1.

Natasha Hallas and Trevor Campbell's wedding on Valentine's Day

- [1.13.2] At a glance, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 2.

Statistics on the toll and recovery

- [1.13.3] Ben Butler, 'Workers sacked while saving lives', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 2.

CFA Deputy Group Officer, Shane Cramer, received a call to say he had lost his job whilst fighting fires at Beechworth – John Klimek – Dave Dixon – all firefighters – among 115 workers sacked at Fosters Abbotsford brewery – Tony Hay, Fosters spokesman, said it was unfortunate timing and apologised – contractors to replace employees – Electrical Trades Union State Secretary, Howard Worthing – Marysville resident, Alistair Mackie, quote

- [1.13.4] Jane Metlikovec, Mark Buttler & Terry Brown, 'Fire fury as man charged', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 3.

Accused arsonist was last night isolated behind bars under tight security – Police Commissioner, Christine Nixon, pleaded for calm – Churchill fires, Callignee, Upper Callignee, Hazelwood, Jeeralong, Koornalla – legal aid lawyer said suspect was psychologically unwell – Janice Michelsson, who lost her home in Callignee – Adrian Zomer, who lost his home in Callignee – Neil Myles, 40 – Churchill CFA Captain, Steve Barling – John Brumby – Asst Police Commissioner, Danyne Moloney – Major General John Cantwell – Robyn, Balwyn High School Student Representative Council President, quote

- [1.13.5] Jane Metlikovec, Mark Buttler & Terry Brown, 'Musicians pitch in to help', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 3.

Andre Rieu has written a song, 'Yours forever', and proceeds will go to bushfire appeal – a compilation album is being rush-released, with Sam on the cover – it will feature hits by Shannon Noll, Jimmy Barnes, John Farnham, Lee Kernaghan, John Williamson, Pete Murray, Delta Goodrem, The Living End, Paul Kelly, Men at Work, Powder Finger – Jimmy Barnes also has an album on iTunes

- [1.13.6] Shannon Deery, 'Just let me at him', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 4.

Healesville CFA volunteers Jim Cox and Lynne Murray reunite after a week apart

- [1.13.7] Fiona Hudson, 'Wedding plans up in smoke', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 4.

Natasha Hallas, 23, and Trevor Campbell will marry this afternoon at Mirboo North footy club – Jennifer Hawkins, model, quote

- [1.13.8] Fiona Hudson, 'Couple put on hold', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 5.

Karen Camilleri, 26, and fiancé Karl Graf, 27, will honeymoon first and marry later – their home in Marysville destroyed – Dave Nicholson – wedding postponed because Marysville a crime scene

- [1.13.9] Nathan Mawby, 'We just want to keep helping others', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 5.

Karina and Luis Brito of Kinglake West – home destroyed

- [1.13.10] Matt Johnston, 'Every day is Valentine's Day', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 5.

Gregg Holloway and Joanne Jordan – home destroyed in National Park Rd – Karen Crabtree, quote

Patrick Carlyon, 'Where the hell is everyone? The 30 minutes that killed a town', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, pp. 6-11.

- personal accounts, Marysville

- [1.13.11] p. 6 - Photos of – the Lolly Shop in Murchison St, Marysville – before and after
- Marylands Guest House – before and after

- [1.13.12] pp. 6-7 – Colin Paul, 83 – John Cartwright, 78 – Leigh Jowett, 56 – Dr Lachlan Fraser, 46 – Mark Simmons, 48 – Local Radio UG FM

- [1.13.13] p. 7 – photo taken late Saturday afternoon of the fire before it reached the township of Marysville

- [1.13.14] pp. 8-9 – Lyell and Sedgwick Streets, Marysville – Beverley McGearie – FoodWorks – Pauline Harrow, CFA radio operator – John Munday, CFA – Marysville CFA Chief, Glen Fiske – Barton Ave – Steavenson Close – Our Lady of the Snow Church – Mark Simmons, Bowls Club President

- [1.13.15] p. 8 – photo – devastation in Marysville

- [1.13.16] p. 8 - time line – Countdown to destruction

- [1.13.17] p. 9 - diagram of wind change

- [1.13.18] p. 9 - photo – forensic experts at Marysville

- [1.13.19] p. 9 - photo – Senior Wildlife Officer, Geoff McClure in Marysville

- [1.13.20] p. 10 – photo – Dr Lachlan Fraser

- [1.13.21] p. 10 – Gallipoli Park
- [1.13.22] p. 11 – Kirstie Nilsson, 39 – Len Postlethwaite – Marie Walsh – Nicole Jefferson – Jamie Bowker – Glen Fiske – Rod Liesfield – Nanda Binya Lodge – Lyell St
- [1.13.23] p. 11 – photos of town and map showing examples of the destruction
- [1.13.24] p. 11 – Former CFA Captain, John Cartwright, 78, quote
- [1.13.25] Photos, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2009, p. 12.
- Aiden Buchanan tosses the coin to start last night’s match between Essendon and Bulldogs – Greg Holloway and Joanne Jordan – sign reading, ‘Thank you Australia. We won’t be beaten’ on National Park Rd , Pheasant Creek
- [1.14.1] Photo, ‘My mate Brian’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 1.
- Brian Naylor and Peter Hitchener in 1998
- [1.14.2] Peter Rolfe & Sue Hewitt, ‘Crisis cash: Survivors share \$30m fires payment’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 1.
- Single-person households to get \$5000 to help cover the costs of essentials, medical care and lost income - \$2000 to each additional adult in household, and \$1500 for each child – to be paid out of Appeal Fund – other payments discussed – Rudd – Brumby
- [1.14.3] Promotion, Herald Sun, ‘Show your support’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 2.
- Spotlight outlets providing free yellow ribbons
- [1.14.4] (writer not known), ‘Award for kind deed’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 2.
- The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals Asia-Pacific announced that David Tree would receive the Hero to Animals Award for rescuing Sam the Koala
- [1.14.5] David Hastie, Sue Hewitt & Ellen Whinnett, ‘CFA reject: Accused arsonist “lit fires monthly” ’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 2.
- The man accused of lighting the Churchill fires that killed 21 people allegedly lit fires once a month in his backyard – he was rejected as a CFA volunteer – now in protective custody in prison – Facebook – American social networking site
- [1.14.6] Wendy Hargreaves, ‘Search for mystery cop who “saved 200” ’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 3.
- Families want to thank the mystery policeman that saved 200 lives in Marysville – Mark Peart – Kerry McFadzean
- [1.14.7] Eleni Hale, ‘Jihadists revel in our misery’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 3.
- Jihadists are celebrating the worst tragedy in Victoria’s history – senior analyst at SITE Intelligence Group, Adam Raisman – Denise McCann of Kinglake, who lost her home – Regional Islamic Council Vice President, Dr Ameer Ali
- [1.14.8] Caroline James & Stephen Drill, ‘Fire tot’s birthday wish’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 3.
- Byron and Emerald Blyth survived the fires at Kinglake – Jo McFadyen and Marcus Blyth, house saved

- [1.14.9] Mitchell Toy, 'Illness fails to stop fire hero', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 4.
- Murray Edwards, 72, from Taggerty – diagnosed with lung and kidney cancer before Christmas, was praised for his efforts – Brian Shide – Alexandra Fire Brigades Group Officer, Peter Rice
- [1.14.10] Luke Dennehy, '“Nails” was all style and class: Anchor tells of his pain', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Photo, remains of Brian and Moiree Naylor's home in Kinglake West – Peter Hitchener tells of his friend, Brian Naylor – Robert Fidgeon – James Packer – Jodhi Meares
- [1.14.11] Advertisement, RACV, 'RACV members affected by the bushfires. Please call us 24/7 on 13 19 03', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 5.
- Don't worry about paperwork, please call us now
- [1.14.12] Advertisement, Coles, 'Thanks Australia, \$5,130,889 times over', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 6.
- Coles thanks its customers for shopping at Coles stores last Friday – the profits were \$5,130,889, which will be donated to the Bushfire Appeal
- [1.14.13] Sue Hewitt, 'Generous to the end', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 7.
- Terry Clifton yesterday farewelled his wife, Roz Clifton, 46, the first fire victim to be buried – Mulqueen Chapel in Sydney Rd, Coburg
- [1.14.14] (writer not known), 'Book to help appeal', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 7.
- News Ltd and HarperCollins will produce a book of stories of survival and heroism – proceeds will go to the Bushfire Appeal
- [1.14.15] Advertisement, Qantas, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 7.
- Qantas is supporting individuals and communities affected – Qantas invites the public to do the same and donate to the appeal
- [1.14.16] James Campbell & Eleni Hale, 'City chokes on smog: Warning on health as haze lingers', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 9.
- Photo of Melbourne in a shroud of smoke from the bushfires – the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) warned air quality in Melbourne might get as bad as Beijing in coming days – senior forecaster, Richard Carlyon – EPA Director, Stuart McConnell – Dept of Human Services Chief Health Officer, Dr John Carnie – Christine Mealy of Camberwell's Broughton Hall Nursing Home – MFB spokesman, John Taylor
- [1.14.17] Advertisement, Tatts Group, 'Bushfire Benefit Draw this Saturday', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 7.
- All of Tatt's proceeds from the draw this Saturday will go to the Alfred Hospital Burns Unit
- [1.14.18] Glenn McFarlane, 'Caleb's pledge', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 10.
- Carlton draftee Caleb Tiller wants to dedicate his AFL career to his shattered home-town communities of Marysville and Buxton

- [1.14.19] (writer not known), 'GIO fire ad', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 10.

A GIO advertisement in Sunday Magazine today is about bushfire insurance – the magazine was printed before last weekend's fires – GIO sincerely apologises for any inadvertent distress caused

- [1.14.20] Advertisement, Allianz, 'Important notice to all Allianz customers affected by the bushfire tragedy.', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 10.

- [1.14.21] Stephen Drill, 'Lone fight for home', *Herald Sun*, Sunday, February 15, 2009, p. 11.

Henry Verhoeven, 62, of Steels Creek, saved his house – Greg and Angie Macmillan of Christmas Hills, lucky to survive with their home – Callignee residents Sarah, Andy, Billy and Jake Wheatley of Whitelaws Track, all survived and so did their home – Daniel, Andrew, and David Draper, Les Ainsworth, Scott Brander, Jamie, Luke and Jay Russell, Humvale – Prof Debra Nestle, of Churchill

- [1.14.22] Peter Rolfe & Maria Bervanakis, 'Airport strike chaos', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 12.

Qantas workers at Melbourne Airport were slammed for striking in the midst of the Victorian bushfire crisis – passenger, Peter McDonald – Traci Keys – Leanne Tregear

- [1.14.23] Advertisement, AAMI, 'We're here to help you recover. Please call 13 22 44', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 12.

- [1.14.24] Ellen Whinnett, 'Pay up to party with Nixon', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 27.

Farewell function for Christine Nixon at National Gallery of Victoria's Great Hall - \$135 per person – John Becquet

- [1.14.25] Advertisement, IGA, 'Thank you IGA for donating \$1.5 million in food vouchers', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 28.

IGA are donating \$1,500,000 in food vouchers to be distributed by the Salvation Army in the Victorian bushfire disaster relief efforts

- [1.14.26] Editorial, 'Victoria will rise again', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 66.

Photo: Glenn and Denise Anson, house destroyed – Royal Commission must do its job – death toll 181 – universal sense of disbelief, shock, anger and genuine sadness – Brumby

- [1.14.27] Eddie McGuire, 'We share your pain', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 67.

Photos – Aiden Buchanan meets Pies star, Anthony Rocca – the Australia Unites Telethon raises \$21.5 million – Anne Martin, lost her home near Mt Disappointment – Micky Clarke – Ricky Ponting – Tarkyn Lockyer

- [1.14.28] Elaine Burke, Pakenham, Letters, 'CFA Day?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

Why not have a national CFA fundraising day once a year?

- [1.14.29] J. Petrucci, Craighburn, Letters, 'Helpless', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

Lack of communication and roadblocks – helplines are worthless when people cannot get through or are faced with recorded messages – where was the one-on-one communication?

- [1.14.30] John Cribbes, Sale, Letters, 'Burning issue', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

The Brumby government has not met its fuel reduction targets

- [1.14.31] Former fire captain, Narre Warren, Letters, Letter of the Week, 'Fuel for thought', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

The pressure exerted by environmentalists and greens since the Department of Sustainability and Parks Victoria took over the roles of the Forest Commission and others have seen fire hazard reduction curtailed – fuel for bushfires should be reduced considerably

- [1.14.32] Denise, Letters, 'Hard tasks', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

Spare a thought for the Coroner and staff whose task is to identify the bodies

- [1.14.33] Mark, Letters, 'Ignorant?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

I would imagine very few people who live in rural communities oppose back-burning

- [1.14.34] Marcel Leplonk, Letters, 'Frenzy', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

Who is whipping up the anti-green feelings? – the fires ripped through pastures as easily as they did parks and forests

- [1.14.35] Des and Edith, Warrnambool, Letters, 'Start a fund', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

Australian governments should establish a natural disaster fund

- [1.14.36] Allan Garbutt, Montmorency, Letters, 'Nightmares', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

I teach children in Kinglake and Yarra Glen – these events leave indelible marks on their lives – what do we do to help them? – how do we deal with those who lit the fires?

- [1.14.37] Volunteer, Diamond Creek, Letters, 'Volunteer pay', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

Volunteers who are not paid by their employers while fighting bushfires should be reimbursed by governments

- [1.14.38] Robyn, Broadbeach, Letters, 'I smell a rat', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 68.

A royal commission? – do I smell a rat? – an attempt to avoid blame? – or has it something to do with the vast sums of money involved?

- [1.14.39] Vox Pop, 'How do you think Victoria has coped with the bushfire disaster?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

Lisa Anderson, 38, Viewbank, amazingly well – Laurie Briffa, 50, Southbank, very well – Erin Crawford, 20, Ballarat, support has been absolutely great

- [1.14.40] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

A cartoon strip with Sam the koala representing people in fire affected communities rebuilding and what must be done to help prevent bushfires in the future

- [1.14.41] Holidaymaker, Robe, Letters, 'Siren ban?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

Is it true that the EPA has banned the fire siren at Lorne because the sound is noise pollution?

- [1.14.42] Andrew, Boronia, Letters, 'Well bowled', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

I was proud to see the Aussie cricket team giving back to the community by visiting bushfire victims

- [1.14.43] Vicky Campbell, Britain, Letters, 'Thinking of you', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

My heart goes out to everyone affected by the bushfires – I hope the people who started the fires are brought to justice

- [1.14.44] Phil Smyth, Letters, 'The hottest', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

To put the record straight, the highest recorded temperature in Victoria was 50.7C at Mildura on January 7, 1906

- [1.14.45] Graham, Rosebud, Letters, 'Buy equipment', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

Rather than cash handouts that in many instances feed poker machines, why doesn't the Rudd Government spend the money on new equipment for our brave firefighters? – Why do we still rent Elvis-type helicopters instead of buying them?

- [1.14.46] Debbie, Letters, 'Get out!', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

Why are people allowed to stay when fires are threatening? – Governments must be given the power to order them out – this would save many lives

- [1.14.47] Paul, Melbourne, Letters, 'Unnatural', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

Why do people keep calling the tragedy of the past week a natural disaster? – many fires were deliberately lit

- [1.14.48] Vinnie Barbarino, Melbourne, Letters, 'Fire bombs', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

Back-burning would not have stopped the fires – the wind would have pushed the fires through the tops of the trees – balls of flame are unstoppable no matter how much clearing

- [1.14.49] W.M.L., Letters, 'In firing line', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

Nothing in southern Australia is safe from firestorms – not even the Rialto Tower

- [1.14.50] Oz, The Issues - What must we do?, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

The restrictions placed on rural communities by city-dwelling greens are often naïve and dangerous – did we learn nothing from Ash Wednesday?

- [1.14.51] CFA member, Kilmore, The Issues – What must we do? , *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.

Kevin Rudd and John Brumby must stop talking about a community warning system and introduce one

- [1.14.52] D.J.P., The Issues – What must we do?, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- Victoria needs to by an Elvis or two so it's safe to conduct large-scale burning off
- [1.14.53] Rosemary C., Eltham, The Issues – What must we do?, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- Warning sirens should be installed in all fire areas – people should be encourages to build shelters or cellars in case they cannot escape
- [1.14.54] Sandy Milne, The Issues - What must we do?, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- The 'stay or go' policy must be reviewed urgently after the Saturday fires, especially the stay and enact your fire plan
- [1.14.55] David Rowe, Yarra Valley, The Issues – What must we do?, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- The Aborigines in the Northern Territory understand the importance of burning off
- [1.14.56] Cynic, The Issues – What must we do?, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- The Government must not change the laws on property defence – its responsibilities are prevention, infrastructure and support
- [1.14.57] T.M., Bright, The Issues – What must we do?, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- Greens have a lot to answer for
- [1.14.58] Old-timer, Broadford, The Issues – What must we do?, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- Hopefully the Royal Commission will outlaw staying and defending homes in impossible conditions
- [1.14.59] L. May, Caulfield, The Issues – Arsonists, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- Will Attorney-General stiffen penalties for arson?
- [1.14.60] R.W., The Issues – Arsonists, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- South Australia allows police to demand to know the whereabouts of convicted arsonists – funding has been increased for patrolling favourite fire-starting areas
- [1.14.61] Bill, The Issues – Arsonists, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 69.
- Arsonists will get a taste of fire in hell
- [1.14.62] Bryan Patterson, Faithworks, 'Life is fragile, but faith can see us through', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 70.
- Discussion of God and natural disasters – dismisses the any link between the abortion issue and the bushfire disaster
- [1.14.63] James Campbell, 'Too many underinsured: time to review house contents', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 73.
- The devastating consequences of being without insurance have been hammered home by the bushfires – advice on how to estimate value of contents

- [1.15.1] Photos, 'Salute to our heroes', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 1.
Photo of bushfire heroes from Bunyip – Nigel Braithwaite, Ross Olden, Arthur Grabham, Ray Holloway
- [1.15.2] Bryan Patterson, 'Yes, they are our heroes', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, pp. 2&15.
Photos of CFA firefighters, Sergio Mackay, Roman Nowak, Ben Rogers, Clint Ripley, Darren Goss, Rod Sullivan – Raye Carter, in 70s, a CFA member died at St Andrews – Eltham CFA volunteer, Neil Ellery – Bill Bobb, CFA volunteer – Salvation Army and Red Cross providing meals to firefighters and refugees – Churchill CFA Captain, Steve Barling – Drew Adamson, CFA firefighter – Kevin Rudd
- [1.15.3] Liam Houlihan, 'United in grief', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 3.
Survivors returned to Marysville yesterday – only 12 houses remain standing – Harley Ronalds, 17 – Leonard 'Pos' Postlethwaite, 72, died – new fire in Wilsons Promontory National Park – Rev Ivor Jones and Yvonne Jones – Elizabeth Liesfield – Andrew Schreuder, 81 – Sue Pearce – Victorian Police Deputy Commissioner, Kieran Walshe, said the Marysville fire may have been deliberately lit
- [1.15.4] Liam Houlihan, Ellen Whinnett & Ruth Lamperd, 'In their own words', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 4.
Residents of Marysville returned to their town yesterday – the following are some personal accounts – Patricia Beggs – Simon Hudson – Anastasia Scott – the Rev Ivor Jones and Yvonne Jones – David and Helen Evans – Julia Harris
- [1.15.5] Nui Te Koha, 'Inside the inferno', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 5.
Photos taken by Marysville survivor, Vicki Moritz – Russell Glenn – home destroyed – Gallipoli Park – anger at not being allowed to go back to their property
'Flames, tragedy, will not beat us', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, pp. 6-7.
- [1.15.6] Wendy Hargreaves, p.6.
Zoe, Febe, Jason, Reubon, Rebecca and Renee Buddens – home destroyed in Marysville
- [1.15.7] Liam Houlihan, p. 6.
Brooke Fowler, 35 and Paul Jones, 24 – fled from the fires at Buxton – friends for life
- [1.15.8] Yvonne Barry, p. 6.
Karl Tucker – Suzanne Hyde campaigned for more than a decade for Bollygum Park – Suzanne and Geoff Hyde died in the fires – Tim Huggins – Julie Cramer
- [1.15.9] David Hastie, p. 6.
Ian Ewart, Fire Brigade Captain, Callignee
- [1.15.10] Liam Houlihan, p. 6.
Mark Strubing, Narelle Biggs and Booga (dog) – Mark Strubing survived in Kinglake
- [1.15.11] Wendy Hargreaves & Stephen Drill, pp. 6-7.
Greg Rogers, 43, and Kaye Simpson, 45 – marriage proposal – Peter Avola, 67, died – Damien Spooner and Marilyn Spooner, died – Greg Rogers lost his house in Kinglake-Whittlesea Rds, Pheasant Creek

- [1.15.12] Stephen Drill, p. 7.
Strathewen Primary School destroyed – Principal, Jane Haywood and teachers all survived – portable classrooms at Wattle Glen Primary School are the new temporary school – reopened on Wednesday – Wattle Glen Primary School Principal, Terry Howard
- [1.15.13] Yvonne Barry, p. 7.
Jay Russell and lucky (pet bird) – Humevale – family survived and Lucky, the budgie
- [1.15.14] Ellen Whinnett, 'We faced howling flames: crews' team efforts', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Sunday, February 15, 2009, pp. 8-9.

Herald Sun, Feb 8 – see [1.1.1] - had a photo on p. 1 of the CFA Kongwak tanker crew fighting a blaze in Bunyip State Forest – Strike team, Arthur Grabham, Nigel Braithwaite, Ross Olden, Captain Ray Holloway – individual stories – CFA Captain, Brad Waterhouse 47
- [1.15.15] How to get help, Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 10.

Advice and key information for survivors
- [1.15.16] What you can do to assist the fire victims, Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 10.

Red Cross is asking people who want to help to donate to the appeal – money is more useful than new or used goods – Red Cross urging people in bushfire areas to register so that friends and family can find out about them
- [1.15.17] Peter Rolfe & Claire Harvey, 'Fireproof living', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 11.

Diagram of a bushfire resistant house – Managing Director of Archicentre, Robert Caulfield, called for a review of building materials and rebuilding – Claus Hauth, near Wandong, house survived
- [1.15.18] Peter Rolfe, 'Push for new safety laws', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 11.

New planning, building and fire protection regulations may be introduced – Fire Protection Association of Australia President, Chris Orr – many experts want similar legislation to NSW
- [1.15.19] The dead and missing, Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 12.

List of dead and missing – death toll 181 – 1834 houses lost – 7000 homeless – 413,000ha destroyed
- [1.15.20] 'Path of a catastrophe', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, pp. 12-13.

Diagrams of the Churchill fire – Kinglake, Marysville, Murrindindi fire – Bendigo fire – Beechworth fire
- [1.15.21] Jane Howard, 'Letters of hope', Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 14.

Children from Kensington Primary School drew messages to the fire victims and firefighters
- [1.15.22] Photos, Special Edition, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 16.

'Battle scarred' – the Bunyip CFA fire crew in Labertouche
'Brave smile' – CFA volunteer, Ben Rogers of Monbulk

- [1.16.1] Photo, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 1.
- Fire truck in Bunyip State Forest - same photo that appeared on p. 1. Sunday, February 8 – see also [1.15.14] for more details of crew on the fire truck
- [1.16.2] Photo, ‘Dwarfed by smoke plumes’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 2.
- A jet stands out starkly against the monstrous plumes of smoke belched out by the Kinglake fire
- [1.16.3] Photo, ‘I can’t watch’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 2.
- Davina Derrick turns away from a neighbour’s house as the fire takes hold in Drouin
- [1.16.4] Photo, ‘Orange means danger’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 3.
- The blaze at Churchill in Gippsland gives off a hellish glow
- [1.16.5] Photo, ‘Defensive line’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 3.
- A firetruck keeps watch as a blaze, close to a residential area in Drouin, is fanned by winds
- [1.16.6] Photo, ‘Into action’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 4.
- A CFA firefighter jumps a log as the crew fights to contain a blaze at Stanley near Beechworth
- [1.16.7] Photo, ‘Standing firm’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 4.
- Gapsted crew firefighter, Rob Hodgetts, hoses on a scrub fire on Black Flats Rd in Mudgegonga
- [1.16.8] Photo, ‘Bunyip State Forest’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 5.
- Plus a quote from Robert Richings, Kinglake West captioned on the photo
- [1.16.9] Photo, ‘Road to safety’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 6.
- A blaze so big it resembles a nuclear explosion makes a frightening backdrop to a fire truck outside Labertouche, on Saturday
- [1.16.10] Photo, ‘Fierce glow’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 6.
- A crew keeps watch as darkness falls and the fires take on the appearance of molten gold at Dederang, south-east of Beechworth
- [1.16.11] Photo, ‘No way out’, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 7.
- Four cars collided in the smoke trying to outrun the fire at Kinglake – quote from Karl Amatnieks, who with wife Jayne, saved a family of five, whose car had slammed into the back of another along Kinglake-Whittlesea Rd

- [1.16.12] Photo, 'Black look', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 8.
- Nothing to see but scorched earth and charred trees for an exhausted firefighter on Steels Creek Rd – quote from firefighter, John Munday
- [1.16.13] Photo, 'Touched by horror', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 8.
- Joshua Levoli, sooty, frightened and weeping, is driven away from the blaze near Yarram
- [1.16.14] Photo, 'Rolling to a stop', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 8.
- Kyle Vanden Berk, of Pheasant Creek, examines the remains of his bike – his house was destroyed
- [1.16.15] Photo, 'Feeling the heat', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 9.
- An elegant house in Callignee survived the fire that ravaged the land around it
- [1.16.16] Photo, 'Not wanted', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 9.
- A landowner makes it clear on a sign that trespassers are not wanted
- [1.16.17] Photo, 'Handful of heroism', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 9.
- Bernie Hansell lost his home in the Kinglake fire, but the Vietnam veteran was able to recover the remains of his campaign medals
- [1.16.18] Photo, 'Unimaginable loss', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, pp. 10-11.
- An aerial shot of Maysville taken on Sunday, shows the horrific scale of the devastation
- [1.16.19] Photo, 'Safe at last', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 12.
- Elana Watson, 5, of Kinglake in the arms of her father
- [1.16.20] Photo, 'Too much to bear', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 12.
- Carl Agious breaks down at the Whittlesea Community Centre
- [1.16.21] Photo, 'Leaders in shock', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 12.
- Stunned by the extent of the carnage, a distressed Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Premier John Brumby discuss strategy after meeting survivors at Kangaroo Ground on Sunday
- [1.16.22] Photo, 'Down, not out', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 13.
- Despite his bandaged head and burnt face, Peter Trapp counts himself luckier than many after surviving the firestorm at Kinglake West

- [1.16.23] Photo, 'Taking care', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 13.
- Intensive care nurse, Anna Dykes, tends to a fire victim at The Alfred
- [1.16.24] Photo, 'Make me smile', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 14.
- Andrew Barber, firefighter rests at Whittlesea Relief Centre with his 15-month-old nephew, Deaken Criggie – both families lost their homes
- [1.16.25] Photo, 'Feeding time', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 14.
- Jason Blake, who was hit in the eye by an ember while successfully defending his house in Kinglake, feeds his son Blake, with the help of Blake's grandmother, Marie Edmonds
- [1.16.26] Photo, 'My mate's back', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 15.
- Angela O'Connor can't believe her luck as she is reunited with her dog, Chaz – but Angela and her partner, Drew Barr, lost their St Andrews home and their other dog
- [1.16.27] Photo, 'Smallest refugees', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 15.
- An eastern grey joey and a ringtail possum survived at Bendigo – are being cared for at the Statewide Wildlife Rescue and Emergency Service
- [1.16.28] Photo, 'Drink it again, Sam', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 15.
- The now famous picture of David Tree, of Mirboo North CFA, giving a bottle of water to Sam
- [1.16.29] Photo, 'Game for a laugh', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 16.
- Logan Eyles was beaming as he and his parents, Craig and Vivian, stocked up on donated goods in Kinglake
- [1.16.30] Photo, 'Thanks for that', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 16.
- Kane Ronchi, 6, of Flowerdale, lost most of his possessions, but received donated toys and gumboots from the Whittlesea Relief Centre – quote from Kara Blair, primary school student
- [1.16.31] Photo, 'All together', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 17.
- Karen Fabrikant and son Jacob, 8, of Mt Riddell, bedded down in the car park of the Healesville Supermarket, along with three cats and three rabbits
- [1.16.32] Photo, 'Tent city', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 17.
- Survivors take refuge in a city of tents in Yea

- [1.16.33] Photo, 'Thank God you're here', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 18.

Bill and Sherrill Carta were separated as they fled the Kinglake fire, and each thought the other had died – they were reunited at The Alfred Hospital

- [1.16.34] Photo, 'Come to mama', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 18.

Tracey Flowers and daughter, Rhea, 3, of Reedy Creek, found time to play – their home survived

- [1.16.35] Photos, Collage of, 'We will not forget you', Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, p. 19.

Photos of those who did not survive

- [1.16.36] Photo, Black Saturday Picture Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2009, p. 20.

A haze of smoke distorts the view to Melbourne's CBD from Kinglake West – quote from Premier, John Brumby

- [1.17.1] John Ferguson, 'PM's tears: Rudd tries to raise a little boy's spirits', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 1-2.

An emotional Kevin Rudd hugs Bailey Lackas, whose dad Steve died near Wandong – Rudd pledges to rebuild brick by brick – memorial service at Wandong – Rose Dove, Wandong resident – Rudd and Governor-General, Quentin Bryce, meet at Kinglake SES – Silvie Paladino

- [1.17.2] Cheryl Critchley, 'He did it for the kids', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 2.

Peter Thorneycroft, 43 – Jarrod, 8, Cooper, 5, Kalani, 3, Lauren, 13, Drews – Simon Drews, 33 – Tracy Roks-Drews, 33 – the Drew family lost their home; ran the Kinglake Diner, which survived, but with about \$20,000 damage – Tanya Cadman – Jodie Thorneycroft, 41 – Kevin Rudd – John Olsen, Australian Consul General in New York, quote

- [1.17.3] Cheryl Critchley, 'Bessie saves the day', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 3.

Bessie McMahon, 83 – Jim McMahon, 89 – sheltered 35 people in their home – all survived

- [1.17.4] Kate Jones, 'Two firefighters struck by falling tree', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 3.

Two NSW firefighters hurt on Saturday battling fires in the Crystal Creek area near Alexandra – injured by a falling tree – Russell Rees – Bruce Esplin urged sightseers not to go to fire affected areas

- [1.17.5] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Brumby shares feelings', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 4.

Brumby emotional over meeting survivors

- [1.17.6] (writer not known), '17 churches join in mourning', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 4.

Melbourne Catholic Archbishop, Denis Hart, walks to Fitzroy Gardens to pray for fire victims – several hundred people from 17 churches gathered in the Fitzroy Gardens – Maureen Postma, Chairwoman of the Victorian Council of Churches – Jacqui Ryan – Governor Dr David Kretser – Kevin Rudd at memorial service in Wandong – Karen Camilleri, whose plans to marry Karl Graf in Marysville have been postponed, quote

- [1.17.7] Advertisement, Westpac, 'Support for those affected by fires', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 4.
- [1.17.8] Matt Johnson, 'City and country weep for victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Mark and Lisa Pottenger, lost their home – Peter Whitefield and Lisa Pottenger – God Squad helping Kinglake survivors – Bill Stephens of God Squad – memorial service at Whittlesea attended by Governor-General, Quentin Bryce – Travis Pottenger, 16 – Rev Stephen Holmes – Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Philip Freier – Rudd – Chief of the Australian Defence Forces, Angus Houston – Jenny Macklin – Bessie McMahon, 83, of Kinglake, quote
- [1.17.9] Matt Johnson, 'Can-do attitude to the max', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 7.
- Peter Crook of Kinglake, home survived – was Warden at St Peter's Church, which was destroyed – Chris Wilson, CFA volunteer, quote
- [1.17.10] Fiona Hudson, 'Accused an "oddball"', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 7.
- The man accused of lighting the Churchill fires was described as an oddball – accused remains under protective guard
- [1.17.11] Megan McNaught, 'Sam the hope for species', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 8.
- Sam the koala and Bob (a male koala) could help their endangered species – both are Strzelecki koalas, which have a different DNA, are bigger and have better immune systems than regular koalas – carer Colleen Wood – Stephen Tate, Bureau of Animal Welfare Director, quote
- [1.17.12] (writer not known), 'Her paws in good hands', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 8.
- Dr Joanna Steuten is one of 20 staff offering their services for free at Animal Aid at Coldstream
- [1.17.13] Megan McNaught, 'Stranded animals rescued', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 9.
- Bureau of Animal Welfare Director, Stephen Tate, urges people looking for pets to contact their local council – Animal Aid has set up a mobile vet clinic at Toolangi – base is at Coldstream – Linda Marston – cats are amazing survivors
- [1.17.14] Ruth Lamperd, 'Coopers make room for five furry friends', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 9.
- Diana, Tim, Isabella, 11, Kit, 13, Cooper – care for five orphaned wombats
- [1.17.15] (writer not known), 'Clawing back to health', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 9.
- Dozens of animals in care since the fires have not been claimed – Ricki Lee Coulter, from Australian Idol, at a Hollywood fundraiser, quote
- [1.17.16] Greg Thom, 'Like a nuclear holocaust', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 10.
- Aldo Inzitari, 48 of Kinglake – Jesse, 11, Aldo Jr, 5, Daniela Marulli, 41, died – Jonathon Inzitari, 14 – Alan Thompson, NZ firefighter, quote
- [1.17.17] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Who can you turn to for bushfire help', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 10.
- List of government contacts for assistance

- [1.17.18] Norrie Ross, 'Victims turned away', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 11.
- A \$500 Kmart emergency relief offer to bushfire victims has been withdrawn because it was being rorted – Carolyn Mann, of National Park Rd, home destroyed – Marcus Baxter, Pine Ridge Rd, home destroyed
- [1.17.19] Photo, 'Police Band a splash hit', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 11.
- Police Band at Whittlesea pool – Elise Beattie – Daina Jowsey
- [1.17.20] Ruth Lamperd, 'History razed, but not lost', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 11.
- Marysville historian, Mary Kenealy – Historical Society's collection of memorabilia lost – Mary Kenealy, quote
- Steve Perkin, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 12.
- [1.17.21] 'Proud of his wife's efforts'
- Craig Clement is proud of his wife – she collected over 20 4WD loads of items for Diamond Valley Baptist Church in Diamond Creek for bushfire victims
- [1.17.22] 'Digger on march for firefighters'
- Proud to march alongside firefighters on Anzac Day
- [1.17.23] 'Koala sees the Wood for Tree'
- How many people noticed that Sam's carer is named 'Wood'
- [1.17.24] 'Cycling king is the wheel deal'
- Lance Armstrong sent a text to the SA Premier, Mike Rann, expressing sadness at the bushfires
- [1.17.25] 'Steeled to come back'
- Barry Allen and Jacquie Allen, of Steels Creek, lost their home – partly blame greenies, local council and the State
- [1.17.26] 'From beyond the black sheep'
- Twenty20 match fundraiser – Steve Waugh – Mark Taylor – Glenn McGrath, Michael Slater – Anthony Mundine – Peter Garrett – Barry Hall – Shannon Noll
- [1.17.27] 'Mementoes with meaning'
- Charred and melted mementoes dug from the ruins of a Kinglake church were on display, yesterday
- [1.17.28] Advertisement, RACV, 'Here's how RACV can help right now if you're affected by bushfires.', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 12.
- [1.17.29] Advertisement, Allianz, 'Important notice to all Allianz customers affected by the bushfire tragedy.', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 21.
- [1.17.30] Editorial, 'Fires: time to get serious', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 22.
- Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, has said the Federal Government will play a lead role in setting up an early warning system – bunkers in schools, new houses? – fuel reduction
- [1.17.31] Editorial, 'Ash memories', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 22.
- It is 26 years ago today that bushfires in Victoria and South Australia killed 76 – razed half a million hectares and left 2400 homeless – we must learn from this and the Black Saturday tragedies

[1.17.32] Alan Howe, 'A question of decorum', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 22-23.

Our politicians did something out of the ordinary last week, they suspended Question Time in both houses and instead spoke about the Victorian bushfires – Rudd – Gillard – Russell Broadbent, member for McMillan, centred in Warragul

[1.17.33] Rob Incoll, 'Finally get it right so no more calamities', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, pp. 22-23.

Underground shelters – safer homes – fuel reduction – compulsory buy back not favoured

[1.17.34] Robyn Riley, 'Ensuring nobody is ruined', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 23.

No amount of effort from our brave firefighters and emergency workers could have stopped the raging infernos – Insurance Council of Australia – Julia Gillard – perhaps the Government could establish an Insurance Co-operative to deal with bushfire claims

[1.17.35] Gloria Vella, Werribee, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.

There should be sirens at CFA stations

[1.17.36] Shirley Strossa, Bacchus Marsh, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.

The Reedy Creek couple who defied their council and cleared trees around their house, which was saved in the bushfire, should have their fine reimbursed

[1.17.37] A. B. Fricker, Selby, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.

A Royal Commission will be an expensive whitewash unless it addresses the causes such as government mismanagement and inappropriate environmental policies

[1.17.38] Glenda Allemand, Mooroopna, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.

Wonderful photo of Jesse and his dogs on the back page of Thursday's paper – hope we see a follow-up photo in years to come

[1.17.39] C. A. Brown, Broadford, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.

People should be wearing fire appropriate clothing – could not believe the images of people wearing just shorts and thongs fighting fires

[1.17.40] Theo Kojak, Wyndhamvale, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.

John Howard said we needed 3 Elvis helicopters – at \$150m each that's dirt cheap – what happened?

[1.17.41] Sam Wiltshire, Terang, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.

Could we have a stamp of David Tree and Sam – a surcharge of 5c could go to fire victims

[1.17.42] Pat Lloyd, Mitcham, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.

My brother, Daryl Lloyd is a CFA volunteer whose photo appeared in the Herald Sun last Thursday – he and his wife lost everything, including the instruments they play in the Maroondah Brass Band – if anyone's got a spare trombone?

[1.17.43] Julie Cook, Yarram, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.

People stealing from fire-ravaged sites are not looters – they are grave robbers

- [1.17.44] Pablo Brait, Richmond, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- This is what climate change looks like – governments need to act so these deaths don’t become the norm
- [1.17.45] Eileen, Cranbourne North, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- Those throwing lit butts out of their cars are just idiots
- [1.17.46] Tony Judge, East Grinstead, UK, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- I would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt best wishes
- [1.17.47] Photo, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- Sheree McDonald of Kinglake with her daughters, Codie, 6. and Jipsie, 5, carrying their new clothes and toys from the Whittlesea Community Centre
- [1.17.48] Warrick Baker, Monbulk, Letters, ‘Generosity in face of adversity’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- At Whittlesea Relief Centre – people every nationality, political persuasion and possibly, religion – young and old – tattooed and pierced alongside suits and ties – fairies and clowns entertaining – proud to be an Australian and part of humanity
- [1.17.49] David Russell, Letters, ‘Make ghoulish sightseers pay’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- Anyone caught sightseeing in a bushfire area should cop a fine and it should be donated to the appeal – or give them a broom and shovel and make them clean up
- [1.17.50] Woody, Bentleigh, Letters, ‘Strategic burn-offs will save fauna, too’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- Re Marcel – see [1.8.91] - ‘Fires spread in treeless areas’ – your ignorance in relation to fuel-reduction burns in national parks is staggering – fires with less scrub and debris burn slower and with less intensity – burn-offs affect wild-life, but nothing like we have just seen
- [1.17.51] Chris Collins, Letters, ‘Not the time for greenie preaching’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- Re Marcel – see [1.8.91] - ‘Fires spread in treeless areas’ – don’t push your green agenda – now is the time to look for practical ways to reduce further tragedies
- [1.17.52] Dr Patrick Lyons, Melbourne, Letters, ‘Fire shelters are life savers’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- It should be compulsory for all new dwellings in fire-prone regions to have bunkers, and existing homes could easily have them fitted
- [1.17.53] Vox Pop, ‘Do building regulations need to be toughened in fire-prone areas?’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 24.
- Jessica James, 21, Endeavour Hills, mandatory bunkers – Frank Ruhland, 48, Bentleigh, house constructed of solid brick or stone is a good idea – Geoff Burt, 67, Brighton, not sure – Don Scott, 52, Burwood, construction of double brick homes – Jenny Burt, Brighton, there are already too many regulations

- [1.17.54] Karina Barrymore, 'Light in the darkness', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 29.
- House and contents insurance – no insurance – under insurance – increased costs after a disaster – don't act too quickly – lower property prices – information on replacement birth certificates, Medicare cards and the suspension of mail deliveries
- [1.17.55] Kevin Bailey, 'Many hands will be needed in recovery effort', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 29.
- Insurance – home, contents, care, life, trauma, income protection, health – survivors should get advice - Financial Planning Association (AFP) will provide free advice
- [1.17.56] Karina Barrymore, 'Rising from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, pp. 30-31.
- Advice about rebuilding finances after the Victorian bushfires – cash grants from available from governments – some banks offering cash grants of up to \$10,000 – the Law Institute of Victoria is providing free legal advice – identification, re driver's licence and Centrelink help – mortgage advice – financial advice – insurance – cars – credit cards and other debts – employment – tax
- [1.17.57] Quote, Greg Rogers, of Strathewen, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.
- 'If we can live through this, we can live through anything.' – Kaye Simpson
- [1.17.58] Quote, Jo McFadyen, of Kinglake, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.
- 'They were helping out right up until the front hit us.' - reckons her children Byron and Emerald Blyth are heroes for helping saving their house
- [1.17.59] Quote, Peter Hitchener, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.
- Re Brian Naylor, 'He was a man of pure class, a man of great integrity – a mentor.'
- [1.17.60] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.
- Memorial to the firefighters – 'Callignee, Flowerdale, Kinglake, Marysville', noted
- [1.17.61] Gordon Chippett, Cranbourne, Letters, 'Bunkers saved lives in WWII', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.
- Suggests backyard shelters like the ones used in England during the war
- [1.17.62] David Thompson, Chirnside Park, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.
- Why don't authorities put powerlines underground?
- [1.17.63] A. Cox, ex-firefighter, Mernda, Letters, 'CFA briefing the way to go', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.
- Commends the Flowers family, 'You must prepare', see [1.9.15] – who saved their home by enacting their fire plans – everyone in bushfire-prone areas must attend a CFA/DSE information evening
- [1.17.64] Dave W., Moe, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.
- Feels the tragic loss – pride in the outpouring of sentiment – proud of volunteer and support services – re 'Saviour of the sky', see [1.10.41] – about pilot, Shaun Stavang – should be made an honorary Australian – heroes of the sky

- [1.17.65] Hans Witteveen, Ringwood East, Letters, 'Don't force us to evacuate', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.

Disagrees with Editorial, 'Ms Nixon, we need you now', see [1.6.82] – about giving authorities the power to force evacuation – proposal dangerous because of unpredictable nature of fire – evacuees can become victims – the decision belongs with the individual, not the government

- [1.17.66] Sally, Frankston, Letters, 'Wear a ribbon to say thanks', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.

Ash Wednesday tragedy in 1983 – firefighters are heroes – wear a ribbon to show support for these brave men and women

- [1.17.67] Eric Farrow, Letters, 'Keep an eye on firey's health', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.

Blame game – give a thought for the emotional trauma of volunteer firefighters

- [1.17.68] A.M., Mildura, Letters, 'Investigators deserve support', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.

Fire investigators need our understanding and support, as well as our firefighters

- [1.17.69] Voteline, 'Should community fire bunkers be built in every fire-prone town?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.

- [1.17.70] Bibe Brown, Broadmeadows, My Say, 'Doctor was a friend to all', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 25.

Fire victim, Dr Christopher Towie – tribute to a fine doctor

- [1.18.1] Photo, 'Our life saver', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 1.

The Drews children – Cooper, Kalani, Lauren and Jarrod thank Peter Thorneycroft

- [1.18.2] At a glance, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 2.

Details of the: Toll, dead, homes destroyed and hectares burned – Spotlight stores giving away free yellow ribbons

- [1.18.3] Advertisement, Victorian Government/Bushfire Appeal Fund, 'Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 2.

Details of some of the payments available from the fund for – homes lost or uninhabitable – those severely injured – next-of-kin payments, where people died

- [1.18.4] Quote, Kevin Rudd, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 2.

'Prepare for day of mourning', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, pp. 2-3.

- [1.18.5] Geraldine Mitchell, Emily Power & Michael Wray, 'A chance to grieve', pp. 2-3.

Photo: Kevin Rudd at service in Wandong – next Sunday has been declared a National Day of Mourning – 11am service at Rod Laver Arena – John Brumby said TV and radio would be asked to broadcast the service – North Warrandyte resident, John Fitzgerald, 72 – CFA Operations Officer, John Maguire, said Melbourne Water could move water to reservoirs unaffected by the fires – Gembrook – Wilsons Promontory – Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin, critical of employers who disapprove of workers taking time off to fight fires

- [1.18.6] Grant McArthur, 'Suspicious fire hits ranges', p. 3.

A fire in the Dandenong Ranges is suspected to have been deliberately lit – fire burned north from near Terrys Ave and Sandells Rd at Tecoma – Kevin Higgs – Beth Davis – Daniel Grant

- [1.18.7] Jenny Barnes, of Wandong, quote, p. 3.

- [1.18.8] Lauren Wilson, 'Gypsy born to homeless family', p. 3.

Travis and Jillian Buckland of Lord St, Upper Plenty, home destroyed – Gypsy Buckland born at Heidelberg's Mercy Hospital

Photos, 'Found: treasure from the ashes', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, pp. 4-5.

- [1.18.9] p. 4. - Chelsea Johnstone, 5, of Chum Creek, found a rabbit figurine – Ross and Joanne Johnstone – home destroyed

- [1.18.10] p. 4. – Daniel Archibald, Yarra Glen, home destroyed – 1948 grey Massey Ferguson tractor, outside burnt, but motor still cranks

- [1.18.11] p. 4. – A burnt page from a bible was one of the few things to survive at St Peters Church at Kinglake

- [1.18.12] p. 4. – Lauren Drews, of Kinglake, quote

- [1.18.13] p. 5. – Kirsten Buller, 38, and son, Nathan, 11, of Taggerty found a litter of kittens – home destroyed

- [1.18.14] p. 5. – Angel figures rescued from St Peters Church at Kinglake

- [1.18.15] p. 5. – Darren Pope, 9, at Chum Creek

- [1.18.16] p. 5. – Kirsten Buller, quote

- [1.18.17] Cheryl Critchley, 'Never give up, says survivor', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 6.

Ann Fogerty, 58 – Rachel Walsh – Ann Fogerty received burns to 85% of her body in the Ash Wednesday fires, 26 years ago and was not expected to live – today she is in good health

- [1.18.18] Cheryl Critchley, 'It's an open house for fire supplies', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 6.

Jemima Richards-Exton, 36 – Dave Exton, 39 – have opened their home up as an unofficial supply centre – Kevin Rudd visited – 40 locals took refuge in their house and dowsed spot fires – Ian and Theresa O'Mahoney, from Werribee Plant and Constructions, have transported 26 generators and 4 bar fridges – Nathan Sinott and Rael Kuperholz spent thousands hiring a truck and generator to organize free Telstra internet at Whittlesea Relief Centre – Blockhouse Bay Primary in NZ raised \$800 for appeal – Nikita Puschak, 10, flew from Canberra with her father to donate \$500 that Ngunnawal Primary raised for injured animals – Alistair MacGavin raised \$144.10 playing keyboard outside Safeway Camberwell – call centre operator, Stellar Asia Pacific

- [1.18.19] Quote, Joanne Johnstone, of Chum Creek, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 6.

- [1.18.20] Michael Harvey, 'Call for school bunkers', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 6.

Liberal Federal MP, Fran Bailey, has called for fire bunkers to be constructed in schools that have to be rebuilt

- [1.18.21] Peta Hellard & Carly Crawford, 'Charity begins abroad', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 7.

Bushfire fundraisers in Los Angeles and New York – Andy Clockwise – Ricky-Lee Coulter, 23 – Dean Geyer, 22 – Facebook - Australian Consul-General, John Olsen – Red Cross spokeswoman, Amy Keller – General Motors donates \$US100,000 – Russell Crowe, Nicole Kidman, Naomi Watts, have donated

- [1.18.22] Photo, 'Golfers have giving down to a tee', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 7.

English golfer, Laura Davies, winner of the Australian Women's Open yesterday, with Pam Watkins, Marg Taylor, Joan Williams, Julie Wirth, Barb Eldridge, Faye Light and John Eldridge, of the fire ravaged Horsham Golf Club – several thousand dollars were raised for fire victims at the Open

- [1.18.23] Russell Robinson, 'Courageous actions of a humble hero', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 7.

CFA volunteer, Chris Wilson, saved a woman from a burning house in Narbethong – CFA colleague, Paul Beckman – Mystic Mountains shop

- [1.18.24] Quote, Steve Fontana, Assistant Police Commissioner, Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 7.

- [1.18.25] Matt Williams, 'Just no sitting on the fence', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 7.

People are lending a hand – in Chum Creek 30 homes were lost; but 10 people are helping replace fencing on the property of Lesley Porter – Tony Flint, of Cockatoo – Rick Coxhill - Allan Grummisch, of The Basin – Ken Ferguson, of Badger Creek

- [1.18.26] Photos, 'Day of prayers', Special Edition, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 16, 2009, p. 8.

CFA volunteers Jodie McLennan and Cindy Ronson at the memorial service at Wandong – a boy at the Wandong service – Kevin Rudd and Wandong CFA leader, Frank Amoroso

- [1.19.1] Wayne Flower & Fiona Hudson, 'Accused arsonist seeks fire compensation', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 1.

Brendan James Sokaluk – accused of lighting a bushfire that killed 11 – has lodged an insurance claim with the RACV for fire damage – his identity was revealed by a magistrate, but the release of his photo and street address are banned – he volunteered as a firefighter 20 years ago

Steve Perkin, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 2.

- [1.19.2] 'Want a Balt hole?'

Vincas Vaidava wrote to his Latvian friends telling them he had a flat in Vilnius, Lithuania's capital – he is prepared to let it out free to a Lithuanian affected by the fires

- [1.19.3] 'Court with ribbons'

A Supreme Court jury all wore yellow ribbons

- [1.19.4] 'Talk about the fires'
A man was driving his tractor in Arthurs Creek and he answered the phone to the CFA – apparently they wanted him in Kinglake – he got booked by a passing policeman for talking on his mobile phone while driving
- [1.19.5] Fiona Hudson, Katie Bice & Michael Wray, 'Secret life of arson accused', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 2.

Accused arsonist Brendan James Sokaluk, 39 – website – Magistrate Jon Klestadt yesterday lifted a suppression order on Mr Sokaluk's identity – his MySpace page was disabled yesterday – a loner – risk of vigilante behaviour – faces one count of arson causing death, one count of intentionally lighting a bushfire, and one of possessing pornography
- [1.19.6] Fiona Hudson, 'Woman on suspect's website', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 2.

Photo of 'Alexandra', Brendan Sokaluk's one time girlfriend on his website – the relationship between them soured
- [1.19.7] Jane Metlikovec, 'Fires lit while kids wait', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 3.

Rosemary Ann Harris, 31, of Moe, was sentenced by Magistrate John Dugdale to three years with a minimum of two and a half years for lighting two fires on a total fire ban day in December 2006 – CFA volunteer Pat Quinn, who caught Harris lighting a fire at Drifffield, said Harris should have received the maximum of 5 years – Harris also lit a fire at Tyres – Boolarra CFA firefighter, Pat Thatcher, said the sentence was too lenient – Harris will appeal in the County Court on April 15 – Harris' lawyer, Robert Davis
- [1.19.8] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Everything on the table', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 4.

The Royal Commission into the bushfires will have sweeping powers, including the power to call the Premier and Ministers – Brumby said new, tougher building codes would be announced within weeks to allow rebuilding to begin – the Commission's interim report due by August this year, and the final report by July next year – former Commonwealth Ombudsman, Ron McLeod, and Susan Pascoe will be commissioners – Brumby said he could not promise to implement all the recommendations – the Brumby Government has been criticised by a parliamentary committee for not meeting annual burn-off targets
- [1.19.9] Matt Johnston, 'Dirty mission complete to recover WWII medal', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 4.

Greg Holloway and Joanne Jordan – in the ruins of their home found Greg Holloway's Grandfather, Tom Metson's war medal – Mr Metson died in 2005
- [1.19.10] Mark Buttler, 'Death toll rises', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 4.

Death toll rises to 189 – Assistant Commissioner, Kieran Walshe – more dead expected – police figures show Stathewen was the hardest hit with 40 killed, one-fifth of its population – the death toll of Marysville rose to 36, with many more expected – the official figure for the Churchill fire was revised down from 21 to 10 – Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon said the community should brace itself for more bad news – Bruce Esplin said the fires had burnt out more than 400,000ha of land, razed 1834 houses, and left more than 7000 homeless – 4600 firefighters are tackling blazes in Victoria – Russell Rees
- [1.19.11] Cheryl Critchley, 'Kelly shows she's a fighter', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 5.

Kelly Johnson, 17, a CFA volunteer, fought the Kinglake fire – home saved – CFA volunteers Phil Petschel, 54, Paul Hendrie and Di McLeod

- [1.19.12] Aaron Langmaid, 'Rescue like a movie thriller', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 5.
- Sean Evans organised for a helicopter to rescue his mother and stepfather from their Steels Creek farm – the rescue was successful, but the house was destroyed
- [1.19.13] (writer not known), 'Power utility sued', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 5.
- A class action was launched in the Supreme Court yesterday against SP AusNet for negligently starting two bushfires – Kilmore and Beechworth – Leo Kane, the lead plaintiff, claims SP AusNet owed a duty of care to landowners to operate and manage power lines in a way that limited the risk of damage from bushfires – SP AusNet believes the claim is premature and inappropriate given the establishment of the Royal Commission
- [1.19.14] Photos, 'Fireys know their thirst aid', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 6.
- A kangaroo being given water by firefighter, David Brister – Sam and David Tree
- [1.19.15] Norrie Ross, 'Firebugs dodge jail', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 6.
- Bushfire arsonists are avoiding jail, despite a massive growth in the crime – at least two arsonists who lit fires five years ago have received suspended sentences – according to the Australian Institute of Criminology half of all vegetation fires are deliberately lit – Ross Brogan, a former chief fire investigator in NSW – he said existing laws and penalties were not deterring firebugs – Dr Judy Putt, General Manager of Research at the AIC said bushfire arson was difficult to solve – Dr Putt gives a likely profile such an arsonist – assumptions that bushfire arsonists must suffer from a mental health difficulty are not borne out by studies in NSW
- [1.19.16] Advertisement, RACV, 'Here's how RACV can help right now if you're affected by the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 6.
- [1.19.17] (writer not known), 'This one's for the bushfire victims', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 7.
- Socceroo star, Tim Cahill, wore a black armband and dedicated Everton's win over Aston Villa to victims of the Victorian bushfires
- [1.19.18] Anthony Dowsley, 'Heroic cop duo found', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 7.
- The identities of the two mystery policemen who saved hundreds of people in Marysville – Senior Constables, Ian Hamill and Andrew Walker – Marysville fire suspected of being deliberately lit – Mark Peart and family – Kerry McFadzean and family
- [1.19.19] Advertisement, AAMI, 'We're here to help you recover. Please call 13 22 44.', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 8.
- 'Many hands help ease the burden', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, pp. 8-9.
- [1.19.20] Emily Power, 'Family opens hearts to needy', p. 8.
- Wayne and Laine MacDonald have opened their home in Flowerdale to bushfire victims
- [1.19.21] (writer not known), 'Oh deer, eat up Dobbie', p. 9.
- Dobbie the deer was rescued by Kinglake residents and delivered to RSPCA inspectors and rushed to their Burwood Centre – RSPCA Animal Rescue host, Anthony Field, visited Dobbie yesterday
- [1.19.22] Emily Power, 'Home amid the charred ruins', p. 9.
- Jackson Rowe lost his home in Flowerdale – has set up a caravan to live in on his property

- [1.19.23] Greg Stolz, 'Local ladies cook up a storm', p. 9.

Toolangi women have united behind the firefighting effort by making hundreds of meals for the CFA and DSE firefighters – Chris Dash – DSE Manager, Gary Dash – Janice Cosson, Jean Sholl – firefighter, Adam Green

- [1.19.24] (writer not known), 'Gatto adds underworld taste to bushfire cause', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 10.

Mick Gatto is planning a gala event in a bid to raise \$1m to help rebuild communities – Atlantic Group - \$1000-a-head dinner

- [1.19.25] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Do you need help recovering from the bushfires?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 10.

Contact information for those in need of – personal, emotional and financial help – counselling and health advice

- [1.19.26] Alice Coster & John Masanauskas, 'Schools start to reopen', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 10.

Dozens of fire-affected state schools reopened yesterday – 15 schools remained closed – Alexandra Secondary College remembering the death of 3 of its students, Principal Andy Johnston – Alexandra Primary School Principal, Keith Wrest

- [1.19.27] (writer not known), 'Smoky haze worsens', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 10.

Weather forecasters and the EPA warned that the smoky haze over Melbourne will be worse today – DHS Chief Health Officer, Dr John Carnie, said people with respiratory or heart conditions, the elderly and children, should limit exertion and stay indoors where possible

- [1.19.28] Matt Johnson, 'Police run roving patrols, appeal for help in Kinglake: Looters add to pain', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 11.

Linda Evans can't believe thieves raided her money boxes – looters are active in Kinglake – Victoria Police spokeswoman Sen-Constable Melissa Search said there were no official reports – Police were running roving patrols and encouraged anyone with information to come forward – residents have erected signs warning looters to stay away

- [1.19.29] Angus Hohenboken, 'Dad's lost memorabilia devastating for family', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 11.

Evalyn Pierce – Jim Brilliant, who died 2 years ago, family holiday home near Buxton destroyed, and along with it Jim's football memorabilia – Glenise Williams

- [1.19.30] (writer not known), 'City to rally in support of victims', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 11.

There will be a special 'The City Cares' rally in Melbourne at Federation Square on Friday, February 27 – Melbourne Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle – Committee for Melbourne Chief Executive, Sally Capp – all proceeds to bushfire appeal

- [1.19.31] Michelle Pountney, 'Relief fund promise by chairman Landy: Victims get the lot', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 12.

Tennille Porter, 20, at Chum Creek – every cent of donations to the Victorian Bushfire Relief Fund will go to bushfire survivors – former Governor, John Landy, 79, will head fund panel – the State Government has promised to cover any overheads associated with the panel and distribution of donations – as at late yesterday the fund had received \$101m – other panel members are University of Melbourne Vice-Chancellor, Prof Glyn Davis; former Deputy Premier, Pat McNamara; Murrindindi Shire Mayor, Lyn Gunter; and Australian Red Cross Chief Executive, Robert Tickner – article gives some details of payments made so far

- [1.19.32] In Brief, 'Flack's back', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 12.

Roberta Flack, singing legend, and her band, will perform a bushfire benefit concert with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra on Thursday

- [1.19.33] In Brief, 'Slogan scratched', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 12.

The bushfires have led to a hasty rewrite of the Australian Grand Prix's 2009 advertising slogan, 'Melbourne fires up'

- [1.19.34] In Brief, 'Relief funds paid', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 12.

Centrelink has paid \$10.6m to victims – 9236 claims processed

- [1.19.35] In Brief, 'No butts about it', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 12.

a Smokers told not to chuck cigarette butts – Clean Up Australia Chairman, Ian Kiernan, says it's serious fire risk and people should be fined

- [1.19.36] Advertisement, Apia, 'Apia staff are here to help', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 12.

- [1.19.37] Our days in hell, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 13.

Summary of our worst bushfires – Black Friday, 31/1/1939 – Ash Wednesday, 16/2/1983 – Black Saturday, 7/2/2009

- [1.19.38] Nikki Protyniak, 'Rise from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 13.

Ash Wednesday survivors, Pauline Reid, 44, Gail Calvert, 44, Gillian Lees, 36, Kathy Vogeles, 60 – from Cockatoo – gathered for anniversary of Ash Wednesday, yesterday

- [1.19.39] Grant McArthur, 'Ash Wednesday survivor to inspire victims', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 13.

Ranald Webster, 87, was badly burnt in the Ash Wednesday fires – he was a CFA volunteer fighting fires at Cockatoo – given a 4% chance of survival – burns to 35% of his body – 5 years of operations and rehabilitation

- [1.19.40] Advertisement, AMP, 'Important message for AMP customers affected by the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 23.

- [1.19.41] Jan Hindson, West Footscray, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.

Friends collected money for Barney to head back to England after 10 years in Australia, but he donated it to the bushfire appeal

- [1.19.42] John, Bangkok, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Re 'Where the hell is everyone?' see [1.13.1] – [1.13.24] – congratulations to Patrick Carlyon for capturing the feelings and emotions of the people of Marysville – journalism at its finest
- [1.19.43] Matthew Olerhead, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Re 'Where the hell is everyone?' – [1.13.1] – [1.13.24] – the suffering and trauma of these people is beyond my comprehension – we can never forget these tragedies
- [1.19.44] Moss Pellen, Wantirna, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Re 'Workers sacked while saving lives' – see [1.13.3] – the sacking of CFA firefighters while they were fighting the fires is disgusting – incredibly insensitive and money hungry
- [1.19.45] Jo Kotylak, Watsonia, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Re Mark Knight's cartoon, Feb 16 – would like the depiction of a bushfire memorial to become a reality
- [1.19.46] Matt Treacy, Montrose, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Hopefully we will never again see the sight of CFA and SES volunteers forced to rattle collection tins to scrounge money for vital equipment
- [1.19.47] Trevor P. Kruger, Seabrook, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- At the AFL Grand Final this year could Elvis deliver the cup before the game and instead of the normal entertainment, could we have a parade of CFA, Red Cross and police vehicles and volunteers?
- [1.19.48] Boof, Warnambool, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Would love to see Kinglake Football Club play the curtain-raiser on Anzac Day at the G
- [1.19.49] Gerald King, Briagolong, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Will people in the bush be allowed to do more fuel reduction burning? – let's hope people have not died in vain – will we ever learn?
- [1.19.50] Narelle Harding, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Maybe the RSPCA could get together with survivors and match animals without families to families who have lost pets
- [1.19.51] Sally Logan, Letters, 'Story will open world's eyes wider', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Re Patrick Carlyon's article, 'Where the hell is everyone?', *Herald Sun*, Feb 14 – gives a sombre insight into the events – hope it helps people around the world have a better understanding of the fires
- [1.19.52] Dee, Melton South, Letters, 'Heart goes to those suffering', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.
- Re 'Where the hell is everyone?', *Herald Sun*, Feb 14 – a beautifully written article – my heart aches for the residents of Marysville and others affected by the fires

- [1.19.53] Rod and Barry, Rendezvous B&B Cottages (which will rise again), Marysville, Letters to the Editor, 'Overwhelmed by generosity', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.

Losing our precious Rendezvous was hard enough – losing so many friends was much worse – to all Australians, thanks to your overwhelming generosity

- [1.19.54] Carmen Dominguez-Garcia, Letters, 'Relieved to read that Bruno is safe', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.

Re 'The Day Bruno cheated death', Feb 13 – we were saddened to read that Bruno's beautiful garden and gallery had been destroyed in Marysville, but relieved to find out that Bruno and his family were safe

- [1.19.55] Anthony Rogan, Wyndham Vale, Letters, 'Curb the number of gum trees', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.

In rebuilding, we could do well to limit the number of gum trees in residential areas

- [1.19.56] Christie Fowler, Toorak, Letters, 'Baggage handlers' strike selfish', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.

Re 'Airport strike chaos', *Herald Sun*, Feb 15 – the strikers at Tullamarine on Saturday held up people traveling to Victoria who had lost loved ones and the transit of much-needed goods donated to bushfire survivors

- [1.19.57] Vox Pop, 'Do you regard global warming as having been a factor in our fires disaster?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 24.

Liv Thorp, 22, Prahran, No, it was arsonists – Malcolm Cameron, 23, Clayton, Yes, the high temperatures – Morry Lissek, 70, Daylesford, No, natural disasters have been happening forever – Jenny Spry, 50, St Kilda, Yes, the high temperatures – Cara Clewett, 27, Glen Iris, Yes, abnormal weather

- [1.19.58] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 25.

Depicts relief available to victims – food – financial assistance – free hugs from Kevin Rudd

- [1.19.59] Geoff Wilson, Warranwood, Letters, 'Nothing ordinary about Aussies', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 25.

After the efforts of Australians in the last week, I would ask that the term 'ordinary Australian' be banished – the efforts of everyone have been anything but ordinary

- [1.19.60] Des, Rowville, Letters, 'Foster's sackings shameful', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 25.

Re 'Workers sacked while saving lives' – see [1.13.3] – Foster's should hang their heads in shame for sacking volunteer fire fighters

- [1.19.61] Kerry O'Shea, Bushfire Legal Help, Letters, 'Free legal advice from lawyers', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 25.

Lawyers will be attending Relief Centres this week to give free legal advice – the service is supported by Victoria Legal Aid, Federation of Community Legal Centres, Law Institute of Victoria, Victorian Law Foundation, Victorian Bar, and Public Interest Clearing House

- [1.19.62] Jocinda Weinrich, Bayswater North, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 25.

We must remember what has happened and extend our support in the months and years to come – it is important to go and stay in places such as Marysville – spend money in the fire affected areas

- [1.19.63] Alex Szucs, Laverton, Letters, 'Fighting fire needs an air force', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 25.

A squadron of water-bombing aircraft on standby is needed – let's invest in pre-emptive bushfire airborne defence forces

- [1.19.64] Christine Morris, Hoppers Crossing, Letters, 'Rescuer deserves medical help', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 25.

The community or the Government ought to pay for the operation to repair Peter Thorneycroft's arm injury, and to provide a living allowance during his recovery

- [1.19.65] Voteline, 'Should community fire bunkers be built in every fire-prone town?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 25.

Total vote – 2968	YES – 90.1%	NO – 9.9%
	(2677)	(291)

- [1.19.66] Dr Susie Allanson, clinical psychologist, My Say, 'Give an ear to the children', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 25.

We adults must not underestimate the healing impact for children of our non-verbal communication – hugs and physical closeness, sympathetic facial expressions, and so on – we need to provide space for children to communicate to us via drawing, play, their behaviour, as well as language

- [1.19.67] Editorial, 'Dealing with the firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 26.

Firebugs – profile of – people are angry – difficult to prove – courts lenient – charging arsonists with reckless murder, which carries a possible life sentence, should be considered – the Royal Commission should look into specific legislation aimed at those who light bushfires – the Royal Commission should consider as a matter of urgency a national register of firebugs

- [1.19.68] Susie O'Brien, 'Human faith up in flames', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, pp. 26-27.

Vigilante action not the answer to those accused of lighting the bushfires – anger completely understandable - Christine Nixon is right to call for calm – class actions against SP AusNet are inappropriate and premature – negligence difficult to prove given the unprecedented weather conditions – similar action arising from the Ash Wednesday fires dragged on for years, resulting in big bucks for lawyers and plenty of heartache for claimants before any payouts

- [1.19.69] (writer not known), 'Patience needed for the long haul', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 27.

We need to remember that the fire affected town will need help a year from now and in future years – people can go to these towns and buy a meal/coffee and so on

- [1.19.70] Rob Falconer, 'We have a failure to communicate', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, pp. 26-27.

An account of the failure to introduce an early warning telephone system in Victoria – Kim Allen an expert in such systems – Emergency Management Australia – Protective Services Co-ordination Centre – Telstra model now being considered cost 20 times more than the 2001 proposal that was rejected (\$1m-\$20m) – Telstra system appears inferior – privacy legislation must be amended to allow access to white pages

- [1.19.71] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Please be safe when returning to your property', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, p. 28.

When returning to a fire affected property, the Victorian Government is providing advice on – protecting yourself – handling wastes – food – water tanks – septic tanks – taking care of yourself

- [1.20.1] Photo, 'Thank you Victoria', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 1.

Sam the koala's photo has so far raised \$300,000 for the CFA

- [1.20.2] Mark Buttler & Elissa Hunt, 'Despicable: Heartless thieves grab bushfire charity cash', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, p. 1.

Amounts of between \$100 and \$4000 of donations to the appeal have been stolen – Det-Sgt John Coburn – Brad Hudson, Kinglake resident – police spokeswoman, Karla Dennis, urged people to be careful with donation money

Steve Perkin, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 2.

- [1.20.3] 'Full of beans for the cause'
Shane Warne signed a can of baked beans, which will be sold on eBay and the proceeds will go to the appeal

- [1.20.4] 'Sweet music'
The bellbirds have returned to Blackburn since the bushfires

- [1.20.5] 'Sense of pride'
John, a CFA firefighter, drove from Hamilton to Kinglake in a convoy of 5 trucks – along the way people sounded their horns, clapped and cheered

- [1.20.6] Emily Power, 'Fire hero killed: Bushfire death toll climbs to 200', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 3.

A Canberra firefighter was killed by a falling branch near Marysville yesterday, near the intersection of Woods Point and Warburton Rds in Cambarville – ACT Emergency Services Agency Commissioner, Gregor Manson – firefighter's death not to be added to toll – a NSW firefighter injured by a falling tree near Healesville, admitted to Royal Melbourne Hospital – details of toll in some of the fire affected areas

- [1.20.7] Matt Johnston, 'Stars' healing work', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 3.

Jonathon Brown (AFL footballer) visits Whittlesea – Cathy Freeman (former runner), Andrew Gaze (former basketballer), Jared Tallent (Beijing walking medalist), Natalie Cook (beach volleyballer), Giaan Rooney (swimmer), Drew Ginn (rower) all visited Kinglake

Glen Dawson, Kinglake resident – Gavin and Jessica, 3, Hodgson of Kinglake – Blake Simon Jones, 5 months, of Kinglake

- [1.20.8] Mark Buttler & Brendan Roberts, 'Heartless thieves raid charity tins', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 4.

Troy Barry Hopkins, 35, of Reservoir, charged – William Pio, 24, of Hoppers Crossing faces 24 counts of stealing – Tommy Paterson, 36, accused of breaking into Ferny Creek Primary School and stealing \$4000 raised for the appeal – Brad Hudson, Kinglake resident, who lost his home – Groove Train Café co-owner, Tony Dimouski – police spokeswoman, Karla Dennis

- [1.20.9] Mark Dunn, 'Furious farmers say red tape shows councilors have ... Rocks in their heads', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 5.

Steve Daicos and other farmers in Whittlesea have been fined for clearing their land so the CFA would have clear access to their properties – local CFA safety officer, David Allen – City of Whittlesea spokesman, Jim Linton – Council's acting Planning Director, Jon Rawlings, defended the Council's decisions to fine – Barry Hill, head of the local ratepayers' association

- [1.20.10] Jane Metlikovec, 'Grazier "stopped" from saving his town', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 5.

Lindsay Pump, 54, of Callignee, slammed fuel reduction policy – Brumby, during a visit to the Traralgon South Recovery Centre, said the fuel reduction policy would be reviewed by the Royal Commission – Mr Pump was pulled up by the DSE for illegal burning – Iris Guy, 69, Callignee resident

- [1.20.11] Advertisement, Safeway, 'Shop at Safeway this Friday. All profits go to farming communities.', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, p. 6.

Woolworths Safeway will donate all profits from trading this Friday to farming communities, including those affected by the QLD floods and the Victorian bushfires

- [1.20.12] Megan McNaught, 'Sam's a money spinner', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 7.

Photo of wildlife carer Colleen Woods holding Sam, and CFA firefighters Sharon Kelly, Flo Swan, David Tree, Brayden Groen – Sam's photo has raised \$300,000 – over 15,000 copies sold – Chief Executive Officer of CFA, Andrew Ford

- [1.20.13] (writer not known), 'Power firms facing fresh class action', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 7.

A second class action against Victorian power companies launched – Madden Lawyers is to lodge a claim over the fires in Horsham and Coleraine – litigation partner, Brendan Pendergast, said it would be based on faulty power lines – clients would not wait for the outcome of the Royal Commission

- [1.20.14] Stephen McMahon, 'Survivors to have say at inquiry', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 7.

The Royal Commission will hear first-hand accounts from bushfire survivors – Chairman, Justice Teague – assisting commissioners Ron McLeod and Susan Pascoe – Brumby keen to improve bushfire safety

- [1.20.15] Cheryl Critchley, 'Free child care for victims', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 9.

Fire affected families offered free child care – Victorian Child Care Centres have found 1185 places – Maree and Graham Rothwell lost their home, which was between Yarra Glen and Steels Creek – Yarra Glen Child Care Centre Co-director, Leanne Johnson – Victorian Child Care Centres Association CEO, Frank Cusmano

- [1.20.16] Aaron Langmaid, 'House gone, but back to work', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 9.

Julie Rakic, 42, of Flowerdale, lost her home – returned to work at Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School in Eltham – school's bursar, Maree Quinlan

- [1.20.17] 'Socceroos to score for charity', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 9.

The Socceroos will host a charity dinner to raise money for the appeal in April – Tim Cahill

- [1.20.18] Advertisement, ING Direct, 'Bushfire relief for ING DIRECT customers', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 9.

- [1.20.19] John Ferguson, Shannon Deery & Geraldine Mitchell, 'Dams under threat as forests regrow: New trees to drain rain', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 11.

Diagram, 'Damage to our catchments', showing location of dams and percentage of water supply to Melbourne – Upper Yarra, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, Yan Yean, Silvan

Experts warn that run-off in key catchment areas will be severely affected when forests rejuvenate – Professor Mark Adams, University of Sydney – Melbourne Water Managing Director, Rob Skinner – Water Minister, Tim Holding – possible need to bypass some dams due to sediment and ash contamination

- [1.20.20] (writer not known), 'Ice-cool on the thin blue line to safety', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 11.

Policemen who evacuated Marysville – Sen-Constables Ian Hamill, Andrew Walker, Peter Collyer, Ken Dwight, Ian Thompson – Kerry McFadzean, Marysville resident

- [1.20.21] (writer not known), 'Back-up police to arrive', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 11.

150 NSW and 50 Federal police officers to help Victoria Police – NSW Police Commissioner, Andrew Scipione – officers will be sworn in as special constables – Victoria Police Deputy Commissioner, Kieran Walshe

- [1.20.22] Editorial, 'Green councils risk new fires', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 28.

Whittlesea Council has fined farmers for piling up rocks in their paddocks to give access to fire tankers – this is a staggering instance of muddle-headed and irresponsible thinking – Mitchell Shire Council took a family to court and fines and legal fees cost the family \$100,000; 7 years later their home is one of the few left standing – a Callignee farmer is in a similar position – the Royal Commission must investigate this and green wedge legislation

- [1.20.23] Andrew Bolt, 'Stridently dark green', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, pp. 28-29.

Global warming preachers are saying their views on climate change are vindicated by the bushfires – Bolt gives eggs of such people, Bob Brown (leader of the Greens); Freya Matthews, La Trobe University 'ecological philosopher', who wrote in *The Age*; Tim Flannery (Australian of the Year); Jonathan King, who wrote in *The Age*

Bolt's view is that there has been no 'warming' in Victoria and produces statistics to show this, as well as showing this is true world-wide – in reality it is the greens' opposition to fuel reduction in forests, etc that is the major cause of the recent fires – Melbourne University Professor, David Karoly, the State Government's chief global warming adviser conceded that it was not possible to attribute the fires to climate change

- [1.20.24] Julie Earle, Keysborough, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
Suggests a Wall of Remembrance bearing the names of the bushfire victims
- [1.20.25] Linda, Cobram, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
With chimneys the only reminder of where houses once stood, maybe those bricks could be used to create lasting memorials for victims in each town
- [1.20.26] J. S., Yarrawonga, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
Why not take the opportunity to dam some of the valleys laid waste by the fires and create permanent fire breaks?
- [1.20.27] Nicki, Nowa Nowa, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
Would like to thank CFA and DSE workers – thinks DSE workers not given enough thanks
- [1.20.28] Rose Robinson, Lower Templestowe, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
The Government should pay CFA volunteers a retainer similar to what army reservists are paid
- [1.20.29] Marg, Rochester, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
Smoking should be banned on total fire-ban days, just like fires BBQs and other equipment
- [1.20.30] Vic Nihill, Greensborough, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
The photo of Sam and David Tree should go on a postage stamp, with proceeds going to the appeal fund
- [1.20.31] Kat Lloyd, Mitcham, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
Re 50/50 – see [1.17.42] – thanks to the Maroondah Brass Band for replacing my brother's trombone lost in the fires
- [1.20.32] Jim Dixon, Croydon, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
Another Royal Commission will prove useless while we have Labor-controlled councils working to the Greens' agenda – Reedy Creek is proof positive
- [1.20.33] Michelle Jones, Victoria, Letters, 'Sentence too light', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
What is wrong with our legal system? – arsonists, once they light one fire, they don't have rights
- [1.20.34] Edward, Letters, 'Penalty laughable', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
Arson should be treated like drink-driving – this woman's sentence – see Rosemary Harris at [1.19.7] - is a joke in relation to the harm, injury and hardship she could have caused
- [1.20.35] David Cutting, Letters, 'More appropriate punishment', *Herald Sun*, February 18, 2009, p. 30.
The crime is lighting a bushfire, not the consequences – just because nobody is killed or injured shouldn't mean a lighter sentence – the crime should be treated the same regardless of the result, with an appropriate penalty reflecting the worst possible result of the fire

- [1.20.36] Paul Fagan, Upwey, Letters, 'Fire the real terrorist', *Herald Sun*, February 18, 2009, p. 30.

Our Government spends millions protecting us from terrorism, but has done little against the real enemy of our country – fire

- [1.20.37] David Johnston, Warriewood, NSW, Letters, 'Garage can be shelter', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.

Australia produces steel for house construction, as well as fireproof boards and sheet-metal panels for houses – there are ways of building a fireproof garage as a shelter

- [1.20.38] Colin Hall, Diamond Creek, Letters, 'Greens will sway inquiry', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.

Hopes the Royal Commission into the fires will not be a whitewash like the one after the Canberra fires – suspects the green lobby will defend their flawed ideology that gives trees higher priority than humans – the current Victorian Government is influenced by the need for green preferences

- [1.20.39] Christine Barnett, Essendon, Letters, 'Strong urge to stay in area', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 30.

There is an incredibly strong pull for survivors to remain in their community - the need to grieve with others affected is overwhelming – and the desire to rebuild

- [1.20.40] J. Lynch, Myers Flat, Letters, 'Losses are unimaginable', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 31.

Heart goes out to survivors who have lost family, friends, homes

- [1.20.41] Roy Clark, Keysborough, Letters, 'Government gives in to Greens', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 31.

Re Andrew Bolt, 'Time to heed the warnings' – see [1.10.50] – often at odds with Bolt, but in complete agreement on this issue – for too long the Government has pandered to the Greens – the fines for clearing property are evidence

- [1.20.42] Susan Bennett, Armadale, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 31.

Survivors need time to grieve without the judgment of others – we need to respect that – a major factor in whether a person develops post traumatic stress disorder is the quality of support received after the trauma

- [1.20.43] Karen and Pat Brown, Sassafras, Letters, 'Council laws restrictive', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 31.

It is well past the time for councils in high-risk areas to address their restrictive, time-consuming clearing policies – the law should be changed to allow owners to clear within 30-40m around their homes without council approval

- [1.20.44] Janise Langley, Olinda, My Say, 'Fire strategy long overdue', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, p. 31.

After all the years living in Olinda, we do not have a community evacuation strategy, safe refuge or even a point of assembly, instead we have chaos – ad-hoc committees take too much time, have emotional disagreements and so on – the Government needs to design statewide plans to overcome this

Folder 2: 19 February 2009 – 19 March 2009

- [2.1.1] Ben Packham & Peter Jean, 'Hero's debt of honour: Bushfire sacrifice won't be forgotten', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, pp. 1&6.
- David Balfour, 47, professional firefighter from Canberra, killed by a falling tree branch near Marysville – Celia Balfour, wife – Ged Morrison – Brumby – ACT Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope
- [2.1.2] Photos, 'Warren Rees lost almost everything helping to save others. Now he could do with your help.', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, pp. 6-7.
- 3 photos of Warren Rees – 'Makeshift' – 'Damned if I'll be beaten' – 'Starting again'
- [2.1.3] Matt Johnston, 'Brave firefighter makes last stand', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, pp. 6-7.
- CFA firefighter, Warren Rees, 49, lost his house, neighbours, and horses – Strathewen
- [2.1.4] (writer not known), 'Child care up and running', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 6.
- Child care up and running for survivors – Child Care Centres Association of Victoria – Federal Government will subsidise cost of at least 13 weeks
- [2.1.5] Sarah Wotherspoon, 'Toll may not rise as feared', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 8.
- Death toll may not be as high as expected – Deputy Commissioner of Police, Kieran Walshe – victim identification team in Marysville – State Coroner, Jennifer Coate
- [2.1.6] (writer not known), 'Guide a Helping Hand to victims', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 8.
- Barry Allen – Brumby – Herald Sun's Helping Hand guide in today's paper – provides information for victims
- [2.1.7] (writer not known), 'Howzat! G gives \$150,000', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 8.
- The Melbourne Cricket Club and Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust have donated \$150,000 to bushfire appeal – MCC Chief Executive, Stephen Gough
- [2.1.8] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Who can you turn to for bushfire help', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 8.
- [2.1.9] John Ferguson, 'Schools and police stations a priority', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 9.
- Schools and police stations will be the first to be rebuilt – Major-General John Cantwell – Christine Nixon
- [2.1.10] (writer not known), '51m aid plan', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 9.
- \$51 joint Federal-State Government package of loans and grants for small businesses affected by the fires – John Brumby – tourism, businesses, farmers – loans and grants up to \$25,000 each – \$5000 cash grants

- [2.1.11] Megan McNaught, 'Ambo jumps to joey rescue', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 9.
- MICA ambulance officer, David Kervin, rescues a joey ('Cathy') by injecting morphine – wildlife carer, Helen Burrell
- [2.1.12] Karen Collier, 'Double whammy for plucky farmer', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 11.
- Bushfires ruined half of West Gippsland farmer Shaun Witchell's crop in Labertouche – Gary Lowen, farm hand – orchard damage not covered by insurance
- [2.1.13] Alice Coster, 'Falling trees part of nightmare', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 11.
- CFA volunteer, Ron Sheppard – Richard Gardner and Bronwyn Wellman at Yea – CFA Incident Controller, Rod Caddell in Alexandra – David Balfour killed – CFA Safety Officer, Mark Williams – DSE team leader, Geoff McClure
- [2.1.14] (writer not known), 'Princess to visit', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 11.
- Princess Anne, 58, will attend a memorial service for Victoria's bushfire victims at Rod Laver Arena on Sunday – Prince Philip – British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown
- [2.1.14a] Advertisement, Australian Government, ' "Together for Victoria": National Day of Mourning and Memorial Service, Sunday 22 February, Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne – 11am to 12.30pm – gates open at 8.30am', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 11.
- [2.1.15] Editorial, 'Apologise Mr Gittins', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 30.
- Editorial savages an article written by Ross Gittins in The Sydney Morning Herald – the editorial quotes Mr Gittens as writing, 'the unspeakable truth is that most people *enjoy* a good natural disaster ... We're fascinated by the misfortune of others ... It's a form of entertainment, just as people find weepies and horror movies entertaining' – Gittens sniggers at Rudd
- [2.1.16] Neil Mitchell, 'Help carry their burden', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, pp. 30-31.
- Neil Mitchell urges us not to forget the fire affected towns such as Kinglake and Marysville, and the victims, now or in the coming years
- [2.1.17] John Landy, 'My vow – fire funds will reach those truly in need', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, pp. 30-31.
- John Landy heads the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Advisory Panel – Landy has visited Kinglake, Whittlesea, Traralgon South – every cent donated will go to people affected by the fires
- [2.1.18] V. Gallagher, Northcote, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
- A \$40m Royal Commission to tell us what we already know – pity this money wasn't spent over the years on back-burning and proper forest management
- [2.1.19] Geoff Hewett, Bright, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
- Of course, Andrew, you wouldn't use the bushfires to bash the Greens, would you? – Herald Sun, 'Stridently dark green', [1.20.23]
- [2.1.20] Brian H., Maffra, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
- How pathetic of the Government to argue over who will pay \$12-14m for the bushfire early warning system when it is happy to upgrade Rod Laver Arena for \$20m

- [2.1.21] Ann, Korumburra, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
Mark Knight is brilliant – Tuesday’s ‘free hugs’ is still making me giggle
- [2.1.22] J. Broadway, Wantirna, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
Would love to see a statue of Sam and David Tree in memory of those who died and fought the bushfires
- [2.1.23] Vanessa, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
Well done Sam and the CFA
- [2.1.24] S. James, East Doncaster, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
It’s pathetic listening to greenies blaming the fires on global warming – what about blaming themselves and the firebugs?
- [2.1.25] Jonny, Buninyong, Letters, ‘Condolences for volunteer’s family’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
A tribute to the firefighter who died – the true heroes are the ones who don’t make it back
- [2.1.26] Bron Rossi, North Ringwood, Letters, ‘Brave man died helping Victorians’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
Another death – someone who generously came from interstate to volunteer – condolences to his family
- [2.1.27] Kerrell Shelton, Nelson, Letters, ‘Cheers from passers-by’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
A member of Strike Team 405 working in Whittlesea and Kinglake – proud to hear people calling out for us to be safe and giving us the thumbs up
- [2.1.28] Ray Woodford, Sunbury, Letters, ‘Increase number of fire aircraft’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
Time is now right for our own fleet of dedicated fire-bombers – a couple of leased Elvis choppers are not sufficient – 200 people dead – no more argument
- [2.1.29] Dr Bill Anderson, Surrey Hills, Letters, ‘Keep burnt area as a museum’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
Thought could be given to retaining some devastated sites as permanent memorials – there could be an attached bushfire museum and education centre about bushfires and their prevention
- [2.1.30] Stephen Kress, East Melbourne, Letters, ‘Conservatives against greens’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.
Re Andrew Bolt’s article, ‘Stridently dark green’ [1.20.23] – blaming environmentalists for the bushfires defies logic – environmentalists support sustainable and scientifically based back-burning and forest management – climate change is scientifically recognized – people opposing it are driven by an ideological, anti-green mindset – not by science and not by fact

- [2.1.31] Vox Pop, 'What lessons can we take from Victoria's bushfire disaster?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 32.

Howard Conway, 46, Carlton: we need a more comprehensive fire plan

Leonie Young, 44, Wantirna: when people rebuild perhaps regulations could require houses to be better equipped, even with a bunker

Kim Huynh, 17, Thornbury: a safer building code – an underground bunker – better warning systems

Reuben Wakefield, 18, Neerim South: homes with bunkers

Michael Barnett, 39, Ashwood: prepare for the worst eventuality in the future

- [2.1.32] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 33.

Depicts a family sitting at a table in the ruins of their home, with Maj-Gen Cantwell at the burnt out door frame – first caption reads, 'Knock knock, Major General Cantwell's the name ... head of reconstruction. May I come in?' – second caption reads, 'Don't knock too hard general'

- [2.1.33] John Pitman, Bayswater North, Letters, 'Businesses victims, too', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 33.

Many small businesses have become indirect victims of the bushfires and deserve funds from the appeal fund – many such business have been financially crippled helping victims

- [2.1.34] Gordon McColl, Seabrook, Letters, 'Firefighters have answers', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 33.

\$100m plus has been given to the relief fund and now the Victorian Government wants to waste another \$40m on another bushfire inquiry – a few good CFA volunteers could pinpoint the problems and provide reasonable solutions

- [2.1.35] Tracey McPhee (proud firefighter's mum), Beaconsfield, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 33.

Presumption of innocence – does not believe in lynch mobs – we need to concentrate on the victims – a potentially innocent person doesn't deserve to be condemned and a guilty person doesn't deserve my brainspace

- [2.1.36] Berry Thomas, from Callignee, My Say, 'Overcome by generosity', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 33.

Berry Thomas and his wife lost their house at Callignee – insurance company marvellous and has provided an interim payment – Berry would like to thank an anonymous woman in a shoe shop who so generously bought him shoes

- [2.1.37] Advertisement, State Trustees, 'State Trustees is here to help you after the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2009, p. 34.

- [2.2.1] Karen Collier & Alice Coster, 'Vultures: Predators circle bushfire victims for burnt land', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, pp. 1&6.
- Investors wanting properties cheap – landlords overcharging rent – Lorraine Coulthard, of Raine and Horne in Whittlesea – Minister for Consumer Affairs, Tony Robinson, urged desperate fire survivors not to sell in panic – Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV) boss, Enzo Raimond – REIV Business Development Manager, Geoff White said two landlords were asking for double normal rent – real estate agents David and Marlene Sebald of Marysville are missing, and Allan O'Gordman of Humevale, died with his wife and son – Trevor Nolte of Flowerdale told of his Riversdale Cresc house that is for sale
- Steve Perkin, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 2.
- [2.2.2] 'Chooks left shell shocked'
It was so hot for the chooks in the Buxton fire that they layed eggs that were hard inside
- [2.2.3] 'Black milestone'
Bushfires can become milestones in one's life
- [2.2.3a] Advertisement, Alternative Dwellings, 'Ready for rebuilding', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 5.
- Have stepped up production – have developed a new concrete bunker – free bunker for fire rebuilds
- [2.2.4] (writer not known), 'Firefighters claim they were left idle', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 6.
- John Pritchett of Flowerdale – CFA accused by the United Firefighters Union of not using Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) members and CFA professional firefighters, preferring to fly in crews from interstate and overseas – CFA and MFB deny this – United Firefighters Union Secretary, Peter Marshall – MFB spokesman, Simon Breer
- [2.2.5] (writer not known), 'Stories to be told in book', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 6.
- Book of stories of survival and heroism to be published by News Ltd and HarperCollins
- [2.2.6] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Who you can turn to for bushfire help', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 7.
- [2.2.7] Megan McNaught, 'Battle of the Prom', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 7.
- DSE spokesman Stuart Ord, quote – diagram of the Wilsons Promontory fire – firefighters trying to contain fires between Healesville and Warburton – 9 fire behaviour experts arrived from Canada yesterday – total international firefighters now 121, including 60 from the US, and 52 from NZ – fire crews also working to contain the Bunyip and Churchill-Jeeralong fires
- [2.2.8] (writer not known), 'Princess to pay respect', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 7.
- Princess Anne, 58, will honour bushfire victims – will stay at Government House with Governor, Daniel de Krester – will attend National Day of Mourning Service at Rod Laver Arena – will tour bushfire affected areas on Monday
- [2.2.9] Aaron Langmaid, 'Club hopes to kick on', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 7.
- Thieves have stolen at least a dozen footballs from Wandong Junior Football Club after it was scorched on Black Saturday – Club President, Rob Telfer – Wandong Country Music Festival spokeswoman, Helen Stewart

- [2.2.9a] Photo, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 9.
- Students from Mt Scopus Memorial College with bears they made for fire-affected kids
- [2.2.10] Emily Power, 'Probe into trust', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 9.
- Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) has stopped the Hamble Darlington Appeal Trust from raising money for portable housing – CAV found that the trust was not registered – Consumer Affairs Minister, Tony Robinson, warned Victorians to be aware of bogus fundraisers – Mr Bassem Halaseh, who runs the trust, said the intention was to help homeless families
- [2.2.11] Aaron Langmaid, 'Buckets of help for a hero', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 9.
- Warren Rees, 49, of Flowerdale - see [2.1.2] – overwhelmed with offers of help – 2 offers of a caravan have been made – CFA volunteer, Adrian Hem
- [2.2.12] John Tait, Airport West, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- Could we give better recognition to the heroic firefighters and hard working volunteers, instead of the usual businessmen, politicians and rich philanthropists
- [2.2.13] L. Jones, Mt Waverley, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- Re Editorial, 'Green councils risk new fires' [1.20.22] – congratulations – and also to Andrew Bolt, 'Stridently dark green', the same day [1.20.23] – both articles highlight the link between the Greens and bushfires
- [2.2.14] Diane Trask, Bacchus Marsh, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- An idea for the ANZAC Day AFL match – a firefighter in every car, alongside a war hero
- [2.2.15] K. Hayes, Raymond Island, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- Portable concrete survival modules – bunkers
- [2.2.16] Chas Candan, Deloraine Tas, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- Re 'Greens will sway inquiry' [1.20.38] – the air we breathe comes from trees and what of the carbon dioxide they take from the atmosphere? – Doesn't this make them important?
- [2.2.17] Lee, Wychitella, Letters, 'Home on grassless land still burned', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- Clearing does not necessarily save your home from catching fire – eg of a home in the centre of a totally cleared 40.5ha property
- [2.2.18] Tony Bacic, Glen Waverley, Letters, 'Scientists divided on climate change', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- Re Stephen Kress, 'Conservatives against greens' [2.1.30] – is right to say that conservatives are largely unconvinced of climate change – however, it is not right that 'every credible scientist in the world' supports climate change – there are many well respected scientists who are unconvinced
- [2.2.19] Meredith Powell, King Valley, Letters, 'Community day to pay tribute', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- We need to pay our respects to all who have died and support those who have survived – I propose on Neighbour Day, March 29, we hold events within our own communities to pay tribute

- [2.2.20] Brendan Leahy, McKinnon, Letters, 'Bolt needs to change topic', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- Re Andrew Bolt, 'Stridently dark green' [1.20.23] – Bolt trots out his usual climate change/global warming doesn't exist – it's about time he got a few new barrows to push
- [2.2.21] Barbara Cartwright, Hillside, Letters, 'Picture of Sam acts as a healer', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- Hopes firefighter Russell Vickery is named photographer of the year for his photo of Sam and Mr Tree
- [2.2.22] Ryan, Melbourne, Letters, 'Back-burning regenerates bush', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 36.
- Most greenies are in favour of back-burning – it promotes regeneration – lack of back-burning comes down to economics, not greenies
- [2.2.23] William Allen, Werribee, Letters, 'Let's get behind Sam statue idea', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 37.
- Re J. Broadway, 50/50 [2.1.22] – supports the idea of a statue of Sam and David Tree
- [2.2.24] Karl Webster, Eildon, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 37.
- Praises the firefighters who work their regular jobs and then go to fight the fires
- [2.2.25] Rob Spence, CEO, Municipal Association of Victoria, My Say, 'Councils unfairly attacked', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 37.
- Argues that local councils have been unfairly attacked over native vegetation policy – in particular he points out, 'Green councils risk new fires' [1.20.22] – he says that councils are complying with the law and the decisions of courts – if changes need to be made let the Royal Commission look at it, rather than trial by media
- [2.2.26] Andrew Bolt, 'Burn-offs too little, too late from unsustainably green DSE', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, pp. 38-39.
- Diagram of fuel reduction burns in Port Phillip (includes Kinglake area) – generally criticises the DSE's burning off record – argues inadequate – discusses Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin's views and actions on burn-offs – bugger green politics, look after people instead
- [2.2.27] Advertisement, QBE, 'QBE's thoughts and sympathies are with all those impacted by the recent fires.', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 20, 2009, p. 40.
- [2.3.1] Photo, 'Bushfire con', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 1.
- Police claim Kylie Ann Murphy pretended her father died in the fires to get \$5000 compensation – then tried to get \$10,000 from the Appeal Fund
- John Hamilton, In black & white, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 2.
- [2.3.2] 'Recovery plan starts with ABC'
An ex-teacher at Marysville Primary School and her son are raising money to restock the school
- [2.3.3] 'Love is in the air'
American singer Roberta Flack performed with her band and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra - \$100 per head – all proceeds going to the bushfire appeal

- [2.3.4] Karen Collier, 'Insurance fees to bite', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 2.
- Home owners, drivers and businesses are facing insurance rises because of the global financial crisis and Black Saturday – Victorians can expect to pay \$47-\$100 more on combined home, contents and motor policies, a rise of 5-10% - IBISWorld analyst Richard Jeremiah – cost of payouts for Black Saturday has reached \$790m – Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) wants to replace fire services levy with a tax on council rates – Deloitte general insurance leader Stuart Alexander said bushfires, floods and QLD's Cyclone Larry had also put pressure on premiums – ICA General Manager, Paul Giles
- [2.3.5] Advertisement, Alternate Dwellings, 'Ready for rebuilding', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 5.
- Sympathises with those affected by the fires – offers to rebuild – has developed a new fire bunker – free bunker for fire rebuilds
- [2.3.6] Mark Dunn, 'Power failures crippled crews', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 6.
- Inadequate back-up power to Mt Stanley communications tower – shortage of staff at Ovens Communication Centre – different computer formats caused problems – Nationals MP, Ken Jasper – Edge FM General Manager, Colin Dayman, wrote a letter criticising communications
- [2.3.7] (writer not known), 'Poor villagers give \$5560', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 6.
- PNG villagers have donated \$5560 to the bushfire appeal
- [2.3.8] Advertisement, Tatts Group, 'Bushfire Benefit Draw Tonight', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 6.
- [2.3.9] Kate Jones, 'Right time to go native', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 6.
- Rosemary McKenzie (John Brumby's wife) visited the Diamond Creek Wildlife Shelter – State Government providing cash grants up to \$350,000 for wildlife volunteers caring for native animals – Environment and Climate Change Minister, Gavin Jennings
- [2.3.10] Anthony Dowsley, 'Death trick claim', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 7.
- Kylie Ann Murphy, 31, received \$5000 from Centrelink for a fire victim she had no relationship with [this is inconsistent with the report on p. 1 of the same day's paper, above] – she apparently tried to get a \$10,000 bereavement package from the bushfire fund – Kylie Murphy was charged and has appeared in court – John Landy said it was important to check the validity of claims
- [2.3.11] Shannon Deery & Stephen McMahon, 'Stay alert – Monday looms as danger day', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 7.
- Death toll reaches 209 – former CSIRO bushfire scientist, David Packham, said a disaster fire situation could evolve by Monday – DSE State Duty Officer, Andrew Graystone, said the fire season was far from over – areas of particular concern are south of Narbethong, south-west of Jamieson, and close to Eildon – CFA Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Steven Warrington – Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin
- [2.3.12] Together for Victoria – National Day of Mourning, Sunday, February 22', *Herald Sun*, Saturday 21, 2009, p. 8.
- Details of services to be held in Victoria for the National Day of Mourning

- [2.3.13] Stephen McMahon, '100,000 to pay victims respect', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 9.
- 100,000 people are expected to attend the National Day of Mourning in the Melbourne CBD – Brumby – Princess Anne to attend – Rudd to attend
- [2.3.14] John Ferguson, 'Time-bomb warning', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 9.
- Brumby Government warned 18 months ago in a report by a Parliamentary Committee that burn-offs needed to increase – former Cabinet Minister, John Pandazopoulos – Bruce Esplin warned government
- [2.3.15] Aaron Langmaid, 'Picture no longer perfect', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 9.
- Robert, 35, and Lisa Deeble of Kinglake photographed outside the Kinglake Hardware store before and after its demise
- [2.3.16] Advertisement, Simms Corp, '27 available now – transportable homes – all bushfire affected areas – buy or rent ...', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 9.
- [2.3.17] Terry Brown, 'We got up, got going', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 10.
- Flowerdale Kindergarten destroyed – Steve Phelan, Flowerdale publican – Kindergarten teacher, Raelene Eason
- [2.3.18] (writer not known), 'Funeral for bushfire hero', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 10.
- David Balfour, the Canberra firefighter who was killed in Victoria – will be buried at the Holy Family Catholic Church, Canberra, on Tuesday – more than \$40,000 donated to a trust fund set up for his widow Celia Balfour and their 3 children
- [2.3.19] (writer not known), 'Lord praised for hellfires', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 10.
- Anti-gay extremist pastor, Fred Phelps, has thanked God for the firey deaths of Victorians in the bushfires – Australians will not repent their sins
- [2.3.20] Advertisement, RACV, 'RACV bushfire support now also in Buxton and Narbethong.', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 10.
- [2.4.1] Ross Brundrett, 'Healing hands', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 23.
- CFA chaplain, Graeme Scorrige – counselors, psychologists, trauma specialists have been reaching out to firefighters, police, army, ambulance – Lisa Goodrick, phone counselor – paramedic counselor, Tim Clancy – Dr Robert Gordon, consultant psychologist with DHS
- [2.4.2] Ross Brundrett, 'Picking up the pieces', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, pp. 26&71.
- Journalist Ross Brundrett spoke to a number of professionals responsible for looking after the emotional needs of people on the front line – those interviewed were – Graeme Scorrige, CFA chaplain – Lisa Goldrick (note: different spelling to article immediately above), phone counselor with Nurse On-Call Bushfire Health and Counselling Service – Tim Clancy, Paramedic and peer assistant – Bill Brown, Area Manager of Goulburn Valley Mental Health Services – Joe Gazis, Clinical psychologist and Director of Victoria Police peer support – Rob Vun, Co-ordinating chaplain with Defence Force's fire taskforce – Michael Clarebrough, Consulting psychologist with the ambulance service
- [2.4.3] Kane, Coburg, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 72.
- Hopes the Royal Commission seriously considers banning smoking outdoors on days of extreme heat and dryness

- [2.4.4] Adrian Barry, Tawonga South, Letters, 'For whom the siren tolls', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 72.

Who stopped fire stations from sounding warning sirens or bells?

- [2.4.5] Jason Gower, St Kilda, Letters, 'No inquiry needed, we've got Bolt', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 72.

Why waste money on inquiries when we have Andrew Bolt?

- [2.4.6] Graeme Williams, Montmorency, Letters, 'Burning issue at the Prom', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 73.

The fire at Wilsons Promontory was handled badly by the DSE – the Royal Commission should investigate

- [2.4.7] Helen Kenney, St Andrews, Letters, 'How Warrandyte CFA saved us', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 73.

On behalf of the St Andrews CFA, thanks to all the firefighters who assisted us, particularly the Warrandyte CFA

- [2.4.8] Ian Brothwell, Mornington, Letters, 'If a plea falls in the forest', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 73.

Re Stephen Kress, 'Conservatives against Greens' [2.1.30] – you are wrong in saying conservatives are against Greens – 'scientifically based' forest management was a substantial cause of Black Saturday – we need proper and practical forest management

- [2.4.9] Sue Williams, Yellingbo, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 73.

It would be a lovely gesture by the telcos to either waive or give a discount to CFA volunteers for the month of February

- [2.4.10] Juleen Dickins, Flowerdale, Letters, 'Your help just an inspiration', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 73.

Thank you to all the Australian and overseas people who have donated – thanks to the Red Cross, Salvation Army and the Federal and State Governments

- [2.4.11] Arthur Boyd, Bullengarook, Letters, 'Call in a bigger star than Elvis', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 73.

We need Boeing 747 water bombers to help Elvis

- [2.4.12] Editorial, 'Brave hearts, black hearts', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 21, 2009, p. 74.

The editorial gives a summary of some of the best and worst acts of people as a result of the bushfires – overwhelming compassion and generosity – Appeal Fund has so far raised more than \$146m – firefighting heroes – David Balfour, firefighter from ACT who died – scam of relief funds – money raised stolen – arsonists/firebugs – actions tantamount to murder

- [2.5.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Fire shrine', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, pp. 1&6.
- Shrine to be built to commemorate victims and heroes of Black Saturday – will be funded by the State and Federal Governments – Rudd – Brumby – shrine will be in St Kilda Rd, Fitzroy Gardens, Flowerdale or Kinglake – major fires still burning in Bunyip State Park, Kilmore East-Murrindindi North, Kilmore-Murrindindi East, and Wilsons Promontory – National Day of Mourning today – Premiers from NSW, SA, QLD, NT and WA to attend – Princess Ann – Governor General Quentin Bryce, Victorian Governor David de Krester, Police Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon, Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne Denis Hart – US-based Westboro Baptist Church, which blamed the fires on Australians sins, said it would picket Rod Laver Arena
- [2.5.2] National Day of Mourning and Memorial Service Today – 'Together for Victoria', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 6.
- Gives details of services and coverage of TV and radio
- [2.5.3] Ellen Whinnett, 'Lakers won't be beaten', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, pp. 6-7.
- Kinglake Football and Netball Club President, Cameron Caine – Vice President, Danny 'Doggy' Heal – Adam Butterworth – Dionne Smith – Ross Buchanan – Kinglake Football Club have vowed to continue playing this year
- [2.5.4] Evonne Barry, 'Healing to take years', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 7.
- Bushfire victims may bear emotional scars for years, some mental health experts warn – Associate Professor, David Forbes, of the Australian Centre of Post-Traumatic Mental Health, cautioned against over-analysing the effects of trauma too early
- [2.5.5] Evonne Barry, 'Jason shares the pain', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 7.
- Bali bombing survivor Jason McCartney and former AFL footballer – spoke about the Victorian bushfires and The Alfred Hospital's burns unit
- [2.5.6] Peter Rolfe, 'One fire siren left in state', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 8.
- Royal Commission should investigate the removal of sirens from communities – CFA say there may be only one siren left, which is at the Sassafras-Ferny Creek Fire Station – Healesville resident, Debbie Cheeseman, said sirens should be brought back – CFA Operations Manager, Peter Baker – Coroner, Jennifer Coate – official toll remains at 209 – Coroner has given police the power to restrict access to all fire-devastated areas as forensic investigations continue – Joe Milbourne, lost his Flowerdale home
- [2.5.7] Photo, 'Planting new hope', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 8.
- Emerald Blyth, 3, plants the first tree on her family's Kinglake property
- [2.5.8] Eleni Hale, 'Simone's bravery helped save 30 animals', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 8.
- Simone McDonald, of Kinglake, saved more than 30 animals on Black Saturday – Animal Aid will host a fundraising event at Leonda by the Yarra in Hawthorn next Sunday night; \$120 per head, all proceeds to harmed animals
- [2.5.9] Stephen Drill, 'Priest's words of hope', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 9.
- Father Vince Jewell, Catholic Church clergyman, whose Marysville church burned to the ground

- [2.5.10] Stephen Drill, 'Kids' recovery moves up a gear', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 9.
- Charlotte Blackwell, 4 – Corporal Andrew Loughman, Private Cameron Douglas, of Sandringham Army Reserves in Kinglake – Army handed out 150 bikes to children in Kinglake – Goldcross Cycles – Keely Fitzgerald, 9
- [2.5.11] Nui Te Koha, 'Foo fundraiser: Stars align for gigs', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 9.
- Touring promoters Michael Chugg and Michael Gudinski will stage simultaneous rock events in Melbourne and Sydney on March 14 – Foo Fighters and Kings of Leon are in talks for the MCG show – Coldplay are tipped for the Sydney show – local stars Silverchair, Powderfinger, Eskimo Joe, Jimmy Barnes, The Veronicas, have offered to play – John Farnham may come out of semi retirement, but Glen Wheatley said he needed to get match fit
- Yesterday Lisa McCune and singers Russell Morris and Darryl Cotton headlined the Chief Commissioners Bushfire Appeal Concert at the Melbourne Town Hall
- [2.5.12] We honour our Black Saturday heroes, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, pp. 32&65.
- More than 4000 CFA firefighters went into action on February 7 – there is a list of all the brigades involved
- [2.5.13] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.
- Shows 2 firefighters exhausted after fighting the Murrindindi blaze – contrast this with an exhausted Malcolm Turnbull after fighting with his Liberal Party colleagues
- [2.5.14] Brian Doherty, Beenleigh, Letters, 'Climate hysteria', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.
- Re Phil Smyth, 'The hottest', Letters - [1.14.44] – Phil Smyth pointed out that the highest temperature recorded in Victoria was 50.7C at Mildura in 1906 – the writer of this letter says that this was about the time when icebergs were drifting into the Atlantic – the Titanic sank in 1912 after hitting one – obviously this incident was connected to climate change, but there was no accompanying hysteria
- [2.5.14a] Allan Lehmann, West Brunswick, Letters, 'Changing colours', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.
- Green, brown and now black – Does that satisfy you, Bob?
- [2.5.15] Photo, The Issues, 'Temporary abode', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.
- Sigrid Roewen and Keith Chasemore in a caravan at Whittlesea
- [2.5.16] Jill, Altona, The Issues, 'Rising from the ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.
- Motorists should drive with their lights on today as a sign of respect for the fire victims
- [2.5.17] D. Nguyen, Mornington, The Issues, 'Rising from the ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.
- Australia's readiness to assist bushfire victims was awesome – we must follow up in a year or two to ensure victims are on track

- [2.5.18] Ian Conabere, Traralgon, The Issues, 'Rising from the ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.

There must be more I can do – thanks the Herald Sun on responsible reporting in difficult circumstances

- [2.5.19] J. Morrissey, Hawthorn, The Issues, 'Rising from the ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.

Enthusiasm for Christine Nixon's appointment to the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority is misplaced – leave Major-General John Cantwell in the job

- [2.5.20] Owen, Horsham, The Issues, 'Rising from the ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.

Should all members of firefighting outfits be psychoanalysed to eradicate firebugs from their ranks?

- [2.5.21] Stephen Douglass, Portland, The Issues, 'Rising from the ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.

We have heard from the CFA, DSE, police, Red Cross and other organizations – but have we heard a word from our largest land manager, Parks Victoria?

- [2.5.22] Philip Johns, Mooroolbark, The Issues, 'Rising from the ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.

Building regulations will change in bushfire-prone areas – no quick introduction – in the US, there were long delays in the wake of Cyclone Katrina because of indecision

- [2.5.23] Stephen Hartney, Highett, The Issues, 'Rising from the ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.

Next time you are in a polling booth remember the humble pencil can put an end to those responsible for loopy green policies

- [2.5.24] Rebecca, Narre Warren, The Issues, 'Bushfire low-life', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.

It's hard to comprehend Kinglake's Linda Evans returned to her destroyed home only to find locked money tins had been robbed

- [2.5.25] Rhonda Hale, Yarraville, The Issues, 'Bushfire low-life', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.

I believe in karma and looters will have their day of reckoning

- [2.5.26] Ralph M., Torquay, The Issues, 'Bushfire low-life', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 69.

Vultures seeking to buy burnt housing land at cheap rates – how low can people go?

- [2.5.27] Editorial, 'A time to mourn', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 70.

Australians will mourn together today for bushfire victims and the great courage of our firefighters – National Day of Mourning – Rudd – Brumby – Princess Ann

- [2.5.28] Brendan Donohoe, 'Politics, rightfully, set aside', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 22, 2009, p. 70.
- Speaker, Jenny Lindell, announced that question time would be abandoned this week out of respect for fire victims – there is no precedent for this – Brumby – National Party Leader, Peter Ryan – Ben Hardman, ALP member for Seymour – Danielle Green, ALP member for Yan Yean – Janice Munt, ALP member for Mordiallic
- [2.6.1] Photo, 'Together we rebuild', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 1.
- Australians united for yesterday's National Day of Mourning
- [2.6.2] John Hamilton, 'United in sorrow', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 2&79.
- National Day of Mourning – Rod Laver Arena – Bruce Woodley was there to sing *I am Australian*, a song he composed 22 years ago, and he was joined by David and Marilyn Carter, survivors from Kinglake – Jenny Collins from Golden Beach fire brigade – Tana Wilson from Willung, South of Rosedale, a counsellor – youngsters from the Kalorama brigade, Sue and Rebecca Quarrell, Joshua Robinson, Jill Moodie – Conductor, Oleg Caetani, of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – Rudd – Governor General, Quentin Bryce – Governor, David de Kretser – Princess Anne – Peter Horton, firefighter – Annabel Pritfis, 15, sang *One Voice* – Michael Paynter
- [2.6.3] Photos, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 80.
- Photos from National Day of Mourning – Choir – Princess Ann – Kevin Rudd
- [2.6.4] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Show your support', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 4.
- The Herald Sun is advertising its bushfire appeal wristband
- [2.6.5] Ashley Gardiner, 'Helping to heal the wounds', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 4.
- Comments from some people who attended the National Day of Mourning service at Rod Laver Arena – Terry Clifton of Broadmeadows, his wife killed in a car crash as they were on their way to help friends near Kilmore – CFA firefighter, Josh Allen of Diamond Creek – Chrissy Robertson of Glen Waverley
- [2.6.6] Stephen McMahon & Terry Brown, 'We vow to remember them', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 5.
- National Day of Mourning service at Rod Laver Arena – Rudd – Princess Ann – Governor General, Quentin Bryce – Peter Petkovski, lost his home in Long Gully Rd, Flowerdale
- [2.6.7] Georgie Pilcher, 'Towns on flee alert', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 6.
- Towns told to prepare to flee – especially in the Warburton/Yarra Valley area and near Enoch Point – CFA State Duty Officer, Neil Bumpstead – extreme fire danger in Mallee – DSE spokesman, James Todd – four major fires continue to burn, Kilmore-Murrindindi Complex North, Kilmore-Murrindindi Complex South, Bunyip Ridge fire, Wilsons Promontory fire – Terry Ryan, Weather Bureau, Melbourne
- [2.6.8] (writer not known), 'Cash stolen from CFA', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 6.
- Thieves have broken into the CFA station at Inverloch and stolen hundreds of dollars of donations – acting Sgt Glen Reilly of Wonthaggi police

- [2.6.9] Shannon Deery & Matt Johnston, 'Visit goes over a right royal treat', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 6.
- Princess Ann met with survivors – Catherine Short – Victorian Incident Emergency Control Centre in East Melbourne, co-ordinator, Deb Sullivan
- [2.6.10] John Masanauskas, 'Schools postpone summer camps: It's too risky to go bush', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 9.
- Some schools might ban student camps – some schools have cancelled or postponed bookings – Canterbury Primary School has postponed a Year 4 camp, Principal Anne Tonkin – camp operators say they are ready for emergencies – Dave Wappett, co-owner of Warburton recreation camp Arrabri Lodge confirmed that some schools had cancelled or postponed – Alpine School Campus at Dinner Plain near Mt Hotham, Principal Russell Shem – Victorian Association of State Secondary School Principals, Brian Burgess
- [2.6.10a] (writer not known), 'Write stuff to help bushfire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 21.
- Noni Hazelhurst wants people to donate second-hand books to bushfire survivors – Borders will accept the book donations – Borders will match the retail price of the books and donate up to \$200,000
- [2.6.11] Editorial, 'Promising to remember', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 22.
- Comments on yesterday's National Day of Mourning – Rudd – Nixon
- [2.6.12] Hillman, Tecoma, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 24.
- With our catchment areas being fouled with bushfire ash, it's critical that desalination plants are built
- [2.6.13] Barbara Mercer, Port Macdonnell, SA, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 24.
- Re Ann of Korumburra - 50/50 [2.1.21] – I didn't find Mark Knight's 'Free hugs' amusing – Rudd is compassionate and didn't deserve such an unkind cartoon
- [2.6.14] John Howes, Belmont, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 24.
- The debate about clearing vegetation around homes seems to be all or nothing – surely there exists a happy medium?
- [2.6.15] Allan Padman, Mount Isa, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 24.
- Re 'Firefighters claim they were left idle' [2.2.4] – during natural disasters demarcation lines should be forgotten – hopes that the Royal Commission will not find that volunteers and firefighting equipment sat idle while about 2000 burned – something needs to be done to co-ordinate these vital resources
- [2.6.16] Steven Leonard, South Hobart, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 24.
- Attack dogs of the Right cannot resist whipping up anti-green hysteria around fuel reduction – writer is an environmentalist and has a PhD in fire ecology – says environmentalists do not oppose back-burning – many environmentalist would argue there should be a wider use of back-burning – campaigns to blame the greens shows a lack of understanding

- [2.6.17] C. A. Brown, Broadford, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 24.

Mountain ash is one of our most valued and productive trees – it is also one of a very few species to be easily killed by fire – will the Brumby Government ignore the Greens and allow them to be harvested and not left to rot? – the timber could be used to rebuild homes due to green-influenced lock-ups

- [2.6.18] B. Richardson, Woodend, Letters, 'Call for support for CFA volunteers', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 24.

We all know that CFA volunteers are unpaid – but surely the Government could support them by perhaps offering discounted insurances, registrations or an annual petrol voucher

- [2.6.19] Smokey the Bear, Seaford, Letters, 'Butts pose a major fire threat', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 24.

Has seen people flicking butts out of car windows on days when there are bushfires – helped suppress a fire on a 43C day caused by a cigarette butt – do these people have no thought or care for what has just happened in Victoria?

- [2.6.20] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 25.

Shows a Koala up a tree with buckets, a hose, a generator feeding off a dam, a phone to call 000, and a kangaroo looking up – one caption reads, 'It isn't over yet'

- [2.6.21] Neil Angus, Wantirna South, Letters, 'Relief for victims, but businesses burn', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 25.

It is good that the State Government is helping fire-affected businesses – but they are taxing ordinary small businesses out of existence – perhaps more wide-spread relief should be considered?

- [2.6.22] Voteline, 'Should schools ban student camps for safety reasons?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 25

- [2.6.23] Alan Loats, of Stawell, has been a volunteer and is an honorary life member of the CFA, My Say, 'Fire levy could heal many', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 25.

My insurance levy for the next 12 months is mainly due to the fire levy increase from 40 per cent to 63 per cent in the past 2 years – recent comments by the CFA Chief Officer, Russell Rees, about an inability to protect rural people from major fires raises 2 questions – why are we being levied for a service that is unavailable? – where is the money going, and what is it being used for? – it would seem that waiving the levy (which only insured people pay) for CFA volunteers would help compensate them

- [2.6.24] Advertisement, Australian Red Cross, 'Victorian bushfire appeal 2009', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2009, p. 26.

- [2.7.1] Steve Perkin, In black & white, 'Free house for homeless family', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 2.

Allan is offering a house sitting on a block in Essendon to a fire victim – all you have to do is transport it

‘Fireys hurt as blazes circle city’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, pp. 2-3.

[2.7.2] Anthony Dowsley, Mark Buttler & Shannon Deery, ‘Dandenong ranges’, p. 2.

Diagrams of where fires are burning – 3 firefighters injured in Dandenong ranges, one from Scoresby CFA – Upper Ferntree Gully CFA – CFA spokeswoman, Jane Auchetl – people in Upwey, Tecoma, Lysterfield were urged to evacuate early or stay and defend – traffic jam on Burwood Hwy as residents fled – Warburton residents fled as their town was threatened by fire – CFA Deputy Chief Officer, Geoff Conway – Warburton Newsagency owner, Lindsay Jahn

[2.7.3] Aaron Langmaid, ‘Spa town fears as homes threatened’, p. 3.

Wildfires threaten Daylesford – CFA spokesman, David Jarwood

[2.7.4] Brendan Roberts, ‘Weather change empties village’, p. 3.

Warburton a virtual ghost town – Millwara Primary School Principal, Rod Barnard – Chris Hardy, 24, Warburton resident – CFA Deputy Incident Controller, Mark Thomason

[2.7.5] Peter Jean & Ben Packham, ‘MP sheds tears for 195 lost constituents, then demands action: Burn off or lose cash’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, p. 10.

Liberal Member for McEwen, Fran Bailey, wants federal road grants to state and local governments to be made conditional on controlled burning off – Victoria refused to join a nationally co-ordinated fuel reduction program 18 months ago – Rudd – Ms Bailey called for schools to be equipped with fire shelters – in 1988 the Victorian Education Department had a plan to build 72 shelters – only one was ever built

[2.7.6] Cheryl Critchley, ‘Help is common thread’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 10.

Whole colonies of koalas disappeared on Black Saturday – Michelle Thomas, a Wildlife Victoria co-ordinator, and founded Australian Wildlife Assistance Rescue and Education – injured koalas who survived are being cared for

[2.7.7] Michael Warner, ‘Attractions unite for fund’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 10.

Victoria’s leading tourism operators hope to raise \$1m for victims – included are Sovereign Hill, Melbourne Museum, Champions Racing Museum, Eureka Skydeck, Werribee Mansion, Surf World at Torquay – will donate all takings on Labour Day to the Bushfire Appeal – Tourism Alliance CEO, Anthony McIntosh – Luna Park in St Kilda has raised \$40,000 – VECCI and Tourism Victoria

[2.7.8] (writer not known), ‘City folk to square up’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 10.

Our City Cares is a day to demonstrate support for victims – launch of Helping Hands initiative – musicians evacuated from the Whittlesea Country Music Festival on Black Saturday will be amount those to perform – all proceeds to the Bushfire Appeal

[2.7.9] Terry Brown, ‘Laughter healing school’s scars’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 11.

Kinglake Primary School survived the fires – Kirsty Harratt – of the 95 students enrolled, 65 attended yesterday – Principal, Peter Wyatt

- [2.7.10] Ashley Gardiner & Ben Packham, 'Major alarm stayed silent', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 11.

Police and fire authorities failed to trigger a major alert on Black Saturday to warn people – Rudd fast-tracks national phone alert system – Federal Attorney General, Robert McClelland – Phil Shepherd, Victoria Police spokesman said there was no request from the CFA to use the Standard Emergency Warning Signal – Bruce Esplin, Emergency Services Commissioner

- [2.7.11] Advertisement, *Herald Sun*, 'Show your support', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 12.

Advertising *Herald Sun* bushfire appeal wristband

- [2.7.12] Advertisement, State Trustees, 'State Trustees is here to help you after the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 12.

- [2.7.13] Stephen McMahon, 'Rebuilding to be fireproof', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 12.

Brumby – new fireproof building regulations will be unveiled by the State Government this week – rebuilding is expected to create a mini boom for hundreds of sub-contractors – the Federal and State Governments have agreed to bankroll the clean-up of more than 2000 sites burnt down on Black Saturday – government is expected to sign an agreement worth \$40-\$50m with Grocon today – the site clearing could save families between \$5000 - \$25,000 – Federal Minister for Families, Jenny Macklin

- [2.7.14] (writer not known), 'Sheik's \$2.5 million gift', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 12.

United Arab Emirates Prime Minister has donated \$2.5m to support bushfire victims - \$1m to the Victorian Racing Industry fund for volunteers who helped fight fires - \$1.5m to assist communities around his breeding operation near Seymour – The Victorian Racing Club will donate its gate receipts and catering profits for its Super Saturday meeting on March 7 – Jockeys will donate 5% of their earnings – VRC CEO, Dale Monteith, hopes to raise more than \$500,000

- [2.7.15] John Ferguson, 'Princess hears grim tales first hand: Regal touch proves winner', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, pp. 12-13.

Princess Ann met Karen Bergin and Leanne Camilleri, who lost their homes at Clonbinane – Broadford Relief Centre – Wandong CFA station – Liliana Amoroso, 3 – Wandong Brigade Captain, Sandra O'Connor – Rudd – Wandong Primary School – Ricky Xanthos, 11, lost his house

- [2.7.16] Ellen McGregor, Chelsea, Letters, 'Victoria needs own day of mourning', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 23.

The National Day of Mourning was too soon and it was national – Victoria needs its own day of mourning and remembrance

- [2.7.17] Jenny, Churchill, Letters, 'Two weeks of private grieving', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 23.

Thank the organizers of and participants in the National Day of Mourning

- [2.7.18] Rosemary Berrell, Ashburton, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 23.

To the people of Flowerdale – you show the true Aussie spirit – it's heart-warming to see

- [2.7.19] Norma Randall, Frankston, Letters, 'Record uplifting service song', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 23.
- It was inspiring to see Bruce Woodley and Claire Woodley, along with two bushfire survivors sing *I am Australian* – could it be recorded and sold with profits going to the appeal?
- [2.7.20] Debby Cheeseman, Healesville, Letters, 'Let us hear our siren', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 23.
- [2.7.21] Has pleaded with authorities to reinstate the fire siren in Healesville – authorities have refused
Vera West, Havelock, Letters, 'Use portable classrooms', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 23.
- On the outskirts of Kyneton, right next to the Calder Freeway, are hundreds of portable classrooms – why can't these be used to house fire victims?
- [2.7.22] Lee Taylor, Amaroo, ACT, Letters, 'Aborigines knew about fire threat', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 23.
- The aborigines carried out backburning successfully – can we learn from their approach?
- [2.7.23] Voteline, result, 'Should schools ban student camps for safety reasons?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 23.
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| Total votes – 997 | YES – 42.2% | NO – 57.8% |
| | (421) | (576) |
- [2.7.24] Andrea Bolton, Inverleigh, My Say, 'Burn forest fuel to prevent fire', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 23.
- Residents of Inverleigh, 26km west of Geelong have been campaigning for years to reduce the amount of fuel – residents want action now – Brumby – Parks Victoria – slogan, 'No Fuel, No Fire'
- [2.7.25] Ted Baillieu, State Opposition Leader, 'Take action now about fire failure', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, p. 25.
- Previous fires have led to several inquiries, but not much has changed – fuel reduction must be carried out – laws and regulations that prevented fuel reduction must be changed now
- [2.8.1] Photo, 'Great escape', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 1.
- 3 firefighters cheated death by huddling in their CFA truck – the men were from Upper Ferntree Gully Brigade – Captain Peter Smith
- [2.8.2] Steve Perkin, In black & white, 'House package', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 2.
- Yesterday Allan offered a house to tow away – today Kate has a three bedroom house in Seville – to qualify for this free relocatable home you must have lost your home in the bushfires and be uninsured
- [2.8.3] (writer not known), 'Scorcher warning', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 4.
- Friday looms as a horror day for firefighters – forecast high of 38C – Melbourne continues its driest start to the year

Mark Buttler, 'We went into survival mode', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, pp. 4-5.

- [2.8.4] p. 4. – 3 photos of the burnt fire truck and a diagram of how they survived
- [2.8.5] p. 4-5. – firefighters who survived by huddling in their CFA truck at Belgrave Heights rejoiced – Captain Peter Smith – Mark Goodchild and Michael Pulford from the Upper Ferntree Gully Brigade – account of their survival – CFA Deputy Chief Officer, Steve Warrington
- [2.8.6] p. 5. – Photo of burnt out fire truck
- [2.8.7] Georgie Pilcher, 'Stress threat to survivors', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 14.

Bushfire survivors are at increased risk of heart attack – cardiac specialist, Prof Murray Esler, Associate Director of Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, warned victims, emergency workers and anyone traumatised to have their blood pressure checked – Robin Ould, Asthma Foundation Victoria Chief Executive, also warned that wood and smoke particles would remain in the air for another couple of months, putting them at risk
- [2.8.8] Photo, 'It's time to band together', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 14.

Photo of Maia, 5, a Middle Kinglake Primary School student – was among the first to don the new Herald Sun wristband
- [2.8.9] Peter Jean, 'Tearful salute to dad', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 15.

Frances, Daniel, Alison and Celia Balfour – funeral service in Canberra for ACT firefighter, David Balfour, 46 – Shayne Starkey – Holy Family Church – Monsignor, John Woods – former ACT fire chief, David Prince – Deputy ACT Fire and Rescue Commissioner, David Barry – Archbishop, Mark Coleridge – Bishop Tim Costello
- [2.8.10] (writer not known), 'Service for Naylor', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 15.

The memorial service for Brian Naylor, 78, and his wife Moiree, will be held at Parade College in Bundoora on Saturday week
- [2.8.11] (writer not known), 'Victim loved life in bush', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 15.

Gavin Dunn died at his home in Flowerdale – June Dunn – Gavin had a brain injury
- [2.8.12] Cameron Adams, 'Legends of rock reform', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 16.

Sound Relief Bushfire Appeal Concert – Midnight Oil, Hunters & Collectors, Split Enz, will reform for the Melbourne concert at the MCG on Saturday, March 14 – list of bands, from Australia and overseas, performing – Brumby – Michael Gudinski – Michael Chugg – Peter Garrett, Federal Minister for the Environment
- [2.8.13] Advertisement, State Trustees, 'State Trustees is here to help you after the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 16.

- [2.8.14] Holly Ife, 'Runners show support', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 16.
- 4km Runner's Relief fun run from Federation Square along the Yarra – part of Our City Cares this Friday – organiser, Kimberley Polkinghorne
- [2.8.15] (writer not known), 'Crafty school kids come bearing gifts', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 16.
- Middle Kinglake Primary School students were given bears made by Mt Scopus College students at Build-A-Bear workshop – Tanya Port
- [2.8.16] Gerard McManus, 'Agencies were warned of risk', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 17.
- Confidential briefings to key government agencies gave warnings about an expected Black Saturday days before the event – the briefings were provided to the Integrated Emergency Co-ordination Centre and the office of Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin, but not to the general public – IECC passed on weather warnings to agencies including the CFA and DSE – Mr Esplin said fire chiefs gave adequate warning in the week leading up to Black Saturday – the Standard Emergency Warning Signal was not used on Black Saturday
- [2.8.17] Stephen McMahon, 'Emotional Brumby leads MPs' tribute', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 17.
- Brumby spoke to Parliament about the work of the emergency services and pledged to rebuild, yesterday – Opposition Leader, Ted Baillieu – MPs gave speeches
- [2.8.18] Megan McNaught, 'Fireys on red alert: Victoria set for a scorcher', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 18.
- Potential horror day on Friday – expected to of 38C – weather bureau forecaster, Richard Carlyon – DSE spokesman, Kevin Monk – Brumby - photos
- [2.8.18a] Andrew Bolt, 'Bad habit free for all', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, pp. 28-29.
- Criticism of government handouts to the reckless, careless, brainless and plain lazy – Bolt gives egs – those who didn't insure their house or contents now burned in the Victorian fires, and thus skipped the 20% insurance levy for the fire services that tried to save them – never mind! – a quarter of the burned did the same – so have \$10,000 from the Bushfire Appeal Fund as a down payment on a new place
- [2.8.18b] Andrew Bolt, 'Premature and politicised day of mourning gave little comfort', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, pp. 28-29.
- National Day of Mourning – ceremony served more to promote division than unity – served political purposes more than the needs of fire victims – Deborah Cheetham sang the national anthem – Joy Murphy – Rudd – Brumby – mourning premature with fires still burning, many dead not yet found – Rudd repeated, 'brick by brick, home by home' – a promise that will not be kept, and perhaps should not be – let people decide – why have a day of mourning for Black Saturday? – what about the Black Friday, Ash Wednesday, Bali Bombing, Cyclone Tracy?

- [2.8.19] Naomi Brown, CEO of the AFAC, 'What price to build in fire safety?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 29.

There are serious flaws in the new proposed new National Standard regulations for building in fire-prone areas – fire agencies have been pushing the Standards Committee for Building in Bushfire Prone Areas for a tougher building standard – pushed strongly by the Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authority Council (AFAC) – the present National Standard for Building in Bushfire Prone Areas (AS3959) or even the proposed national draft, is unsuitable for Victoria – the current flame zone assumptions are wrong – discusses the problems of current standards and need for tougher standards

- [2.8.20] Owen Meredith, Glenroy, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.

To make the fire levy more equitable, it should be levied on every property via rates – currently, only those paying house insurance pay the levy, whilst non-insurers receive the same service

- [2.8.21] Kerry Uytendaal, Rye, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.

Re 'Simone's bravery helped save 30 animals' [2.5.8] – hopes Simone will receive a Humane Society medal for her courageous action

- [2.8.22] Wendy Kent, Werribee, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.

The National Day of Mourning ceremony was very well done – the didgeridoo was fitting

- [2.8.23] Lindsay Parker, Burwood, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.

How about a trust fund for children affected by the bushfires? – could be paid at 18 or 21

- [2.8.24] Ted Rose, Avonsleigh, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.

Isn't it time the DSE, CFA and MFB were amalgamated? – for years there has been conflict between the MFB and CFA – make it one force, the Victorian Fire Service

- [2.8.25] Mike, Letters, 'Power without passion', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.

Peter Garrett was always a better musician than politician

- [2.8.26] Midnight Horror, Melbourne, Letters, 'Power without passion', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.

Since elected Peter Garrett has done more to destroy the environment than protecting it – he is a useless politician and was only elected because he is well known – typical Labor

- [2.8.27] Carleen Madden, Upwey, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.

Bushfires attack our suburbs once more and rubber-neckers are out in force again – our street was choked with parked cars and traffic – police moved them on several times, but they continued to return

- [2.8.28] Tracey, Swan Hill, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.

It would be appropriate to have a statue of Sam and David Tree – why not ask Marysville sculptor Bruno Torf, who lost his stunning sculptures, gardens and home in the fires, to create such a memorial – it could be named 'A Helping Hand'

- [2.8.29] Andrew, Ballarat, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.
- Re Bob Falconer, 'We have a failure to communicate' [1.19.70], wants a telephony based alerting system for emergencies – I live 10 minutes out of Ballarat and our mobile coverage is hit and miss – before we introduce 21st-century alert systems, we need to bring the technology to regional areas
- [2.8.30] Barrie Robey, Morphett Vale, SA, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.
- Why are people still using timber to replace homes burnt down during bushfires? – surely a house built with a concrete slab, steel frame and clad brick or cement sheeting with an iron or tiled roof and window shutters would be fireproof?
- [2.8.31] Cam, Bundoora, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.
- Hopefully, this comeback means Garrett returns to his day job (frontman of the Oils) and gives up his hobby (puppet politician)
- [2.8.32] Melissa, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.
- To everyone bagging Peter Garrett, I think he went into politics with the best intention – once elected he was forced to make a few decisions he didn't want to
- [2.8.33] Allan Kent, Monbulk, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 30.
- As a resident of the Dandenongs, I note that the people evacuating jammed the Burwood Hwy from Belgrave to Ferntree Gully – cars were going nowhere – what if this had happened on Black Saturday? – people would have been incinerated – a plan must be put in place
- [2.8.34] (writer not known), 'Public alert to firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 32.
- Victorians have flooded Crime Stoppers with information after Black Saturday – more than 1000 calls received – Det-Sen-Sgt Val Smith, head of Crime Stoppers
- [2.8.35] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Raise your hand to help bushfire affected communities – Fed Square 27th Feb', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, p. 32.
- [2.9.1] Megan McNaught, 'No rest for the firefighters', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 26, 2009, p. 13.
- Firefighters are racing against time for tomorrow's scorcher – a 39-year-old firefighter from SA's County Fire Service was injured fighting the Murrindindi complex of fires near Alexandra – DSE spokesman, Mike Goode – fires at Upwey and Won Wron, Wilsons Promontory – expected top for Friday 38C
- [2.9.2] Megan McNaught, 'Help us find loved ones, police urge', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 26, 2009, p. 14.
- Families urged to report members missing – Kieran Walshe, Deputy Police Commissioner – searches for victims continue – Brumby – Red Cross
- [2.9.3] (writer not known), 'Together we shall rise', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 26, 2009, p. 14.
- Herald Sun* and the State Government join forces to raise money for bushfire victims – from today readers can get a yellow wristband with the words, 'We will rebuild – Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009', for \$2 from Victorian and Riverina newsagencies

- [2.9.4] Advertisement, Metlink, 'Free public transport is available to bushfire victims', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 26, 2009, p. 14.
- Free travel available to bushfire affected people until 1 October 2009 on all public transport in Victoria, including trains, buses, trams, V/Line trains and coaches
- [2.9.5] David Murray, 'Prince slams callous bushfire arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 26, 2009, p. 15.
- Prince William slams firebugs – Prince William and Prince Harry paid respects to victims by signing a condolence book at the Australian High Commission in London – both wore yellow ribbons – The Queen and Prince Charles extended their sympathies – British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown – Opposition Leader, David Cameron – High Commissioner, John Dauth
- [2.9.6] (writer not known), '\$800m in claims made', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 26, 2009, p. 15.
- Victims of the Victorian Bushfires have lodged insurance claims worth more than \$800m, according to Insurance Council of Australia, Chief Executive, Kerrie Kelly – 6760 claims
- [2.9.7] (writer not known), 'Boss of rebuilding', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 26, 2009, p. 15.
- Former union leader Bill Shorten was named Parliamentary Secretary for Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction, by Rudd – former ACTU Secretary, Greg Combet, has been promoted to sell climate change
- [2.9.8] (writer not known), 'Tradies offered free tools', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 26, 2009, p. 15.
- Tradespeople who lost tools in the bushfires will be eligible for grants up to \$5000, if they are employees or self employed – Brumby – John Landy – larger businesses are ineligible, but are entitled to up to \$25,000 assistance – grants up to \$3000 for home owners whose homes were damaged in the blazes, but still uninhabitable
- [2.10.1] Bernard Salt, 'Common good rises from ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 27, 2009, p. 35.
- With the convergence of the global financial crisis and the calamity of the bushfires there seems to have been a shift in thinking from the individual to the community
- [2.10.2] Kate Jones, 'Saddest farewell', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 27, 2009, p. 3.
- Natasha, Rob, Jorja and Alexis Davey of Kinglake were farewelled at a memorial service in Warnambool yesterday – Clare Pullar – Rob and Natasha Davey were wine merchants, selling in Australia, New Zealand and France – Leon and Joan Davey – Michael and Elizabeth Halls – Brian Madden – Raylene Gass – Ralph and Sandy Koch
- [2.10.3] Anthony Dowsley, 'Hot weather has Victoria on edge', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 27, 2009, p. 3.
- Today's weather conditions are the worst since Black Saturday – temperatures up to 40C and strong winds are expected – DSE spokesman, Kevin Monk – major blazes are Murrindindi complex fires, Bunip, and Wilson Promontory
- [2.10.4] Holly Ife, 'Tears for a friend taken far too young', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 27, 2009, p. 15.
- Neeve and McKenzie Buchanan, Danny Clark, all died at Kinglake – Sisters Melanie and Penny Chambers died at Kinglake – a letter written by Codie, 9, about her friend Neeve Buchanan

- [2.10.5] Geraldine Mitchell, 'I won't stay to fight – judge', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 27, 2009, p. 15.

Justice Bernard Teague, head of the Royal Commission, says he will not stay and defend his property near Daylesford – he said he had no hope of defending it – Commissioner, Ron McLeod, hinted the 'stay and defend' policy might not have been the right approach on Black Saturday – Ron McLeod, Justice Teague and Susan Pascoe toured fire affected areas yesterday

- [2.10.6] Holly Ife, 'Country star shows city cares', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 27, 2009, p. 15.

Country music star, Sam Hawksley, was supposed to be performing at the Whittlesea Country Music Festival on Black Saturday, but it was cancelled – instead, he is now singing at benefit gigs – he will perform at today's Our City Cares event at Federation Square – Sally Tregua, his manager, lives in Whittlesea – other musicians performing are Paul Costa and Whitegoat

- [2.10.7] John Masanauskas & Geraldine Mitchell, 'Fire threat closes schools', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 27, 2009, p. 17.

Up to 400 schools, kindergartens and childminding centres will be closed today because of the bushfire threat – Brumby Government decided to close 192 public schools and 177 child centres – Martin Dixon, Liberal education spokesman, agreed, but believed schools should have been given more notice – Education Minister, Bronwyn Pike, defended closure decision – Seville Primary School Principal, Pat Hillas

- [2.10.8] Holly Ife, 'Summer blows hot, cold', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 27, 2009, p. 17.

Summer of extremes – Melbourne had its hottest day on February 7, 46.6C – January had 3 days in a row above 43C, a record – it was the wettest December in 3 years, 77mm of rain – Melbourne had its coldest December in 7 years, with an average daytime temp of 23C, 1 degree below average

- [2.10.9] Mark Buttler, 'Looting charges', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 27, 2009, p. 17.

First looting charges laid – two teenagers, both 18, accused of stealing from fire-damaged properties at Narre Warren South – Dandenong Magistrates Court – Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner, Steve Fontana, called looting homes, 'despicable' – Fontana called on the public to report suspicious behaviour in bushfire areas

- [2.11.1] Anthony Dowsley & Jane Metlikovec, 'At last fireys lucky break', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 28, 2009, p. 7.

Relief for Victorians yesterday with fire conditions not reaching those of Black Saturday – the weather scare cost the people of Daylesford thousands of dollars as people cancelled bookings – a blaze at Arthurs Seat in Dromana was controlled, but arson is suspected – top of 34C in Melbourne Yesterday – victim identification teams have finished their work – the State Coroner has lifted restrictions on public entry to Callignee, Churchill, Jeeralang, Hazelwood in Gippsland, and Redesdale, Maiden Gully and Bendigo – Central Springs Motel in Daylesford owner, Robert Medling, spoke of lost bookings – Escape Daylesford Accommodation – Hepburn Bathhouse and Spa were closed

- [2.11.2] (writer not known), 'Survivors get best of care', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 28, 2009, p. 7.

Wildlife carer, Sue Scully, of Yarragon – Wildlife Rescue and Protection group – injured wildlife

- [2.11.3] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Support our bushfire heroes and victims by buying a yellow wristband for \$2', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 28, 2009, p. 16.

- [2.11.4] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Grocon wins clean-up contract', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 28, 2009, p. 16.

Grocon will manage the bushfire clean-up and demolition program under a \$50m contract, announced yesterday – 80,000 tonnes of debris will be cleared in a State Government-led clean-up – Grocon will use local contractors as much as possible – Brumby said 2029 homes, 11 community buildings, 59 commercial buildings, and 2385 agricultural sheds, dairies and machinery needed to be cleared – likely to take 6 months – Grocon CEO, Daniel Grollo – people need to register to have their property cleared

- [2.11.5] Advertisement, Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, 'Bushfire clean-up', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 28, p. 16.

VBRRA is advising people affected by the bushfires of the property clearing process

- [2.11.6] Kate Jones, 'I'm not ready to die', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 28, 2009, p. 17.

Bill Hill, 65, of Labertouche – has been three weeks in The Alfred Hospital Burns Unit and will return home this weekend – Burns Unit care co-ordinator, Yvonne Singer

- [2.11.7] Advertisement, Toll Group, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 28, 2009, p. 17.

The Toll Group thanks its own employees, CFA, SES, charities and others – thanks its own employees for their fundraising efforts, currently \$350,000

- [2.11.8] Patrick Carlyon, 'To hell and back', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 28, 2009, p. 27.

Personal account – firefighter, John Munday, 53 – Stuart O'Gorman died – Marysville Captain, Glen Fiske – John Stephens, 47, CFA volunteer

- [2.12.1] Evonne Barry, 'The fire's here what do we do? Distress as calls come in', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, pp. 4-5.

Triple 0 operators who helped saved countless lives and homes on Black Saturday revealed their personal grief – emergency fire calls increased 1500 per cent – Triple 0 operators are the unheralded heroes of the tragedy – operator, Sophie Kozaris, 48, who clocked on at 5.30pm on Black Saturday – ESTA spokesman, Wayne Debernardi, said there were 4202 fire calls – calls for all emergency services were 10,408 on Saturday, and 8000 on Sunday – Triple 0 worker, Erika Bachmann, 41 – Tom Dunbar, 25, Triple 0 operator for 4 years, but also a volunteer at Boronia CFA – Triple 0 operator, Chris Hogeboom – ESTA Chief Executive, Neil Foster, said he was extremely proud of his staff

- [2.12.2] (writer not known), 'Tuesday is high fire danger day', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 5.

Victoria faces another day of high fire danger on Tuesday – winds up to 140kmh are forecast – CFA Chief Officer, Russell Rees

- [2.12.3] Ellen Whinnett, 'Nixon's fire team plans', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 30.

Christine Nixon takes up her new role as head of VBRRA today – she will start with community consultations – Brumby – Nixon's term is for 12 months – she will have 20-30 staff – details of the tent city at Alexandra Showgrounds, housing 580 firefighters – Business Manager at DSE's distribution warehouse at North Altona

- [2.12.4] Ellen Whinnett, 'Buyers rush to bunkers', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 31.

Families are rushing to install fireproof bunkers in their backyards – bunkers sell for about \$5000 – Woodend company 'firestorm.com' has sold 25 bunkers since Black Saturday – co-owner Steen Vestergaard – oxygen tanks recommended – builder Glenn Brooks of Alternative Dwellings

- [2.12.5] (writer not known), 'Mt Macedon "arson" plea', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 31.
- Victoria Police are seeking information on a dust-covered red Holden Astra sedan seen near where they believe a fire was deliberately lit at Mt Macedon about 1pm yesterday
- [2.12.6] Ellen Whinnett, 'Grim search for 37 lost souls', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 32.
- Army sending in more than 100 troops to conduct a house by house search at Kinglake and surrounding areas for any undiscovered bushfire victims – the army will join Victorian and Federal police – Defence Joint Taskforce Commander, Brigadier Michael Arnold – 37 people still missing – Bushfire Fund now at \$208m – John Landy – Brumby – Kinglake Football and Netball Club back in action today
- [2.12.7] Evonne Barry, 'Burns treatment falls short', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 32.
- Critical shortage in Victoria's skin bank – Melbourne hospitals forced to import skin from the US – Heather Cleland, Director of The Alfred Hospital's Burns Unit, said repeated appeals to the Federal Government for a national retrieval system had gone nowhere
- [2.12.8] James Campbell, 'Fire accused was "strange"', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 32.
- Brendan James Sokaluk, 39, accused of lighting the Churchill fires was strange – he worked as a groundsman at the Churchill Campus of Monash University – he tossed golf balls into the blades of the rideon mower so they would fire out – Sokaluk was sacked after almost a decade in the job
- [2.12.9] Glen McFarlane, 'AFL sets fire goals', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 32.
- Ken Gannon has been appointed by the AFL to co-ordinate football's response to the bushfire ravaged communities – the AFL and VFL have appointed a full-time administrator to the Kinglake Football Club
- [2.12.10] (writer not known), 'Fire pooch on his own', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 33.
- A German Shepherd was found close to the Maroondah Hwy, Narbethong – carers at Animal Aid caring for the dog – Neil Thompson
- [2.12.11] (writer not known), 'Government to clear fire risk', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 33.
- The Education Department has caved into pressure to clean up 2 overgrown blocks in Rosebud and Rye – residents are angry – Mornington Peninsula Shire wrote to the Education Department after Black Saturday, but received no reply – Opposition Education spokesman, Martin Dixon
- [2.12.12] Peter Rolfe, 'Fire alert fears: Fireys "kept in dark"', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 33.
- CFA's new paging system criticised – Foster firefighter, Brian Mellor, critical – CFA's Mark Glover, defended system – the Ferny Creek Bushfire Alert System developed by the community, despite resistance from the CFA, after deadly bushfires in the Dandenong Ranges in 1977, sounds a siren when an emergency is reported
- [2.12.13] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 83.
- Shows employees sacked by Pacific Brands and a lone firefighter – highlights the different values of ruthless employers, and volunteers risking their lives
- [2.12.14] D. Luke, Eumemmerring, Letters, 'Bury power fears', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 83.
- The recent bushfires tell us that the electricity supply to the Wonthaggi (Kilcunda) Desalination Plant must be put underground

- [2.12.15] David Ellis, Manningham Councillor, Warrandyte, Letters, 'End flame blame', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 83.

Laying the blame for the bushfires on conservationists will not help – we need to urgently review guidelines for clearing private land, building codes, fuel reduction and fire-safe bunkers

- [2.12.16] James W. Anderson, Giralang, ACT, Letters, 'Give us a break', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 83.

One can only hope people blocking bulldozers from putting in fire breaks realise their stupidity – anyone not wanting controlled burn-offs should be called out first to fight the fires

- [2.12.17] Sue Robson, Ballarat, Letters, 'Wild about lingo', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 83.

Objects to our 'bushfires' being referred to by the American word, 'wildfires'

- [2.12.18] Denise Star, Letters, 'Too costly to dob', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 83.

Contacted EPA to report a driver who dropped a butt out of a car window – disabled writer told she would have to go to court miles away in Melbourne – too costly – EPA should pay for fares

- [2.12.19] SM, Melbourne, The Issues, 'Hats off to Simone', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 83.

Re 'Simone's bravery helped save 30 animals', *Sunday Herald Sun* [2.5.8] – many thanks to Simone

- [2.12.20] Guylian, Melbourne, The Issues, 'Hats off to Simone', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 83.

Re 'Simone's bravery helped save 30 animals', *Sunday Herald Sun* [2.5.8] – Simone you're awesome

- [2.12.21] Shirl, East Gippsland, The Issues, 'Hats off to Simone', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 83.

Re 'Simone's bravery helped save 30 animals', *Sunday Herald Sun* [2.5.8] – This lady is a true hero

- [2.12.22] Brendan Donohoe, 'Fire leaves Brumby no cover', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 1, 2009, p. 84.

The Brumby Government must make decisions on how to spend the \$200m bushfire appeal money – so far its spent \$50m on immediate relief – about one-third of the 2000 homes destroyed were not insured – another 10 per cent were underinsured – the Government must also grapple with new building regulations, including fire bunkers – Opposition Leader, Ted Baillieu

- [2.13.1] (writer not known), 'On edge: Brumby warns: It's going to be a terrible day', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 1.

Severe weather tomorrow could rival conditions on Black Saturday, with 150kmh winds – Brumby – Esplin – Rees – towns are on evacuation alert – fire plans should be activated

- [2.13.2] Anthony Dowsley & Geraldine Mitchell, 'State braces for the worst', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 4.

Premier John Brumby says, 'It's going to be a terrible day' tomorrow – Rees – Police Minister, Bob Cameron – DSE spokesman, Mike Goode – efforts are being made to protect catchment areas – a Table lists where the fires are, Tips for extreme weather, Fire plans, Stay or go

- [2.13.3] Aaron Langmaid, 'Stay or go is the dilemma', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 4-5.

Defiant locals across the Upper Yarra are determined to defend their towns despite tomorrow's searing heat and strong winds – there could be a monster inferno – in the leafy hamlet of Powelltown, for every resident prepared to say, there is another who just isn't going to risk it – resident, Cheryl Small, 60 – yesterday the Yarra Junction-Noojee Rd was closed, with police on strict orders to allow access only to local traffic – John Edwards, owner of the Powelly Pub in Powelltown – Jake Venn, Matthew Adams, Grant Muratore

- [2.13.4] Peta Hellard (Los Angeles), 'Star expats kick goals for blaze victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 4.

Aussies in Hollywood have rallied behind victims of the Victorian bushfires with a star-studded soccer fundraiser in Los Angeles – Simon Baker (*The Mentalist*) – Jess Spencer (*House*) – Anthony La Paglia and Poppy Montgomery (*Without a Trace*) – Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer (*True Blood*)

- [2.13.5] Holly Ife, 'Claim cheats on notice', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 7.

Centrelink has vowed to catch people fraudulently claiming bushfire emergency payments, but says most are genuine – a spokesman for the Minister for Human Services, Senator Joe Ludwig

- [2.13.6] Holly Ife, 'Sport unites town after disaster', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 7.

Kinglake Lakers netball team took on the Wallan Magpies yesterday – Kinglake Football Club played yesterday – Kinglake Football and Netball Club President, Cameron Caine

- [2.13.7] (writer not known), 'Family flee house fire', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 7.

A family who gave items from their home to bushfire victims lost everything after their house in Vermont was destroyed by fire – firefighter Bryan Morrison – Andrew Collier, 37, house owner

- [2.13.8] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Extreme Fire and Storm Warning. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 8.

Give advice on Stay or go, and other matters

- [2.13.9] P. Lane, Hastings, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 20.

To all the Garrett bashers – let's not forget why he is performing

- [2.13.10] J. Smithson, Nagambie, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 20.

Hopes those with blinkered thinking who had anything to do with banning cattle from the Barmah State Forest gave a prayer of thanks that fires did not start there on Black Saturday

- [2.13.11] M. Allardice, Mitcham, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 20.

Will indigenous leaders be consulted by the Royal Commission? – these people understand this land so well

- [2.13.12] Mick Wellins, Maffra, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 20.

Re Debby Cheeseman, 'Let us hear our siren' [2.7.20] – our CFA station still has a siren that can be heard for kilometers – anyone who doesn't like it should shift elsewhere

- [2.13.13] Bluey Field, South Yarra, Letters, 'Uninsured don't deserve a handout', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 20.

Those who weren't insured should not receive government assistance to rebuild

- [2.13.14] Robyn Kuys, Secretary, Emerald Football Club, Letters, 'Great effort to get on park', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 20.

Re 'Lakers won't be beaten', Feb 22 – congratulations to the Kinglake Football/Netball Club – it's wonderful to see you back

- [2.13.15] Nigel Austin, Somerville, Letters, 'Hazards need to be removed', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 20.

It is 3 weeks since the fires – Brumby still hasn't allowed Victorians to remove fire hazards from the immediate vicinity of their homes – Brumby clearly fears losing Green preferences – surely protection of human life is worth more

- [2.13.16] Ric D. T. Wilson, Canterbury, Letters, 'Super tanker could be leased', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 20.

Evergreen International Aviation has created the Boeing super tanker – capable of carrying 340,000 litres of water, fire retardant, etc – surely the Government can afford to buy or lease one of these?

- [2.13.17] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 21.

Depicts Nixon's changeover from Police Commissioner to Bushfire Recovery chief

- [2.13.18] Editorial, 'Act fast on fire threats', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 2, 2009, p. 22.

Three weeks after Black Saturday we must put into practice what we have learned – fearful conditions are upon us again – Bob Cameron – Bruce Esplin – we must do all in our power to ensure that the tragedy is not repeated tomorrow

- [2.14.1] Photo, 'Get out of town', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 3, 2009, p. 1.

People evacuate as Brumby warns of extreme fire danger today – Neil Devaus of Warburton leaves with his children

- [2.14.2] Megan McNaught, 'Wildlife warrior steps up', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 3, 2009, p. 4.

Firefighter David Tree, famous for giving Sam the koala a drink, plans to become an environmental campaigner, after he leaves his real estate job in Mirboo North – publicist Di Rolle – Mr Tree will go overseas for the first time late this year to appear on a German current affairs show – Mr Tree will also tour Victorian wildlife shelters next week with Bob Irwin, the late Steve Irwin's father

- [2.14.3] (writer not known), 'Text alert of danger', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 3, 2009, p. 4.

Text messages used for the first time yesterday to alert Victorians and visitors of the bushfire danger – Telstra and Optus sent SMS messages to customers from Victoria Police at the State Government's request – messages read, 'Extreme weather in Vic expected Mon night & Tues. High wind & fire risk. Listen to local ABC Radio for emergency updates. Do not reply to this msg.' – Bruce Esplin said he hoped the messages would alert those who did not listen to radio, or watch TV or read newspapers – Optus spokeswoman, Simon Bergholes, said more than 1.5 million customers received the message

- [2.14.4] John Ferguson & Anne Wright, 'It's in the lap of the gods', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 3, 2009, p. 4.

Tim Kennedy at old Millgrove Sawmill – Michelle Fisher – debate about stay or go – Lisa Crunden – Crundish Café in Warburton's main street – McMahons Creek – Joe Saitta – Yarra Junction Community Op Shop worker, Glenda Ryan – the Kevington Hotel, near Jamieson, publican Wayne Poole

- [2.14.5] Stephen McMahon & John Ferguson, 'Firefighters prepare for worst', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 3, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Brumby warns to be prepared for the worst – more than 5000 firefighters mobilised – concentrating on the Yarra Ranges, Gippsland and Wilsons Promontory – total fire ban – hundreds of schools closed – text messages to warn people – thousands of residents have evacuated in the Yarra Ranges (Warburton, Woods Point, Jamieson, Eildon, Mt Buller) – 45 residents from an aged care facility in Warburton evacuated – Neil Devaus of East Warburton – Esplin said warnings were not a case of 'crying wolf' – Kyneton Races called off – Royal Botanic Gardens closed for fear of falling branches – Brumby called on Victorians to watch for arsonists – Table, 'Worst fire danger zones today'
- [2.14.6] John Masanauskas, 'Schools shut for safety', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 3, 2009, p. 5.
- More than 600 schools, kindergartens and childcare centres will close today – school camps cancelled, with operators set to lose millions – Education Minister, Bronwyn Pike, said school camps had been cancelled on advice from the CFA and SES – Tony Marks from Mornington Peninsula adventure park Ace-Hi Ranch, said the education department should have banned camps only in high risk areas – Ace-Hi stood to lose \$70,000
- [2.15.1] Anne Wright, 'Locals ready to retreat to bolthole', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 4, 2009, p. 10.
- Residents of Woods Point faced severe fire threat last night as they prepared to take refuge in an old mine shaft – strike team leaders, Tony Rak and Ian Sheldrick – Senior-Constable Ken Dwight – Woods Point ambulance paramedic, Fran Scott – fire captain, Max Towe – Gaffneys Creek – Maddison Lynn, 10, from Don Valley
- [2.15.2] Stephen McMahon & John Ferguson, 'Fire reprieve as wild wind batters Victoria', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 4, 2009, pp. 10-11.
- CFA firefighter Damien Beeby – the rain that swept Victoria last night was a blessing for firefighters – SES spokeswoman, Simone Myers – about 10,000 Powercor customers in State's west without power last night – about 700 SP AusNet customers without power in State's east – CFA Divisional Commander, Brian Halit – Brumby – CFA spokesman, Frank Colverson
- [2.15.3] Editorial, 'A call that saves', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 4, 2009, p. 26.
- There is now a greater public awareness of the bushfire menace – the warning of people of the danger has improved – people are evacuating – text messaging of danger – Royal Commission will investigate – arguments that the warning messages this week were an overreaction deserve to be ignored
- [2.15.4] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 4, 2009, p. 29.
- About fire bunkers being the safest refuge in a bushfire – even for animals – safer than an ark
- [2.15.5] Danny Riley, Mitcham, Letters, 'Insurance must be compulsory', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 4, 2009, p. 29.
- One of the most surprising things to come out of the bushfires was the number of people not insured – why not make such insurance compulsory, like third-party car registration? – house insurance could be levied with council rates
- [2.15.6] Josh White, Moe, Letters, 'Burning issue is under control', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 4, 2009, p. 29.
- The fires still burning are doing so with the same intensity of managed fuel reduction burnoffs – they are not dangerous wildfires because of the lack of wind – fuel loads being complained about by armchair experts like Andrew Bolt have practically no bearing on fire danger

- [2.16.1] Geraldine Mitchell & Stephen McMahon, 'All fire victims to get payouts', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, p. 2.

Bushfire victims without insurance are in line to receive bigger payments than those who paid insurance – pressure on State Government to detail the extent of funding for uninsured and underinsured – Brumby – a final decision on funding levels and eligibility is not expected until next week – Bushfire Appeal has raised \$210m so far – Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Advisory Panel Chairman, John Landy, said everyone deserved support, regardless of whether they were insured or not – people gave money to the appeal and we think the humanitarian imperative overrules everything else – about 30% of more than 2000 properties destroyed were either uninsured or underinsured

- [2.16.2] Peter Jean, 'Fire rorting charges laid', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, p. 8.

A Sanctuary Lakes man has been charged with 67 counts of obtaining property by deception, 9 counts of attempting to obtain property by deception and 1 count of possessing proceeds of crime – all charges relate to Centrelink payments for bushfire victims – Federal Human Services Minister, Joe Ludwig – Centrelink has spent more than \$35m on disaster recovery payments to 42,000 adults and their children since Black Saturday – Kylie Anne Murphy, 31, of Sunshine, was charged last month after allegedly claiming a \$5000 payment to pay for a fire victim's funeral, and \$10,000 from the Bushfire Appeal Fund

- [2.16.3] Holly Ife, 'Helping to put families back in the picture', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, p. 8.

Three Whittlesea mothers are helping those who have lost their photo albums – Angela Russell – Kellie and Jenny Schultz – at Whittlesea Relief Centre – have created a website where people can register that they are seeking or have photos from events such as weddings, christenings, school excursions, social gatherings, etc

- [2.16.4] Megan McNaught, 'Three cheers, worst is over', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, p. 9.

Michael and Sharon Collins – the worst of Victoria's bushfire season is over – up to 30mm of rain fell in the main bushfire zones yesterday – the Yarra Valley blaze was officially declared contained after burning 86,000ha – CFA (DSE?) spokesman, Mike Goode – fires near Eildon, Bunyip in Gippsland and Wilsons Promontory, are likely to be contained soon – Bruce Esplin – Deputy Police Commissioner, Kieran Walshe – John Landy

- [2.16.5] Mark Buttler, 'Police want Marysville stories', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, p. 9.

Detectives want statements from every Marysville resident as they investigate arson – Phoenix Taskforce head, Detective Inspector, Steve White

- [2.16.6] (writer not known), 'Molly fans Kylie pitch', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, p. 9.

Kylie Minogue is the secret star of the bushfire Sound Relief concert at the MCG next week, according to Molly Meldrum

- [2.16.7] George, Upper Ferntree Gully, Letters, 'Schools close unnecessarily', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, p. 29.

Can't believe that hundreds of schools were shut again on Tuesday on the basis of a weather forecast – this on top of last week's day off – Do those schools have evacuation and fire plans? – Victorians are understandably edgy after the recent tragic events, but this should not cloud our judgment every time a hot or windy day is forecast – the police text message on Monday, along with constant warnings of impending doom from the media, have only exacerbated fears, especially among children – let's get a grip, Victoria, and be prepared, not panicked – let's not have a nanny state

- [2.16.8] Voteline, Today's question, 'Should uninsured bushfire affected home owners be eligible for charity payouts?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, p. 29.
- [2.16.9] Editorial, 'Draw a line in the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, p. 30.
- Should uninsured fire victims receive money from the Bushfire Appeal Fund to rebuild their homes? – John Brumby – decision left to John Landy and panel – issue has raised mixed emotions – in future, everyone who lives in a fire-prone area should be required to take out insurance
- [2.16.10] Neil Mitchell, 'Hard decisions on fire compo that compassion can't cover', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 5, 2009, pp. 30-31.
- Discussion of using Appeal Fund money to compensate uninsured, underinsured and insured homeowners – the issue has divided the community – Rudd and Brumby promised to stand by communities and rebuild 'brick by brick' – it is now confirmed that this meant insured and uninsured houses – Brumby promised that 'money is not the issue' – he was wrong – there isn't enough money in the Appeal Fund to pay for this – either the governments throw in serious taxpayer money for victims are under compensated – the insurance industry does not want the uninsured compensated because it rewards irresponsibility – there is a push for mandatory insurance in bushfire zones – but that brings more questions – what about flood-prone areas? – what about where there is a high risk of burglary?
- [2.17.1] Photo, 'Finally, something to dance about', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 1.
- CFA firefighter, Keith Jeffcott – rain – worst bushfires beaten
- [2.17.2] Greg Thom, 'News blazes trail back to radio relevance', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 13.
- Victoria's bushfire disaster helped propel news-focused AM stations 3AW and the ABC to the top of the ratings pack
- [2.17.3] Kate Jones & Emily Power, 'As blazes fizzle out, it's cool to be cool', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 16.
- Sudden temperature drop – now 16.5C – much-needed rain – CFA State Duty Officer, Craig Brownlie – snow fell at Mt Hotham yesterday, when the temperature plummeted to minus 2 degrees
- [2.17.4] Paul Anderson, 'Fire victims' bodies may never be found', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, pp. 16-17.
- The State Coroner, Jennifer Coate, said some bodies may never be found and identified – it could take coronial staff several months to identify all recovered bodies – the Red Cross closed its bushfire missing persons centre yesterday after responding to more than 40,000 inquiries – missing persons will now be handled by local police stations
- [2.17.5] (writer not known), 'Have a bush weekend', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 17.
- Regional Victoria is urging visitors to return for the long weekend and inject much-needed cash into bushfire affected economies – Destination Gippsland Chief Executive, Terry Robinson, called for visitors to return to support operators

- [2.17.6] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Rain limits ash contamination', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 17.

Rain has helped secure Melbourne's water supply by reducing the flow of sediment into rivers and creeks – Waterways General Manager, Chris Chesterfield, said the fires and not affected the quality of Melbourne's drinking water – about one-third of Melbourne's catchments had experienced some bushfire damage – an average of 22.5mm of rain fell over the four major water supply catchments in the 48 hours to 8am yesterday

- [2.17.7] Aaron Langmaid, 'Emotions high as residents united', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 17.

At least 39 people died in Marysville – Marysville Bowls Club – John Littlejohn of Marysville – Phoenix Taskforce investigators took statements – Patisserie owner, Ashraf Doos – Richard and Peg Hughes – John Carpenter

- [2.17.8] John Ferguson, 'A tough call in the line of fire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 41.

Discussion of 'stay or go' – 'fight or flight' – 'leave early or defend' – no matter what the danger, some residents will be prepared to stay and fight – self determination – do we need a policy of forced evacuations? – should parents be forced to remove their children from danger zones? – there are real advantages of well prepared residents staying – saving properties and the spread of fire

- [2.17.9] Jobba, Mulgrave, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

All recipients of bushfire appeal money must not only be treated equally, but be seen to be treated equally – this won't happen if the uninsured and underinsured are treated differently to the insured

- [2.17.10] Sharon, Wodonga, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

Mr Rudd, if I cease my home and contents insurance payments, will you take them over?

- [2.17.11] Meg, Letters, 'Divisions on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

The fire relief fund money should be handed out equally, regardless of whether people had insurance – it's not right to punish people either way – I didn't donate my money based on whether they had insurance or not

- [2.17.12] Carol, Letters, 'Divisions on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

If you don't have insurance you are gambling – if you lost your house, you lost the bet – are we paying for gambling losses now?

- [2.17.13] Jack Sparrow, Letters, 'Divisions on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

That's it for me – I'm not going to bother with insurance again – if anything happens, I'm either going to the Government for a handout or pleading to the media to get the public to bail me out

- [2.17.14] Paul Hammond, Hampton, Letters, 'Divisions on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

Re Bluey Field, 'Uninsured don't deserve a handout' [2.13.13] – the nationwide appeal for donations was intended to help all victims, be they insured or not – I regard your letter as insulting, offensive and callous

- [2.17.15] Terry Walsh, Springvale South, Letters, 'Divisions on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

If people can afford to buy a house, they can afford house and contents insurance – if they don't have it, that's their lookout – money being handed out from 'our' bushfire fund to people who lost their homes should be distributed equally, regardless of whether the house was insured – why should smart, forward-thinking people who had insurance be penalized? – the fire insurance levy must be made compulsory for everyone with a house, and should be paid via council rates

- [2.17.16] Anne Markic, Croydon, Letters, 'Divisions on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

The insured and the uninsured deserve an equal share of the charity payout – I would not live in an uninsured house, drive an uninsured car - costly? Yes, but the risk is too great – I would rather go without other commodities

- [2.17.17] Roger Hadden, Broadford, Letters, 'Divisions on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

I am horrified to hear that those who chose not to be insured may received more money than those, like me, who are fully insured – no one enjoys forking out for insurance, but that's exactly what it is – insurance against a tragedy occurring – if the uninsured receive more, it will encourage others, including myself, not to bother – I know some of the uninsured, and they would rather spend the savings on boats, caravans or even the pokies

- [2.17.18] Sue and Bruce Shuttleworth, Stawell, Letters, 'Divisions on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

We feel that everyone should get an equal distribution, regardless of their insurance status

- [2.17.19] Trevor Bergman, Noble Park, Letters, 'Divisions on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

Re Neil Mitchell, 'Hard decisions on fire compo that compassion can't cover' [2.16.10] – Neil Mitchell's estimated cost of \$300,000 for each house lost seems over the top – surely there is enough money donated by generous people for the insured and the uninsured

- [2.17.20] Vox Pop, 'Is it fair that bushfire victims who did not insure their houses may get more compensation from the relief fund?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 42.

Steve Dunlop, 52, Doncaster – No, it's not

Gail Wager, 63, Ballan - these are unique circumstances and it needs to be more equitable for people who have lost their homes

Bernie Millane, 63, Box Hill North – it's important to insure your home – that's the system we live in

Lisa Dawson, 42, Caulfield – No – they should have paid insurance – they shouldn't get more money, they should get the same amount

Anna Chodorowski, 20, Heidelberg – No – they should have paid insurance – it would be unfair on those who paid insurance – it would be fair if they both got the same amount

- [2.17.21] Voteline, Result, 'Should uninsured bushfire affected home owners be eligible for charity payouts?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2009, p. 43.

Total votes – 7561	YES – 13.2%	NO – 86.8%
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- [2.18.1] Stephen McMahon, '\$20,000 bill for new bushfire-risk homes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 11.
- New building codes for bushfire zones from Wednesday – additional costs of more than \$20,000 to comply – Brumby reveals new rules – Victorian Coroner Jennifer Coate said identification process is continuing – relatives frustrated
- [2.18.2] (writer not known), 'Storming in to aid heroes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 24.
- Dannii Minogue and Melbourne Storm players yesterday unveiled a sporting tribute to emergency services workers – there will be an Emergency Services Cup at stake each time NRL teams Storm and St George Illawarra Dragons meet, starting this Friday at Olympic Park – cup recognizes 000 workers – Cameron Smith (captain) and Brett White, of Melbourne Storm – Storm Chief Executive, Brian Waldron – Flowerdale CFA members, Brian Makin and Glenn Woods
- [2.18.3] Anthony Dowsley, 'Legal nightmare as wills go up in smoke', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, pp. 24-25.
- Wills destroyed in bushfires could lead to years of litigation – lawyer, Michael Clohesy, of Pearce, Webster, Dugdale – Phillip Gowan, a partner at de Groot's – Law Institute of Victoria President, Danny Barlow
- [2.18.4] Photo, 'Teddies join relief effort', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 25.
- Denise Drysdale is donating her cherished teddy bear collection to bushfire survivors – she lost her Neerim home on Black Saturday
- [2.18.5] Advertisement, St Vincent de Paul Society, 'Thank you!', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 25.
- Thanks Australians for giving generously to the Vinnies Victorian Disaster Appeal
- [2.18.6] Ross Brundrett, 'One good turn', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 76.
- Steve Garratt, Mayor of Whittlesey in the UK – Mayor of Whittlesea (Vic), Mary Lalios – people of Whittlesey in the UK are raising money for the bushfire victims – shopkeeper, Jenny Parker, UK – Ken Mayor, former mayor of Whittlesey UK – Whittlesea historian, Lindsay Mann
- [2.18.7] Darren Devlyn, 'When their news was bad news', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 77.
- Brian Naylor – Moiree Naylor – memorial service at Parade College Bundoora – Channel 9 sports presenter, Tony Jones – Channel 9 news reader, Jo Hall – Peter Hitchener – Coombs Rd
- [2.18.8] Joyce Draper, Greensborough, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 80.
- Surely those people receiving assistance after the loss of their uninsured homes should be compelled to pay insurance in the future
- [2.18.9] Survivor, Kinglake, Letters, 'No better than looters', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 80.
- Re survivor of Flowerdale, 'Money made from suffering', March 3 – some locals who didn't lose everything are stocking up and getting assistance they are not entitled to

- [2.18.10] Helen Zivkovic, Elizabeth Downs, Letters, 'Generosity can flow both ways', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 80.
- South Australians have donated generously to bushfire victims – would love to see Brumby allow water to flow to the Murray River's lower lakes in reciprocation
- [2.18.11] Ron Fischer, Sebastopol, Letters, 'Insurance OK if you can afford it', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 80.
- Re Danny Riley, 'Insurance must be compulsory' [2.15.5] – not everyone can afford insurance, especially pensioners
- [2.18.12] Jill Millbourn, Paynesville, Letters, 'Uninsured need assistance too', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, p. 80.
- Pensioners might find it difficult to pay for insurance – we did not intend our donations to go only to those who were insured – the uninsured may need more help, not less
- [2.18.13] Greg Angelo, Balwyn North, Letters, 'Keep a lid on Pandora's box', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, p. 80.
- Compensation to the uninsured will open Pandora's box – a base level of compensation for all victims is probably reasonable
- [2.18.14] Editorial, 'From the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 7, 2009, p. 82.
- Recent rain and cool temperatures show that nature is fickle – lessons need to be learned – Bushfire appeal has reached \$227m – optimism for rebuilding
- [2.19.1] Stephen Drill & Jonathon Moran, 'Sam in photo fight', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 8, 2009, p. 10.
- Di Rolle is the agent for David Tree, the CFA firefighter who was pictured giving Sam a drink – TressCox Lawyers are handling the media interests of Sam – the two parties went head to head last week over access to Sam – neither party agreed to allow the pair to be photographed together
- [2.19.2] Eleni Hale, 'I see Red, but only his head', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 8, 2009, p. 10.
- Nigel Williamson helped rescue Red, a German shepherd cross, from being stuck in the mud near Cranbourne – RSPCA are caring for Red and hoping to find the dog's owner
- [2.19.3] Ellen Whinnett, 'Fire bill hits surplus: Budget will shoulder cost', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 8, 2009, p. 10.
- Brumby will sacrifice the State's surplus to pay for reconstruction of Victorian communities devastated by fire – but will not take State into deficit – Brumby said uninsured people were likely to get more than the insured from the Appeal Fund – compensation would not restrict people's right to sue – compulsory fire insurance would not be introduced
- [2.19.4] Bryan Patterson & Stephen Drill, 'Nails bid farewell', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 8, 2009, p. 11.
- Brian and Moiree Naylor's memorial service at Parade College – Peter Hitchener - Mal Walden - Jo Hall - Peter Mitchell - Bert and Patti Newton - David Johnston - Tony Jones

- [2.20.1] Amelia Harris, 'A real swinging farewell to "adorable" Evans', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 9, 2009, p. 15.

Australia's acting community farewelled Reg Evans and his partner Angela Brunton at Eltham's historic Monsalvat yesterday – John Wood – Kerry Armstrong – Gus Mercurio – Evans, 80, best known for his roles in *Blue Heelers* and *Mad Max* – artist, Brunton, 48, ran a gallery in St Andrews – Paul Bishop – Rod Mullinar – Barry Dickins – New Orleans jazz-style service – New Orleans Pelican Brass Band

- [2.20.2] Mark Buttler, 'Police tell Marysville residents ... You still can't go back home', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 9, 2009, p. 15.

Marysville residents face a wait of 11 more days before they can return to their home town – Kieran Walshe – temporary prohibitions for some residents of Kinglake are to be lifted this week, but it would be March 20 before that could happen in Marysville, as police must finish searching for bodies – Phoenix Taskforce – Wilsons Promontory fire yet to be controlled – this public holiday weekend crowds are expected at Healesville Sanctuary, Sovereign Hill, Melbourne Museum, and Eureka Skydeck, and proceeds from today's takings at these attractions will be donated to the Bushfire Appeal

- [2.21.1] Mark Buttler, 'Sacked for swearing: Volunteer firefighter dumped after Black Saturday outburst', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, pp. 1&4.

John Willis lost his job as captain of Carrajung Brigade for swearing on emergency radio when his crew allegedly ignored instructions and put their lives at risk – this row follows a TV slip by Rudd, who described the economic crisis as a 'polictial s---storm' – CFA Operations Manager, Greg Flynn – Willis demoted to rank of firefighter – 40 years experience – CFA Executive Manager of Public Affairs, Robert Hogan, said Mr Willis had been counselled during the previous 2 years about his behaviour

- [2.21.2] Amelia Harris, 'I won't rip off Sam', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, p. 5.

David Tree yesterday denied he is cashing in on Sam, the Koala – Tree needs permission to visit Sam – Tree said his only aim was to promote the wildlife shelter where Sam lives with carer, Colleen Wood – TressCox Lawyers are acting pro bono for Sam and the Southern Ash Wildlife Shelter in Rawson, about 170km east of Melbourne – TressCox partner, Nic Pullen, said anyone wanting to see Sam had to 'get in line' because the koala's rehabilitation was paramount – Mr Tree's agent, Di Rolle

- [2.21.3] Kylie Hansen, 'Ruby-Jewel starts new page', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, p. 5.

5 year old Ruby-Jewel Whiteley returned to the remains of her home, a dairy farm in Longwarry – Ben, Julie and Jahman Whiteley

- [2.21.4] (writer not known), 'Concert a record', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, p. 5.

The Sound Relief concert at the MCG for bushfire victims has sold out to become the largest paid concert event held in Australia – concerts are to be held simultaneously in Melbourne and Sydney on March 14 – more than 78,000 tickets have been sold for the Melbourne event, which will feature Kings of Leon and Kylie Minogue – the Sydney concert will be headlined by Coldplay and The Presets – more than 100,000 tickets have been sold at \$75 each

- [2.21.5] (writer not known), 'Firefighter badly hurt', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, p. 5.

A 53 year old DSE worker, involved in backburning along Taylors Creek Track, suffered spinal and possible head injuries when his truck rolled – recovering in The Alfred Hospital – detectives from Alexandra are investigating

- [2.21.6] Maureen Dowlan, Kingsbury, Letters, 'Mean-spirited to those uninsured', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, p. 23.

Has been reading with interest and shame letters regarding payment to the uninsured – did people who donated food and clothes, etc, state that these supplies go only to the insured? – why would it be any different for money donated? – whether insured or not all victims deserve to be treated equally

- [2.21.7] Gloria Wood, Kinglake, Letters, 'Fires took brick homes as well', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, p. 23.

Brumby, your knee-jerk reaction introducing new building laws has effectively made our cedar and stone home in Kinglake worthless – Brumby sends the message that cedar and weatherboard homes are unsafe in bushfire regions – yet many homes left standing are made of wood and many burned to the ground are brick – Brumby is sending a false message that brick and concrete homes are safer, where in fact nothing was safe

- [2.21.8] Editorial, 'A word in your ear, PM', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, p. 24.

A fire brigade captain has been forced to resign for using the F-word on a CB radio during the terrifying Victorian bushfires – this is clearly ridiculous – Rudd uses the S-word on national TV and laughs it off

- [2.22.1] Bill Duncan, Kinglake, Letters, 'Discount card could revive fire areas', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 11, 2009, p. 28.

Suggests a bushfire relief card – it could be issued to all those affected and offer discounts at local businesses that would be reimbursed by Bushfire Appeal fund – it would help money go to local businesses instead of elsewhere

- [2.22.2] Lin Fraser, Box Hill North, Letters, '\$2 too much for memorial', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 11, 2009, p. 28.

Welcomes the Government's proposal to build a memorial to bushfire victims – concerned at the \$2m proposed cost – money saved could go to a worthy cause, such as the burns unit at The Alfred Hospital

- [2.23.1] Headline, 'Bushfire Concert Guide', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, 2009, p. 1.

- [2.23.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Fire inquiry will keep secrets: Doors shut on horror', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, p. 17.

Commission organizers have announced a series of meetings in bushfire affected areas – only those directly affected can attend – Justice Bernard Teague said the sessions were not formal hearings and the information would not be used as evidence, but to inform the commissioners on general matters – Brumby – concern about meetings being behind closed doors – shadow Attorney-General, Robert Clark

- [2.23.3] Cameron Adams, 'Power and passion still', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, 2009, p. 17.

Peter Garrett, Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts, spent last weekend rehearsing for Midnight Oil's Sound Relief show – Oil's drummer, Rob Hirst – cable TV station, Channel V will broadcast the Melbourne show live, and Max the Sydney show – the event will be recorded for a fundraising CD and DVD

- [2.23.4] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Leave a lasting tribute', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, 2009, p. 17.

The *Herald Sun* has created a lasting online tribute to the victims of the Black Saturday bushfires – registration details

- [2.23.5] Photo, 'Holy Grail', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, 2009, p. 43.
- Photo of Hunters & Collectors, who will reform for Sound Relief – story behind the biggest rock show in Australian History, and guide to the day
- [2.23.6] (writer not known), 'behind the music', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, 2009, p. 46.
- Promoter Michael Gudinski gives the story behind the Sound Relief concert – highest selling rock show in Australia – Michael Chugg – Mark Pope – 78,000 tickets sold for Melbourne show – 35,000 tickets sold for Sydney show, but yet to sell out – Brumby – special merchandise being printed for the event – DVD and CD will be released – cable music channels V and Max, will air the Melbourne and Sydney shows, respectively, live on Saturday from noon – Kylie Minogue, special guest MC
- [2.23.7] Diagram of seating at the MCG for the Sound Relief concert, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, 2009, p. 46.
- [2.23.8] Cameron Adams, 'sound check', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, 2009, pp. 46&59.
- Michael Gudinski – Hunters & Collectors reforming – Mark Seymour
- [2.23.9] Sound relief, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, 2009, p. 59.
- Program of events at the MCG on Saturday, March 14, for the Sound Relief concert
- [2.23.10] Sound as ever, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 12, 2009, p. 59.
- Quotes from some of the stars who will perform at Sound Relief, saying why they're playing – Andrew Stockdale, Wolfmother – Rob Hirst, Midnight Oil – Gabriella Cilmi – Tim Finn – Kasey Chambers and Shane Nicholson
- [2.24.1] Stephen McMahon & Kate Jones, 'Kick-start for fire survivors', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2009, p. 3.
- Bushfire survivors whose primary residence was lost or badly damaged will receive \$50,000 each from the Bushfire Fund – Chairman John Landy – tenants will receive \$15,000 each – Anne and Ray Sorraghan of St Andrews welcomed the payment – Ray and Heidi Simmons – Brumby
- [2.24.2] (writer not known), 'Sing for us, Kylie', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2009, p. 3.
- Fans are hoping Kylie Minogue will sing at tomorrow night's Sound Relief concert at the MCG – Kylie is officially the special guest MC
- [2.24.3] Jane Metlikovec, 'Principal apologises over fire wristband ban', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, p. 3.
- Grade 5 student, Luke Bate, 10, was told by a teacher at Seaford Park Primary to remove his bushfire appeal wristband – Principal, Mark Watters, has apologized – Paul Bate – wristband was against school rules – Luke told he would not be welcome back in class until it was removed
- [2.24.4] (writer not known), 'Fire prompts charity to cancel appeal', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2009, p. 30.
- Black Saturday has prompted Anglicare to cancel its usual March appeal because people had already given so much – Anglicare spokesman, John Blewonski – Sacred Heart Mission CEO Michael Perusco – Brotherhood of St Laurence spokeswoman, Nicola Ballenden – Lyn Hatfield-Dodds, National Director of UnitingCare

- [2.24.5] Michael Harvey, 'Minister for the Oils', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2009, p. 34.
- Peter Garrett performed at Canberra's National Convention Centre with Midnight Oil last night as a warm-up for tomorrow's Sound Relief concert – Melbourne features, Kylie Minogue, Jack Johnson, Augie March, Gabriella Cilmi, Kasey Chambers and Shane Nicholson with Troy Cassar-Daley, Liam Finn, Midnight Oil, Paul Kelly, Split Enz, Wolfmother and Bliss N Eso with Paris Wells – Sydney features, Coldplay, The Presets, Josh Pyke, Eskimo Joe, The Hoodoo Gurus, Jet, Wolfmother, Icehouse, Little Birdy, You Am I and the Midnight Juggernauts
- [2.24.5a] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Leave a lasting tribute', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2009, p. 34.
- [2.24.6] Cameron Adams, 'Minogues add glamour', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2009, p. 34.
- Will Kylie Minogue sing at the Sound Relief concert? – Dannii Minogue – Michael Gudinski – estimated crowd of 80,000 at MCG – Kathy Lette is organizing a memorial service at Westminster Abbey on March 31 – Elle Macpherson – Rolf Harris – Geoffrey Robertson, QC
- [2.24.7] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2009, p. 37.
- About the State budget and the bushfires – caption reads, 'Lucky ... surpluses have a habit of going up in smoke these days'
- [2.24.8] Editorial, 'From the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2009, p. 38.
- Supports the decision to pay \$50,000 compensation for homes destroyed to all homeowners – insured, under-insured and uninsured - \$15,000 to renters – the Government should consider making insurance mandatory in fire-prone areas
- [2.24.9] Zelda Cawthorne, 'Sticking with bushfire victims', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2009, p. 66.
- Bushfire charity relief auction will be hosed by Prestige Philately today and tomorrow – a sheet of 1932 Sydney Harbour Bridge 5/- stamps has been donated by Australia Post and is expected to raise \$25,000 – auction expected to raise \$100,000 – Gary Watson, Director, Prestige Philately – all commissions have been waived
- [2.25.1] Cameron Adams, 'The Kings are simply on fire', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 4.
- Kings of Leon was happy to squeeze in an appearance at Sound Relief today in between their sold-out shows at Rod Laver Arena – Caleb Followell of Kings of Leon – there is doubt whether they will play their hit, 'Sex on fire' at Sound Relief
- [2.25.2] Sound Relief, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 15.
- Expected running order – Prohibited items – Public transport – Parking opening times – If it rains – Chairs/stools
- [2.25.3] Jane Metlikovec, '120 hurt fighting our fire tragedy', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 15.
- More than 120 firefighters injured fighting the deadly Black Saturday fires – WorkSafe data – 68 injury and incident reports from CFA members, and 56 from DSE officers – Canberra firefighter, David Balfour, 47, died – Russell Rees – Powercor Australia being sued by victims of Coleraine and Horsham bushfires – Maddens Lawyers issued writs in the Supreme Court on behalf of John Smeets, who was injured in the Coleraine blaze; Tracey Perry and Terry Sagar, who lost their home in the same blaze

- [2.25.4] (writer not known), 'Emotional return home for sick children', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 15.

Children First Foundation farm in Kilmore – 14 sick children returned after evacuating because of the Black Saturday fires – Moira Kelly

- [2.25.5] (writer not known), 'Free kindergarten for Black Saturday victims', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 15.

Hundreds of bushfire-hit families will get free kindergarten from the State Government - \$715 subsidy will give at least 10 hours' free kindergarten a week – this subsidy is on top of the Federal Government pledge to provide 13 weeks' free childcare

- [2.25.6] Headline, 'Leap of faith', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 31.

Story behind the Sound Relief concert – Australia's biggest music event

- [2.25.7] Cameron Adams, 'Between the rock and a hard place', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, pp. 82-83.

Michael Gudinski had 30 days to organise the Sound Relief concerts – Leonard Cohen – Michael Chugg – Joe Segreto – Tom Lang – Brumby – Kings of Leon – Coldplay – Mark Pope – John Farnham – Jack Johnson – Taylor Swift – Hunters & Collectors – Midnight Oil – Rob Hirst – Peter Garrett – Split Enz – Jet – Wolfmother – Nic Cester – Adalita (Magic Dirt frontwoman) – Tim Rogers (You Am I) – Kylie Minogue – Channel [V], Melbourne – Max, Sydney – Nova FM – CD and DVD

- [2.25.8] John Ferguson, 'Now it's time for answers', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 83.

Royal Commission will begin on Wednesday – Royal Commissioners will meet fire-affected people in Marysville, Kinglake, Flowerdale, Gippsland – formal evidence-taking will be held in Melbourne and begin in May – Justice Teague, 71 – Attorney-General, Rob Hulls – the Opposition this week appointed Nationals' leader Peter Ryan as its shadow minister for bushfire response

- [2.25.9] The burning questions, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 83.

List of questions the Royal Commission will need to answer

- [2.25.10] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 87.

Depicts Peter Garrett performing at Sound Relief – caption reads, 'After all these years as a party politician I thought Peter Garrett had lost his voice!'

- [2.25.11] Margot Thimm, Calligree, Letters, 'Farmers need help to rebuild', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 87.

Is pleased people will get compensation from the Appeal Fund to rebuild – but hopes there will be funds for farmers who have lost infrastructure, such as pasture, fences, fodder reserves, sheds and farm equipment

- [2.25.12] Linda Craske, Kinglake, Letters, 'Fire relief for mental anguish', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 87.

It's good that money went to people who lost their homes, but there are forgotten people – those who have lost jobs – businesses that will not be up and running – those finding it difficult to go to work after what they have been through

- [2.25.13] Editorial, 'Rock rescue', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 14, 2009, p. 88.

The generosity of Australians is being matched by the world's best bands – promoters Michael Gudinski and Michael Chugg – MCG expects 80,000 people, Kings of Leon – SCG will feature Coldplay – no musicians will be paid – half of the Sydney gate will go to Queensland flood victims

- [2.26.1] Headline, 'Rock'n'relief', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 1.

80,000 pack the MCG to support bushfire victims

- [2.26.2] Sue Hewitt, 'Brian's final stand', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 3.

Brian Naylor – Moiree Naylor – last words spoken to family on telephone – Naylor's decided to stay and fight – Jane Bayliss – Dianne Naylor – Barry Johnson

- [2.26.3] Liam Houlihan & Peter Rolfe, 'We through our arms around them: Crowds soak up Aussie spirit', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, pp. 4-5.

More than 80,000 jubilant Victorians, fire survivors and heroes defied soaking rain at the MCG yesterday – Sound Relief – Kylie Minogue – Crowded House – Peter Garrett – Midnight Oil – Prince William and Harry gave an address by video – Hunters & Collectors – Bliss N Eso – (At SCG Coldplay kicked off the concert – Chris Martin – John Farnham (with Coldplay)) – Gabriella Cilmi – Paul Kelly – footballers, Nathan Buckley, Nick Riewoldt, Brendan Goddard – actors, Michaela Banas, Brett Tucker – Brumby – Michael Gudinski – grants of \$5000 – \$100,000 will be made available to farmers – all bushfires in Victoria are contained, including the Wilsons Promontory fire – Kings of Leon, Caleb Followill – Mark Seymour – power failure during concert

Quotes from those who attended – Christina Crosland, Ivanhoe – Joolz Valenta, Hoppers Crossing – Jesse Fitzgerald, Sydney – Natalie Cave, Macleod – Jodie, Oakleigh

- [2.26.4] Peter Rolfe, 'Stars join the crowd', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 6.

Stars joined the Melbourne crowd yesterday – St Kilda Star, Nick Riewoldt – Olivia Newton-John – Collingwood Champion, Nathan Buckley – Sydney, Toni Collette (actor), Dave Galafassi (musician)

- [2.26.5] Stephen Drill, 'We're one big family', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 6.

Black Saturday survivor Prue Simpson, 21, who lost her home and best friends – was at the MCG Sound Relief concert – Penny, 21, Melanie, 22, Chambers, were killed in the blaze – Coldplay – Kings of Leon – Jack Johnson

- [2.26.6] Peter Rolfe & Liam Houlihan, 'Call for encore', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 6.

Volunteer firefighters said Sound Relief was a success and should be a regular event – all 16 members of the Craigieburn CFA unit declined free tickets and paid their way to support bushfire victims – Dianne English – Steve Pouvaio – Angela Symeoy

- [2.26.7] Nui Te Koha & Peter Rolfe, 'Oils thrill with hits', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 7.

Peter Garrett fronted Midnight Oil – Gabriella Cilmi, 17 – Coldplay and John Farnham – Shane Warne – Kylie and Dannii Minogue

- [2.26.8] Nui Te Koha & James Wigney, 'Rock giants unite', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, p. 7.

Sound Relief not about ego, headline spots or debates about set lists – Michael Gudinski – Jet – Gabriella Cilmi – Kings of Leon (didn't sing, 'Sex on Fire') – Paul Kelly – Bliss N Eso – Crowded House – Split Enz – Kylie Minogue – Hunters & Collectors

- [2.26.9] Liam Houlihan, 'Our deadly view', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 8.
- Aerial images reveal the scope of the devastation on Black Saturday – on Monday, aerial photographer Michael Abicare, flew over sites of tragedy and took photos – Kinglake – Churchill
- [2.26.10] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Fire Heroes Tribute', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 8.
- Liftout will be in next week's Sunday Herald Sun
- [2.26.11] Photo (full page), 'Streets of devastation: Kinglake West', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 67.
- Aerial photo
- [2.26.12] Photos (double-page spread), 'Streets of devastation: Marysville', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, pp. 32&65.
- 3 aerial photos of Marysville
- [2.26.13] Photos, 'Streets of devastation', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 15, 2009, p. 66.
- Aerial photos of – Callignee – Kinglake – Powelltown
- [2.27.1] Nick Higgingsbottom, 'Survivor's rebuilding plans hit great wall', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 16, 2009, p. 12.
- Many Black Saturday victims cannot rebuild because of State planning laws – Sharon Chandler of Dixons Creek cannot rebuild her home because of green wedge planning zone laws introduced in 2002 by Labor to protect against overdevelopment – Ms Chandler's home is a second dwelling approved in 1998 before the new laws – spokesman, Nick Talbot, hinted Planning Minister Justin Madden might take an interest in the case – Opposition planning spokesman Matthew Guy said was an outrageous situation
- [2.27.2] Holly Ife, 'MCG rocks as music's elite come out to play: sound effect raises old rockers and \$5m', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 16, 2009, pp. 12-13.
- Sound Relief a resounding success – estimated to have raised \$5m in Melbourne and Sydney for victims of the Victorian bushfires and Queensland's floods – nearly 83,000 at MCG – Peter Garrett/Midnight Oil one of the highlights and closed the event – rain didn't dampen spirits – MCC chief, Stephen Gough – Paul Kelly – Tim Finn
- [2.27.3] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Leave a lasting tribute', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 16, 2009, p. 13.
- [2.27.4] Editorial, 'Sound relieves', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 16, 2009, p. 22.
- Sound Relief a success – tipped to raise \$5m – 81,000 people – heavy showers could not dampen jubilation – Midnight Oil, Crowded House, Hunters & Collectors, Kylie – since Gallipoli, we Australians have had a peculiar knack of supporting each other through the worst of times – Sound Relief was another fine example
- [2.27.5] Peter D. Surkitt, Hawthorn, Letters, 'Make bushfire hearings open', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 16, p. 25.
- Wants all Royal Commission hearings to be open – Brumby must intervene to overturn decision to ban the media and public from some hearings – otherwise, how are we going to learn what really happened?

- [2.27.6] Allison Kenneally, Letters, Diamond Creek, 'Commission must be public', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 16, 2009, p. 25.
- The Royal Commission must be fully open and transparent – the Government can't be allowed to hide anything
- [2.27.7] Stay at home, Kinglake, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 16, 2009, p. 25.
- To all you rubberneckers heading to Kinglake – I hope you have a good time staring at our misery
- [2.27.8] Photos, 'Sounds of hope', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 16, 2009, pp. 38&43.
- Sound Relief – 83,000 fans at MCG - \$5m raised – Melbourne – Kings of Leon – Split Enz – Midnight Oil – Kylie Minogue – Sydney, John Farnham
- Photos – Kylie Minogue – Jet frontman, Nic Cester – Wolmother's Andrew Stockdale – Neil Finn – Coldplay's Chris Martin and John Farnham in Sydney – Midnight Oil's Peter Garrett – Jack Johnson – Gabriella Cilmi
- [2.28.1] Jane Metlikovec & Megan McNaught, 'Gawkers warned off fire zones', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 17, 2009, p. 4.
- Kinglake residents are bracing for a steady stream of 'disaster tourists' today when roadblocks are lifted by police at 2pm – Greg Holloway – Peter Megan, 61 – Planning Minister, Justin Madden, yesterday reassured residents that green laws would not stop them rebuilding – Mrs Chandler - see [2.27.1] - was thrilled she would be able to rebuild
- [2.28.2] Terry McCrann, 'Burning our bridges', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 17, 2009, p. 29.
- (the argument put forward seems to be) – it is pointless spending money on trying to prevent climate change, because whatever Australia does it won't make any difference to global warming/climate change (assuming there to be such a thing) – what we ought to spend our money on is dealing with the effects of global warming/climate change, ie in Victoria spend money on fire engines to fight fires, and in Queensland, spend money on effective levies and dams
- [2.29.1] Headline, 'Sam's big deal', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 1.
- Lets readers know there is an article about Sam the koala on p. 3
- [2.29.2] Megan McNaught, 'Coming soon – Sam the movie', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 3.
- Sam the koala maybe the subject of a book and a film – TressCox Lawyers are handling negotiations with Foxtel's Animal Planet, book publishers in New York, German newspapers and The Ellen De Generes Show – Nic Pullen, TressCox Lawyers – all money raised to go to Southern Ash Wildlife Shelter – celebrity agent Max Markson said Sam had huge potential and wished he had been quicker off the mark to sign her – Sam's earning potential is higher than Skippy – the biggest money earner would be if Sam got pregnant – the magazines would snap it up – Peta Alcorn, spokeswoman for TressCox Lawyers
- [2.29.3] Terry Brown, 'We have to put up with it for business', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 14.
- Noeline and John Dean drove their Winnebago to Kinglake just after the roadblocks were lifted and took pictures of themselves in front of the remains of a home – some residents were angry – publican Sharon McCulloch said the reopening of the road was a double-edged sword, we need the business, but maybe it's too soon – David Niceski's Kinglake Supermarket

- [2.29.4] (writer not known), 'Churchill fire victims asked to speak out', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 14.

Investigators from the Phoenix Taskforce want to hear from Churchill people – Det Sen-Sgt Peter Endler

- [2.29.5] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Leave a lasting tribute', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 14.

- [2.29.6] Nick Higgingbottom, 'Tourists wooed back to spend', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009 p. 14.

Bushfire-ravaged areas are urging tourists back with the hope of a \$10m tourist package – Brumby – Black Spur Inn publicans Jim and Di Kennedy – Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Chairman, John Landy – grants up to \$8000 available to help compensate businesses – Brumby said the Government would chip in \$500,000 to start the Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Business Relief Fund – winemaker, Leanne De Bortoli

- [2.29.7] John Ferguson, 'Warning system flawed', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 15.

Bernard Teague, Chairman of the Royal Commission, and his team will be in Myrtleford today to meet survivors – will listen to concerns about breakdown in communication, better warning systems, speeding up recovery process – Pat Easterbrook, resident of Mudgegonga – Sue and John Wilson died – Kevin and Robyn Norris of Kaceen Empire – Yackandanda farmer, Loretta Carroll

- [2.29.8] Michelle Sinclair, Wantirna South, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 30.

Thank you , Midnight Oil, for your uplifting performance at Sound Relief

- [2.29.9] T.M. Kirley, Croydon, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 30.

Wonderful to see how many people supported the show at the MCG to raise money for the bushfire victims

- [2.29.10] Kim Leishman, Creswick, Letters, 'Left numbed by fire destruction', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 30.

On Sunday, my husband (a CFA firefighter involved in the Black Saturday fires) and friends visited Flowerdale – we had a meal at the Flowerdale Hotel and chatted to locals – thank you for letting us see the destruction first hand – it had a big impact on us

- [2.29.11] W. McCurdy, Wandong, Letters, 'Return journey to burnt region', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 31.

Re 'Rubbernecks stay at home' Text Talk [2.27.7] – these rubbernecks may well be those who donated generously to the bushfire fund – these people may need to see the reality of the event – I for one, will be traveling to Kinglake

- [2.29.12] Chris MacIagan, Mitcham, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 31.

There have been a lot of people telling rubberneckers to stay away – maybe they're coming to see how their donations are going to help and to spend money at local businesses?

- [2.29.13] Benny Mac, Shepparton, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 31.

Suggests some of the money from the appeal fund should be spent on an Elvis-like helicopter - madness that Victoria does not own one

[2.29.14] Danielle, Nyah West, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, p. 31.

Re 'Stay at home', Text Talk [2.27.7] – how can you assume that all passersby are staring at your misery – maybe these people have family in the area or want to offer support?

[2.30.1] John Ferguson, 'Black Saturday survivors tell their tales: Never again plea', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 19, 2009, p. 9.

First public consultation meeting for the Royal Commission – about 60 victims attend at Myrtleford – Justice Teague – Sheila Carroll of Mudgegonga – Kevin Norris – Sharron Symons of Glen Creek – Pat Easterbrook of Mudgegonga – Table outlining powers of Royal Commission

[2.30.2] (writer not known), 'Tickets for volunteers', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 19, 2009, p. 9.

Triple-zero heroes of the bushfires disaster are to get a special AFL match reception – emergency services personnel will get up to 4 tickets each for the round 2 North Melbourne vs Western Bulldogs match at the MCGT on April 15 – Bulldogs President, David Smorgon

[2.30.3] Kelvin Healey, 'Tax blow for concerts', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 19, 2009, p. 9.

The Federal Government is refusing to give up almost \$900,000 in taxes from the Sound Relief concerts – a spokesman for the Treasurer, Wayne Swan, said the Government would keep the tax money, but was helping in other ways – Michael Gudinski responded angrily to questions about the costs of running the concerts

[2.30.4] Fiona Hudson, 'Grab for Sam's fortune: Let's cash in to save koalas', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 19, 2009, p. 12.

Wildlife groups want a cut of Sam's earnings to ensure the future of the species – Australian Koala Foundation Chief Executive, Deborah Tabart, yesterday likened Sam to the fictional character, Blinky Bill – Colleen Wood of Southern Ash Wildlife Shelter – wildlife carer, Marcus Ward – RSPCA Victoria Chief Executive, Maria Mercurio, cautioned against exploiting Sam – Sam's lawyer, Nic Pullen, denied Sam was being exploited and said the no 1 consideration was Sam's rehabilitation

[2.30.5] Editorial, 'Saving Sam', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 19, 2009, p. 34.

It's one thing for photos of Sam to be sold to raise more than \$300,000 for the appeal – it's quite another to be contracted out to film companies and flown to the US to appear on TV – lawyers have become involved on behalf of the animal shelter caring for Sam – the best thing is for Sam to be allowed to recover and returned to the bush

[2.30.6] Adam Dale, Mitcham, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 19, 2009, p. 36.

It's sad to see Sam is now a prisoner of our own entertainment – let her go back to nature

[2.30.7] Geoff Ireson, Langwarrin, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 19, 2009, p. 36.

News that Sam has received book and film offers is disturbing

[2.30.8] Anne Smythe, Blackburn, Letters, 'It's not about Sam', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 19, 2009, p. 36.

Re 'Coming soon – Sam the movie' [2.29.2] – the lawyers and agents have it wrong – it's about the concern of Mr Tree showed and the way he carefully and gently looked after Sam

Folder 3: 20 March 2009 – 8 May 2009

- [3.1.1] Ross Brundett, 'How much koala can you bear?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 20, 2009, p. 35.
Sam the Koala – book and even a film deal – a light-hearted glimpse into Sam the movie star
- [3.1.2] John Masanauskas, 'Schools dig deep for fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 20, 2009, p. 17.
Victorian school children have raised almost \$1m in one day – Feb 13 – casual dress day – Education Minister, Bronwyn Pike, said \$993,000 raised – Flemington primary raised \$6500 – Principal, Lesley McCarthy
- [3.2.1] John Ferguson, 'Family puts fire behind it', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 21, 2009, p. 5.
Rick and Grace Xanthos of Scanlons Rd, Wandong, have started rebuilding – Eric and Rod Fowler – Dolf Reichert of Yarra Valley Homes – Steve Lackas
- [3.2.2] (writer not known), 'Going back home is hell at Marysville', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 21, 2009, p. 5.
Marysville residents allowed back in their town – Marysville last town to reopen – Neville Goulding – Peter Barry
- [3.2.3] Norrie Ross, 'Tears at judge's pledge', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 21, 2009, p. 5.
Justice Bernard Teague told Flowerdale residents yesterday, 'This must never happen again' – residents made it clear that they expect the Royal Commission to come up with proposals to ensure no repeat of Black Saturday – Don Dawson – fuel reduction – Joe Milbourne – greenies blamed for opposing fuel reduction – Frank Drew – town planning, settlements among gum trees
- [3.3.1] Wendy Hargreaves & Peter Rolfe, 'MP to sing anthem', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 22, 2009, p. 19.
Peter Garrett to sing national anthem this Saturday at Kinglake – Kinglake's first home football match – Garrett will sing with Ross Buchanan, who lost Neeve and Mackenzie in the fires – John Brumby will sell tickets – Christine Nixon will sell pies
Melbourne's Grand Prix has organized a tribute to fire heroes – firefighters will parade with their trucks before Sunday's race – the State Government is offering 500 free tickets, worth \$85 each, to CFA and DSE volunteers for the event on Saturday
- [3.3.2] 'Fire clues', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 22, 2009, p. 19.
Two men are suspects for a fire on Kynton-Springhill Rd, Springhill at 4.30pm on Wednesday – Gisborne Det Snr Constable Warren Grunden
- [3.3.3] Ellen Whinnett, 'Toll capped at 210: Marysville gathers in revival', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 22, 2009, p. 19.
Christine Doos – Marysville Patisserie – Kieran Walshe said everyone missing had been accounted for and death toll capped at 210 – 45 dead from Marysville – Lake Mountain ski resort would be operational again by winter – Deborah Dale
- [3.4.1] Photo, 'Heartache to hope', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2009, p. 1.
David Barton – yellow ribbons

- [3.4.2] John Ferguson, 'Survivors return to their lost paradise', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Marysville survivors return – Bruce Ackerman – yellow ribbons bear messages of hope – Len Sund, 77 – Patricia Sund, 75 – Peter and Lucia Murphy – The Springs – Simon Cuzens – The Cumberland – Stephen Collins and Tricia Tatham
- [3.4.3] John Ferguson, 'Tragic town's residents unite for future', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2009, p. 4.
- Marysville residents return – a bakery and a motel in the main street survived – Simon Cuzens of the Cumberland resort – Glenys Ross and Sharen Donovan – police due to remove media restrictions today
- [3.4.4] Alan Howe, 'Brave Bruce tells us the real story', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2009, p. 22.
- London's Mail on Sunday newspaper made light of Victoria's greatest natural disaster – it showed a picture of a CFA truck going away from a fire – the crew captain on the truck has explained what happened – a record number of complaints to the UK Press Complaints Commission
- [3.4.5] Lorraine Box, Labertouche, Letter of the Day, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2009, p. 25.
- Six weeks on and many fire-affected residents have no clean water to drink – large sections of our communities have not been allocated any funding – but Brumby can find \$1.5m to entice Tiger Woods to our State – what a sad day when securing a celebrity is more important than fire-affected residents
- [3.4.6] Jacqui Gould, Batemans Bay, NSW, Letters, 'Keep Sam away from cameras', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2009, p. 25.
- It is not in the best interests of Sam to be paraded on TV – koalas are naturally shy – the photo with David Tree was enough – do not exploit Sam and let her return to her natural habitat
- [3.4.7] Marlene Duniam, Frankston, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2009, p. 25.
- Ross Brundett's item on Sam, 'How much koala can you bear' [3.1.1] – was a hoot
- [3.4.8] Tania Palaia, Greensborough, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2009, p. 25.
- Nillumbik Council given \$100,000 of donated money to rebuild – if the Council let people remove old trees in the first place, that would have helped more
- [3.5.1] Michael Warner, 'Grand Prix fire tribute', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, p. 5.
- Formula One will be in Kinglake today – the main street will be transformed into a mini-F1 race track – BMW and Minardi will give a driving exhibition – heroes of Black Saturday will be honoured on Sunday at the Grand Prix
- [3.5.2] Gareth Trickey, 'Pay-for-view bushfire tours', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, p. 19.
- Amateur photographers are queuing up to pay \$25 each for a 2 ½ hour tour of homes destroyed in the Black Saturday fires – Jo-Anne Kasch has started tours of Narbethong – Victorian Association of Photographic Societies – tours teach people about the devastation and promoted tourism – property owners keen – Joseph Damenia from Frankston Photographic Club – Dennis Cosh, owner of a home on the tour – Vicki Moritz – Eric Dickenson of Knox Camera Club

- [3.5.3] Gareth Trickey, 'Resting in peace in paradise', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, p. 19.
- Funeral of Dr Kenneth Rowe of Marysville – Director of the Australian Council of Educational Research – Dr Kathy Rowe – David Rowe, 33 – Iain Rowe, 34
- [3.5.4] (writer not known), 'Kinglake stranded', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, p. 19.
- Kinglake residents told the Royal Commission that the problems were – poor communication – Warning – lack of fuel reduction – Carl Amatnieks
- [3.5.5] Roslyn Shannon, Kinglake, Letters, 'Steer clear of Kinglake', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, p. 23.
- Cannot understand people wanting to visit Kinglake – nothing left of the life we knew – tourists can take in burnt-out forests and devastated houses – if you come near my house I will call the police – giving to the bushfire fund does not entitle anyone to be ghoulish and insensitive – perhaps citizens could try to understand what it is like when your life burns down – please show some compassion
- [3.6.1] Cheryl Critchley, 'Brave symbol of unity', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, p. 3.
- Kinglake residents get tattoos to mark Black Saturday – Rod Elwers – Chris Campbell – Lauren Toeseland – Simon Drews, 33 – Aaron Robertson – Jodie Gentsch, 39 – tattooist Greg Rogers, 33 – Kinglake Diner – Kinglake Ranges Men's Shed – Cris Rhur – myoptherapist Rhonda McGivney – Australian Response Network
- [3.6.2] (writer not known), 'Roar spirit kicks up the dust in Kinglake', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, pp. 10.
- Formula One racing cars came to Kinglake – BMW driver Christian Klien – Zsolt Baumartier, driver – Aiden Buchanan, 13 – Christine Nixon – Kobi Davis, 10 – Trish Hendrie – Paul Hendrie, Captain Kinglake CFA – Rebecca Buchanan
- [3.6.3] Mark Dunn, 'Bushfire memorial site for victims', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, p. 10.
- Memorials might be established for Black Saturday victims – provisional toll 210 – Victorian Coroner's office – Australian Funeral Association's Victorian Director, Martin Tobin – Prince Charles – Duchess of Cornwall – Rudd – memorial service at Westminster Abbey – Kathy Lette
- [3.6.4] (writer not known), 'Theft adds insult to family's injury', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, p. 10.
- A family who lost nearly everything in the fires had their digital camera stolen containing their only family photos – Buckland family – Gypsy Buckland – Jillian Buckland
- [3.6.5] John Hamilton, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, p. 11.
- David Miceski – Andrew Watson – Rachel Watson – Rodney 'Hollywood' Ewers
- [3.6.6] (writer not known), 'F1 champ to meet survivors', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, p. 11.
- World F1 champion Lewis Hamilton will visit The Alfred Hospital Burns Unit today – Keikki Kovalainen, teammate

- [3.6.7] Norrie Ross, 'Victims, authorities reflect on mistakes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, p. 11.
- Kinglake West residents told the Royal Commission – lack of credible warning system – communication breakdown – poor preparation – CFA could not cope with a blaze of that magnitude – Helmut Huegel said some residents lacked a 'bush mentality' and skills to fight a fire – Rowan Sharp – Richard Walters, 'The Government has spent millions on anti-terrorism measures but a terrorist can be someone with a box of matches'
- [3.6.8] (writer not known), 'No sitting on the fences', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, p. 11.
- Volunteers erect farm fencing – Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF), President Simon Ramsay – grants of up to \$25,000 are available to farmers – Wal Lawson
- [3.6.9] Patricia Woolcock, Viewbank, Letters, 'Seeing is believing', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, p. 30.
- I have been for a drive through Kinglake – 'rubbernecking' as some would call it – we need to see the devastation to try to understand it
- [3.6.10] Ken Flanagan, Brighton, Letters, 'Fire-resistant products a must', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, p. 30.
- Could not believe one of the Marysville survivors say they were not keen for some aesthetic reasons on the Government's proposal to rebuild using fire-retardant materials – hope the Government will make these requirements mandatory along with controlled burning
- [3.7.1] Kelly Ryan, 'On right course towards recovery', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 26, 2009, p. 11.
- Travers Stow – Marysville Golf Club – Dave Stirling of Marysville – Golf Club's clubrooms survived – Matthew Liesfield, 13 – James Liesfield, 14 – Elizabeth Liesfield – James Brayshaw – fundraiser, 'Marysville Sandhurst Challenge'
- [3.7.2] Norrie Ross, 'CFA accused of call bungle', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 26, 2009, p. 11.
- Bendigo firefighters not paged on Black Saturday and didn't fight fires – George Flack, CFA volunteer
- [3.8.1] Cameron Adams, 'Whisper is Jack's back', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 9.
- John Farnham appeared at the Australia Unites bushfire telethon, and at Sound Relief with Coldplay
- [3.8.2] (writer not known), 'Tourists vital to recovery', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 9.
- Brumby – tourism vital to bushfire recovery – plans to spend \$10m helping 70 tourism operators directly affected – Beechworth – some tourism operators have reported a 75% drop in business – Victorian Tourism Industry Council Chairman, Jeremy Johnson
- [3.8.3] John Ferguson, 'Grim wave of funerals', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 34.
- Ian and Rosemary McKimmie – Strathewen – funerals – per capita, Strathewen was the worst fire-affected area – Nixon
- [3.8.4] (writer not known), '\$16m fenced off', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 34.
- Appeal Fund is considering a \$16m grant towards the cost of repairing 8000 kilometres of fencing destroyed – National Party Leader, Peter Ryan – extra cash for both insured and uninsured landowners – Brumby

- [3.8.5] Gerard McManus, 'Expert sees jihad in ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 34.
Queensland academic, Dr Mervyn Bendle, has drawn a possible link between terrorism and the bushfires – change in terrorist tactics – police dismiss links – Abdul Nacer Benbuika
- [3.8.6] Grant McArthur, 'Maddison to miss memorial', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 34.
Maddison Bartlett, 12, recovering in the Royal Children's Hospital – Gary, Jacinta and Erryn Bartlett
- [3.8.7] Editorial, 'Back in business', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 38.
Brumby – Government to spend \$10m on tourism assistance packages
- [3.8.8] Noel Bates, Bairnsdale, Letters, 'Hooning around in Kinglake', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 40.
Could not believe that police and other authorities would allow racing cars to perform burnouts at speed on a public street lined with people protected by a strip of tape – re 'Roar spirit kicks up the dust in Kinglake' [3.6.2] – bad example to youngsters and young drivers
- [3.8.9] Karen Romari, Murrumbidgee, Letters, 'Formula for road disaster', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 40.
The Formula One drivers' exhibition at Kinglake endangered lives
- [3.8.10] Sue Brown, Leeton, Letters, 'Fond memories of Kinglake', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 41.
Re Roslyn Shannon's letter, 'Steer clear of Kinglake', see [3.5.5] – tourists grieve your loss also – some have strong connections to the fire-affected areas
- [3.8.11] Elisabeth, Mildura, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 27, 2009, p. 41.
Re 'Brave symbol of unity' [3.6.1] – I donated my money for food and services, not tattoos
- [3.9.1] Norrie Ross, 'A landscape of sticks and stones and broken homes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 28, 2009, pp. 88-89.
Toll 210 dead – not a normal bushfire – Chairman Bernie Teague – Ron McLeod – Susan Pascoe – the Royal Commission has very wide terms of reference and very tight deadlines – lawyers will take control of the formal hearings – they always do – there is a danger that instead of finding ways of preventing a similar disaster in the future, it will degenerate into a blame between government authorities, local councils, utility companies and emergency services – complaints from residents – catastrophic breakdown of communications and warning systems – poor mobile phone reception – lack of warnings – CFA website and ABC were not up to date – fuel loads a major factor in progress of fires – local council clearing policy – Joe Milbourne, Flowerdale – greenies stopped people clearing properties – DSE – Stay or go – overwhelming praise for CFA but serious questions about their ability to fight fires of the magnitude of Black Saturday – Desmond Boyd, Maiden Gully – tougher building codes – some residents are pessimistic that there is any way to predict or fight such a firestorm
- [3.9.2] Norrie Ross, 'CFA fire warning too late', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 28, 2009, p. 23.
Trevor Vienet of Clonbinane CFA – pager message arrived 7 hours late – Mitchell Shire Mayor, Bill Melbourne, said vegetation removal and the number of dead-end roads that could be 'death traps' were issues of concern – Council had called for the State Government to allow roadside clearing of escape corridors

- [3.9.3] Denise Bryant, St Andrews, Letters, 'No simple answer to fire disaster', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 28, 2009, p. 93.
- Re Ken Flanagan's letter, 'Fire-resistant products a must', see [3.6.10] – who are you in your concrete jungle in Brighton to tell us people in treed areas how to build our houses or clear our blocks – your opinion doesn't count
- [3.9.4] Jennifer-Maree Gamble, Mentone, Letters, 'Loss felt far and wide', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 28, 2009, p. 93.
- Appreciates the need for fire-ravaged communities to grieve and heal privately without being exhibits for tourists – but many people outside these areas have friends and want to visit as part of their own healing process
- [3.9.5] Editorial, 'Maddy's sorrow', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 28, 2009, p. 94.
- Maddison Bartlett, 12 – lost her parents and sister in the Black Saturday fires – Gary and Jacinta Bartlett – St Andrews – Royal Children's Hospital – wishes her well
- [3.10.1] Photos, 'Bushfires' smallest survivors', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 29, 2009, p. 13.
- Photos of wildlife survivors – Hepburn Wildlife Shelter – Wildlife Victoria
- [3.10.2] Ellen Whinnett, 'Pin for heroes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 29, 2009, p. 28.
- CFA and the Government have decided against a special campaign medal to honour firefighters who fought the Black Saturday fires – instead a commemorative pin will be available to all staff – CFA Executive Manager of Public Affairs, Robert Hogan – Bob Cameron – the Burns Unit at The Alfred Hospital
- [3.10.3] Nue Te Koha, music play, 'Stage set: Jack's back', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 29, 2009, p. 4.
- John Farnham speaks about his Sound Relief performance and Coldplay
- [3.10.4] (writer not known), music play 'Relief DVD on the way', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 29, 2009, p. 17.
- Sound Relief DVD is on the way – Michael Gudinski – Coldplay – Kings of Leon – John Farnham – Split Enz – Midnight Oil – Crowded House – Hunters & Collectors
- [3.10.5] Eddie McGuire, 'Stay strong in tough times', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 29, 2009, pp. 82-83.
- Brumby – Marysville – photo of blackened tree sprouting – Brumby's stature as a leader has grown significantly in the past 2 months – Nixon – Maj-Gen John Cantwell – Lindsay Fox – Max Beck – Andrew Forrest
- [3.11.1] Grant McArthur & Cheryl Critchley, 'Cate brings ray of hope: Star urges survivors to build a better Marysville', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 30, 2009, p. 7.
- Cate Blanchett visits Marysville – Andrew Forrest donated 1000 mobile homes to Marysville residents – many Marysville residents want the local council suspended claiming it is not up to handling the recovery – Brumby – Nixon
- [3.11.2] (writer not known), 'Golfers chip in for fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 30, 2009, p. 7.
- Golf stars have pledged \$100,000 for fire victims – America's PGA Tour – Greg Norman

- [3.12.1] Brendan Roberts, 'Fire toll down to 173', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 31, 2009, p. 7.
- Post-mortem investigations by the Coroner's office have cut the toll from 210 to 173 after it was found that some of the remains believed to be from multiple victims were in fact from the same person – some of the remains were found to be animal bones – Kieran Walshe – Bali Bombings
- [3.12.2] Advertisement, The Victorian Bar, 'Victoria Bushfires Royal Commission – Free legal help for people affected by the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 31, 2009, p. 7.
- Offer of legal help for those who want to appear before the Royal Commission
- [3.12.3] Maggie, Seaford, Letters, 'Bushfire fight still goes on', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 31, 2009, p. 23.
- Wants the media to be aware that fires are still being fought but they are not close to Melbourne and not threatening life or property
- [3.12.4] Norrie Ross, 'Fire victims blast native tree policy: Planting laws fuelling anger', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 31, 2009, p. 14.
- Green-tinged local councils have been slammed for costing lives during Black Saturday – insistence on native planting added unnecessarily to fuel loads it was claimed – Joanne Spears of Steels Creek said deciduous trees helped save her B&B – Ian Wood of Steels Creek – barristers offering free legal advice to victims who want to appear before the Royal Commission
- [3.13.1] Colin Vickery, Guide, 'Lund of hope and glory in Victoria', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 1, 2009, p. 3.
- Jules Lund, Getaway presenter wants viewers to visit fire-ravaged tourist spots – Anna Dusek – Jim Stynes – Hamish Blake – Sam Cavanagh – Jesse Martin – Stones of the Yarra Valley Winery
- [3.13.2] Matt Johnston, 'Luxury rises from ashes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 1, 2009, p. 7.
- Developer Con Nicolas and Bruce Thomas – luxury tourist resort planned for Kinglake – Greg Holloway – Peter Beales, Kinglake Ward Councillor for Murrindindi Shire
- [3.14.1] Norrie Ross, 'Fireman says CFA response was "useless"', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 2, 2009, p. 19.
- Wayne Simmons said a large area around Koornalla and Callignee was left defenceless because tankers were sent elsewhere – 99% of people didn't have a fire plan
- [3.14.2] (writer not known), 'Rose for bloomin' heroes', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 2, 2009, p. 19.
- Firefighters' heroics on Black Saturday have been honoured with a flame-coloured rose named 'Firestar Rose' at Melbourne International Garden Show – Robert Wakelam
- [3.14.3] Aaron Langmaid, 'Probe closes in on arsonist', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 2, 2009, p. 19.
- Police say that the Marysville inferno was deliberately lit – closing in on arsonist – Asst Comm Danyne Moloney – investigators believe the fire started near the Murrindindi mill
- [3.14.4] Kelly Ryan, 'Kinder fun on the run', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 2, 2009, p. 19.
- Kinglake Kindergarten razed on Black Saturday – Lisa Deeble – Broadmeadows Uniting Care has organized a mobile kindergarten to visit – Graham Hawkins

- [3.14.5] In Brief, 'Stars to visit Whittlesea', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 2, 2009, p. 76.
- Tennis stars to visit Whittlesea Tennis Club for a special Back to Tennis Day to help bushfire recovery – Todd Woodbridge – Alicia Molik – John Fitzgerald – Wayne Arthurs – Paul McNamee – Richard Fromberg – Nicole Pratt – Evonne Cawley
- [3.14.6] Bernice Battams, Cranbourne North, Letters, 'Survivors pay for tattoos', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 2, 2009, p. 28.
- The tattoos are being paid for by the survivors – it has nothing to do with the Bushfire Relief Fund – none of the donations have even been allocated – it's no one's business but theirs – tattoos are a great way to commemorate their experience of the most horrific day
- [3.14.7] Jim, Traralgon, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 2, 2009, p. 29.
- So does everyone whose house burns down without insurance receive compensation from now on?
- [3.15.1] Amelia Harris, 'This is more than a game' *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 3, 2009, p. 13.
- James McDonald – Kinglake skipper, James Walker – scorekeeper, Rose Patrick – first match of the season tomorrow – Danny 'Doggy' Heal – Adam Butterworth – Dionne Smith – Ross Buchanan – coach, Mick Nott – Jim Styne – Cameron Schwab – Colin Sylvia – Nathan Jones – Joel Hocking – Adam Paulo – Melbourne captain, James McDonald
- [3.15.2] Norrie Ross, 'Principal slams complacency in lead-up to bushfires: kids' lives in danger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 3, 2009, p. 42.
- Bunyip Primary Principal, Ted Lease, said the death toll could have tripled if fires had been on a school day – complacency is a problem – trigger for school closures might have to be re-assessed – Nar Nar Goon resident Michael Houlihan said the DSE had failed in its duty to reduce the fuel load and said the green lobby had prevented logging in national parks
- [3.15.3] (writer not known), 'Extra time for arson inquiries', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 3, 2009, p. 42.
- Brendan James Sokaluk, 39 – allegedly lit Churchill fire – police applied in Melbourne Magistrates' Court yesterday for an extra 3 months to complete a brief of evidence – Magistrate Sarah Dawes granted the extension – Mr Sokaluk faces one count of arson causing death and one of intentionally lighting a bushfire and one of possessing child pornography – Sokaluk was remanded again to appear in August
- [3.15.4] Cheryl Critchley, 'Ton of human kindness for animals', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 3, 2009, p. 42.
- Jan Stamps, 37 – runs a business housesitting local properties and caring for animals – St Andrews Vet Rob Kenney – Brian and Denise Love
- [3.15.5] (writer not known), 'Around-the-clock battle to contain two fires', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 3, 2009, p. 42.
- In the east of the state, a fire that started last Sunday week near Cann River now covers 9700 ha – at the fire at the Lower Glenelg National Park crews have created a 32km perimeter – police, DSE and CFA investigators are looking into the cause of the fire – DSE spokesman John Amor – police setting up road blocks where smoke is cutting visibility on roads

- [3.15.6] Jim Relher, Springvale, Letters, 'Critics confuse Greens with greenies', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 3, 2009, p. 39.

Letter writers who keep linking the tragic Victorian bushfires with the Greens Party mistakenly (or intentionally) misrepresent Greens Party policy – the Greens Party does not oppose controlled burning – supports evaluating the effectiveness of controlled burning – the Greens have never held power to make any decisions about issues to do with fires – critics confuse some extreme 'greenies' with the Greens Party policy – let's wait for the conclusions from the Royal Commission before we start laying blame

- [3.15.7] Adrian, Mill Park, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 3, 2009, p. 39.

To all those complaining about bushfire survivors getting tattoos – go up to Kinglake to see what people have gone through – if they want to spend some money to remember people and friends they have lost, I don't care if they cover themselves with tattoos

- [3.15.8] Robert Kysela, Macleod, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 3, 2009, p. 39.

Re Jim, Text Talk, see [3.14.7] – there's a big difference losing a house in a bushfire than from faulty wiring/human stupidity – think about it!

- [3.16.1] John Masanauskas, 'Bushfire kids holiday bungle', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 4, 2009, p. 9.

Bruce Morrow – Lily Morrow, 6 – more than 50 students and teachers from Marysville and Buxton Primary Schools had been promised free airfares and accommodation worth at least \$50,000 – QLD Premier, Anna Bligh – Qantas – Bruce Morrow, organizer and fire victim said yesterday an education dept bureaucrat told him a minimum of 6 weeks' notice was required – Keith Ray, School Council President – Peri Dix, Principal, Marysville Primary – Education Minister, Bronwyn Pike – Education spokeswoman denied there was a 6-week rule – Liberal education spokesman Martin Dixon – Marysville Primary students have been transferred to Taggerty Primary until their school is rebuilt

- [3.16.2] G. Aarons, Launching Place, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 4, 2009, p. 82.

Worst bushfires in Victoria's history – we're heading for recession – but the AFL can splurge a couple of million on another dud footy team in QLD

- [3.16.3] Susan Russell, Humvale, Letters, 'Fire victims not a tourist attraction', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 4, 2009, p. 82.

Bushfire tours – the fire victims are not tourist attractions and their devastated lives are not your entertainment – if you need pictures, buy one of the magazines being produced to support these devastated communities

- [3.17.1] Ellen Whinnett, 'Kinglake braves can't be beaten', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 5, 2009, pp. 6-7.

Kinglake's football team won its first match of the season yesterday – 2500 attended the match against Emerald – Western Bulldogs and North Melbourne will honour Brownlow Medallist bushfire survivor Gary Dempsey in today's Emergency Services Appreciation game at the MCG – Kevin Smith – Adam Butterworth – Damian Pywell, 18 – coach Mick Nott – Ash Wednesday – Peter Garrett – Ross Buchanan – Club President, Cameron Caine – Brumby – Kinglakers netball team – Dionne Smith – Brent Gallicho – inaugural CFA shield

- [3.17.2] Herald Sun, 'Stories of the fire tragedy shared', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 5, 2009, p. 6.

The book, 'Black Saturday: Stories of love, loss and courage from the Victorian Bushfires', will go on sale this Thursday – all proceeds will go to the Salvation Army Victorian Bushfire Appeal – 288-page book – News Ltd Chief Exec, John Hartigan – cost \$24.99 – HarperCollins, publisher – so far \$17m has been raised by the Salvation Army

- [3.17.3] Name supplied, Broadford, Letters of the Week, 'Honour for all fairer', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 5, 2009, p. 86.
- Pleased that the CFA and Brumby Government have decided against a special medal for firefighters – unfair to overlook hundreds of behind the scenes people – a commemorative pin is welcome
- [3.17.4] Man on the land, Woodend, Letters of the Week, 'Trees with a purpose', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 5, 2009, p. 86.
- Deciduous trees have a vital role to play in our landscape – many homes surrounded by these trees survived – native trees and shrubs are very flammable
- [3.17.5] Photo, Liftout, 'Bush Footy Heroes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 5, 2009, p. 37.
- [3.17.6] Jackie Epstein, Liftout, 'Spirit shines through', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 5, 2009, p. 83.
- Boolarra Football Club President, Russell McGlade – football ground was used by media and emergency services volunteers during the blazes – Victorian Country Football League east area manager, Ben O'Brien
- [3.17.7] Club grounds affected by the fires, Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 5, 2009, p. 83.
- List of football grounds affected by the fires
- [3.17.8] How the VCFL is helping our teams, Liftout, *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 5, 2009, p. 83.
- The Victorian Country Football League has set up a Bushfire Appeal Fund – league CEO, Glenn Scott
- [3.17.9] Glenn McFarlane, 'AFL replaces lost treasures', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 5, 2009, p. 83.
- Carlton draftee Caleb Tiller lost treasured memorabilia on Black Saturday – AFL has replaced his premiership medal won in last year's TAC Cup under 18's Grand Final – AFL Chief Exec, Peter Schwab – high performance coach, Leon Harris
- [3.18.1] Norrie Ross, 'Police track firebug', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 6, 2009, p. 14.
- Police are tracking a firebug(s) who lit fires in Gippsland a week before the Black Saturday fires – Det Sgt Brett Kahan – Taskforce Ignis – the State Government has offered a \$100,000 reward
- [3.18.2] Kelly Ryan, 'Healing day out for fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 6, 2009, p. 14.
- Outdoor concert in Eltham for fire victims – Day of Healing – Kate Ceberano – Boom Crash Opera – Darryl Braithwaite – Bronwyn Taylor – Kaya Mehmedoff – Ash Hunter, organizer of event – Cam Tapp – Police Asst Comm, Ken Lay
- [3.18.3] (writer not known), 'Digging in for a little hope', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 6, 2009, p. 14.
- Hundreds of bulbs will be planted in Marysville – Julie Bell – Black Saturday book promoted
- [3.19.1] Megan McNaught, 'Time to pay up', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 7, 2009, p. 18.
- Pauline Spierings of Healesville, whose home was destroyed, has received a demand letter from Telstra for \$15 – despite Telstra's promise not to chase bills in fire-affected areas – a Telstra spokesman said the bill to Mrs Spierings was an oversight

- [3.19.2] Norrie Ross, 'Don't clear trees, say inferno survivors', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 7, 2009, p. 18.
- A Royal Commission community consultation was told – fuel reduction was necessary to protect Marysville from future infernos – other locals called for the planting of trees – Di James – Bernard Teague said the primary focus of the inquiry would be on gathering information that would save lives – Peter Graf – Michael Wood – Peter McCormack
- [3.19.3] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Leave a lasting tribute', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 7, 2009, p. 18.
- [3.19.4] Amelia Harris, 'Praise humbles CFA hero', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 7, 2009, p. 18.
- David McGahy – Arthurs Creek CFA – nominated for a Pride of Australia Emergency Services medal Lois Stubleby
- [3.20.1] Kelly Ryan, 'Aiden's got a mate for life', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 8, 2009, p. 19.
- Shane Warne has developed a close bond with Aiden Buchanan – Mackenzie Buchanan – Neeve Buchanan – Danny Clark – Black Saturday book – News Ltd – HarperCollins – Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal
- [3.20.2] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Leave a lasting tribute', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 8, 2009, p. 19.
- [3.20.3] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 8, 2009, p. 19.
- Promotion of Black Saturday book
- [3.20.4] (writer not known), 'Fire aid for youngsters', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 8, 2009, p. 19.
- Children affected by the Black Saturday fires will be offered free holiday programs by the State Government – will be held at Kinglake West, Alexandra, Yea, Flowerdale, Kangaroo Ground – Education Minister, Bronwyn Pike – YMCA
- [3.20.5] John Ferguson, 'Fire fund \$300m landmark', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 8, 2009, p. 22.
- The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund yesterday hit more than \$301m and will continue to rise – response unprecedented – The Queen – almost \$190m already distributed – John Landy – The Red Cross – RACV Insurance has received 2307 claims, pay out of \$124m
- [3.20.6] Kelly Ryan, 'Giving creatures comfort', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 8, 2009, p. 22.
- Kate Murray, Vet from Kinglake Clinic – Clinic burned down, so Kate set up a veterinary triage relief centre – RSPCA has donated \$100,000 from the RSPCA Bushfire Appeal to help – RSPCA Chief Exec, Maria Mercurio
- [3.21.1] Matt Johnston, 'Fighting to restore sight to sore eyes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 10, 2009, pp. 8-9.
- George the koala – Talk to the Animals resident vet, Dr Melissa Meehan – koalas facing the onset of cataracts and possible blindness after facing extreme heat – animal carer Michelle Thomas – All Animal Eye Services in Mt Waverley – also burnt paws and bodies from the fires
- [3.21.2] Susan Bugg, 'Head for the hills: Boost for fire areas', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 10, 2009, p. 10.
- Regional Victoria is gearing up for a busy Easter weekend, with holiday-makers flocking to support fire-ravaged areas – Destination Gippsland Chief, Terry Robinson – Missy Higgins performing at Rochford Winery – New Zealander Kim Juergens

- [3.21.3] Norrie Ross & Megan McNaught, 'Churches unite for message of hope', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 10, 2009, p. 11.
- Peter Crook, warden of St Peters Church in Kinglake, which was destroyed – The Rev Stephen Holmes – in Marysville all churches will hold a combined service – the Anglican and Catholic churches were destroyed – Anglican priest, Norm Hart
- [3.21.4] Megan McNaught, 'Tough times call for a prayer', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 10, 2009, p. 11.
- Church leaders say tough economic times and the Black Saturday bushfires have prompted a return to core values, with people flocking to churches in numbers not seen for many years – St Peters Eastern Hill – Vicar Dr John Davis – St Mary Star of the Sea – Father Max Rolax – Vicar General, Monsignor Les Tomlinson
- [3.21.5] Norrie Ross, 'Concrete pods seeds of regrowth', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 10, 2009, p. 11.
- Jacqueline Marchant and Stoney Black – ready made concrete pods for housing – Coombs Rd – Brian Naylor – pods designed by 1:1 Architects, the 'regrowth pod' was donated by Joss Constructions – pods cost \$30,000 – Juliet Moore, director of 1:1, lives in Coombs Rd – made from totally non-combustible materials and gives protection in a bushfire
- [3.22.1] (writer not known), 'Hope from ashes: Fire survivors gift from ruins', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 11, 2009, p. 1.
- Emma MacDonald, 3 – Eddie MacDonald – a Good Friday Appeal tin filled with coins survived the bushfires in Marysville – Glen Fiske – Liz Fiske – Dalton Fiske – Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Director, Christine Unsworth
(what was a Good Friday tin doing in the ruins? – Black Sat was on Feb 8)
- [3.22.2] Aaron Langmaid, 'Gift from the ruins raises hospital spirits', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 11, 2009, p. 4.
- Firefighter Ben Hutchinson – Lewis Farrell – Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal – Glen Fiske, 50 – Isabel, 8, Grace, 6, Emma, 3, Eddie, 9 months, MacDonald – Lewis Taylor, 3
- [3.22.3] Matt Johnston, 'Million dollar smiles', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 11, 2009, p. 5.
- Good Friday appeal executive director, Christine Unsworth, was ecstatic with this year's total – especially given the contribution the community made to the bushfire appeal
- [3.22.4] Dean Leishman, Firefighter, 'A journey to hell', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 11, 2009, p. 32.
- Dean Leishman, personal account – Tim Cochrane
- [3.22.5] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Leave a lasting tribute', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 11, 2009, p. 32.
- [3.22.6] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 11, 2009, p. 32.
- Promotion of Black Saturday book
- [3.22.7] Editorial, 'You're all heart', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 11, 2009, p. 88.
- Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal – the survivors of the devastating Black Saturday fires showed they are all heart as they rallied to help while trying to rebuild their own lives

- [3.23.1] John Ferguson, 'House of miracles' *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 15, 2009, p. 16.
- Colin and Carol Fechner – house in National Park Rd, Kinglake West, survived – personal account – Natalie Fechner
- [3.24.1] John Hamilton, 'Fire dogs Black Saturday family', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 16, 2009, p. 19.
- David, Earle, Marilyn, Nyall and Fern Langmead – Strathewen – lost everything, but not their fighting spirit – personal account
- [3.25.1] Anthony Dowsley, 'CFA man is prime suspect for arson', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 17, 2009, p. 3.
- CFA volunteer prime suspect for lighting the Marysville inferno that killed 38 people – Phoenix Taskforce – has not been charged yet – Asst Police Commissioner, Danyne Moloney, said police were close to pinning down the culprit – source of fire, Murrindindi Mill
- [3.25.2] Michael Warner, 'Tiger treat to ease the pain', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 17, 2009, p. 3.
- Tiger Woods has been invited to play at Marysville Golf Club – Lindsay Fox has offered a helicopter – Patricia Ilham – charity event – Greg Ogilvy and Aaron Baddeley – Shane Warne has also been invited – Matthew Liesfield
- [3.25.3] Editorial, 'Tiger on course', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 17, 2009, p. 34.
- It would be a real boost to residents if Tiger Woods comes to Marysville
- [3.26.1] Sue Hewitt, 'Tiny walks out of the ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 19, 2009, p. 11.
- Tiny the tabby cat – Amanda Rocks – Kinglake – Tiny left behind – Alex, 15, Hannah, 14, David, 9, Caleb, 7, Rocks – Tiny reappeared 9 weeks after the fire – Kinglake Vet, Dr Kate Murray
- [3.26.2] Ellen Whinnett, 'Victims' final insult: Cremation denied in bungle', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 19, 2009, p. 11.
- Some Black Saturday victims' families were told the bodies of those killed could not be cremated – some bodies were marked by the Coroner's office as posing a risk due to asbestos contamination – health and safety risk to crematorium workers – ban overturned – President of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Association of Victoria, Darryl Thomas
- [3.26.3] Sue Hewitt, 'Doubly destitute', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 19, 2009, p. 11.
- Ann and Barbara Hodgson of Steels Creek – do not own the property they live on – have a claim for adverse possession – home damaged
- [3.27.1] John Ferguson, 'Volunteer fireys fear union push', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 20, 2009, p. 11.
- CFA plans for a restructure – volunteer firefighters might leave – the Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria has accused the CFA of giving in to the United Firefighters Union – CFA CEO, Neil Bibby – Bob Cameron
- [3.27.2] (writer not known), 'Commission begins', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 20, 2009, p. 11.
- First formal hearing of the Royal Commission will be held today – Justice Bernard Teague – the Royal Commission has conducted preliminary community meetings, involving more than 1200 people
- [3.27.3] Photo, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 20, 2009, p. 11.
- Steve Malins – Anna-Victoria, 2

- [3.27.4] Kelly Ryan, 'Cawley serves up smiles', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 20, 2009, p. 11.
- Evonne Cawley – Romy Stephens, 13 – Whittlesea – Todd Woodbridge – Alicia Molik – John Fitzgerald – Wayne Arthurs – Paul McNamee – Richard Fromberg – Nicole Pratt
- [3.27.5] Amelia Harris, 'Black Saturday heroes thanked', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 20, 2009, p. 11.
- About 1000 Cardinia Shire residents thanked Black Saturday volunteer firefighters in a ceremony yesterday – awards presented at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham – Pakenham SES – Cardinia Shire Mayor, Bill Pearson
- [3.28.1] Norrie Ross, 'No chance: Fatal fire flaws to be exposed', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 21, 2009, pp. 1&4.
- First day of hearings – warning systems broke down on Black Saturday – people stayed in their homes unaware of the inferno approaching – Jack Rush, QC – stay or go – 000 – death toll 173 – individual survivors complain they are being denied the right to give evidence – complaints that the Royal Commission has been hijacked by the interests of government departments, councils, emergency services, insurance and power companies – Mat Tinkler of Public Interest Law Clearing House – money no object for the big players – top lawyers – Brumby – Bernard Teague – the forest fire index predicted Feb 7 would be the worst fire danger day ever in Victoria – intensity of fire – Kevin 'Mick' Kane
- [3.28.2] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Leave a tribute', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 21, 2009, p. 4.
- [3.28.3] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 21, 2009, p. 4.
- Promoting Black Saturday book
- [3.28.4] Editorial, 'Time for justice', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 21, 2009, p. 22.
- Jack Rush, QC – Royal Commission's main task is setting up a framework to ensure Black Saturday is never repeated – it must pinpoint what went wrong, why and then cast judgment – insufficient warning – stay or go – Victorians need a fearless inquiry to right the wrongs of the past
- [3.29.1] Norrie Ross, 'Victims in torment', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 23, 2009, p. 19.
- Traumatized victims of Black Saturday face family breakdown, violence and psychological distress – Nixon
- [3.29.2] (writer not known), 'Burn-off targets missed by 20 per cent', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 23, 2009, p. 19.
- Funding may have contributed to the failure to meet back-burning targets – Peter Ryan, Nationals leader – a coalition government would ensure targets met – DSE – Brumby – last year CFA and DSE on every available day did back-burning
- [3.29.3] Jill Singer, 'Inquiry is a risky business', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 23, 2009, p. 35.
- The political risks of having a Royal Commission are high – Brumby – it appears the contribution of victims is to be limited – numerous previous inquiries, 1939, 1944, 1969, 1977, 1993, 2003, 2005, 2006 – Bernard Teague – Brumby cannot interfere with Royal Commission – Ted Baillieu – Jack Rush, QC – it is standard practice at Royal Commissions to grant leave to appear only to those likely to have their conduct scrutinized – this does not include already traumatized victims

- [3.30.1] John Ferguson & Fiona Byrne, 'Gatto's big bash', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 24, 2009, p. 5.
- Louisa Perry – Lexi Stevens – Rene Kink – Mark Arceri – Sam Greco – Sarah Holman – Maria Sommer – Jeff Fenech and wife, Suzee – CFA officers – Kylie Payne – outraged crime fighters slammed Mick Gatto's fundraiser last night – Ben Cousins – former Dep Police Commissioner, Rob Falconer – Nixon – MC Sam Kekovich – Vince Colosimo – Nick Giannopoulos – Darren Gauci – Guy Grossi – Bruce Mathieson – Matt Hollywood – Daryl Cotton – Wendy Stapleton – Screaming Jets – Crime Victims Support Association President, Noel McNamara
- [3.30.2] Norrie Ross, '\$800m Black Saturday claim', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 24, 2009, p. 18.
- TimTobin, SC, said the claim against SP AusNet could be \$600-\$800m, because of the massive property loss in the Kinglake area – Leo Keane, lead plaintiff – a faulty conductor or power line was the cause of the fire at Kilmore East – Mr Tobin said it was believed 6 Black Saturday fires were started by failure of power assets
- [3.30.3] Lois Stubleby, Arthurs Creek, Letters, 'Fire survivors want to be heard', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 24, 2009, p. 37.
- Survivors, firefighters and other emergency workers need and have a right to their say – Brumby is more interested in photo opportunities
- [3.30.4] Daryl Cox, President, Land Owners Rights Association Inc., Letters, 'Submissions must be verbal', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 24, 2009, p. 37.
- Government conservation and planning policies, and those of complicit councils, have been a large factor in our wildfire tragedies – verbal submissions better than written ones – the real culprits are those who did not properly administer adequate fire protection
- [3.30.5] Editorial, 'A shot at respectability', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 24, 2009, p. 38.
- The community is divided on the \$100-a-head dinner fundraiser organized by Mick Gatto – it raised about \$1m for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal
- [3.30.6] Andrew Bolt, 'Brumby's open commission closed', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 24, 2009, p. 39.
- Critical of Brumby not making Royal Commission open – evidence presented
- [3.30.7] Voteline, Question, 'Should Victoria accept the money raised by Mick Gatto for bushfire victims?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 24, 2009, p. 37.
- [3.31.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 26, 2009, p. 83.
- Depicts Mick Gatto's bushfire fundraiser dinner
- [3.31.2] Eddie McGuire, 'When facts get in the way', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 26, 2009, pp. 80-81.
- McGuire critical of The Age reporting of his non-attendance at the Mick Gatto fundraiser – he accuses The Age of not bothering to check facts – Nick Giannopoulos – Vince Colosimo – Ben Cousins
- [3.32.1] Terry Brown, 'I couldn't save my wife, son', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 27, 2009, p. 16.
- Glen Fiske, Marysville CFA fire chief survived – Liz and Dalton Fiske, died at Marysville – Kellan and Bronte Fiske
- [3.32.2] Photo, 'Flames to snowflakes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 27, 2009, p. 1.
- Photo of Sandra Miller and son Jamie, 2, at Lake Mountain in the snow

- [3.32.3] Aaron Langmaid, 'Snow white on blackened land', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 27, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Anne Gray, of Rye, at Lake Mountain – Joel Miller, 8, of Hastings, at Lake Mountain – Victoria's blackened bushfire regions were blanketed in snow yesterday – Steve Penalosa
- [3.32.4] D. Chapman, Hamilton, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 27, 2009, p. 24.
- The invitation to Tiger Woods to play in the benefit tournament at Marysville should have been negotiated in confidence – if he can't make himself available, you can be sure of an outcry
- [3.32.5] Bill Files, Lang Lang, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 27, 2009, p. 24.
- Brumby Government to whitewash the Royal Commission – what happened to the promise of an open and clear investigation?
- [3.32.6] Sandra, Truganina, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 27, 2009, p. 25.
- If any of the bushfire charities won't take Mick Gatto's appeal money, I'd be happy to have it
- [3.32.7] Voteline, Result, 'Should Victoria accept the money raised by Mick Gatto for bushfire victims?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 27, 2009, p. 25.
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| Total votes - 1306 | YES - 76.2% | NO - 23.8% |
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- [3.33.1] The Scherger family, Ararat, Letters, 'Inferno survivors must be heard', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, p. 24.
- The Royal Commission to speak to survivors – to not let them speak at the inquiry would be a travesty
- [3.33.2] Denis O'Keefe, West Preston, Letters, 'Fire inquiry has been hijacked', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, p. 24.
- Re Lois Stublely, 'Fire survivors want to be heard' [3.30.3] – shameless politicking in aftermath of fires – indiscriminate distribution of bushfire appeal money
- [3.33.3] Tonia Anderson, Eltham, Letters, 'Spirit rises from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, p. 24.
- Writer visited Marysville on ANZAC Day – encourages Victorians to visit there to see the terrible, shocking devastation first hand to understand the magnitude of suffering
- [3.33.4] Kelvin Healey, 'Time to repay the sacrifice', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, p. 7.
- Fundraising run from Melbourne to Canberra for Canberra firefighter, David Balfour's family – David was killed on Feb 17 near Marysville – Frances Balfour – Celia Balfour – Jed Morrison – Paul Ritchie – Alison and Daniel Balfour
- [3.34.1] Fiona Hudson, 'Give our ribbons back' *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 30, 2009, p. 19.
- Cate Blanchett – four yellow ribbons tied around Marysville's old oak trees have disappeared – they had deeply personal messages from fire survivors – the ribbon with Cate Blanchett's message was not taken, see [3.11.1] – Kerry Bantick – Snr-Sgt Ralph Willingham

- [3.34.2] Editorial, 'VCAT makes wrong call', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 2, 2009, p. 78.

Greg Allan Brown, convicted of lighting a fire at a backpackers hostel that killed 6 people – released from prison after serving 19 years – application by DHS for guardianship order rejected by VCAT – a leading psychiatrist says Brown is beyond reform and is the most dangerous person he has come across – the tribunal said there was no evidence of risk – Editorial says there can be no doubt he is a grave risk to public safety – the Victorian Government should consider controlling legislation before another fire starts and someone else dies

- [3.35.1] Peter Rolfe & Stephen Drill, '\$200m fire shield: Massive boost for CFA heroes in Budget', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 3, 2009, pp. 1&6.

Brumby Government plans to protect Victoria from another Black Saturday firestorm with a \$204m firefighting boost – more than \$52m expected to be set aside for a five-year fuel reduction program – upgrade communications – Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority – 000 calls – The Alfred Hospital's Burns Unit – DSE – Brumby

- [3.35.2] Stephen Drill, 'School pays tribute to family', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 3, 2009, p. 30.

Kinglake Primary School Principal, Peter Wyatt – memorial to be built at Kinglake Primary School to O'Shea family, who died on Black Saturday – Debbie, Graham, Trey and Lyric O'Shea

- [3.35.3] Stephen Drill, 'Dream drives Denis', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 3, 2009, p. 30.

Denis Spooner – Marilyn and Matthew Spooner – Strathewen

- [3.35.4] Stephen Drill, 'Victims feeling the big freeze', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 3, 2009, p. 30.

Black Saturday survivors say rebuilding process is harder than they thought – clear up by Grocon taking longer than expected – DHS six months free rent offer – some survivors refusing to leave their homes – bushfire tourists continue to swamp devastated towns, but some locals are happy to see them because they are pumping money into their economies – Kinglake National Park Hotel – insurance companies – Marysville residents angry at Murrindindi Shire Council over red tape hindering rebuilding – Kinglake Primary School Principal, Peter Wyatt – Anna Gravette – Grocon spokeswoman, Jane Wilson – Nixon – Insurance Council of Australia – concerns about insurance payments

- [3.35.5] Stephen Drill, 'Life's tough but Neil gets on with it', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 3, 2009, p. 31.

Kevin Murray, 42, of Flowerdale – lost his home – lives in a caravan – personal account

- [3.35.6] Stephen Drill, 'Gatto promises more fire help', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 3, 2009, p. 31.

Mick Gatto flew to Marysville yesterday and pledged to build a warehouse for donations

- [3.36.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 4, 2009, p. 27.

Re State Government's proposed funding boost for fire services

- [3.37.1] (writer not known), 'Hero needs help', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, p. 1.

Peter Thorneycroft – Jodie Thorneycroft – hero from Black Saturday – struggling to cope

‘Bushfire victims feel abandoned’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, pp. 4-5.

[3.37.2] John Ferguson & Wayne Flower, ‘The rebuilding’, p. 4.

Louise and Tony Mann of Callignee, who lost their home – many victims feel abandoned, helpless, angry and trapped by red tape and government indecision – most are yet to receive their full entitlements from the Bushfire Appeal Fund – complaints about insurance companies – Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake – Rodney Elwers – DHS – Julie De Maria, Hazeldene – Ollie Shevchenko, Strathewen – Bushfire Appeal spokeswoman, Melissa Arch

[3.37.3] Cheryl Critchley, ‘Kinglake pub hero’s battle with the black dog’, p. 4.

Peter Thorneycroft, reluctant hero – struggling to cope physically and emotionally – unable to work since the fires – Jodie Thorneycroft – Peter has put off counselling – needs an operation on his right arm, but not sure if he can afford it – Kinglake Men’s Shed – Jarrod, Cooper, Kalani and Lauren Drews – Associate Professor Michael Baigent, clinical adviser and psychiatrist – depression and suicidal thoughts – post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

[3.37.4] Wayne Flower, ‘Burning anger at holdups’, p. 5.

Drew and Sharon Adamson – Mr Adamson, a CFA hero on Black Saturday – home in Dixons Creek destroyed – home and contents uninsured – nothing easy about the process of getting \$50,000 grant for loss of home

[3.37.5] Norrie Ross, ‘United in fury over delays’, p. 5.

Marysville drowning in red tape – stifling bureaucracy – State and Federal Governments – Nixon’s reconstruction authority – some businesses have threatened not to return – Doug Walter, Chairman of the Marysville and Triangle Development Group – Jim Roenfeldt

[3.37.6] Editorial, ‘Silent heroes’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, p. 24.

Stories are emerging of stoic individuals who have fall through the gaps of counselling, rehabilitation – psychological scars – Peter Thorneycroft is one example – many survivors need help

[3.37.7] Luke, Woodend, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, p. 23.

When will all emergency services be given more funding? – there was more than just the CFA involved in the Black Saturday response

[3.37.8] Allan Arthur, Airport West, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, p. 23.

If the AFL wants a new stadium, let them pay for the survey and Brumby can give the \$2m to bushfire victims

[3.37.9] Voteline, Question, ‘Should bureaucratic red tape be cut immediately so victims of the Black Saturday tragedy can get on with it?’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, p. 23.

[3.38.1] Geoff Wilkinson, ‘Marysville bushfire suspect hits out: I’m not an arsonist’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 1.

65-year-old firefighter, Ron Philpott, has denied starting the Marysville fire – veteran CFA Captain

[3.38.2] Aaron Langmaid, ‘\$1b to shore up our fire-ravaged regions’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 6.

\$1b package response to fires – Treasurer, John Lenders – details of allocation of money

- [3.38.3] Geoff Wilkinson, 'I didn't start the fire', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, pp. 10-11.
- CFA veteran Ron Philpott proclaims his innocence – interviewed by police over the Black Saturday fires – police with a warrant have searched his home – DPP – Mr Philpott worked at the Murrindindi Mill until it closed 2 years ago – he reported the fire to the CFA by radio – police believe the Marysville fire started at Murrindindi Mill – CFA, CEO, Neil Bibby – max penalty for arson causing death is 25 years
- [3.38.4] Geoff Wilkinson, 'CFA will be hurt if I am charged', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 7.
- CFA veteran, Ron Philpott – said if he was charged it could have far-reaching implications
- [3.38.5] Kelly Ryan, 'Pony gifts TREW to their word', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 23.
- Tai-Rae Clark, 10 – Isabella Clark, 6 – horse welfare group, Triple R Equine Welfare (TREW) – donation of horses and equipment – Castella – Trish Clark – Barry Wieneroider
- [3.38.6] Norrie Ross, 'Gatto's Marysville building offer snubbed: It makes me sick', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 25.
- Mick Gatto's offer to build a material aid centre is rejected – VBBRA, Nixon, turned offer down – Robin Bowles
- [3.38.7] Quote, Black Saturday hero, Peter Thorneycroft, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 33.
- 'The longer it's gone, the worse it gets, the memories are getting worse in your head'
- [3.38.8] Naomi Manson, Emerald, Letters, 'We need to stand behind the victims', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 33.
- Re 'Bushfire victims feel abandoned', see [3.37.2] – [3.37.5] – for Peter and Jodie Thorneycroft and all victims and survivors – please understand there are many of us who vow to do our absolute best to make sure you are not forgotten
- [3.38.9] Heather Willington, Rushworth, Letters, 'Stop quibbling, it's time for action', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 25.
- Stop quibbling and give the money we gave – councilors, bureaucrats and politicians – get your fingers out and stop being petty
- [3.38.10] Susan, Wantirna, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 33.
- Come on Christine, now's the time to show us what you are made of – get the people back into Marysville
- [3.38.11] Voteline, Result, 'Should bureaucratic red tape be cut immediately so victims of the Black Saturday tragedy can get on with rebuilding their lives?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, p. 33.
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| Total votes – 1358 | YES – 83.6% | NO – (13.7%) |
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- [3.39.1] Wayne Flower & Geoff Wilkinson, 'I'll take a lie detector test', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 7, 2009, p. 9.
- Ron Philpott has offered to take a lie detector test – Mr Philpott will take the test for a TV current affairs show today – David McKenzie – David Joyce

- [3.39.2] Geoff Wilkinson & Wayne Flower, 'Cops blasted over arson rumours', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 7, 2009, p. 9.

Howard Batterham – Veronica Batterham – owners of Glenburn Hotel – Mr Batterham said the crime scene tape around the remains of the Hotel gave the impression that the owners were arsonists

- [3.39.3] Jill Singer, 'Mick's past is a problem', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 7, 2009, pp. 34-35.

Mick Gatto – Celia Balfour – David Balfour – VBRRA has stuck to its guns and refused to play along with Mick Gatto's game of helping bushfire victims – Gatto a low-life shyster trying to buy himself some respectability – Nixon

- [3.40.1] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Shock result for Black Saturday arson suspect: Lie test twist', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 8, 2009, pp. 1&6.

Ron Philpott takes lie detector test, but it is inconclusive – he wants to take another test – Taskforce Phoenix – DPP – Steve Van Aperen, expert on lie detector tests – Mr Van Aperen accused Mr Philpott of deliberately moving and engaging in behaviour to distort the results

- [3.40.2] Alan Young, Greensborough, Letters, 'Gatto's gift is acceptable', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 8, 2009, p. 37.

Re Jill Singer, 'Mick's past is a problem' [3.39.3] – Jill is living in fairyland if she thinks the average reader is going to change their opinion of Mick simply because he dared put up his hand and help – he is at least willing to use his notoriety to help

- [3.40.3] Anthony Dowsley, 'Bushfire police on sex counts', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 8, 2009, p. 2.

Two policemen sent to Victoria to help in the aftermath of the Black Saturday bushfires have been charged with sexual assault – Damien Michael Jay Wilmott, 29, of Banksia Park, Adelaide, charged with one count of rape – James Wescott, 39, of Daw Park, has been charged with one count of indecent assault

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- [4.1.1] Kelvin Healey, 'A memorable Mother's Day', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 9, 2009, p. 3.
Phoenix Macek - Bec Skepper - Craig Macek - Jodi Tucker – Austyn - Graham Norris - Cooper (Kinglake residents) – Mother's Day
- [4.1.2] John Ferguson, 'It was a desperate decision, but now a resident wants to know ... Did a backburn start this killer fire?', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 9, 2009, p. 13.
Backburn – Kinglake – Pine Ridge Road – Assistant DSE Fire Chief Liam Fogarty – Craig Draper (resident Pine Ridge Road)
- [4.1.3] Megan McNaught, 'Bouncing back from disaster', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 9, 2009, pp. 90-91.
Lisa Milligan of Kilmore Wildlife Shelter – native wildlife injured in fires – Chucky the joey – Matilda the koala – Sandy Fernee, Wildlife Victoria executive officer
- [4.2.1] Brenden Hills, 'Tears flow at family's burial', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 10, 2009, p. 36.
Burial – funeral – Darrin Gibson, resident of Kinglake West – Lesley Leahy – Kiona, Ava, Jye
- [4.2.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Call to copy SA firebug team', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 10, 2009, p. 36.
Operation Nomad – 100 people living in makeshift accommodation – bushfire relief fund closed – total raised \$334 million - \$235 million has been allocated - \$47 million has reached victims' bank accounts – final death toll is 173 bodies – Kieran Walshe – Jennifer Coate – Nixon – Cameron – Brumby Government – Peter Marshall, Secretary United Firefighters Union – SA Premier, Mike Rann – Andrew McIntosh, Opposition spokesman, Emergency Services
- [4.2.3] Evonne Barry, 'Bushfire town's childcare delay', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 10, 2009, p. 36.
Childcare in Kinglake – promised portable not delivered – Education Department – Investa Commercial Developments – Barry Byrne - Maryanne Eve - Luke, Ruby, Flynn, Lucy (Kinglake residents)
- [4.3.1] Norrie Ross, 'Victims and volunteers tell of complacency and bungling: Fire response 'chaotic'', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 11, 2009, p. 12.
Bushfire response poorly handled – some communities left defenceless – Royal Commission Chairman, Bernie Teague – commissioners Ron McLeod and Susan Pascoe – government complacency and mismanagement – stay or go early policy – Jack Rush QC
- [4.3.2] Editorial, 'Fire hearings', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 11, 2009, p. 22.
Teague - Bushfire Royal Commission – formal hearings begin today – McLeod – Pascoe - toll
- [4.3.3] Norrie Ross & John Ferguson, 'Experts mapped the trail of destruction, but ... Fire chief in the dark', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 12, 2009, p. 9.
CFA chief officer, Russell Rees – Royal Commission – Jack Rush QC, counsel assisting the commission – ABC Radio - 3LO – CFA website – Ian McKimmie (resident of Strathewen) - IECC

- [4.4.1] Norrie Ross, 'Warning came late as fire licked city', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 13, 2009, p. 5.
- Bendigo – Eaglehawk, Maiden Gully – Jack Rush QC – CFA chief officer, Russell Rees – CFA website – Kinglake, Kinglake West – Strathewen – Jesse Odgers (Kinglake resident of Outlook Road) – Bruce Esplin, State Emergency Services Commissioner – Marysville – Dr Kevin Tolhurst – Ewan Waller, DSE chief fire officer – Buxton – Fire Danger Index (328)
- [4.5.1] Norrie Ross, 'Bushfire emergency calls diverted to dole office: DIAL 000 FOR FIASCO', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 14, 2009, pp. 1 & 10.
- National Phone Alert System - Emergency calls put on hold by Telstra - some calls diverted to Centrelink – Royal Commission – Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner issued a situation report saying it was believed everyone in Marysville was safe 24 hours after 34 people had died there – Taggerty – Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin – 9088 triple zero and 970 SES calls received on 7 February – Rachel Doyle – Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS) – Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA)
- [4.5.2] Peter Familiar, 'Panic-stricken Kinglake families left on hold', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 14, 2009, P 10.
- Jodie Gentsch (children: Madison, Jayden, Tyler) - Vicki Ruhr - Jodie Thorneycroft (Kinglake residents) – emergency calls on Black Saturday put on hold – 000 - Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin
- [4.6.1] Ruth Lamperd, 'Love burns bright', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 15, p. 5.
- Marysville – wedding – Karen Camilleri – Karl Graf – Kaylea – Crossways Historic Country Inn
- [4.6.2] Gerard McManus & Norrie Ross, 'Missed warning: Fire alert system offered, commission told', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 15, 2009, p. 5.
- Early warning system not taken up – Bruce Esplin – Australian Early Warning Network (AEWN) Managing Director, Kerry Plowright offered early warning system – RMIT social science research fellow Dr Katherine Haynes researched bushfire deaths – Royal Commission Telstra
- [4.6.3] Brendan Roberts, 'Mindless red tape makes us a nanny state: Bags of outrage at bushfire fine', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 15, 2009, p.11.
- Good Samaritan – Kevin Mullen – donations of second hand clothes – littering fine of \$227 – Hume Council – Hume Council Chief Executive, Domenic Isola said fine would be reviewed
- [4.6.4] Editorial, 'It must not happen again', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 15, 2009, p. 38.
- Royal Commission – incompetence and failure – Marysville – Taggerty – Bruce Esplin – Kinglake – CFA warnings – Royal Commission criticised for not allowing many bereaved families and community groups to appear – CFA Chief Fire Officer (Rees)
- [4.6.5] Editorial, 'Apologise now', *Herald Sun*, Friday, 15 May, 2009, p. 38.
- Good Samaritan – Kevin Mullen – fined \$227 for leaving clothing for bushfire victims outside secondhand shop – Hume City Council – Hume City Council to review fine

- [4.6.6] Terry Brown, 'Almost 100 days after the most devastating bushfires in Australian history, one grieving Marysville survivor says life is not worth living', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 15, 2009, pp. 22-23.
- Personal account - Marysville – Dan Walsh (Marysville resident) – Marie died (Dan's Wife) – Michael (Dan's son) - Cumberland resort
- [4.7.1] John Ferguson, 'Boost for bushfire survivors: Fast track for building plans', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, 16 May, 2009, p. 2.
- Black Saturday – survivors will be able to build without a permit under radical planning overhaul – Brumby Government – first 100 days – Grocon clearing blocks – Planning Minister, Justin Madden – Bushfire reconstruction chief Christine Nixon – new figures show 1008 properties have been cleaned up – 34% of those damaged – Marysville to be one of the last areas to be cleaned up because of the scale of the disaster there - toll
- [4.7.2] Norrie Ross, 'Widower relives fire mayhem', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 2.
- Personal account - Denis Spooner (of Strathewen) lost his wife, Marilyn, and son, Damien – firestorm sounded like 12 jumbo jets – former CFA volunteer – 27 of 200 residents died – fire traveling at about 120km/h
- [4.7.3] John Ferguson, '100 Days From Hell', *Herald Sun, Special Report, 100 Days from Hell*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 23.
- 173 killed – 6180 injured – Vicki Ruhr of Kinglake
- [4.7.4] John Ferguson, '100 Days From Hell', *Herald Sun, Special Report, 100 Days from Hell*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, pp. 24-25. (cont).
- Carol Redden of Bendigo – Christine Nixon – Ian McKimmie of Strathewen – Dr Rob Gordon, clinical psychologist who specialises in disasters – Brumby – Rudd – Ash Wednesday – quotes: Walshe, Brumby, Teague, Landy, Nixon, Shorten
- [4.7.5] John Ferguson, 'A city still counts the costs', *Herald Sun, Special Report, 100 Days from Hell*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 25.
- Bendigo – Gerald Egan – Grocon – fire destroyed 500ha of land – razed 58 houses – 1 man died – fire stopped less than 1 km from Bendigo's main street
- [4.7.6] John Ferguson, 'Cold comfort for fire survivors', *Herald Sun, Special Report, 100 Days from Hell*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 26.
- Rodney Elwers of Kinglake – MacKenzie (15) and Neeve (9) Buchanan died in Kinglake fires – Grocon – 14 Kinglake CFA firefighters lost their homes – fuel in short supply – firewood in short supply – Jason Lynn (wife, Ruth, children Joshua (5), Julia (3), of Coombs Rd Kinglake West – Brian & Moiree Naylor
- [4.7.6a] Advertisement, Commonwealth Bank, 'Help is still just a phone call away', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 26-27.
- Commonwealth Bank is reminding people affected by the fires that they are still willing to help

- [4.7.7] John Ferguson, 'Beauty spot awaits resurrection', *Herald Sun, Special Report, 100 Days from Hell*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 27.
- Marysville – Crossways Inn (serving meals) – Tower Motel (taking bookings) – 34 people died – 14 buildings survived – Pamela Phillips and Greg Cherry run the Crossways Inn – Pamela and Greg lost their home in Falls Rd – Mick Johnston, a logger, is living at his truck depot – Sue Johnston (Mick's wife) – Walter Vanni (78) lost his house in Falls Rd – Walter fled to Gallipoli Park – Steve Whitford, an Armadale architect, lost his holiday house in Falls Rd – Marylands Country House – near Steavensons Falls a small patch of ground still smoulders from the fires
- [4.7.8] John Ferguson, 'Flowerdale waiting to flower', *Herald Sun, Special Report, 100 Days from Hell*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 28.
- Flowerdale/Hazeldene – King Parrot Creek flowing again – 12 died – Sharon Collins lost her house (a survivor) – Flowerdale Hotel – Peter and Jane Carey lost their house (survivors) – underinsured – confusing new building regulations adding cost to rebuilding – lack of progress on payments from bushfire fund – Flowerdale CFA secretary Trudie Goudge didn't lose her house
- [4.7.9] John Ferguson, 'Community takes stock to move on', *Herald Sun, Special Report, 100 Days from Hell*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 28.
- Beechworth – Mudgegonga, 300km northeast of Melbourne – 2 died – 29 houses destroyed – 30,000 hectares burn in the Beechworth/Myrtleford district – lack of stock feed – Chris Norris – Elizabeth Norris-Owen (19 months) – Kaceen Garden Ornaments – Barwidgee Creek – Loretta Carroll
- [4.7.10] John Ferguson, 'A blaze of frustration', *Herald Sun, Special Report, 100 Days from Hell*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 28.
- Gippsland – the forgotten victims – 11 died – Churchill – Koornalla – Jeeralang Junction – Callignee – Tony and Louise Mann (of Callignee), and sons Scott (17) and Christopher (15) all survived - run a tyre business in Traralgon is in trouble – Mr Amadeus Todzy
- [4.7.11] Wendy Tuohy, 'See where the space takes you', *Herald Sun, Special Report, 100 Days from Hell*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 77.
- Kinglake – Christine Nixon – Grocon area manager, Brian McAdam – John Becquet (Christine Nixon's husband) – Wally Spezza – Stasi – Eddie – John – Bess McMahon – Peter Melenkamp – Sandy – John Becquet
- [4.7.12] Andrew Butcher, Telstra Executive Director, Communications, Letters, 'Telstra has 000 transfer role', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 16, 2009, p. 78.
- Re 'Dial 000 for fiasco', see [4.5.1] – Telstra's role – Bushfire Information Line – not possible for triple 0 operators to put callers on hold – triple 0 operators cannot transfer calls to Centrelink
- [4.8.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Celebrities' Black Saturday mission: Shark and Fox to the rescue', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 17, 2009, p. 3.
- Greg Norman – Lindsay Fox – Fiona Fox - Chris Evert – Greg and Chris will fly to Melbourne next month to raise funds for bushfire affected areas – charity golf day to be organized by Lindsay Fox's son, Andrew – Rudd – Eddie McGuire – Todd Woodbridge – Mark Philippoussis – Paul McNamee

- [4.8.2] Stephen Drill, 'Map warned of fire threat: Expert advice ignored', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 17, 2009, p. 33.
- Melbourne University expert, Dr Kevin Tolhurst – predicted that Kinglake would be destroyed by the fires – mapped the course of the fire – no warnings issued on CFA website – Kinglake CFA member, Katherine Grinlaw (37) - IECC
- [4.8.3] Kellie Cameron, 'Knot tied amid ruins', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 17, 2009, p. 33.
- Karen Camilleri and Karl Graf from Marysville married yesterday in Marysville – their house destroyed – married at the Graf's family house, which survived the fires – Kaylea (aged 3, Karen's daughter), Karen and Karl were not in Marysville when the fires hit
- [4.8.4] Greg Harding, Letter, 'Burning issues', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 17, 2009, p. 86.
- The Royal Commission should start by reviewing the reports and warnings given in 1939, 1984, 1992, 1994, 2003, 2004, 2007, before investigating the 2009 fires
- [4.9.1] 'Sam's \$500,000 gift to Victorians', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 18, 2009, p. 1.
- [4.9.2] Kelly Ryan, 'Celeb Sam is now an aunty: And she's raised over \$500,000 for saviours', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 18, 2009, p. 5.
- Sam the Koala – superstar – raised more than \$500,00 - Southern Ash Wildlife Shelter – manager, Colleen Wood – Baby Bernie – CFA firefighter, David Tree – photo of Sam and David Tree – photo owned by DSE
- [4.9.3] Marianne Betts, 'Trauma weighs on kids' minds', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 18, 2009, p. 10.
- Brenda McLennan, teacher at Kinglake Primary School – students Trey (11) and Lyric (9) and their parents, Debbie and Graham O'Shea died in the fires – students work featured in this newspaper article: Rachael Normington (10), Kaitlyn De Munk (10), Olivia White (11), Kobi Davis (10), Ben Hutson (10), Jess Nicol (11), Jessica Gorsuch (11), Daniel Roks (10)
- [4.9.4] Stephen McMahon, 'Lack of action on fire land', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 18, 2009, p. 11.
- Almost two-thirds of properties destroyed are yet to be cleared 100 days after the fires – Christine Nixon – John Brumby – opening of the temporary village at Marysville – complaints about the forms for victims
- [4.9.5] Editorial, 'Sam saves', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 18, 2009, p. 22.
- Sam the koala – David Tree - \$500,000 raised from sales of the photograph – world media attention
- [4.9.6] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 18, 2009, p. 25.
- About the red tape facing victims after the fires - Nixon
- [4.10.1] Norrie Ross, 'Roads couldn't cope with mass evacuation', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 19, 2009, p. 10.
- Royal Commission – Bruce Esplin – Rachel Doyle – confusing messages from CFA re stay or leave early policy – roads in certain fire areas cannot support mass evacuation
- [4.10.2] Norrie Ross, 'Judd gives kids a kick-along', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 19, 2009, p. 10.
- Chris Judd – visited Kinglake Middle Primary School – delivered \$27,000 of computer equipment from Visy – Kinglake Uniting Church – Bev Johns

- [4.10.3] Gary Morgan, CEO, Bushfire CRC, Letters, 'We can't talk to every survivor', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 19, 2009, p. 18.
- Re Dan Walsh referred to in [4.6.6] - Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre – interviewed more than 600 people and assessed more than 1300 properties
- [4.10.4] R. Rae, Carrum, Letters, 'Time for a united state fire brigade', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 19, 2009, p. 18.
- The MFB and CFA should amalgamate – savings in training, communications equipment, fire fighting equipment and uniforms
- [4.10.5] Cheryl Brown, Glen Waverley, Letters, 'People need help, not more red tape', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 19, 2009, p. 18.
- People gave generously to help fire victims – red tape is preventing this money getting to victims – this needs to be rectified – no more lame excuses
- [4.11.1] Norrie Ross, 'They didn't stand a chance', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, p. 15.
- Kinglake – Bald Spur Rd – Joan Davey (mother of Rob Davey) – Rob Davey (aged 36), Natasha (aged 33 – wife of Rob Davey), Jorja (aged 3), Aleis (8 months) – all died – CFA fireguard meetings – Deputy Chief Commissioner, Kieran Walshe – road blocks – Bernie Teague, Chairman, Royal Commission – police coming from Marysville may have breached 'stay or go' guidelines
- [4.11.2] Norrie Ross, 'Volunteer arson plea', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, p. 15.
- CFA volunteer – lighting of fires prior to Black Saturday – man, aged 20, arrested on 6 Feb – hoax calls to 000 – Melbourne Magistrates Court
- [4.11.3] Norrie Ross, 'CFA man in tort claim', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, p. 15.
- CFA volunteer – stolen cars – bushfire survivors – Geoffrey Graham Pearson, aged 55, charged – suspended from CFA – alleged fraud – Christine Pearson, aged 48, also charged – alleged couple stole cars valued at \$20,000 between 7 and 15 May
- [4.11.4] Tony Cutcliffe, 'Victims are not criminals', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, p. 31.
- Victims of Black Saturday treated like criminals at Royal Commission – stay or go policy failed – conflicting messages – on one hand politicians endlessly manufacture and project the heroism of CFA firefighters – CFA sprouts figures on strength and sophisticated equipment – impressively expensive, but otherwise useless helicopter, folk hero, Elvis – the truth is that there is very little all this manpower and technology can do to help people
- [4.12.1] Norrie Ross, 'It's against CFA rules but ... Sounding siren saved many lives', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 21, 2009, p. 18.
- Royal Commission – CFA group officer, Lou Sigmund – Boolarra, Gippsland – sounded siren – 29 houses lost – no-one died – Delburn Complex fires – lack of information and communication – road blocks – 000 – ABC radio
- [4.12.2] Elissa Hunt, 'Arson suspect bailed', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 21, 2009, p.18.
- Domenico Baltista, aged 47 – insurance fraud – Alexandra – Sen-Det Maree Bowman, Alexandra CIU – Magistrate Peter Reardon – Shepparton Magistrates' Court – RACV – Centrelink

- [4.12.3] Matt Read, Letters, 'Fire bureaucracy is a disgrace', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 21, 2009, p. 31.
- Matt Read – Kinglake – survivor – Murrindindi Council – permit fees for replacing 2 sheds – permits not needed – DHS difficult and no help – tools for tradies grants impossible to get
- [4.12.4] John Landy, Letters, 'Response is continuing', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 21, 2009, p. 31.
- John Landy – Bushfire Appeal Fund advisory panel - \$351 million raised - \$60 million disbursed to 2000 individuals and families – almost \$2 million to survivors each day
- [4.12.5] Jill Singer, 'Aunty got it wrong on fires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 21, 2009, p. 29.
- Peter Weeks – manager community radio UGFM – new station at Marysville – not an emergency broadcaster – why can't it be? – near midnight on Black Saturday ABC radio said that everyone in Marysville was safe (this was incorrect) – UGFM had more current information that the ABC – CFA website out of date – Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner the following day said Marysville townsfolk were safe at Gallipoli Park
- [4.13.1] Norrie Ross, 'Like 1500 atom bombs', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 22, 2009, p. 13.
- Royal Commission - According to fire expert, Dr Kevin Tolhurst, speaking at Royal Commission, total energy released by bushfires on Feb 7 was 'the equivalent of 1500 atomic bombs the size of Hiroshima' – Jack Rush
- Rob and Natasha Davey and their daughters, Jorja (3) and Alex (8 months), died in Baldspur Rd, Kinglake – Jillian Kane – Kevin 'Mick' Kane – Mick Ryan
- [4.14.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 22, 2010, p. 37.
- Cartoon shows a nuclear bomb exploding near a figure with a hose on the roof of a building – caption reads, 'The Victorian Bushfires were equivalent to 1500 Hiroshima Atomic Bombs – report'
- [4.14.2] Anthony Amis, Friends of the Earth, Collingwood, Letter, 'Sam's home is threatened', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 25, 2009, p. 20.
- Sam the koala is one of the few genetically pure koalas remaining in Victoria and South Australia – Sam needs to be released back into the Strzelecki forest where she belongs, when she is well
- [4.14.3] Kevin Healey, 'Horrors still haunting fire children', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 25, 2009, p. 15.
- Children who experienced Black Saturday are being plagued by nightmares, anxiety and behaviour problems – ACCESS ministries chief executive, the Rev Dr Evonne Paddison – Peter Wyatt, Kinglake Primary School Principal – specialist trauma psychologist Dr Rob Gordon, a consultant to the Victorian Emergency Recovery Plan and the Red Cross – Lauren Cooper, a Kinglake mum, and daughters, Brooklyn (aged 10), and Jordyn (aged 9)
- [4.14.4] Kelvin Healey, 'Farm aid is down to the wire', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 25, 2009, p. 15.
- Rebuilding of fences is being co-ordinated by Kilmore sheep farmer, Kevin Butler, and is called, Blaze-Aid – Peter Chiera – Chris McMillan

- [4.15.1] Norrie Ross, 'Tears for inferno town', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 26, 2009, p. 10.
- Royal Commission – Daryl Hull of Marysville told of his ordeal – a cowboy policeman faces disciplinary action for submitting an unedited submission to the Royal Commission – all officers' submissions have to be vetted according to Deputy Commissioner, Kieran Walshe – Dr Kevin Tolhurst dissatisfied with the time taken to produce fire prediction maps – Gallipoli Oval – IECC
- [4.15.2] Norrie Ross, 'My life turns a corner', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 26, 2009, p. 10.
- Tom Munro of Christmas Hills escaped the Black Saturday fires – was given another car donated and then done up by a program called Hand Brake Turn – Bruce Docker
- [4.15.3] Roslyn Shannon, Kinglake, Letters, 'It's not about statistics', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 26, 2009, p. 23.
- Re, 'Horrors still haunting fire children' see [4.14.3] – points out that parents were also badly affected – is critical of the 12 counselling sessions available – predicts a rise in marital breakups and family violence in winter 2009
- [4.15.4] Pauline Spierings, Flowerdale, Letters, 'Thoughtful deeds keep spirits up', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 26, 2009, p. 23.
- Thanks to those who donated to the bushfire victims
- [4.16.1] Norrie Ross, 'Fire alerts weren't issued', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 27, 2009, p. 5.
- Royal Commission – CFA warnings prepared, but not issued to warn people in Kinglake, Kinglake West, Strathewen, and Pheasant Creek – according to Serafina Munns, warnings were prepared by the Kangaroo Ground Incident Control Centre, but did not go out because the fire was being controlled by the Kilmore Incident Control Centre – Jason Lawrence, CFA Operations Officer – Rocky Barca, DSE – Greg Murphy, Captain Kilmore CFA – Stewart Kreltszheim – Jack Rush
- [4.17.1] George Lekakis, '\$100 slap for home owners', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 28, 2009, p. 2.
- The Black Saturday fires could be a factor that will trigger an increase in home and contents insurance policies – Brumby Government
- [4.17.2] Norrie Ross, 'Deadly dithering', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 28, 2009, p. 15.
- Royal Commission – national warning system via telephone, tv & radio – proposed bushfire alert system bogged down in red tape for 7 years – Tony Pearce, Director General of Emergency Management Australia – Bevan Gobbett, of Clonbinane, said that CFA members had up to 5 hours more warning than he had – Elvis
- [4.18.1] Norrie Ross, 'No refuge for 113 at home', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 29, 2009, p. 15.
- Royal Commission – CFA advice that people can defend a well prepared home has been shattered – of the 173 killed, 113 were found inside their homes – Phoenix Taskforce – Det-Insp, Paul O'Halloran – David Brown – Rees – Waller – IECC – Jason Lawrence, CFA Incident Controller, Kangaroo Ground
- [4.18.2] Adam Hamilton, 'Quinlan Stable rises out of the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 29, 2009, p. 76.
- Quinlan Stables in Drouin – lost some fencing, but no horses – Gary Quinlan – Debbie Quinlan – Greg Fustmato

- [4.19.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Reform urged for fire levy', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 30, 2009, p. 23.
- Fire services levy (that funds the fire services) unfair – levy only paid by those who insure their properties – those who don't insure get the fire service for free – fire services should be funded like emergency services such as the police and the ambulance – Coldstream Hardware owner, Mario Galteri – Henry Review of Australia's Taxation
- [4.19.2] Norrie Ross, 'Only 10 minutes to stop fire – expert', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 30, 2009, p. 20.
- Royal Commission – Dr Tolhurst – Kilmore fire was out of control probably 10 minutes after it started – CFA warning from Kilmore Incident Control Centre delayed – Leonie Hunter, CFA Information Officer – equipment failure – IECC – Jack Rush – CFA website
- [4.19.3] Peter Mitchell, 'Horror forces rethink', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 30, 2009, p. 20.
- Californian fire chiefs abandon 'stay and defend' policy after Victoria's Black Saturday fires – LA County Fire Dept spokesman, Michael Brown
- [4.20.1] (writer not known), 'Happy to be at home', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 31, 2009, p. 3.
- 3 koalas from the Taggerty fires that were taken to the Healesville Sanctuary were released yesterday – Healesville Sanctuary Director, John Gibbons
- [4.20.2] Samantha Amjadali, 'It isn't much, but it's yours, Victoria', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 31, 2009, p. 17.
- Students of Bhola Island, Bangladesh, raised \$800 for Victoria's bushfire victims – Fred Hyde
- [4.20.3] Ellen Whinnett, 'Fire town tees off', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 31, 2009, p. 17.
- Marysville golf club reopened yesterday – much work has been done to prepare the course, but the back 9 holes were still closed – golfing great Peter Thomson joined club members – Brendan Tobias – Barbara Muir – Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club President, Nick Jans - Grocon
- [4.20.4] Evonne Barry, Focus, 'Face to face with an inferno', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 31, 2009 pp. 79, 86-87.
- The story of 5 CFA crew from the Scoresby brigade who fought the fires on Black Saturday – Glen Bosua, 33 – Wayne Harrison, 58 – Simon McClure, 28 – Stuart Bluck, 28 – Sean Lane, 30 – Prof Sandy McFarlane, a psychiatrist (University of Adelaide), who interviewed over 500 firefighters after Ash Wednesday
- [4.21.1] Norrie Ross, 'Inferno alarm regret: Fire chief admits warning was late', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 2, 2009, p. 7.
- Royal Commission – the CFA's chief officer, Russell Rees, expresses deep regret for the late warnings – Rees said that Victoria needed to look again at fire refuges and bunkers – CFA web sites out of date – ABC relied on for emergency information – ABC producer, Samantha Stayner – Jack Rush – Ron McLeod – Craig Draper, Kinglake – Sharon Collins, Flowerdale – Peter Crook, Kinglake
- [4.21.2] Norrie Ross, 'Officer tells of life-death decision', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 3, 2009, p. 12.
- Royal Commission – Leading Sen-Constable, Ken Dwight, led a convoy of 200 people in cars from Marysville – hero policeman - he faces disciplinary action because his submission to the Royal Commission had not been vetted by the police command – Gallipoli Oval – Peter Collyer – Andrew Walker – Ian Hamill – Susan Pascoe – 000 – ESTA - Telstra

- [4.21.3] Leanne Dalla Bona, Callignee, Letters, 'Bushfire donations going up in smoke', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 3, 2009, p. 12.

Money from the bushfire appeal not getting to the victims so they can rebuild

- [4.22.1] Norrie Ross, 'As fires raged, our senior emergency officials were ... No Shows', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 4, 2009, p. 1 & 8.

Royal Commission – Supr Rod Collins, Emergency Response Officer said that senior emergency officials were missing on Black Saturday – Christine Nixon, Chief Commissioner of Police did not arrive at the command centre til 4pm and stayed about an hour – when Rod Collins left the IECC about 5pm, he had not seen Kieran Walshe, Deputy Police Commissioner, at all – Police and Emergency Services Minister, Bob Cameron, had not been seen either – SERCC – Emergency Management Manual Victoria – Melinda Richards, counsel for Royal Commission – Emergency Management Act – Julian Beach, QC, for SP AusNet

- [4.22.2] Norrie Ross, 'After a "monster" fire, CFA captain says ... We were left alone', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 4, 2009, p. 8.

Royal Commission – CFA Captain, David McGahy, at Strathewen, had difficulty understanding why he could not get help on Saturday, but it was totally beyond comprehension why no-one came to help on the Sunday – Peter Jenkinson

Dr Chris Harvey, who lost his home in Bald Spur Rd, Kinglake, where 15 of his neighbours died, blamed lack of fuel reduction

- [4.23.1] Liam Walsh, 'Disasters hit insurance costs', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 4, 2009, p. 64.

The Victorian bushfires and other national disasters around the world are likely to lead to increased insurance costs – reinsurance/reinsurers – Paul Allison, Chief Operating Officer, Guy Carpenter and Company

- [4.23.2] Margaret Egan, Flemington, Letters, 'Bushfire cop deserves better', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 4, 2009, p. 36.

Re, 'Officer tells of life-death decision', see [4.21.2] – points out that Sen-Constable Dwight should be 'entitled to tell it the way it was and not what suits Victoria Police'

- [4.23.3] Alan Young, Greensborough, Letters, 'Get your priorities right, Mr Overland', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 4, 2009, p. 36.

It is outrageous that Sen-Constable Dwight faces disciplinary charges for putting a personal report to the Royal Commission without submitting it through police channels

- [4.23.4] Voteline, Question, 'Did emergency services respond well to Black Saturday?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 4, 2009, p. 37.

- [4.24.1] Voteline, Result, 'Did emergency services respond well to Black Saturday?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 5, 2009, p. 51.

Total votes – 141: YES – 17%; NO – 83%
(24) (117)

- [4.24.2] Norrie Ross, 'Expert: lives could have been saved: Right words of warning', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 5, 2009, p. 40.

Royal Commission – Prof Douglas Paton of the University of Tasmania said that more specific warnings of the immediate danger could have saved lives – that people were confused about the 'stay or go' policy – Gallipoli Oval – Lisa Nichols for Royal Commission – Gary Livermore, SC, for State Government – Chris Casey

- [4.24.3] Nick Higginbottom, 'Cash for kids who lost parents', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 5, p. 40.
- \$7 million has been set aside by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund for the 48 children and young adults who lost one or both parents in the fires – Landy - Brumby
- [4.24.4] Kate Jones, 'New home rises from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 6, 2009, p. 27.
- John and Meredith Rischitelli of Kinglake are one of the first to start rebuilding their home – Murrindindi Shire Council
- [4.25.1] Mitchell Toy, 'Snow business helps town', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 7, 2009, p. 9.
- 2 ski hire businesses destroyed in the fires have reopened in portable buildings in Marysville – Derek Reynolds, owner, Lake Mountain Ski Hire – Lianne and Greg McEwan, owners, Cross Country Ski Hire – Kartia Wilson
- [4.25.2] David Hastie, 'Fireproofing bid', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 7, 2009, p. 9.
- Telepathx, a private operator, has proposed a network of electronic sensors across Victoria to detect bushfires, floods and mudslides – the system would alert authorities to a fire's exact location – James Eades, Chief Executive, Telepathx – Government spokesman, Tim Pigot – Essential and Emergency Services Sensory Network (EESN) - Rees
- [4.26.1] (writer not known), 'Lucky – you're with Amy', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 8, p. 7.
- 4 months after the Black Saturday fires, Maggie, the Burton's family cat, who had been given up for dead, was found alive 2km from their burnt out property in Chum Creek – Amy, Ben and Robert Burton
- [4.26.2] Grant McArthur & Peter Familiar, 'State's reputation at stake: Flu, violence, fires hit home', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 8, 2009, p. 9.
- The Victorian Chamber of Commerce (VECCI) is concerned that following the Black Saturday bushfires, attacks on Indian students, and the swine flu, Victoria's reputation as a safe place to visit and do business could be harmed – VECCI spokesman, Chris James
- [4.27.1] Kelly Ryan, 'A dictionary of names for koala', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 9, 2009, p. 3.
- Names for a newly born koala at the Healesville Sanctuary include suggestions based on the Black Saturday fires, such as Phoenix, Ashlee, Lucky, Smokey and Daghdha, the Celtic God of fire – Herald Sun photographer, David Caird – Hannah Hall, of Bairnsdale – Ronald Jolly – Clare Ingham Aurelius, from India – Simon MacKinnon – Carol and Brysen Cadle – Kerry Shaw – Eve Stratton, Cornwall, England
- [4.28.1] Gemma Jones, 'Families didn't get a cent from appeal: Inferno survivor begs for help', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 10, 2009, p. 7.
- Rod Liesfield of Marysville, who lost his wife and 2 sons on Black Saturday (Elizabeth, James, Matthew Liesfield), has complained about the lack of help – he plans to sue the Victorian Govt and Local Council for threatening to fine him if he removed bushfire hazards before Black Saturday – not enough quality counselling has been made available – the funds from the appeal are only now beginning to trickle through – NSW Premier, Nathan Rees – Fred Nile – Red Cross – Brumby Government – George Svigos, spokesman for State Government

- [4.28.2] Norrie Ross, 'Fire chief can't explain alert failures', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 10, 2009, p. 12.
- Royal Commission – Russell Rees, CFA Chief Fire Officer, admits communication of alerts breakdown – examples of breakdowns given – Jack Rush – Paul Hendrie, Kinglake CFA – Glen Fiske, Marysville CFA – David McGahy, Arthurs Creek CFA – lack of warning on day – Sharon McCulloch, owner of the Kinglake National Park Hotel
- [4.29.1] Norrie Ross, 'Fire advice DVD scrapped', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 11, 2009, p.13.
- Royal Commission – CFA Chief Officer, Russell Rees, agreed that a bushfire safety DVD, 'Living on the Edge' that told residents they would be safe in a well prepared home needed to change – so too did the 'stay and defend or leave early' message - Teague
- [4.29.2] Norrie Ross, 'Bendigo fire was lit', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 11, 2009, p. 13.
- Police believe that Bendigo's Maiden Gully fire on Black Saturday was deliberately lit – Phoenix Taskforce – Victoria Police, Asst Commissioner, Danye Moloney – Kevin 'Mick' Kane
- [4.30.1] Kelly Ryan, 'A sight for sore eyes', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 11, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Snow falls on Marysville and Kinglake – Bruce Nyholm – Louise Scott – Angela Davies - Grocon
- [4.32.1] Gemma Jones, 'Widower hits policy: Bushfire victim gets say', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 12, 2009, p. 22.
- After Rod Liesfield's criticisms appeared in the *Herald Sun* on June, see [4.28.1], he has been invited to speak to Bushfire Royal Commission lawyers – Red Cross – NSW Premier, Nathan Rees
- [4.32.2] Norrie Ross, 'A cluster bomb hit – CFA chief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 12, 2009, p. 22.
- Royal Commission – Illya Ananiev told of how his wife and 3 children fled from their St Andrews property on Black Saturday - Rees
- [4.32.3] Norrie Ross, 'Fire evokes apocalyptic film: It was like the end of the world', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 13, 2009, p. 21.
- Royal Commission – Anastasia Scott told her story of Black Saturday in Marysville – Cumberland Resort – Alan Ryan, of Marysville – Jillian Edwards, Mngr Strategy and Knowledge, Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Council
- [4.33.1] Stephen Drill, 'They put trees before people: Fire expert hits out over alarm delay', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 14, 2009, p. 34.
- Dr Kevin Tolhurst of Melbourne University said that authorities had their priorities wrong on Black Saturday – human life is always no. 1 priority – the people of Kinglake and Strathewen could have been warned at least 5 hours before the fireball roared through their towns – equipment failure – Leonie Hunter, CFA Information Officer – IECC – Serafina Munns – Jack Rush – Rees – why separate websites for the DSE and CFA for fires? – time line: How the day unfolded; summary of key events on Black Saturday concerning the issue of warnings
- [4.34.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 14, 2009, p. 87.
- Humour based on fire devastated areas now being covered in snow

- [4.34.2] Connie Pighin, Greensborough, Letters, 'Hope on horizon', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 14, 2009, p. 87.
- Re, 'Fireproofing bid', see [4.25.2] – writer supports the idea of sensors that detect fire, flood, etc
- [4.34.3] Shannon Deery, 'For snow business, it's all downhill from here', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 15, 2009, p. 11.
- Just under half a metre of natural snow blanketed bushfire-ravaged Lake Mountain
- [4.34.4] Norrie Ross, 'People are going to die', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 16, 2009, p. 18.
- Royal Commission – Andrew Willans tried to warn the CFA at Marysville of the impending fire – Marysville GP, Dr Lachlan Fraser was concerned about the lack of official information – Glen Fiske, Captain Marysville CFA – CFA's Communications Officer, Pauline Harrow – local radio – 3UG – Gallipoli Oval
- [4.35.1] (writer not known), 'What inspires a nation?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 16, 2009, p. 10.
- There is a photo of two women standing amidst a home presumably destroyed by the Black Saturday fires – one of the women, Laura from Delahey Vic, is captioned as saying, 'The ability of Australians to unite'
- [4.36.1] John Ferguson, 'They're ready to build', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 18, 2009, p. 29.
- 4 months after Black Saturday almost all of the blocks with houses destroyed by the fire have been cleared – Daniel Boardman and partner, Tracey Menz, of Marysville, intend to rebuild, but are waiting on insurance and new planning laws – Bill Shorten has visited Marysville 8 times – Chris Donald - Marylands
- [4.36.2] Norrie Ross, 'Fire centre idle as inferno razed town', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 18, 2009, p. 29.
- Royal Commission – CFA deputy group officer, David Cooper, said that a state of the art Incident Control Centre at Kilmore was not used – equipment failure – unqualified staff
- [4.36.3] (writer not known), 'Bushfire holiday', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 18, 2009, p. 30.
- About 350 women from bushfire ravaged communities are about to have a weekend away at the Cumberland Lorne Resort – the weekend will be subsidized by sponsors, so participants will pay only \$80 of the \$700 cost
- [4.37.1] Fiona Hudson, 'Arsonist worked for fire authority: Manager failed to disclose past, quits', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 20, 2009, p. 5.
- Penni Fisher, 38, Human Resources Manager at the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, who had failed to disclose a conviction for arson when she applied for the position, resigned yesterday – Nixon – Brumby – VBRRA Chief Exec, Ben Hubbard – Bridget Bourke
- [4.37.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Norman helps fire victims', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 21, 2009, p. 10.
- Greg Norman and his wife, Chris Evert, are to attend a celebrity golf fundraiser for Marysville Black Saturday victims – the event is to be held at Yarra Valley's Sebel Heritage Resort – other celebrities include Michael Klim, Nick Green, Tom Cruise, Katie Holmes, Grant Hackett, actor Shane Jacobson, comedians Andy Lee and Glen Robbins, champion jockeys Damien Oliver and Darren Gauci, former Hawthorn star Robert Dipierdomenico, V8 Supercar driver Mark Skaife, and musicians Jo Camilleri and Wilbur Wilde – Paul McNamee – Wayne Arthurs – Alicia Molik – Andrew Fox – Andrew Forrest

- [4.38.1] Anne Wright, 'By gum, it's so good to be home', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 22, 2009, p. 15.

Kingbilli Wildlife Rescue returned 4 koalas to the wild at Taggerty east of Melbourne at the weekend in its first release of fire affected animals – the koalas had suffered burnt paws and fur, and smoke inhalation – Sue Beebe – Georgina Beach

- [4.39.1] Norrie Ross, 'Where should I go, Mum?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 24, 2009, p. 22.

Royal Commission – Carol Matthews spoke of her son, Sam (aged 22), who died in their St Andrews home

- [4.39.2] Norrie Ross, 'Fires "like Dresden": Marysville blaze akin to carpet bombing', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 25, 2009, p. 24.

David Packham, research fellow in environmental science at Monash University, said he devised a formula in the 1990s to calculate the expected death toll on the worst fire danger days – he said that the 173 deaths were quite predictable – Marysville was devastated by a firestorm that could be likened to the bombing of Dresden in World War II – Dr Kevin Tolhurst – Karen Ward – Dwyanne Ward

- [4.40.1] Norrie Ross, 'Councils feared legal liability from bushfire havens: Risk rules out refuges', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 26, 2009, p. 23.

Royal Commission – local councils are resisting moves to provide fire refuges because they fear being sued if something goes wrong – Rob Spencer, Chief Exec, Municipal Assoc of Victoria, said that in 2001 the State Government refused to grant councils legal indemnity for fire refuges – Ash Wednesday – stay or go – Rachel Doyle – John Williams, agricultural engineer

- [4.40.2] Antonia Magee, 'World's smiths hammer out tribute', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 26, 2009, p. 23.

Artistic blacksmith, Paul Mills, is co-ordinating a team of local and international blacksmiths to create thousands of leaves for a memorial tree dedicated to Black Saturday victims – the tree will be 7m tall and made of copper and steel and stand in the Strathewen township

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- [5.1.1] Norrie Ross, 'Warning of fire danger ignored', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 27, 2009, p. 23.
- Many communities were ill prepared – stay or go – warnings that Feb 7 was going to be the worst fire risk in Victoria's history – community information programs not getting through – Co-operative Research Centre – no warning on the day
- [5.1.2] Kate Jones, 'We knew state was unprepared', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 27, 2009, p. 23.
- CFA State Duty Officer, Greg Patterson – Integrated Emergency Control Centre (IECC) inferior to the older State Emergency Co-ordination Centre – CFA, DSE, differences in cultures – DSE Chief Fire Officer, Ewan Waller – fire warnings on Feb 7 delayed because of bureaucratic process at IECC – Jack Rush, QC
- [5.1.3] David Hastie, 'Delay in bushfire payouts', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 28, 2009, p. 21.
- Families devastated by Black Saturday crying out for financial assistance - \$374m in Appeal Fund – only \$124m allocated so far – Vince Corniola of Dixon's Creek – John Landy
- [5.1.4] Vince Corniola, Dixon's Creek, Letter of the Week, 'More fire pain', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 28, 2009, p. 84.
- House destroyed was insured – farming and vineyard equipment lost worth \$200,000, not insured – Appeal Fund – John Landy – owners of principal home lost to receive \$50,000 – still waiting
- [5.2.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Shark's helping hand', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 28, 2009, p. 3.
- Greg Norman – Chris Evert – Aiden Buchanan – Rebecca Buchanan – celebrity golf and tennis day at Yarra Valley – worst natural disaster – New Orleans hurricane – Linfox Property Group boss, Andrew Fox – Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest – Sebel Heritage Resort
- [5.3.1] Ross Brundett, 'Norman and Evert touched by town's resilience: Sport's golden duo join fire fightback', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 29, p. 11.
- Greg Norman – Chris Evert, quote – Marysville – Greg and Lianne McEwan – Cross Country Ski Resort – golf and tennis charity day in the Yarra Valley
- [5.3.2] Aaron Langmaid, 'Going a fair way to feel the love', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 29, 2009, p. 11.
- Greg Norman – Chris Evert – visit Marysville – celebrity golf and tennis day at the Yarra Valley raised more than \$3m – Simon and Garfunkel – Barbara Muir of Marysville
- [5.4.1] Bessie McMahon, 'Why do we still suffer?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 30, 2009, pp. 26-27.
- Personal account – Bessie McMahon, 83 – bushfire hero – Harvest Café – St Vincent de Paul – temporary village not finished – Kinglake – Appeal Funds slow in getting through – Jim McMahon – Shining World Hero Award – Supreme Master Ching Hai International Association – some people say they would be better off if they had lost their homes
- [5.6.1] Norrie Ross, 'Home a deadly refuge', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 30, 2009, p. 20.
- Jacqueline Hainsworth – Tina Wilson, 36 – Krystal, 15, Nathan, 13, Teagan, 6, Wilson – Jackson, 7 – Pine Ridge Rd – Rob Ritchings – Ken Williamson

- [5.7.1] Norrie Ross, 'Bushfire help melts down', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 1, 2009, p. 20.
- Eight out of ten (of 12,819) calls to the Bushfire Information Line on Black Saturday were abandoned as the system went into meltdown – Centrelink – Rachel Doyle, described some of the problems as a 'comedy of errors' – Kathryn Venters, BVIL's customer services manager – DSE refitting call centre, funding issues – Kilmore East fire
- [5.7.2] J. Morrissey, Hawthorn, Letters, 'Government fire failures a concern', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 1, 2009, p. 33.
- Re Ken Williamson, 'Home a deadly refuge' June 30 [cannot find this letter] – one constant in the bushfire stories that is being treated as incidental – fuel reduction – factors on Black Saturday, drought, heavy fuel loads, unprecedented heat, wind speeds – only fuel reduction is within human control – fuel reduction and the Government's failure in this area more important than the blame game – is it too cynical to remember that governments never launch inquiries without ensuring what their outcomes will be?
- [5.8.1] John Ferguson, 'Chief of CFA to stay in job', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 2, 2009, p. 3.
- Rees set to be reappointed despite facing damaging criticism in the Royal Commission of his handling of Black Saturday – criticism: overseeing fire prediction, warning communities, preventing loss of life, his co-ordination role – stay or go – CFA chief Neil Bibby has quit – CFA Deputy Chairman, Claire Higgins defended Rees – anger within sections of the CFA re treatment of Rees – Brumby backs Rees – some believe Rees has been made a scapegoat
- [5.8.2] Di Padgett, Executive Officer, Cardinia Foundation, Pakenham, Letters, 'Why hold back \$200m in relief?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 2, 2009, p. 31.
- \$200m left in Appeal Fund – despite 'Why do we still suffer' [5.4.1] – Bessie McMahon – Hurricane Katrina – Brumby – Nixon – funds not getting through to those in need
- [5.8.3] Editorial, 'Feeling the heat', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 2, 2009, p. 32.
- No-one felt the responsibility of the Black Saturday fires more than CFA chief Russell Rees – he is a good man and should not be blamed for everything – those around him must accept responsibility as well – Victorians must learn from mistakes – Royal Commission must investigate without fear for favour – the public will be doing everything it can to prevent a repeat of Black Saturday – Rees and CFA must do the same – wrong to make Rees scapegoat for fires
- [5.9.1] John Ferguson, "'Flee and survive": Bushfire focus now on communications', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 3, 2009, p. 7.
- Life-saving neighbourhood safety zones are to be created in a historic approach to fighting bushfires – fire refuges – bunkers – won't be ready for this fire season – Government gives only limited support to mass evacuations – fire warnings – communications – Twitter – Facebook – 'stay or go' overhaul – Government will encourage home insurance – ABC – 000 – public education, especially for 'tree changers' – sirens – Allan Myers, QC, for the Government
- [5.9.2] Norrie Ross, 'Warnings the job of CFA chief - QC', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 3, 2009, p. 26.
- Rees – failure to ensure adequate early warning – Jack Rush, QC – Lisa Nicholls (assisting Royal Commission) – stay or go – what does leave early mean? – plain language warnings – use of the National Standard Emergency Warning System – Fire Danger Index – 000 – Bushfire Information Line
- [5.9.3] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 3, 2009, p. 41.
- Fire refuge – stampede for

- [5.10.1] Norrie Ross, 'Forget blame game on fires', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 4, 2009, p. 20.

State Government happy if no blame for Black Saturday directed at Victoria's fire services or their chiefs – Allan Myers, QC – Rees – fire prediction warnings – protection of lives – primary function of the Royal Commission is to make recommendations about how bushfires in Victoria should be dealt with in future – not enough time to build fire refuges, though some could be tested before coming fire season – National Standard Emergency Warning System – Michael Garner, for Telstra – Brumby – Facebook – Twitter

- [5.10.2] Name withheld, Gembrook, Letters, 'Don't blame the CFA volunteers', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 4, 2009, p. 29.

Royal Commission is necessary – don't blame the CFA volunteers

- [5.10.3] Grant McArthur, 'Praise for fire medical teams', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 6, 2009, p. 6.

Most victims either died or received minor injuries – there were fewer burns cases than expected – The Alfred Hospital, 20 patients – Royal Children's Hospital, 4 patients – Dr Peter Cameron, Alfred Hospital – Medical Journal of Australia – Royal Melbourne Hospital

- [5.10.4] Ken Dwight, Woods Point, Letters, 'Buck stops in only one place', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 6, 2009, p. 22.

Rees should not be scapegoat – if we need one it should be successive governments in Victoria over the past 20 years that have starved the CFA, police and DSE of resources – we have had Royal Commissions and nothing gets done because short-sighted governments won't commit the funds required

- [5.10.5] John Ferguson, 'As commission boils, Rees remains in the hottest seat', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 6, 2009, pp. 22-23.

Rees – under under unimaginable pressure – speculation that the Brumby Government would let Rees go before the 2010 election – Rees to be rehired – unrest in CFA at how Rees has been treated – Jack Rush, QC, scathing of Rees – negative publicity might deter volunteers from signing up or stay with the CFA – State relies heavily on volunteers – it would be impossible for the State to fully implement its new fire agenda before October – information campaigns for tree-changers – 'stay or go' overhaul – safety neighbourhood zones – refuges – bunkers – 000 – sirens – Ash Wednesday – mass evacuation – Brumby can still sack Rees if Royal Commission report an 'absolute stinker'

- [5.11.1] 'Tribute to our heroes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 7, 2009, p. 33.

Pride of Australia awards – finalists for outstanding bravery – Yorin Miller – John Kendrick – Ben Frichot – Christopher Wilson (reluctant hero)

- [5.11.2] Pride of Australia 2009 – Finalists, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 7, 2009, p. 34.

Emergency services – Raymond Rickards, CFA volunteer firefighter – Peter Robinson, CFA – Ian Hamill and Andrew Walker, police officers, Marysville

- [5.12.1] Norrie Ross, 'Refuges "frolic" denied', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 7, 2009, p. 13.

Brumby denies his government has gone on 'a frolic of its own' over fire refuges – Jack Rush, QC, said the Premier's policy came out of the blue and undermined the Commission's work – Bernard Teague refused to compel Brumby or the Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin, to give evidence about the plan – he ordered the Government to provide more details – Rush said the State and local governments had said it was impossible to set up fire refuges before next fire season – the delay was unnecessary – Rush said the Commission should set up a review mechanism to ensure its recommendations did not get lost in 'labyrinthine bureaucracy'

- [5.12.2] June Turnbull, Briar Hill, Letters, 'CFA should be overhauled', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 7, 2009, p. 23.

No matter how brave the firefighting men, the CFA needs a complete restructuring – astounding that Brumby intends pouring millions into updating the CFA and giving its command his full support – no warnings – we need the strongest possible leadership

- [5.12.3] Editorial, 'We honour our heroes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 7, 2009, p. 20.

Pride of Australia winners – unsung heroes – Black Saturday bushfires

- [5.13.1] Norrie Ross, 'Bushfire recovery a long haul – builder', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 8, 2009, p. 10.

Nixon – reconstruction will take years – just 80 building permits issued since Black Saturday – many residents will never return – Brian Welch, Director Master Builders Assoc – Canberra fires – Committee of Economic Development of Australia – Grocon completed clearing sites yesterday, 2 months ahead of schedule – Grocon Chief Executive, Daniel Grollo

- [5.13.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'It's too little, too late', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 8, 2009, p. 24.

Extra \$21m will be spent on burning off – Environment Minister, Gavin Jennings – reasons given for lack of burn off – Opposition spokesman, David Davis, said the Government was panicking in anticipation of the Royal Commission's interim report – Government has fallen short of its own target by about 17 per cent

- [5.13.3] Peter G. Kemp, Noble Park, Letters, 'Fires report needs to be honest', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 8, 2009, p. 36.

God help us if Brumby succeeds in having an insipid bushfire Royal Commission that fails to properly address faults and errors – applauds firefighters – Royal Commission must not be white-anted – fire-prediction mapping ignored

- [5.14.1] Ben Packham & Mark Buttler, 'Compo Greed', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 9, 2009, pp. 1-2.

About 7000 people have received Centrelink disaster recovery payments despite suffering no material loss or injury – payments made for trauma or for being forced to leave for 24 hours – Drew Adamson, volunteer firefighter – Burwood Hwy jammed as locals left Dandenong Ranges amid urgent CFA warnings – Bill Shorten – eligibility criteria designed to ensure quick payment – Liberal MP Fran Bailey – some people have taken advantage of the payments

- [5.14.2] Ashley Gardiner, 'Brumby wary of reform', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 9, 2009, p. 26.

Premier backs away from adopting all the recommendations of the Royal Commission – Brumby hits back at criticism he had pre-empted its inquiry by announcing changes to bushfire policy – Jack Rush, QC, critical of government – neighbourhood safer places – not possible to have refuges in place for next fire season – Rush criticises delays in providing refuges

- [5.14.3] Voteline, 'Should people whose homes were not destroyed give back their Black Saturday compo?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 9, 2009, p. 35.

- [5.14.4] Editorial, 'Fire bonus needs audit', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 9, 2009, p. 32.

Payments to families who left their homes for at least 24 hours need to be reviewed – subject to abuse – payments to those who lost family members, currently only for funeral expenses, is insufficient – there is surely a case to increase compensation to families who might not have lost their homes, but lost a breadwinner

- [5.14.5] Andrew Bolt, 'Memo to the commission: don't Rush to condemn', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 10, 2009, pp. 38-39.

Bushfire Royal Commission getting too big for its fireman's boots – Jack Rush, QC, savaged the Brumby Government – Rush forgets commissions advise, politicians decide in a democracy – Brumby announced improvements to warning systems – fire prediction services – neighbourhood safer places – 15 weeks before the next bushfire season – Esplin – Teague – Rees – Robert Manne, Professor of Politics at Latrobe University, wrote in *The Age* – Royal Commission is not undermined – it is free to decide what can be done better – no-one ever said, nor should they, that the commissioner and his counsel should run the state or have its recommendations slavishly followed – no-one elected these people

- [5.15.1] Norrie Ross, 'Anger at bushfire council's ban on removing roadside fuel: Death traps to stay', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 10, 2009, p. 11.

Pyalong Captain, Trevor Witham – Mitchell Shire Council will not allow residents to collect firewood without a permit – Cr Ross Lee – fuel loads made the fire so intense – fuel loads along roads are death traps – Cr Robert Parker – Cr Kevin Mulroney

- [5.15.2] John Ferguson, 'CFA angst over Chief's treatment', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 10, 2009, p. 11.

CFA raises questions about the way Rees has been handled at the Royal Commission – CFA Deputy Chairman, Claire Higgins – CFA Chairman, Kerry Murphy – Higgin's concerned that CFA was forced to hold 1202 briefs over 3 days to ready itself for the Royal Commission whilst still fighting fires

- [5.15.3] Ben Packham & Mark Buttler, 'Disgust at "bludgers" in fire rort', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 10, 2009, p. 25.

Victorians outraged at fire compo opportunists – Madeleine Bodycomb of Churchill decided not to claim the money – Danielle Lopes – exploitation of payments un-Australian

- [5.15.4] John Ridley, Warburton, Letters, 'Centrelink gave fires money away', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 10, 2009, p. 37.

Re 'Compo Greed' [5.14.1] – appalled at families who faced no risk claiming payments – Centrelink too keen to pay people with no real identification

- [5.15.5] Geoffrey McLennan, Warburton, Letters, 'Hurt by greed claim', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 10, 2009, p. 37.

Re 'Compo Greed' [5.14.1] – extremely disappointed because many deserving people received payments because they had to evacuate their families

- [5.15.6] Voteline, *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 10, 2009, p. 37.

Question: 'Should people whose homes were not destroyed give back Black Saturday compo?'

Total votes - 2021	YES - 38.4%	NO - 61.6%
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- [5.16.1] Ruth Lamperd, 'I thought my girl would never forgive me', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 11, 2009, pp. 4-5.

Jenny Clark (personal account) – Rebecca Buchanan – Mick Clark – Danny Clark – Aiden Buchanan – Mackenzie and Neeve Buchanan – Penny and Melanie Chambers – Callum Buchanan – The Alfred Hospital – Burns Care Co-ordinator, Yvonne Singer – Alfred Burns Unit Co-ordinator, Dr Heather Cleland – Global Care – Yea High School

- [5.16.2] Editorial, 'Pain still burns', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 11, 2009, p. 28.
- Greatest natural disaster in State's history – 155 days ago – Jenny Clark, 67 – Mick Clark – Aiden Buchanan – Marysville's lollyshop reopens today in a workers' lunch hut
- [5.18.1] K. Cook, Doncaster, Letters, 'Humiliate them', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 12, 2009, p. 81.
- People who have wrongly claimed and received Centrelink bushfire recovery payments should be publicly named and then face the full brunt of the courts
- [5.18.2] Stephen Drill, 'Girls uncover a burning ambition', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 12, 2009, p. 25.
- Karen Chamberlain – Katherine Webber – Nicole Marcon – CFA volunteer firefighters from Plenty Brigade – fought flames on Black Saturday – want more women to join CFA
- [5.19.1] Norrie Ross, 'Rating infernos', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 13, 2009, P. 4.
- Victoria might get a cyclone-style bushfire warning system – Teague – warning about fires that cannot be fought – Black Saturday compared to 1500 Hiroshima atomic bombs – Ash Wednesday – cyclone warnings run from 1-5 in terms of the destructive power of the expected winds – linked to 'stay or go' policy – community refuges – the CFA has signaled that its message 'people save houses and houses save people' will be altered or dumped
- [5.19.2] Dianne Senn, Avondale Heights, Letters, 'Compensation needs screening', *Herald Sun*, Monday, Monday, July 13, 2009, p. 25.
- Critical of bushfire payments by Centrelink – given without proof of identity
- [5.19.3] Gary King, Koo Wee Rup, Letters, 'City reserves in CFA restructure', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 13, 2009, p. 25.
- Finger pointing and talk of restructure of CFA – one option could be to have more brigades in the city to back up country ones
- [5.20.1] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Fire probe "unfair"', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 15, 2009, p. 4.
- Police Chief Commissioner, Simon Overland says emergency services personnel unfairly dealt with by the Royal Commission – Rees criticised at Royal Commission
- [5.20.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Safety plan on the table', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 15, 2009, p. 4.
- The State Government presented its plan to establish fire refuges before the next fire season to the Royal Commission – involves a pilot of up to 50 locations and will be run by the CFA – Government had been criticised by Rush for not giving details to and undermining the Royal Commission – Brumby
- [5.20.3] Georgie Pilcher, 'Church prays for cash to rebuild', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 15, 2009, p. 4.
- Anglican Rev Stephen Holmes – St Peters Church – 3 churches destroyed at Kinglake – none have received any money from the Appeal Fund – churches divided over whether they should receive funds or whether funds should go to the more needy – Catholic Father, Grant O'Neil – St Vincent de Paul – St Kliment's Macedonian Orthodox Monastery near Kinglake National Park was destroyed – Sam Ristovski said the Macedonian Orthodox community had raised \$6000 for the Appeal Fund and would appreciate some help – Appeal Fund spokesperson, Elizabeth Tuckey – Anglican parish member, Peter Crook

- [5.20.4] John Ferguson, 'Phone messages will alert us of fire danger: Warning to ring in ears', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 15, 2009, p. 3.
- Brumby – Optus – Telstra – proposed phone message warning system – lack of warning for bushfire victims – stay or go – on Black Saturday most victims died inside buildings
- [5.21.1] Ruth Lamperd, 'Bakers' burnt out shop rises again', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 16, 2009, p. 24.
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- CFA has lost 900 volunteers since Black Saturday, but has signed on 1400 – concern that those who have signed on might not stay long – concern at loss of highly qualified members – CFA Chairwoman, Kerry Murphy – concern that adverse publicity from the Royal Commission would deter people – CFA: 1200 paid staff and 60,000 volunteers – about half of the volunteers are firefighters – Rees to be rehired – lawyers for Brumby Government have urged the Royal Commission not to make adverse findings against Rees in its interim report – because not all evidence is available about his role on Black Saturday
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- Planned Burning – Public Consultation
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- Melbourne University fire behaviour expert Dr Kevin Tolhurst – controlled burns – early warning – less red tape from local councils – DSE – CFA – community refuges – Ray Holloway – Greg Rogers – Cameron Caine – Glenn McFadzean
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- [5.33.2] Kelly Ryan, 'Surgery for world's favourite koala', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 6, 2009, p. 5.
- Sam will have surgery today to remove cysts associated with Chlamydia – the disease has cut through Australia's koala population – Southern Ash Wildlife spokesman, Nic Pullen – Peita Elkhorne from TressCox Lawyers – David Tree
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- Absolutely devastating – I have tears in my eyes
- [5.37.7] Jeanette, Melbourne, Letters, 'So many tears shed for you', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 7, 2009, p. 36.
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- Centrelink staff who worked in the aftermath of Black Saturday are eligible to claim compensation for psychological trauma – Centrelink General Manager, Hank Jongen – Disaster Recovery Payments
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Summaries of key failings – promised action – warnings – evacuation – stay or go – incident management

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- CFA failed to warn communities of Kilmore East fire – failure to adequately staff Kilmore Incident Control Centre – CFA Captain, Gregory Murphy, underqualified to be incident controller – Rocky Barca, Deputy Incident Controller, Kangaroo Ground – quote, Tony Mann, Callignee resident
- [6.15.2] (writer not known), 'Fuel policy on agenda', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 9.
- Fuel reduction most frequent submission to the Royal Commission – Interim Report had little to say on the matter – Brumby said Government would release its own policy despite Royal Commission's failure to make recommendations – fuel quantity highest in a decade – 1939 fires the result of a fuel reduction burn which got out of control – green policies
- [6.15.3] Mark Dunn, 'Lax plans put students at risk', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 9.
- The number of students killed on Black Saturday would have been much higher if fire was on a school day – three schools were destroyed on Black Saturday – schools classified as refuges – Brumby – policies for schools need to be reviewed
- [6.16.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Callers left in terror', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 10.
- Commission findings – emergency warning signal not used – local sirens not encouraged – about 80% of calls to the Victorian Bushfire Information Line not answered – difficulty getting on to websites and out-of-date information on them – collapse of emergency phone systems – Brumby, '...that we never again see a repeat of February 7' – ABC
- [6.16.2] Stephen McMahon, 'There could be worse to come', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 10.
- Next summer could be worse than Black Saturday – Brumby – Bureau of Meteorology – Ash Wednesday – Black Friday – biggest problems, lack of rainfall, heavy fuel loads – fire expert, David Packham – backburning – Peter Ryan – quote, Attorney-General, Robert McClelland
- [6.16.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Race tracks for safe haven', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 10.
- Royal Commission report – race tracks, sports ovals, should be considered for use as bushfire refuges – bunkers – Victorians have nowhere to go – tourists and travellers affected – Brumby – neighbourhood safer places – Jack Rush, QC
- [6.17.1] Ruth Lamperd, 'Hope from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 11.
- Personal account – Bec Skepper – Craig Mecek – Kinglake East – Phoenix – Zander
- Personal account – Emma Smetham – Caspar Densem – Jonathan Densem – birth of Caspar in Shepparton
- Personal account – Naomi Krause – Janine Eigenraam – Tony Krause – Makayla Krause – Black Spur Motel and Caravan Park – quote, Janine Eigenraam, Narbethong
- [6.18.1] John Ferguson, 'Chopper ride opens a surreal vista: Life in a grave new world', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 13.
- View of fire-affected areas from the air – Kinglake – Marysville – Combs Rd – Pine Ridge Rd – Brian and Moiree Naylor – Bald Spur Rd – Steeles Creek – quote, Brian Welch, Exec Director, Master Builders' Association

- [6.19.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Doctor's fears of doom were unheeded: Calm before the firestorm', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, p. 15.
- Marysville doctor, Lachlan Fraser – 'stay or go' irrelevant at Marysville on Black Saturday – no information on fire – Dan Walsh, Marysville resident – CFA volunteer, John Munday – David Barton
- [6.20.1] In Brief, 'Out in force', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 16.
- Royal Commission report – number of CFA and DSE firefighters deployed on Black Saturday
- [6.20.2] In Brief, 'Not child's play', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 16.
- Royal Commission report – children should not be part of a fire plan to defend a property
- [6.20.3] In Brief, 'Annual updates', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 16.
- Royal Commission report – Federal Government to communicate with State agencies re support during disasters – Defence Dept – Emergency Management Australia – Attorney-General, Robert McClelland
- [6.20.4] In Brief, 'More to come', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 16.
- Another 28 weeks of public hearings for the Royal Commission – final report due July 31, 2010
- [6.20.5] In Brief, 'Aunty cops it', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 16.
- Royal Commission report – ABC filed out-of-date and inaccurate reports on Black Saturday
- [6.20.6] In Brief, 'Let people know', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 16.
- Royal Commission report – changes to warning systems – use of sirens – refuges – relocation
- 'Lift in limbo by stay-or-go plan', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, pp. 16-17.
- [6.20.7] p. 16 – Warren Rees, CFA volunteer
- [6.20.8] p. 16 – Pam Phillips and Greg Cherry, Marysville (journalist, Megan McNaught)
- [6.20.9] p. 16 – Tony Mann, Callignee (journalist, Megan McNaught)
- [6.20.10] p. 16 – quote, Pam Phillips, Marysville resident
- [6.21.1] p. 17 – MacDonald Family, Flowerdale – quote, Wayne MacDonald (journalist, Amelia Harris)
- [6.21.2] p. 17 – Jodie and Peter Thorneycroft, Kinglake (journalist, Matt Johnston)
- [6.21.3] p. 17 – Ron and Anne Sorraghan, St Andrews (journalist, Amelia Harris)
- [6.21.4] p. 17 – David McGahy, CFA Captain, Strathewen
- [6.22.1] Holier Than Thou, Nunawading, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
- People in fire-prone areas complaining about tree removal should remember that many trees were removed so they could live there
- [6.22.2] Carole Darling, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
- This whole thing is a joke – pity it isn't funny

- [6.22.3] Dave, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Avalanche shelters – warnings irrelevant
- [6.22.4] Will, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Warnings irrelevant – fuel reduction and local councils are the problems
- [6.22.5] Juleen Dickens, Flowerdale, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Sirens are needed to warn people
- [6.22.6] Jason, Melbourne, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Greenies get the blame – but what about the 45 degree temperatures, drought, and ridiculously strong winds
- [6.22.7] Soapbox Tim, Dandenong, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Wants to install a bunker – but council red tape will probably make it all too difficult
- [6.22.8] Johnno, Reality, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
To everyone blaming the Government and environmentalists – what about the 47 degree plus temperatures and 150km/ph winds?
- [6.22.9] LD, Melbourne, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Millions of dollars spent to state the bleeding obvious
- [6.22.10] cc, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Here we go again – let's blame 'extremist environmental policies' for lack of clearing – haven't we done enough clearing – if you want to live with the trees deal with the consequences – otherwise live in suburbia
- [6.22.11] Cam, Bundoora, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
The Royal Commission is a get-out-of-jail for the DSE – overrun with ecologists – we need backburning – prevention better than cure – Royal Commission looked at cures not prevention
- [6.22.12] Jay Gee, Central Victoria, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Disappointed in the Royal Commission – the elephant in the room is fuel reduction – fire needs fuel, ignition, oxygen
- [6.22.13] Have a heart, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Defends (Centrelink) payments to those who evacuated
- [6.22.14] Aaron, Wandong, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
What this proves is that we have learnt nothing – never again they say ... never say never because nothing has changed!
- [6.23.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
Applies the 'stay or go' policy to Rees' job as CFA Chief Fire Officer

- [6.23.2] Voteline, Question, 'Are you confident the Royal Commission report will protect us from another Black Saturday?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 28.
- [6.24.1] Editorial, 'Go early is safe option', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 30.
- Victoria could be facing its most dangerous summer – stay or go – Brumby Government – better communications – no compulsory evacuations – mandatory evacuation can cause chaos on roads – the Royal Commission made the observation that those who live in bushfire-prone areas must take responsibility for their own safety and those in their care – Brumby accepts most of the 51 recommendations, but not all
- [6.24.2] John Brumby, 'No time to lose preparing for next nightmare summer', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, pp. 30-31.
- Royal Commission Interim Report – summer could be worse than last year – Brumby, 'our aim is to do everything in our power to ensure a tragedy of this scale does not touch our State again' – better equipment for emergency services – improve communication and warnings – national emergency warning system – sirens – fire ratings – stay or go – greater emphasis on leave early
- [6.24.3] John Ferguson, 'Lest we forget', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, pp. 30-31.
- Royal Commission report accurate and fair – identified failures and acknowledged the natural catastrophe – Rees criticised – the central assumption that people can survive in well-prepared homes is dead – 113 out of 173 Black Saturday victims were sheltering in their homes – do Victorians want a blame game? – in many ways the fires have defined Brumby as a leader and a man – he has grown politically – Ted Baillieu – Henrik Vreulink, Strathewen survivor
- [6.25.1] Neil Mitchell, 'We need a bushfire dictator', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 31.
- We need a bushfire dictator – someone in charge – examples of appropriate dictators - Cyclone Tracey, Christmas Day, 1974 – Major-General Alan Streeton – Cyclone Larry in 2006, Major-General Peter Cosgrove
- [6.26.1] Paul Anderson, 'Accused firebug appears in court', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, p. 22.
- Brendan Sokaluk, 39 – accused of lighting Churchill fire – appeared at Melbourne Magistrates' Court – Magistrate Amanda Chambers – no application for bail – remanded in custody til September 15
- [6.27.1] (writer not known), 'Black Saturday shake-up as fire chief warns: Nowhere is safe', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 1.
- Victorians have been warned that the State is in extreme danger from bushfires – Police Chief, Simon Overland – Rees
- [6.28.1] Nick Higginbottom, 'Extreme fire fear for our State: Danger zones put on notice', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Diagram of 52 town at risk this summer – Dandenong ranges – Bendigo – Ballarat-Macedon – Rees – danger zones based on topography, fuel loads and population – Ash Wednesday, 1983 – Fairhaven, Anglesea, Lorne – Rye, Blairgowrie – Mallacoota – residents in some towns blame the Government for not ordering backburning – impact on tourism – Steve Waixel, President of the Mallacoota Business and Tourism Association – Lewis Stone, resident of Inverloch – Natasha Holgate, owner of Keatings Hotel in Woodend – Brumby – Carolyn Greene, who runs the Wye Beach Hotel – Eileen DeSanto, of Breamlea

- [6.30.1] Terry Brown, 'Perfect setting for a disaster', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 6.
- Aireys Inlet – Ash Wednesday, 1983 – Otways National Park – Hector Moor, 82 – Moggs Creek – Seachangers – Treechangers – backburning a symbolic gesture only – Inlet Hotel publican, Mark Jaska – Surfcoast Shire – a man from Fairhaven fined \$5000 for pruning 10 branches off a tree
- [6.30.2] John Ferguson & Stephen McMahon, 'Buck will stop with one person: At last a plan for fire chaos', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, pp. 6-7.
- Police chief, Simon Overland – one person now in charge – CFA Chief Fire Officer – Integrated Emergency Co-ordination Centre – CFA, MFB, SES, DSE – Rees – Brumby – Ewan Waller – diagram of proposed chain of command
- [6.31.1] John Ferguson, 'Brumby must take lead', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 7.
- Brumby Government – Rees – lack of consistency between Brumby and Rees on who would be in control – hurting Government image – Simon Overland review – accountability – IECC
- [6.32.1] Quotes (top of pages), *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, pp. 32-33.
- Royal Commission report – Rees – Bec Skepper, Kinglake East – Lachlan Fraser, Marysville doctor
- [6.32.2] Danny Bridle, via Woodside, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 32.
- Good to see Russell Rees reappointed as CFA chief – he is the best and only man for the job
- [6.32.3] Mark Kirk, Sunshine, Letters, 'Passing the buck', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 32.
- Sick of buck passing
- [6.32.4] Jet Kent, Werribee, Letters, 'Where is the minister?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 32.
- How many Victorians must perish before our two fire agencies can work together? – where is the invisible Minister for Police, Bob Cameron? – cowering under Brumby's skirt?
- [6.32.5] Coke Tomin, Camberwell, Letters, 'Blame shared with people', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 32.
- Royal Commission Interim Report – nobody in charge – unelected Brumby has reappointed Rees, who was heavily criticised by the Royal Commission – again, poor judgment by Brumby
- [6.32.6] Alex Bowles, Molesworth, Letters, 'Forests made into fire zones', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 32.
- Misuse of land the fundamental problem – we have turned rainforests into burning lands – Royal Commission did not mention this
- [6.32.7] J. Morrissey, Hawthorn, Letters, 'Reorganise CFA management', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 32.
- Critical of Government and CFA command structure – Brumby more interested in public image than crisis management

- [6.32.8] Don Jewell, Cannons Creek, Letters, 'Why are fire chiefs still there?', *Herald sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 32.

After the Royal Commission Interim Report, why are Rees and Waller still there? – but then unelected Brumby still has his job

- [6.32.9] Anne Josefsberg, Balwyn North, Letters, 'Listen to the advice of locals', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 32.

We have learned very little from Black Saturday – Brumby shifting blame – poor leadership and lack of vision made a natural disaster worse – backburning – forthcoming State election

- [6.32.10] Vox Pop, 'Does the Black Saturday Royal Commission's scathing criticism of senior emergency officials surprise you?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 32.

Ken Hughes, 53, Melbourne: No – Dearne German, 36, Mt Eliza: No – Rod Martin, 45, Mt Evelyn: Yes, freak of nature, fuel reduction – Annette Lane, 40, Melbourne: No – Ingrid Hughes, 53, Southbank

- [6.33.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 33.

Bulldozer clearing a block of land completely for the coming fire season

- [6.33.2] Glen Garden, Drouin, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 33.

Re 'Nobody was in charge' [6.9.1] – photograph for headline was of a crew that saved many lives on that day – the Royal Commission and the media need to know more about the 700 plus fires that were dealt with successfully on Black Saturday

- [6.33.3] Haynzy, Bundoora, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 33.

It's time to get off the country firefighters' backs – put yourselves in their position on Black Saturday

- [6.33.4] Cate, Templestowe, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 33.

Does Justice Teague know how to use a fire truck? – I hope so, as us volunteers are sick of being slapped in the face and many are walking away

- [6.33.5] Carolyn, Werribee, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 33.

Using Russell Rees as a scapegoat makes those who ought to be accountable look like bigger mongrels

- [6.33.6] Frosty, Frankston, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 33.

The Government should consider reinstating the Forest Commission and staffing it with people qualified in forest management

- [6.33.7] Deborah Gray, Malvern, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 33.

So what is your plan if a plane crashed into your office or a fireball hit your house? – don't know, or not sure? – we can't always plan for disasters – nor should we blame people over human tragedy

- [6.33.8] Voteline, Result, 'Are you confident the Royal Commission's report will protect us from another Black Saturday?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 34.

Total votes – 621	YES – 8.8%	NO – 91.2%
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- [6.34.1] Editorial, 'His test is yet to come', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, p. 34.

Confusion over who will be in charge – Brumby says Rees – Rees awaits the outcome of a review – Police Minister, Bob Cameron might be in charge – what is the role of Ewan Waller? – the Review conducted by Police Commissioner, Simon Overland, has apparently decided that the CFA Chief Officer will be in charge – Government in damage control – Royal Commission does not make anyone a scapegoat

- [6.34.2] Andrew Bolt, 'Gaping black hole in fire report', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, pp. 34-35.

Quote, A brutal question: which parts of our forests are at least risk of burning this season? – Answer: the bits burnt out last summer

This week's Interim Report ignores the one thing that most people writing to it said would save lives – not one of its 51 recommendations mentions fuel reduction burns – 485 submissions were received on fuel reduction – it's astonishing that the Royal Commission said it's recommendations on fuel reduction must wait til next year – why?

Bolt argues that three things make this odd – one: fuel reduction burns save lives – two: fuel reduction has been identified repeatedly by past inquiries, such as the 1939 Royal Commission into Black Friday; the 1984 Ash Wednesday Inquiry; the 1992 Auditor-General's report; the 1994 CSIRO report on fire management; the inquiry into our 2003-2004 fires; the 2003 report for Nillumbik residents on Kinglake; the 2008 report by State Parliament's environment and natural resources committee, which called for a tripling of reduction burns

Christine Fyffe, a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee warns we still may not have learned our lesson on backburning – Brumby

- [6.36.1] Cheryl Claney, Flowerdale, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 36.

Fires need several things to burn – ignition source and fuel – reduce fuel and this is one part of reducing infernos

- [6.36.2] Vic Smythe, Bairnsdale, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 36.

Rees is accused of management failure on Black Saturday by the Royal Commission – surely Brumby is guilty of some failure by reappointing Rees before the Interim Report was released

- [6.36.3] Peter Joyce, Mt Martha, Letters, 'First rule is to put someone in charge', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 36.

Brumby – 6 months after the bushfires still deciding who should be in charge – we didn't need a Royal Commission to tell us someone should be in charge – Brumby more interested in photo opportunities than leadership

- [6.36.4] Greg Jones (ex-CFA volunteer), Emerald, Letters, 'Rees does not deserve flak', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 36.

Criticism of Rees unwarranted – all CFA members should be praised – criticism should be aimed at the process, not the people

- [6.36.5] Malcolm Traill, East Kew, Letters, 'Amateurish performance', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 36.

Brumby – Rees – Waller – showed no signs of professionalism – if 50% of CFA activity is preparation and anticipation, its chief officer failed in all aspects – long-term – short-term – on the day – doing one's best is not good enough

- [6.36.6] Lin Stacey, Williamstown, Letters, 'Bunkers can save lives', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 36.

Evacuation and relocation are meaningless in the case of fires like Black Saturday – underground bunkers in homes would have saved lives

- [6.36.7] John Withers, Lara, Letters, 'Stay-or-go plan will be the same'. *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 36.

After all the talk, expect the 'stay-or-go' policy to remain the same – Brumby

- [6.36.8] Ron Fischer, Sebastopol, Letters, 'When do we decide to leave?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 36.

Re 'Go early is the safe option' [6.24.1] – when do we decide?

- [6.36.9] Peter Baulch, Baxter, Letters, 'Let land owners protect properties', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 36.

Brumby asked to permit fuel reduction on private land – must not be prevented from doing so by councils and regulations

- [6.36.10] In Brief, 'Bushfire man found dead', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 20, 2009, p. 29.

The body of Hendrik 'Hank' Vreulink was found in Tallarook, near Seymour, yesterday – he had been struggling to adjust since escaping bushfires in Strathewen

- [6.37.1] Geoff, Whittlesea, Letters, 'Children scared of summer', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 21, p. 36.

Children affected by bushfires – unable to sleep – scared of summer – kids won't talk to social workers or anyone else about it

- [6.37.2] Simon Purser, Lower Plenty, Letters, 'Plenty of warning', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 21, p. 36.

Fire plan for those who live in the bush – your house may well burn down – if you haven't got a fire-proof bolt hole, you'll probably die – you should take out house insurance

- [6.37.3] Annie Jordon, Ashburton, Letters, 'Find safety underground', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 21, p. 36.

Underground bunkers save lives – bushfire donations could subsidise their installation

- [6.37.4] J. Baldacchino, Warragul, Letters, 'Restore burn orders to CFA', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 21, 2009, p. 36.

The only way to stop a repeat of Black Saturday is to allow regular backburning – too much time has been wasted this year in laying blame rather than preventing a re-occurrence

- [6.38.1] Padraic Murphy, 'Tribunal orders farmer to replant firebreak: Clearing fuels a fiery debate', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 22, 2009, p. 4.

Jo Van Gaal of Langsborough – has lost an 18 month battle Wellington Shire Council over clearing his block – initially instructed to clear the land by the council's fire prevention officers – he received a \$550 fine in early 2007 – VCAT ordered the replanting of 8ha – Anne Collins, Langsborough resident – Federal MP, Fran Bailey slammed the Royal Commission Interim Report for failing to address fuel reduction

- [6.39.1] Name withheld, Broadford, Letters, 'Burning issue', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 23, 2009, p. 84.

Why did the Interim Report of the Royal Commission not mention fuel reduction in its 51 recommendations? – fuel is an essential ingredient in a bushfire – everyone knows that

- [6.39.2] J.T., Lorne, Letters, 'Hot under collar', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 23, 2009, p. 84.

Could not believe a Fairhaven man could be fined \$5000 for pruning 10 branches on a tree see [6.30.1] – more so in a bushfire hot spot

- [6.39.3] G.H., Viewbank, Letters, 'Let down', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 23, 2009, p. 84.

Time to cut the talk – the Brumby Government policies and systems let down Victorian residents and numerous businesses before, during and after Black Saturday

- [6.39.4] Wendy Hargreaves, 'Fires spur Lakers', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 23, 2009, p. 11.

Kinglake Football team players, Jacob Sibenaler and Gavin Hodgson – Kinglake Football Club celebrates its most successful home-and-away season in more than a century – Cameron Caine, Club President – Brumby – Nixon – Peter Garrett – Ross Buchanan

- [6.39.5] Stephen Drill, 'Stress, bullies are on the rise', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 23, 2009, p. 19.

Teachers seeking counselling, some of which is due to stress caused by students who were bushfire victims – Australian Education Union State President, Mary Bluett – Bronwyn Pike

- [6.40.1] Anne Wright, 'Fire-hit town excited by a grand prospect', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 24, 2009, p. 5.

Cameron Caine – Kinglake Football Club seniors won their qualifying final yesterday against Seville – Brent Gallichio celebrated his 100th goal – coach, Mick Nott – Kinglake seconds still in finals

- [6.40.2] Priorities, Keilor East, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 24, 2009, p. 26.

How unfair that people expect Brumby to concentrate on the Royal Commission report, when he has to worry about new sports stadiums, the Albert Park Grand Prix and perhaps the World Cup Soccer

Folder 7: 25 August 2009 – 29 October 2009

- [7.1.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Expert tells commission: Bunkers vital in bushfire areas', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 25, 2009, p. 13.

Bunkers should be compulsory – Building Commissioner, Tony Arnel, said many bunkers on the market could be dangerous – standards for bunkers should be developed – Judy Frazer-Jans of Marysville, developed a sprinkler system – environmental engineer, Aaron Gingis, said bushfires could be avoided by using cloud-seeking technology

- [7.1.2] Brendan Roberts, 'Cyclist could help solve fire mystery', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 25, 2009, p. 13.

Taskforce Phoenix – Det Sen-Sgt Andrew Kerr – a cyclist seen near a bushfire in the Bendigo and Maiden Gully areas on Black Saturday could hold key information on how the fires started

- [7.1.3] Geraldine Mitchell & Nick Higginbottom, 'Commission hears bunker concerns: Fire survivors risk rebuilding', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 26, p. 22.

Rebuilding risky – Standards Australia – new building standards rushed through – Mark Chladil, Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council – 'flame zone' – Mr Chladil not in favour of bunkers – Standards Australia Chairman, Barry Eade, does not favour bunkers – Building Commissioner, Tony Arnel, called for bunkers [see 7.1.1] – Brumby said the Government would not develop bunker standards without recommendations from the Royal Commission

- [7.2.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Building a future is their top goal', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 26, 2009, p. 7.

Loki Wasley, 6 – Tamara Wilson, 7 – Marysville has 45 new homes – Australian Flags – Gallipoli Park – Football Club history – Bill Metcalfe, secretary of the new formed Marysville and District Football and Netball Club – ex-AFL stars, Fraser Gehrig and Damian Monkhorst – Alan Walker – Bill Sund, 83 – Sue Gleeson, 50

- [7.2.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Code won't stop fire deaths: Danger always there – chief', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 27, 2009, p. 16.

Australian Building Codes Board, General Manager, Ivan Donaldson – no building code can protect a home – codes can only reduce danger – CSIRO research scientist, Justin Leonard, said the new building code, rushed through after Feb 7, was less effective than the 1999 Standard – Wayne Haggard of Kinglake – Brumby – Linda Haggard – insufficient warning of fire

- [7.2.3] (writer not known), 'Fire helper stolen', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 27, 2009, p. 7.

Earth moving machine used in the bushfire recovery program has been stolen from the Kinglake area

- [7.2.4] Meaghan Kollmorgen, Cockatoo, Letters, 'Volunteers put lives on the line', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 27, 2009, p. 31.

Horried at the criticism of the CFA – finger should be pointed at local government and Vic Roads – get the fuel off the ground and clear the roadsides – all roads in the hills are death traps

- [7.3.1] Terry Brown, 'My dad, he's my hero', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 28, 2009, p. 15.

Bruce Maya, of Labertouche received Father of the Year Award – Jack Maya, 12 – Lucy Maya, 10 – Governor David de Krester – Narelle

- [7.3.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Better homes not the key to fire survival', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 28, 2009, p. 15.
- Juliet Moore, of Kinglake, said arguments over building standards were a waste of time – houses will be destroyed in fires like Black Saturday – Brian Naylor – Poncho – Priscilla Wakefield - bunkers
- [7.3.3] Bernie Bourke, Balliang, Letters, 'Three ways to save lives in fires', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 28, 2009, p. 46.
- Brumby – roadsides must be cleared – allow locals to do so
- [7.4.1] Kate Jones, 'Biggest battle for family of fighters', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 29, 2009, p. 24.
- Matt Temby has inoperable thyroid cancer – Steve Temby
- [7.4.2] (writer not known), 'Fire heroes ready to go totally wild', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 30, 2009, p. 30.
- Neil Morgan – Wildlife Rescue Emergency Services – koalas ready to go back to the wild
- [7.4.3] Stuart Daly, Principal, Oatlands Primary School, Letters, 'Be positive', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 30, 2009, p. 84.
- Re 'Stress, bullies are on the rise' [6.39.5] – appalled at journalist Stephen Drill's support for his argument that older teachers bully younger teachers
- [7.4.4] M. Sidwell, Bacchus Marsh, Letters, 'For love of country', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 30, 2009, p. 85.
- Suggests members of CFA and SES receive some type of tax relief
- [7.5.1] Stephen McMahon, 'Be warned, mega-fire will be killer', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 31, 2009, p. 2.
- New fire warnings to be unveiled tomorrow – Brumby Government – traditional cyclone warning system – new category of 'mega-fire' – Brumby will today formally accept all 51 recommendations of the Royal Commission – neighbourhood safety zones – new rules allowing residents to clear vegetation, including trees around a house
- [7.5.2] Editorial, 'Real action on bushfire', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 31, 2009, p. 24.
- Previous governments have failed to act decisively – Brumby expected to agree to all 51 recommendations of the Royal Commission – community safer places – new rules to allow the clearing of property to be announced today – new mega-fire rating – stay or go
- [7.5.3] Matt Johnston, 'In 57 days, a bushfire season potentially worse than last year begins: Race to build refuges', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 1, 2009, p. 17.
- Bushfire season starts in 57 days – Government will struggle to set up refuges in all 52 high-risk areas – Royal Commission recommended 'safer places' be set up – Government endorsed the 51 recommendations yesterday – Brumby – mega-fire/red catastrophic warning – clearing vegetation around homes – this year's fire conditions could be worse than last year – Environment Minister, Gavin Jennings – fuel reduction on roadways
- [7.6.1] Steve Perkin, In black & white, 'Firey's fully charged miracle', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 2, 2009, p. 14.
- Ben found the mobile phone he lost on Black Saturday

- [7.6.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Black Saturday lesson: Survivor tips five fire plans' *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 2, 2009, p. 16.
- Personal account – Jim Baruta of St Andrews
- [7.6.3] Megan McNaught, 'CFA hit by heavy fire truck fiasco', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 3, 2009, p. 13.
- New fire trucks are about 110kg heavier than the maximum safe weight – Firefighters Union spokesman, Greg Pargeter – complete balls-up – CFA Operations Manager, Gary Weir – Ted Baillieu
- [7.6.4] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Chopper moved to smaller fire', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 3, 2009, p. 13.
- Andrew Graystone, a DSE State Duty Officer – redirected a chopper from the Bunyip Ridge fire to the Dandenongs near his house – Ron McLeod
- [7.6.5] Stephen McMahon, 'Brumby "ignored" advice', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 4, 2009, p. 12.
- Brumby – accused of failing to act on 25 key recommendations, including upgrading triple 0 system – refuges – reports from 2002-2008 – Ted Baillieu
- [7.7.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Fire maps vanish', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 4, 2009, p. 7.
- Fire prediction maps disappear – CFA State Co-ordinator, Geoff Conway – Rees – Jack Rush, QC - IECC – CFA Operations Manager, Peter Baker
- [7.7.2] Bill Duncan, Kinglake, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 5, 2009, p. 83.
- Re 'CFA hit by heavy fire truck fiasco' [7.6.3] – critical of the limited maximum load capacity of the new fire trucks
- [7.7.3] Denise Hutchinson, Doreen, Letters, 'Red tape fires up fire survivors', *Herald Sun*, Monday, September 7, 2009, p. 24.
- New building regulations making it very difficult to rebuild – more and more residents are giving up and moving away – on Black Saturday it didn't make any difference what your house was made of
- [7.7.4] John Ferguson & Michael Harvey, 'Bushfire trauma warning', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 8, 2009, p. 4.
- John Landy is standing down as Chairman of the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – says don't underestimate the trauma of Black Saturday – will be replaced by Pat McNamara – Brumby – Appeal Fund raised \$386m so far – early warning system based on mobile phone locations – Federal Attorney-General, Robert McClelland – current system based on billing addresses
- [7.7.5] Editorial, 'Hail a team forged in fire', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 9, 2009, p. 30.
- Kinglake Football Club will play in Grand Final this Saturday
- [7.8.1] Terry Brown, 'Kinglake pushes through pain to snare grand final birth: Ravaged town fires up', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 9, 2009, p. 9.
- Craig Lovic – Adam Butterworth, Vice Captain – Jayden Butterworth, 17 – Brett Robinson – Kevin Smith – Kinglake will play Olinda-Ferny Creek this Saturday – Kinglake coach, Mick Nott – Ross Buchanan – Neeve and Mackenzie Buchanan – Danny – Club President, Cameron Caine

- [7.8.2] Megan McNaught, 'Sam to become people's koala', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 10, 2009, p. 2.
- Sam the koala – Environment Minister, Gavin Jennings – DSE opposed Mary-Ann Martinek's trade mark application 'Sam the Koala' – Government will apply for the trademark itself – Mr Tree – Sam's body will be displayed in Melbourne Museum
- [7.8.3] Pete Sands, Monbulk, Letters, 'Greens neglected roadside fuel', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 10, 2009, p. 28.
- Brumby – fire-safety proposals – criticism of fuel reduction policies of greens and councils
- [7.9.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'No effort to tell public', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 10, 2009, p. 16.
- Royal Commission – CFA Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Steve Warrington – IECC – Jack Rush, QC – information not given to public – deaths in backyard bunkers – 113 died inside their houses
- [7.9.2] Herald Sun, 'Soaring ahead with the news', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 11, 2009, p. 4.
- Pacific Area Newspaper Publishers' Association Awards (PANPA) – the Herald Sun picked up the top award in the Cause-Related Marketing Category for its Black Saturday bushfire campaign involving Sam the Koala, which helped raise thousands of dollars for victims
- [7.9.3] Mark Dunn, 'Council claim inflames me', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 11, 2009, p. 39.
- Criminal lawyer, Alastair Grigor – City of Whittlesea refuses to pay compensation for public road laid on his property without permission – Coombs Rd – Brian Naylor – looting and vandalism – Whittlesea Shire Chief Executive, David Turnbull
- [7.10.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Heroes recall their horrors', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 11, 2009, p. 34.
- Ashraf Doos – Jay Jonas, 9/11, survivor and US firefighter – Marysville – John Howard – Josephine Harris, a survivor of 9/11 – Mike Warchola dies in 9/11
- [7.10.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Power company warns of hazards', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 11, 2009, p. 34.
- Royal Commission – Ken Gardner, a director of Energy Safety Victoria – said he believed electricity asset failures started the Beechworth and Horsham fires on Feb 7 – fuel reduction near power lines a problem – proposal to cut electricity supply on some fire danger days – difficult trade off because power needed for fire pumps and communications
- [7.11.1] Matt Johnston, 'Tourist town will rise from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 11, 2009, p. 35.
- Brumby – plans to return Marysville to a tourist mecca – VBRRA – Nixon – urges patience in rebuilding – details of the proposed bushfire index
- [7.11.2] Megan McNaught, 'Mack will always skate with us', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 11, 2009, p. 35.
- Jacqui Graham – Aiden Buchanan – Mackenzie and Neeve Buchanan – plans to build a skate park as a tribute to Mackenzie – Melbourne Water, Regional Benefits Grants Program, will provide funding – pipeline

- [7.12.1] John Ferguson, 'Let's celebrate the real heroes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 12, 2009, pp. 12-13.
- CFA volunteers Cathy Harrison, Jeanie Van Den Boogaard – Wonga Park CFA – Captain, Rohan Thornton – Mick Keating – Andrew Wright – Tim Cochrane – Rhys Dougherty–Cowell – Andy Oxley – Luke Thomas
- [7.13.1] John Ferguson, 'Time to respect our volunteers', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 12, 2009, p. 13.
- Brumby – recognition of volunteers – police chief, Simon Overland – Rees – after Black Saturday fear that there would be a drop-off in CFA volunteers – but more people have joined than left since February – Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin
- [7.13.2] Kate Jones, 'Helping is family business', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 12, 2009, p. 13.
- Captain Gary Richardson, Chiltern Fire Brigade – Community Emergency Response Team
- [7.13.3] Editorial, 'Be a volunteer', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 12, 2009, p. 84.
- The Herald Sun urges people to volunteer for the CFA, SES and other organisations
- [7.13.4] William J. Loy, Bonbeach, Letters, 'Fire danger is all around us', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 12, 2009, p. 83.
- Fuel reduction is needed in many parts of Victoria – councils and other authorities need to lift their game
- [7.13.5] Helen Leach, Bendigo, Letters, 'State's reluctance fuels safety risk', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 12, 2009, p. 83.
- Fuel reduction – Victorian Government sitting on its hands – Brumby – previous inquiries – only 40% of necessary burnoffs undertaken
- [7.14.1] John Hamilton, 'Fire in their hearts', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 13, 2009, p. 25.
- Michael Nott, coach – Ross Buchanan – Rudd – Maggie Mulvey – Kinglake Football Club loses grand final against Olinda (90-78) – Cameron Caine, Club President – Jim Stynes, Melbourne Football Club President – Michael Wilson – Neeve and Mackenzie Buchanan
- [7.15.1] Kate Jones, 'Let's be in tune with volunteers', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 13, 2009, p. 10.
- Scott Owen – Chris Cheney from the Living End – supporting a state-wide campaign to support Victoria's emergency services volunteers – actor Vince Colosimo and former North Melbourne champion Glenn Archer are ambassadors for the program – Cricket Victoria – Quicksilver Federation – Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce
- [7.15.2] Photo, 'Gutsy Lakers', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 13, 2009, p. 6.
- Kinglake Football Team – Tommy DeMarco
- [7.15.3] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Simpler rules for clearing trees and vegetation', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 13, 2009, p. 18.
- New rules on – Right-Clearing Vegetation on Private Property, 10/30 – Roadside Firewood Collection

- [7.16.1] John Masanauskas, 'Upgrade for school fire refuges', *Herald Sun*, Monday, September 14, 2009, p. 9.

Dozens of bushfire refuges at schools in high-risk areas are to be upgraded before the new fire season – Education Minister, Bronwyn Pike

- [7.16.2] Emily Power, 'Time to text "thanks"', *Herald Sun*, Monday, September 14, 2009, p. 16.

Campaign to honour emergency services volunteers – website – Vince Colosimo – The Living End – Glenn Archer – Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman, Jeremy Johnson – Police and Emergency Services Minister, Bob Cameron – 84,000 emergency services volunteers in Victoria

- [7.16.3] Kate Jones, 'Firefighters thirst for doing the right thing', *Herald Sun*, Monday, September 14, 2009, p. 16.

David Spargo – Brendan Mimmo – Peter Clarkson – Carol Pullar – firefighters leave note to owner of house to say they drank some orange juice out of the fridge and left \$5

- [7.17.1] Kate Jones, 'A fighting tradition: Community spirit runs deep in this bush brood', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 15, 2009, p. 18.

Andrew, Neil, April and Lauren Padbury – firefighting family

- [7.18.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Back burning helped', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 15, 2009, p. 4.

Royal Commission – backburning prevented fires from spreading – Beechworth fire – DSE District Manager, Shaun Lawlor, said fire increased dramatically when it hit areas where no fuel reduction had occurred for many years – powerlines believed to have started fires – SP AusNet

- [7.18.2] John Ferguson, 'Nowhere is safe next fire season', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 15, 2009, p. 4.
- Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre (BCRC) – has found that low rainfall and heavy fuel loads in recent years mean that all Victorians face an above-average risk
- [7.19.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'I don't want to die', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 16, 2009, p. 19.
- Pat Easterbrook (personal account) – John and Sue Wilson – police forensic scientist, John Kelleher – SP AusNet
- [7.19.2] Paul Anderson, 'Hundreds quizzed for fire trial', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 16, 2009, p. 19.
- Brendan Sokaluk – facing 191 charges, including one count of intentionally or recklessly causing a bushfire and multiple counts of arson causing death – defence lawyer, Julian McMahon – Melbourne Magistrates' Court
- [7.19.3] Gareth Trickey, 'Rally puts heat on MFB plans', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 16, 2009, p. 19.
- About 1000 firefighters rallied outside Parliament House yesterday – staffing at country fire stations and minimum staffing loads in Melbourne – United Firefighters' Union Secretary, Peter Marshall – MFB Deputy Chief, Keith Anderson
- [7.20.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Power lines started fire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 18, 2009, p. 38.
- Vince Power, of Powercor, told the Royal Commission that a power line started the Horsham fire on Black Saturday – Energy Safe Victoria, compliance office, Warren Knop
- [7.20.2] Kelly Ryan, 'Students make a big noise over circus', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 19, 2009, p. 21.
- Jed McIntosh, 12, of Drouin West – Flying Fruit Fly Circus
- [7.20.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Mystery of fallen wires', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 19, 2009, p. 21.
- Stephen Cooper told the Royal Commission he saw wires lying on the ground on his Coleraine property the morning after Feb 7 – the next night the wires were gone after an inspection by Powercor – Tim Robbin, SC – Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) – Warren Knop
- [7.20.4] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Simpler rules for clearing trees and vegetation', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 20, 2009, p. 17.
- New rules for clearing vegetation on private property – roadside fire collection
- [7.21.1] Ellen Whinnett, 'Marathon effort to revive a lost town', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 20, 2009, p. 13.
- Dr Lachlan Fraser – organising a series of running races on November 8 – proceeds to go to CFA, SES and Kingbilli Wildlife Rescue fund – community event to raise spirits and support the community

- [7.21.2] Stephen Drill, 'Dob on a neighbour: Call to eradicate blaze hazards', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 20, 2009, p. 13.

Victorians should dob in neighbours who refuse to clear fire hazards from their property before summer, according to the State Government – Bob Cameron – DSE has not done enough controlled burns according to the Stretton Group – local councils issue thousands of fire protection notices each year – MP, John Vogels, said fuel loads in the Otways Ranges are absolutely enormous – Stuart McArthur, Stretton Group – DSE spokesman, Andrew Marrow

- [7.22.1] Paul Anderson & Shelley Hadfield, 'Accused firebug freed', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 22, 2009, p. 14.

Man accused of lighting fires in Gippsland has been released on bail - \$20m of damage – Justice Lex Lasry – Crime Victims' Support Association, Noel McNamara – name suppressed – Philip Dunn, QC, defence – DPP opposed bail

- [7.22.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Urgent action needed on bunker rules', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 22, 2009, p. 14.

Teague said the Royal Commission would not wait until its final report to make recommendations on bunkers – building standards needed now – Standards Australia Handbook – people rebuilding making risky decisions as officials wrangled over building standards – Victoria's Building Commissioner, Tony Arnel called for bunkers – Brumby – John and Sue Wilson

- [7.22.3] Nigel Greenwood, Mentone, Letters, 'It's only a game, George', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 22, 2009, p. 21.

Failure of someone to play in Grand Final is not an 'absolute tragedy' – Black Saturday, Ash Wednesday, Bali Bombing, Sept 11 – these were the real tragedies

- [7.22.4] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Reducing our future bushfire risk', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 22, 2009, p. 15.

DSE is reducing fuels in Victoria's parks and forests – planned burning

- [7.22.5] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Sick paid the price of fires', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 23, 2009, p. 19.

Royal Commission – people with illnesses had little hope of surviving the Black Saturday fires – Rodney Leatham suffered burns to 41% of his body – Annette Leatham, 51

Trudy Martin, 80, of Jerralong – Supt Paul Hollowood, head of Phoenix Taskforce

- [7.22.6] (writer not known), 'Fire town's sports gifts' *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 23, 2009, p. 19.

Strathewen to get a new sports reserve – a partnership between the State Government and Australand – Rob Hulls

- [7.23.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'No chance of escape', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 24, 2009, p. 30.

Royal Commission – stay or go – deaths in Gippsland – Fred Frendo, 58 – Scott Frendo, 27 – Colin, 49, and David, 47, Gibson – Martin Schultz, 33, of Callignee

- [7.23.2] Kate Jones, 'Raj's a firey of the future', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 24, 2009, p. 30.

Raj Faour, 28, CFA volunteer – Muslim

- [7.23.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Arsonists suspected of starting a fire that destroyed 1300ha despite a ... Blue flash near power line', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 25, 2009, p. 37.
- Cause of Pomborneit-Weerite fire – power lines or arson suspected – metallurgist, John Hensler – Garry De Vercelli of Energy Safe Victoria – Peter Hay of Weerite – Terrence Place – David Curtain, lawyer representing Powercor – Powercor asset engineer, Ross Polver
- [7.24.1] John Ferguson, 'Plea for action to get cash to victims: \$121m still in bushfire fund', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 26, 2009, p. 3.
- Almost a third of all Black Saturday donations are yet to flow to victims - \$386m raised - \$121m not claimed – table shows allocation – Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – changes to tax law – Graeme Brown of the Marysville and Triangle Development Group – Peter Ryan - rebuilding
- [7.24.2] Editorial, 'Proud victims', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 26, 2009, p. 32.
- An astonishing one third of appeal money remains unclaimed – many victims either do not want to accept help or think the money should go to those worse off [a very positive spin on the situation!!]
- [7.25.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Simpler rules for clearing trees and vegetation', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 27, 2009, p. 38.
- [7.25.2] Herald Sun, 'There's nothing like showing our appreciation to the Emergency Services!', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 27, 2009, p. 38.
- Final day salute to Victorian Emergency Services at the Royal Melbourne Show – parade at 4pm, today
- [7.25.3] John Partington, Euroa, Letters, 'Fire fools award', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 27, 2009, p. 95.
- Re 'Dob on a neighbour' [7.21.2] – would like to nominate Emergency Services Minister, Bob Cameron, his Government and councils in bushfire-prone areas for first prize in a 'feral fire fools award' – evidence provided – the blame game must stop
- [7.26.1] Lyndall Biggar, Daylesford, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Monday, September 28, 2009, p. 23.
- Brumby – 'Queen to get fires update' Sept 24 [cannot find this article] – Daylesford given \$80,000 for a memorial for the 2009 fires – the local Bushfire Recovery Committee and 700 residents want to use the money to buy a fire truck as a mobile memorial with a plaque – told no – it doesn't fit guidelines
- [7.26.2] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 28, 2009, p. 23.
- Mark Knight on leave – re-run of his earlier cartoon, see [1.6.70] of 11 February, 2009
- [7.26.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Fire chiefs warned of more to come', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 1, 2009, p. 31.
- Teague – Interim Report not about laying blame – Law Institute of Victoria – Final Report will have more scope to criticise the CFA and its chiefs

- [7.26.4] Liam Houlihan, 'Police "failed to warn"', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 4, 2009, p. 17.
- Former Supt Murray Adams said police were responsible for ensuring communities were warned – Supt Rod Collins, State Emergency Response Officer, failed to do so – Bob Cameron – Nixon – IECC – SERCC? – Rees – according to Mr Adams, Bob Cameron, by law, is chief co-ordinator of emergency management – Nixon was his deputy – Rees made scapegoat
- [7.27.1] Marianne Betts, 'Back from the brink: Home after double ordeal', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 5, 2009, p. 13.
- Black Saturday survivor Kristy Rudd involved in an horrific car crash
- [7.27.2] Stephen McMahon, 'State to outline fire plan', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 5, 2009, p. 13.
- Refuges – fire warning index – new national telephone warning system – Brumby Government has accepted all 51 recommendations of the Royal Commission – Teague – Rob Hulls – Peter Ryan
- [7.28.1] Geraldine Mitchell & Matt Johnston, 'Alarm delays risk lives', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 6, 2009, p. 4.
- National Telephone Warning System delays criticised by Teague – not all 51 recommendations will be in place by bushfire season – only 10 out of 35 school refuges will be in place by October 31 – Victorian Government Senior Counsel, Allan Myers, QC – map lost but now found – CFA State Co-ordinator, Geoff Conway – Rees – The Victorian Bushfire Information Line – an education campaign will start this month, 'Prepare. Act. Survive.' – Rob Hulls – priority is human life
- [7.28.2] Wayne Flower, 'Spring on hold for winter encore', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 6, 2009, p. 4.
- Weather bureau forecaster, Peter Newham – Bureau climate meteorologist, Dr Harvey Stern – weather unpredictable and extreme – snow expected
- [7.28.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'DSE says fuel reduction burns slowed Black Saturday bushfire: Fire took off at 25km/h', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 7, 2009, p. 23.
- Murrindindi blaze thought to be deliberately lit – there was absolutely no possibility of fighting the fire, according to Glenburn Fire Brigade Captain, David Webb Ware – description of fire – DSE District Officer, Shaun Lawlor - 'these forests have one of the greatest accumulations of fuel on the planet with available fuel amounts up to 50 tonnes a hectare' – fuel reduction significantly reduced and slowed the fire
- [7.29.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Chaos ruled in fire plans', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2009, p. 9.
- No attempt made to evacuate Marysville despite predictions that the fire would threaten it – Andy Miller, Incident Controller, Murrindindi blaze – Jack Rush – Tony Lovick, Incident Controller, Night of Black Saturday
- [7.29.2] Shannon Deery, 'Marathon beats run for life', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 9, 2009, p. 27.
- Peter Trapp. Black Saturday survivor (personal account) – will run in Melbourne Marathon on Sunday
- [7.30.1] John Ferguson, 'Fire danger may kill major events', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 9, 2009, p. 13.
- Major sporting and entertainment events in fire danger zones could be shut down on extreme days – Rees – Pier to Pub – Falls Festival – Otway Ranges

- [7.30.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Black Saturday toll on firefighters: We're scarred by the flames', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 9, 2009, p. 13.
- Royal Commission – some firefighters will struggle to cope with the coming bushfire season – Peter Rice, 40-year CFA veteran – Marysville – Leading Sen-Const Ian Hamill – calculated risk to evacuate a group of about 200 people from Gallipoli Park to Alexandra
- [7.31.1] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Fire threat imminent but most have no survival plan: We're still not ready', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, 2009, October 10, p. 10.
- More than one in four Victorians in bushfire zones still have no fire plan – another potential horror fire season – Newspoll conducted a survey for insurer, GIO – GIO manager, Shaun Feely – Rees – Fire Action Week
- [7.31.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Fire code revamp', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 11, 2009, p. 4.
- New six-tiered Fire Danger Rating System – chart – Code Red (Catastrophic) highest level – Brumby – Bureau of Meteorology – DSE – MFB – CFA – stay or go – Peter Ryan
- [7.31.3] (writer not known), 'Warning "ignored"', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 11, 2009, p. 4.
- A secret 2005 Federal Government report said there was an urgent need for a telephone warning system in bushfire-prone zones – Royal Commission – report titled, 'A Review of Australia's Ability to Respond to and Recover from Catastrophic Disasters' – report ignored
- [7.32.1] Matt Johnston, 'Is your house safe?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 12, 2009, p. 15.
- New online tool to assess whether your home can be defended will be launched today – leave early/evacuation – catastrophic code red – Fire Action Week – Opposition would like to see an arson prevention taskforce set up – Brumby – Prepare. Act. Survive. – Ted Baillieu
- [7.32.2] Terry Brown, 'Marysville's rising stars', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 12, 2009, p. 15.
- Gary Richter – Cherrie Bell – Melanie Cousins – Gallipoli Park – SES – cricket match between Kinglake and Marysville – Billy Rowlands – Alf Elder – Greg Bell – Football – Buxton
- [7.33.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Survivors choke at memory', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 13, 2009, p. 10.
- Personal account – CFA volunteers Tom Jones, Captain Yarck, and Chris Gleeson – Gallipoli Park – Marysville – Bill Kellas – Sally Kellas, 68 – Glen Fiske, Captain Marysville CFA – CFA veteran, Peter Rice
- [7.33.2] Stephen McMahon, 'Firebugs face tougher laws', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 13, 2009, p. 10.
- State Government considering electronic tagging for convicted arsonists – Ted Baillieu – Monash University Professor of Clinical Forensic Psychology, Jim Ogloff – Emergency Services Minister, Bob Cameron
- [7.33.3] Heather James, Smythes Creek, Letters, 'Roads clogged escaping fires', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 33.
- Re 'Fire code revamp' [7.31.2] – when the first statewide Code Red is declared, it will cause chaos – where does everyone go?

- [7.33.4] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Water supplies may fail in fire', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 14.
- In the case of a mega-fire, people cannot rely on their local water supply – Bruce Anderson, Manager Goulburn Valley Water Operations – Marysville's water ran dry on Black Saturday – system cannot cope with demand – people should install their own water tanks – Ron McLeod
- [7.33.5] Matt Johnston, 'Warning of rogue bush bunker builders', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 14.
- Shonky companies building bunkers – advertising compliance with Australian Standards – there are no National Australian Standards for bunkers – ACCC Chair, Graeme Samuel – Brumby – Gisborne Incident Control Centre – fire-ready kits
- [7.34.1] Liftout, 'Fire Ready: Your Guide to Preparing for the Fire Season Ahead', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 1.
- [7.34.2] Liftout, 'Message from the Premier', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 2.
- Brumby – Fire Action Week – advice for Victorians
- [7.34.3] Liftout, 'We have learned from the horror of Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, pp. 2-3.
- Extreme bushfire conditions are expected this summer – Fire Action Week – written Bushfire Survival Plan – new fire danger ratings – Town Protection Plans are being prepared for 52 communities identified as being at most risk – stay or go - preparation
- [7.34.4] Liftout, 'You need a plan', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 3.
- The need for a Bushfire Survival Plan – CFA's Home Bushfire Self-Assessment Tool – Bushfire Information Line – advice
- [7.34.5] Liftout, 'Be prepared', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- Double page spread – diagram of how to prepare a property – diagram of what to wear – chart of 'What drives a bushfire' – chart of '10 Top Tips' – Relocation Kit – Important contacts
- [7.34.6] Liftout, 'Do you have the strength to fight?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 6.
- Detailed advice on the decision to 'stay or go' – especially on the decision to 'go'
- [7.34.7] Liftout, 'Survival is a matter of planning', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 6.
- Detailed advice on preparing a property – Bushfire Survival Plan – CFA's Household Bushfire Self-Assessment Tool – Victorian Bushfire Information Line
- [7.34.8] Liftout, 'We must work together to be fire ready', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 6.
- Communities must work together – Community Fireguard groups – Fire Ready meetings
- [7.34.9] Liftout, 'New clearing laws in force', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 7.
- Details of new clearing laws – 10/30 right – where it applies and does not apply – list of radio stations broadcasting emergency warnings
- [7.34.10] Liftout, 'Communities at higher risk', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, p. 7.
- List of the 52 communities at high risk

- [7.35.1] Neil Mitchell, 'Victorians need fire leadership, not bureaucracy', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 15, 2009, pp. 30-31.
- Criticism of CFA website Self-Assessment Tool – too complicated – Integrated Fire Management Planning has 16 organisations on it – how can such a committee prepare anything before 2025? – who's in charge of getting us prepared? – not Bob Cameron, the invisible minister – Rees admits website needs to be modified
- [7.35.2] Herald Sun, 'News team in line for awards', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 15, 2009, p. 2.
- National awards for journalism – the 2009 Walkley awards – nominations for photo by Alex Coppel of a fire truck on Black Saturday, see [1.1.2] – Andrew Brownbill was highly recommended for his photo, 'Howling flames' – Patrick Carlyon nominated for his special bushfire report, 'Where the hell is everyone?' [1.13.11] – [1.13.24]
- [7.36.1] Norrie Ross, 'Firebug jailed with warning to others', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 17, 2009, p. 33.
- Jarred Brewer, 20, a CFA firefighter lit fires in the Kinglake area in November and December 2008 – Brewer lit 3 fires and made 16 hoax emergency calls about the fires and other emergencies so he could ride on a CFA truck – Judge Duckett sentenced him to 2 years and 48 weeks – Brewer had a low IQ
- [7.36.2] Norrie Ross, 'Callous thieves robbed charity', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 17, 2009, p. 33.
- Thieves stole \$500,000 worth of goods donated for Black Saturday victims – stolen from a Clayton warehouse – Sen-Det Ross Fraser of Moorabbin Crime Investigation Unit – a 47 year-old Scoresby man and a 39 year-old Springvale man have been charged and bailed
- [7.36.3] Megan McNaught, '\$193m for fire towns', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 17, 2009, p. 33.
- Brumby – Rudd – Flowerdale – Flowerdale Recovery Committee Chairman, John Burgess - \$193m for community facilities
- [7.36.4] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Expert cans Brumby plan: Fire fight needs to be local', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 17, 2009, p. 28.
- Dan Bailey, Director of Wildland Fire Programs for the International Codes Council – information programs not effective – local programs more effective – FireReady Kit – Brumby – Bruce Esplin – terminology such as 'catastrophic code red' would not resonate with people
- [7.37.1] Stephen McMahon, 'Fire risk warning', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 19, 2009, p. 19.
- The Dandenongs – Macedon – The Otways – have been singled out by Brumby as the most at risk from bushfires this season – might be worse than last year – most Victorians more fire ready than ever
- [7.37.2] Tiger Wettenhall, ex CFA Board Member, Hamilton, Letters, 'Evacuation far too dangerous', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 19, 2009, p. 27.
- Re 'Roads clogged escaping fires' [7.33.3] – as well as wondering where all the people will go if they evacuate – what a great opportunity for looters, thieves and firebugs – I have never heard of a more dangerous and unmanageable proposal

- [7.37.3] Megan McNaught, 'Kids torn by bushfires: Do-gooders did no good', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 20, 2009, p. 12.
- More than 10% of children affected by the Black Saturday bushfires have severe post-traumatic stress disorder – Mater Hospital Child and Mental Health Service Director, Professor Brett McDermott – Cyclone Larry – Austin Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Director, Dr Neil Coventry – Carolyn King, of Jindivic, Gippsland
- [7.37.4] Max Cox, Longwood, Letters, 'Freeway grass bushfire risk', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 20, 2009, p. 21.
- Brumby's message to clean up and be as fire safe as possible – apparently doesn't apply to Vic Roads – sides of the Hume Freeway and median strips an extreme risk – no clearing
- [7.37.5] Spencer Leighton, Torquay, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 21, 2009, p. 39.
- Writer visited Marysville – choir – proud
- [7.37.6] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'New Fire Danger Ratings. Look for them, act on them.', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 21, 2009, p. 17.
- [7.38.1] Geraldine Mitchell & Matt Johnston, 'Water bombers "useless": Strong wind, lack of air bases defeat fire plane plan', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 22, 2009, p. 27.
- Water bombing jets would do nothing to stop raging infernos on days like Black Saturday – air attack supervisor, David O'Toole – the State Government rejected an offer from the Russian Government for two giant firefighting planes – Brumby – Mr O'Toole said helicopters such as Elvis were more effective
- [7.38.2] Bruce T. Cox, Loch Sport, Letters, 'Water bombers are effective', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 23, 2009, p. 45.
- Re 'Water bombers useless' [7.38.1] – water bombers are effective – recent California fires – Australia is the only fire-prone country not using large water bombers
- [7.38.3] Matt Johnston, 'Run to bring fun back to fire blackened town', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 24, 2009, p. 25.
- Tim Holding – Marysville Marathon Festival on November 8 – Dr Lachlan Fraser, Marysville GP, organiser of the event
- [7.38.4] Sue Hewitt, 'Why didn't they call', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 25, 2009, p. 33.
- Emergency Management Australia (EMA) – responsible for the co-ordination of operation responses to disasters – did not offer help on Black Saturday – Dept of Defence – Rachel Doyle – National Firefighters Union boss, Peter Marshall – no-one in Victoria contacted the EMA – the EMA did not offer assistance even though it was apparent days earlier the State was facing extreme weather and fire danger
- [7.38.5] Matt Johnston, 'Council accused of putting lives at risk: Firey row over tree danger', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 26, 2009, p. 17.
- Frankston City Council accused of putting lives of trees before humans – Council forcing residents to apply for permits to clear land close to homes – State Environment Minister, Gavin Jennings, said the Government would revoke the Council's local tree protection law – environmentalists are concerned that residents might remove trees to provide better views, rather than for fire safety – Frankston Council CEO, George Modrich – Paul Angeloni

- [7.39.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Top cop to reveal bushfire overhaul', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 27, 2009, p. 17.
- Victoria Police chief, Simon Overland – overhaul of IECC – plans to make CFA chief in charge – Rees – DSE's Craig Brown
- [7.39.2] 'Burning with hate', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 27, 2009, p. 1.
- Accused terrorist gloated about Black Saturday tragedy
- [7.39.3] Elissa Hunt, "Allah bring them calamity. These filthy people are coming down", *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 27, 2009, pp. 4-5.
- An accused terrorist allegedly thanked Allah for the devastating Black Saturday bushfires that killed 173 people (p. 4)
- [7.40.1] Geraldine Mitchell & Stephen McMahon, 'Fire funds scarce, says police chief', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 28, 2009, p. 6.
- Police chief, Simon Overland, says he has no money to update the police radio that failed on Black Saturday – Brumby Government – Supt Peter Billing
- [7.40.2] Stephen McMahon, 'Phone warning system test: Fire risk on call', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 28, 2009, p. 15.
- A statewide phone warning system should be in operation by the bushfire season – Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin – Telstra – trial planned for next month – the system will send recorded warning messages to all landline phones and SMS messages to all mobile phones with billing addresses in bushfire threatened areas – Brumby – the system of messaging based on the location of mobile phones will not be ready this summer
- [7.40.3] (writer not known), 'Lodge gum marks strength', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 29, 2009, p. 7.
- A special gum tree will be planted at The Lodge to mark the Black Saturday fires at Marysville - Rudd
- [7.40.4] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Fear over lack of early fire warning', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 29, 2009, p. 26.
- Eric Smith, CFA sector commander – concerned about getting warning to the public in enough time for them to decide to stay or go – Janice Elder of Barfold – dangerous to leave
- [7.40.5] Matt Johnston & Stephen McMahon, 'Victorians told to brace for bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 29, 2009, p. 9.
- Victorians have been warned to brace for potentially disastrous fire conditions – Brumby – a fire season that could be worse than last year – Ted Baillieu – communities have been left confused about the location of their local Neighbourhood Safer Places and when they should go

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- [8.1.1] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Cameron, Nixon, "missing links" in bushfire inquiry', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 30, 2009, p. 22.

Cameron and Nixon played limited roles on Black Saturday – not on Royal Commission's witness list – Sen-Sgt and Police Association Secretary, Greg Davies, said the two ought to be questioned – Victoria's Emergency Management Act makes the Police Minister co-ordinator-in-chief of the State's response to an emergency – the Chief Commissioner of Police must be appointed deputy co-ordinator – Simon Overland – CFA Chief Officer to be made chief state controller and responsible for warning the public

- [8.1.2] (writer not known), 'Call for one firefighting agency', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 30, 2009, p. 22.

A single agency to fight fires should be established – Simon Overland – review does not go far enough – Jack Rush – IECC

- [8.1.3] J. Morrissey, Hawthorn, Letters, 'Reduction in fire funds reckless', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 30, 2009, p. 44.

Re 'Fire funds scarce, says police chief' [7.40.1] – funding short-sighted – Brumby Government places spin above service needs

- [8.2.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Government sets fire refuge standard: Don't rely on bunkers', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 31, 2009, p. 19.

The State Government will develop standards for bunkers after pressure from the Royal Commission – present sales of makeshift bunkers – Brumby – permit will be required – people not to rely on – no national standards yet

- [8.2.2] *Herald Sun*, 'Your paper scoops top awards', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 31, 2009, p. 2.

News Awards – Yellow Ribbon campaign – Alex Coppel won Photograph of the Year for a picture of a CFA truck at Labertouche on Black Saturday [1.1.2] – the Sir Keith Murdoch Award for excellence in journalism went to 'The Australian' journalist Gary Hughes for a story on losing his home, see [1.3.9] – Rupert Murdoch

- [8.2.3] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, FireReady, 'Your official survival guide', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 1, 2009, p. 13.

- [8.2.4] Joan Williams, Werribee, Letters, 'Fire fodder', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 1, 2009, p. 90.

Why is Wyndam Council planting forests of trees on what was mowed grass parkland and river flats?

- [8.3.1] Mitchell Toy, 'Brave firies star again', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 1, 2009, p. 2.

John Kendrick and Yorin Miller, Wandong CFA – heroes – received Victorian Pride of Australia awards for Outstanding Bravery 2009 – Prince Charles – Delta Goodrem

- [8.3.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Fire handbook hopeless', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 3, 2009, p. 10.

Melinda Richards, counsel assisting the Royal Commission – Standards Australia handbook last published 16 years ago – out of date – requires urgent update – Teague – CSIRO research scientist, Justin Leonard, says handbook must be updated – Standards Australia said it was drafting a new handbook

- [8.3.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Victim's final moments', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 6, 2009, p. 25.
- Nicole Jefferson, 29 – Jamie Bowker, 36 – Marysville – Gallipoli Park – Kings Rd – controlled burn - FireReady kits – CFA website – Bushfire Information Line
- [8.3.4] (writer not known), 'Children find sanctuary up north', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 6, 2009, p. 25.
- Kerry Williams – Ella – Josh – holiday for children affected by Black Saturday – Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's David Luxton – Rotary
- [8.4.1] Matt Johnston, 'Our new weapon in the battle to stop another Black Saturday: Life saver', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 7, 2009, pp. 1&14.
- Brumby – to lease a DC10 or 747 water bomber for this summer – Bob Cameron – important weapon in fighting fires and protecting Victorians – 50,000 litres of water or fuel retardant capacity – Russian Ilyuslin jets previously rejected last summer – such a bomber can cost up to \$10m a season to lease – chart outlining bomber's capabilities – fears of a horror bushfire season this summer – Californian Dept of Forestry and Fire Protection uses a DC 10 Airtanker
- [8.4.2] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, FireReady, 'Your official fire survival guide', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 7, 2009, p. 14.
- [8.4.3] Editorial, 'Super jet a bush saviour', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 7, 2009, p. 34.
- Welcomes the leasing of a \$10m super water bomber – state bracing for a repeat of last summer – capable of dumping up to 70,000 litres in one go – 8 times as much as Elvis – successful in California's fires – Russian Ilyshin 76 jets rejected – Black Saturday one of Australia's greatest peacetime natural disasters
- [8.5.1] John Masanauskas, 'Schools delay blow to fire survivors', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 7, 2009, p. 23.
- Schools destroyed by Black Saturday fires will not be rebuilt in time for the start of the 2010 school year – Education Minister, Bronwyn Pike – Middle Kinglake Primary School – Maryanne Mercuri – Rod Mercuri – Allyson, Dean and Kirk Mercuri – Marysville students going to Taggerty Primary – Strathewen students going to Wattle Glen Primary – Opposition Education spokesman, Martin Dixon – Strathewen Primary Principal, Jane Haywood
- [8.5.2] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, FireReady, 'Your official fire survival guide', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 8, 2009, p. 1.
- [8.6.1] Peter Rolfe & Mark Hayes, 'Tiger master class for Marysville duo', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 8, 2009, p. 10.
- Beau Simmons and Jason Stirling, of Marysville – Nick Thompson and Jamie Nield, both 14, of Horsham – Tiger Woods – Geoff Ogilvy
- [8.7.1] Evonne Barry, 'Family ready to fight fire', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 8, 2009, p. 12.
- Carol, Jayce, Bradley and Josh McMeeken – Kalorama – fire plan
- [8.7.2] Evonne Barry, 'Wild bunch goes home' *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 8, 2009, p. 33.
- Annie Williams, of Wildlife shelter in Darraweit Guim, South of Kilmore – Wildhaven Wildlife Shelter, near St Andrews – animals injured on Black Saturday returned to the wild

- [8.7.3] (writer not known), 'iPhone bushfire application', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 8, 2009, p. 22.
- iPhone bushfire alert application – national best seller – Phil Bosua, director of Lol Software – fire incident reports of CFA – cost \$1.19 from Apple iTunes Store
- [8.8.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 8, 2009, 2009, p. 77.
- Water bomber about to drop its load on a smoking BBQ
- [8.8.2] FireReady booklet, Victorian Government, 'What you need to know for the fire season', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 8, 2009.
- Booklet on fire survival – FireReady – State Government of Victoria
- [8.8.3] Peter Familiar & Grant McArthur, 'CFA's apology won't fix my life', *Herald Sun*, November 9, 2009, p. 9.
- John Willis, Captain Carrajung Brigade – sacked for swearing on emergency radio – received an apology from the CFA after it accused him of bullying, see [2.21.1] & [2.21.8] – life destroyed – Steve Warrington, Deputy Chief Officer, CFA
- [8.9.1] Stephen McMahon & Anthony Dowsley, 'We're not ready: Record heatwave sparks extreme bushfire threat', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 10, 2009, pp. 1&4.
- Extreme weather conditions have delayed backburning in several high fire danger areas – statewide phone warning system is still weeks away from being tested – new Fire Danger Index expected to hit the second-highest level of 'Severe and Extreme', just below Code Red (catastrophic) level – Melbourne sweltering in hot weather – Steve Warrington – Victorians new multi million dollar water bomber not expected to arrive for testing until January 2010 – Brumby – DSE Incident Controller, Peter Billing – bushfire survival plan
- [8.10.1] Shannon Deery, 'Ginger uses up all her nine lives', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 10, 2009, p. 19.
- Ginger, 12, a pet cat – injured in the Drouin fires – owner, Sharon Canobie – West Gippsland Veterinary Clinic surgeon, Megan Thomas
- [8.10.2] Stephen McMahon & Matt Johnston, 'Bushfire rebuild still years away', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 10, 2009, p. 19.
- Only 15% of destroyed properties have building permits and work is yet to begin on the vast majority – more than 3000 properties cleared – only 300 building permits relate to houses; the rest are for sheds – more than 2,200 homes destroyed and only 5 have been rebuilt – Peter Ryan – progress 'very, very slow' – red tape – Nixon – VBRRA expects that up to 20% won't return to bushfire areas – Dr Kevin Tolhurst said politics had interfered with the responses to the 1939 Black Friday fires and the 2009 Black Saturday fires – not all information available is being given
- [8.10.3] Editorial, 'Ninth life', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 10, 2009, p. 24.
- Ginger the cat – Sharon Canobie
- [8.11.1] Voteline, Question, 'Is Victoria properly prepared for the bushfire season?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 10, 2009, p. 23.

- [8.11.11] Toby, Hot Topic, 'Services play catch-up to fire season', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, p. 36.

Brumby needs to stop grandstanding in the media – even the new DC10 or 747 isn't going to be tested til January – too little, too late, yet again

- [8.11.12] PT traveller, Ripponlea, Hot Topic, Services play catch-up to fire season', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, p. 36.

Heard mid-year that we were going to have an early very hot summer – did Brumby and co have earplugs in again?

- [8.11.13] David Rickard, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Services play catch-up to fire season', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, p. 36.

CFA pitifully unprepared – Brumby making excuses – the only difference between this summer and last is that there's now 12 months' more fuel load and it's 12 months drier

- [8.11.14] GB, Cann River, Hot Topic, 'Services play catch-up to fire season', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, p. 36.

Bushfires are already burning in Gippsland – why are there no lookout towers on watch? – staff on fire towers at Bemm River, Cann River and Genoa, have not been called to work yet – we should have learnt something

- [8.12.1] Stephen McMahon, Emily Power & Matt Johnston, 'Backburns suspended as state swelters in record temperatures: Heatwave sparks fire', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, p. 11.

Back-burning suspended after fires at Point Nepean raged out of control – yesterday hottest since Black Saturday, Feb 7 – State Government to introduce regulations for bunkers – Victorians dangerously unprepared for the bushfire season – Ted Baillieu – failure to test new phone warning system – inadequate police communications – absence of neighbourhood 'safer places' – Brumby – DSE Chief Officer, Ewan Waller

- [8.13.1] Terry Brown, 'Stars swing into town', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, p. 22.

Marysville Golf Course – Stuart Appleby – Geoff Ogilvy – Shane Warne – Aiden Buchanan – Adam Scott – Jason Sterling, 21 – Beau Simmons, 19 – Tiger Woods – James and Matt Liesfield – Elizabeth Liesfield – Kennan Fiske – Patricia Ilhan's 'Ilhan Charity (Golf) Challenge' – Grant Hackett – Garry Lyon – Glenn Robbins – Joe Hachem

- [8.13.2] Susan Russell, Humevale, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 12, 2009, p. 37.

CFA seems to have little idea what people living in fire-prone areas really need – accurate timely information – gives an example of poor information and phone advice from CFA

- [8.13.3] (writer not known), 'Cash gift to fire survivors', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 12, 2009, p. 16.

Pat McNamara, Chair Bushfire Appeal Fund – widows and parents who lost children on Black Saturday will be eligible for up to \$50,000 – scholarship scheme to encourage students in affected areas to pursue studies – Compassionate Financial Support packages

- [8.14.1] Brendan Roberts, Anne Wright & Geoff Wilkinson, 'Police to boost patrols in fire-prone areas: Season's first arson', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 12, 2009, p. 9.
- First case of suspected bushfire arson at Linton, west of Ballarat – police will boost patrols in fire-prone areas this summer – Telstra provides '10 Tips' for mobile phone users to help survive the coming bushfire season – weather bureau forecaster, Christie Johnson
- [8.15.1] Ruth Lamperd & Patrick Carlyon, 'Gridlock danger in bushfire zones', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 14, 2009, p. 2.
- Evacuation could cause traffic jams – VicRoads data – Dandenongs – Great Ocean Road – Upwey area – Ferntree Gully – CFA Yarra Region, General Mngr, Lex de Mann – VicRoads Metropolitan Southeast Regional Director, Duncan Elliot – Wye River CFA Captain, Roy Moriarty – Research-Warrandyte Rd
- [8.16.1] (writer not known), 'Too Risky to Stay – Warrandyte', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 14, 2009, p. 26.
- Warrandyte ground-fuel loads higher than any areas lost during Feb 7 fires – Fireguard co-ordinator, Jason Patton – evacuation a concern
- [8.16.2] Patrick Carlyon & Ruth Lamperd, 'There's only one way out of here', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 14, 2009, pp. 26-27.
- Wye River CFA Captain, Roy Moriarty – would like the Great Ocean Rd closed – Ash Wednesday 1983 – CFA Region Six Operations Mngr, Dean Manson – evacuation problems – Dandenongs – 52 towns at most risk – 'stay or go' largely abandoned – perceived lack of backburning – clearing property causing disputes between neighbours – Ian Entwisle of Warrandyte – Keith Swain – Sassafras Café owner, Rod Morrison
- [8.17.1] (writer not known), 'Beach only refuge – Wye River', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 14, 2009, p. 27.
- Wye River – CFA Captain, Roy Moriarty – fire plan – beach offers a natural refuge
- [8.17.2] (writer not known), 'Locals left in dark – Sandy Point', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 14, 2009, p. 27.
- Sandy Point Community Group President, Keith Swain – residents not prepared – Foster is the nearest fire refuge
- [8.17.3] (writer not known), 'A hasty retreat – Blackwood', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 14, 2009, p. 27.
- Blackwood has not been in a bushfire for 150 years – but is considered indefensible – controlled burns on roadsides – constant power company check of lines
- [8.17.4] (writer not known), 'Leafy mountains spark blaze fears – Dandenongs', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 14, 2009, p. 27.
- Dandenong Ranges Community Fire Group founder, Jo Hirst – Mel Gajdek – Shirley Day, Ferny Creek resident – Dandenongs one of the State's biggest fire risks – scores of houses unprepared – mobile phone black spots – extreme fuel loads – traffic gridlock – not better prepared this year – Community Safer Places do not fit official criteria

- [8.18.1] James Campbell, 'Burning alarm for tiny street', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 15, 2009, p. 32.
- Warrandyte one of 52 bushfire hotspots – Rees – evacuation a problem
- Residents of Somers Rd, Warrandyte – Catherine and Mick Eames – John Byrne – Andrew Lavery – Mark Padfield
- [8.18.2] Ellen Whinnett, 'DSE burn-off was on day of high fire danger', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 15, 2009, p. 32.
- DSE lit a fuel reduction burn on a high fire danger day – Bureau of Meteorology – Point Nepean – DSE Chief Officer, Ewan Waller – planned burn-offs to protect the community from bushfire
- [8.19.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Firestorm threat on state blocks: Govt land called a time bomb', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 15, 2009, pp. 32-33.
- Bumby Government accused of failing to practice what it preaches – Government refuses to clear its own blocks on the Mornington Peninsula – Katie Neilson – Ken/Kevin Jones of Rye – Ted Baillieu – Government spokeswoman, Jane Rocca, said work was underway by contractor, Greening Australia
- [8.20.1] Geoff Wilkinson, 'CFA clears Marysville arson suspect for return to duty: I'll be a firey till the day I die', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 16, 2009, p. 3.
- Ron Philpott, Captain of the Murrindindi-Woodbourne Brigade – suspected of lighting the Murrindindi fire – CFA cleared Mr Philpott to resume duty – Phoenix Taskforce – Royal Commission would not deal with the cause of the Murrindindi fire because of ongoing police investigations
- [8.20.2] Karen Robertson, Macclesfield, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 16, 2009, p. 25.
- Re Paul from Geelong, see [8.11.10] – it's all good and well to prepare for the risks of living in the bush during the fire season – pity the state forest that borders our property has had no fuel reduction at all for at least 6 years – if a fire comes through God help us and our neighbours – the endangered birds that may be preventing fuel reduction will also be gone, along with other wildlife
- [8.21.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Bushfire war has too few generals', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 17, 2009, p. 17.
- Royal Commission – Victoria still lacks qualified fire staff – Graeme Armstrong – Susan Pascoe – Code Red (catastrophic) – CFA Operations Mngr Kilmore Region, Peter Creak – IECC
- [8.21.2] (writer not known), 'Clean-up sparks new fears' *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 17, 2009, p. 17.
- Logging machines used to clean up after Black Saturday are starting fires almost daily – Chum Creek resident, Sarah Rees – Vic Forest spokeswoman said there was low risk because work was being carried out in severely burnt out areas
- [8.21.3] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Ten things you need to do now to prepare for the fire season', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 18, 2009, p. 17.
- Fire conditions just as bad this year – even worse

- [8.22.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Investigator admits Black Saturday communication meltdown: Fire warnings review', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 18, 2009, p. 25.

Better communication needed according to Fabian Crowe, a CFA investigator – Incident Control Centres (ICCs) – Peter Creak, CFA area control manager – Jack Rush said a power pole failed because of a faulty fitting and should have been picked up during routine maintenance – SP AusNet said the line had been inspected at least 12 times and the fault not detected

- [8.22.2] Stephen McMahon, '“Bad day” alarm as heat builds', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 18, 2009, p. 6.

Brumby – extreme fire conditions expected – Code Red issued in parts of SA – Weather Bureau senior forecaster, Scott Williams – Fire Danger Rating system, Chart

- [8.23.1] Antonia Magee & Aaron Langmaid, 'Fire fear hits: be prepared ... to go', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 19, 2009, p. 2.

'Severe' bushfire warnings issued for parts of Victoria today – season's first total fire bans – 'catastrophic' alerts in SA – senior weather forecaster, Phil King – Rees – weather conditions not as bad as Black Saturday – people should not panic – Rees, 'It is totally and completely an individual's responsibility to know and understand the dire danger for their particular part of the state, and to take appropriate action'

- [8.23.2] Russell Rees, Chief Officer, CFA, 'Cool heads vital as heat is on', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 19, 2009, p. 35.

Total fire bans – fire danger – weather conditions not as bad as Black Saturday – everyone needs to be vigilant – prepare, act, survive – State better prepared than it ever has been – emergency services have learnt from last summer – large parts of the State more vulnerable than last year – events like Black Saturday may become more common

- [8.24.1] Jet Kent, Werribee, Letters, 'Fires inquiry useless', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 19, 2009, p. 36.

End the Royal Commission before more taxpayer money is squandered – failure of Bob Cameron and Nixon to appear shows Royal Commission impotent – window dressing

- [8.24.2] Debby Cheeseman, Healesville, Letters, 'Road no place for animals', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 19, 2009, p. 36.

Disappointed at the lack of roadside clearing in the Yarra Ranges – lame excuses

- [8.24.3] Geraldine Mitchell & Stephen McMahon, 'Power firm admits lines can't be guaranteed safe: Sparks may fly', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 19, 2009, p. 21.

Royal Commission – Robert Richter, QC – Paul Lane of SP AusNet – faulty power lines – Jack Rush – faults should have been detected during routine maintenance – Utility Asset Management operations manager, David Ying, SP AusNet – Energy and Resources Minister, Peter Batchelor – Peter Ryan – Brumby Government

- [8.24.4] Rod Andrew, Briagolong, Letters, 'Junction boxes face burnout', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 20, 2009, p. 44.

Telstra – above ground plastic junction boxes – any sort of failure will take out phones and internet – what is the point of improved CFA and DSE websites without internet?

- [8.24.5] Emilio Moreno, South Morang, Letters, 'Plenty Gorge set to light up', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 20, 2009, p. 44.
- Re Karen Robertson of Macclesfield, 'Letter of the Day', see [8.20.2] – no fuel reduction in the Plenty Gorge – residents have CFA advice to protect their properties – the Premier and local MPs are on notice
- [8.25.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Fatal mistake cover-up', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 20, 2009, p. 17.
- Natasha, Rob, Alex and Jorja Davey – Jack Rush – Utility Asset Management (UAM) responsible for inspecting the Kilmore East power lines, had attempted to influence inspector Jason Leech's evidence in an attempt to avoid blame – UAM solicitors – Michael Halls
- [8.25.2] Georgie Pilcher, 'CFA struggles with new ratings: Code red for confusion', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 21, 2009, p. 13.
- New fire ratings boards not ready yet – Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner – new boards would have ratings but nothing stating the day's rating – people would have to phone or look up a website – not sure if the new fire ratings are national or just for Victoria – Bill Hill of Labertouche – Code Red causing confusion in SA – CFA spokesman, Trevor Miles
- [8.25.3] Janice Peters, Keilor Park, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 21, 2009, p. 33.
- Why do we need fire districts for Total Fire Ban days – would not know where boundaries between districts are – surely bans should be for the whole of Victoria
- [8.25.4] Andrew Marley, Wandong, Letters, 'Alberti should see fire victims' lives', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 21, 2009, p. 33.
- A millionaire business woman gets \$220,000 for her life being turned into 'a living hell' after a football show prank – Black Saturday victims who lost loved ones will received \$25,000 compensation from donations – writer lost everything, but not loved ones – whose lives have been turned into 'a living hell'?
- [8.26.1] Editorial, 'Hot questions need answers', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 21, 2009, p. 34.
- New bushfire warnings causing confusion – if 'catastrophic cod red' declared, should people evacuate immediately? – will it create panic? – SA and NSW – are mass evacuations a disaster? – Rees not available for comment
- [8.26.2] Geraldine Mitchell & Stephen McMahon, 'Probe into email to CFA witness', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 24, 2009, p. 2.
- CFA volunteer, Karen Barrow of Kinglake West brigade – evidence to Royal Commission critical of CFA - received intimidating email before giving evidence – critical of radio black spots and lack of warning to the brigade of the fire threat – Brumby - Teague
- [8.27.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Elvis on song to battle the bushfire threat', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 24, 2009, p. 22.
- Elvis arrives – can dump 9000 litres of water or fire retardant – Climate Change Minister, Gavin Jennings – one of 200 aircraft in Victoria available for the fire season – Community Services Minister, Lisa Neville

- [8.27.2] Geraldine Mitchell & Stephen McMahon, 'Doubts over bunkers', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 25, 2009, p. 14.
- Bunker suppliers are charging up to \$20,000 for backyard shelters without any proof they are safe – explosion in demand – Royal Commission urges people not to rely on such structures – second Interim Report of Royal Commission – 33 products on the market – no Australian Standards – Royal Commission calls for development of national standards – Brumby accepted all 7 recommendation of the Royal Commission
- [8.27.3] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Victoria's Official Guide to the Fire Season', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 25, 2009, p. 60.
- Promotion of the FireReady booklet
- [8.27.4] (writer not known), 'Gongs for bushfire workers', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 25, 2009, p. 18.
- Victorian Sports and Recreation Awards – Kinglake resident, Daniel Heal, was rewarded for his tireless community work – Kinglake and Whittlesea football clubs – Marysville Golf and Bowls Club
- [8.28.1] Advertisement (full page), Victorian Government, 'New Fire Danger Ratings. Look for them, act on them.', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 26, 2009, p. 24.
- Part of the FireReady campaign – Prepare. Act. Survive.
- [8.29.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Bushfire roadblock rethink', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 26, 2009, p. 27.
- New police roadblock guidelines – decisions will be at an individual officer's discretion, rather than dictated by protocol – Kieran Walshe, Deputy Police Commissioner – Royal Commission – use of wristbands for those who have lost property will be expanded
- [8.29.2] Geraldine Mitchell & Ben Packham, 'Gap in fire defences', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 27, 2009, p. 12.
- CFA no better prepared than last year – Rachel Doyle – Code Red – CFA Deputy Chief Officer, John Haynes – Kilmore East fire – Rees
- [8.29.3] (writer not known), 'Fake bushfire warning', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 27, 2009, p. 12.
- A training exercise warning was posted on the DSE and CFA websites by mistake – there was no fire
- [8.30.1] *Herald Sun*, 'Our fire coverage proves a winner', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 27, 2009, p. 2.
- Walkley awards – Patrick Carlyon received award for Feature Writing for his, 'Where the Hell is Everyone?' [1.13.11] – [1.13.24] – *Herald Sun* Editor, Simon Pristel – 'The Australian's' Gary Hughes received the Gold Walkley for his personal account of Black Saturday [1.3.9] – Hughes also took out Best Print News Report
- [8.30.2] (writer not known), 'Kinglake fuel drought', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 28, 2009, p. 23.
- Kinglake locals are forced to drive up to 60km to get fuel – nine months without supply – Kinglake Ranges Community Recovery Committee Chairman, Bill Gale – people carrying up to 40 litres in their vehicles unsafe – Brumby – Peter Ryan

- [8.30.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Burying lines "too costly"', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 28, 2009, p. 26.
- A former SP AusNet Mngr, Paul Adams, said burying powerlines would be very expensive – powerlines blamed for starting 5 fires on Black Saturday – Ken Gardner, Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) – an audit found inspection criteria did not go far enough and Black Saturday prompted a rethink
- [8.30.4] Marianne Betts, 'Warning system at last', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 28, 2009, p. 4.
- Telephone warning system will begin operating next week – based on billing address – cannot send to mobiles in danger zones, based on location of phone – known as 'Emergency Alert System' – Brumby – Ted Baillieu
- [8.31.1] Picture Special, 'Decade in review', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 29, 2009, p. 12.
- Black Saturday – photos – bushfires ravage Victoria – Sam the koala – Year of heroes
- [8.32.1] Photo, 'Marysville back in the swim', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 29, 2009, p. 28.
- Marysville Swimming Pool – Caitlin Abbs, 6 – Lily Morrow, 7 – supermarket and car museum open next weekend – sculpture gardens reopening today
- [8.32.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Call to boost firefighters', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 29, 2009, p. 28.
- Brumby – call to double the number of professional firefighters in Victoria – 684 more – CFA applied in July to Government for extra personnel, but no reply – spokesman for Bob Cameron, Shaun Inguanzo, said 182 firefighters added since 1999 – Victoria prepared for this fire season – United Firefighters Union President, David Hamilton, says understaffed
- [8.32.3] Editorial, 'A time for us to mourn', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 30, 2009, p. 24.
- February 7 declared a National Day of Remembrance by the Australian Government – 173 people died – more than 5000 injured – Victoria's worst natural disaster – minute's silence and flags at half-mast – Brumby
- [8.33.1] Photo, Black Saturday, *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 30, 2009, p. 12.
- Fire truck – award winning photo
- [8.34.1] Fiona Hudson, 'The decade that changed our nation', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 30, 2009, p. 11.
- Black Saturday – left us in shock for much of this year
- [8.34.2] '10 of the worst', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 30, 2009, p. 11.
- Black Saturday – hot summers will forever remind us of the hellish firestorm that was Victoria's worst natural disaster
- [8.35.1] Clarrie Wolfenden, Frankston, Letters, 'Back burn advice for Brumby', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 1, 2009, p. 25.
- How ridiculous is our State Government? – millions of dollars on helicopters – advise people to leave early and let a bushfire burn their house down – writer says he knows how to survive

- [8.35.2] Paul Kent & Megan McNaught, 'Honouring a nation of heroes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 1, 2009, p. 9.
- Unsung heroes honoured – Pride of Australia 2009 – firefighting heroes Yorin Miller and John Kendrick won heroism medals for their selfless acts on Black Saturday
- [8.35.3] Kelly Ryan, 'Inferno stole Christmas', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 1, 2009, p. 9.
- Marysville lost most of its town Xmas decorations and an outdoor rotunda used for Xmas – Bryan Saunders is heading a team working to build a new rotunda – Sharen Donovan – Sue Hill – Kirstie Nilsson – Isaac Nilsson – Bruce Morrow – VBRRA organising decorations
- [8.36.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Ten things you need to do now to prepare for the fire season', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 2, 2009, p. 16.
- [8.36.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'They never had a chance', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 2, 2009, p. 23.
- David Sebald, 62, and Marlene Sebald, 69, of Marysville, died – Kevin Bradwell of Marysville, died – Grace Mundovna, 66
- [8.37.1] Peter Familiar, 'Look out ants, here we come', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 3, 2009, p. 19.
- Merlot, a one-year-old short-beaked echidna sustained life-threatening injuries on Black Saturday – Healesville Sanctuary's Judy Robertson – Ficky Dee, another injured echidna – ready to return to bush
- [8.37.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Inferno grief claimed victim', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 3, 2009, p. 19.
- Aileen Hoskin – Clifford Hoskin – Marysville – David and Kate Whittington – Marie Walsh, 73 – Cumberland resort – Robert Whittington – Dan Walsh – Sian Tan, 63 – Mountain Lodge on Kings Rd – Alen Mawson, 64 – David Balfour, ACT fireman, 46 – Det Supt, Paul Hollowood
- [8.37.3] (writer not known), 'Baillieu complaint on blaze havens', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 3, 2009, p. 19.
- Neighbourhood safe places have become an election issue – Ted Baillieu – has made a formal complaint about the Government's failure to implement recommendations made by the Royal Commission – Neil Comrie – Municipal Association of Victoria
- [8.38.1] Stephen McMahon, 'Key fire watchdog on holidays over summer', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 4, 2009, p. 15.
- Neil Comrie, appointed to oversee the introduction of the Royal Commission's recommendations, has begun a month-long holiday – his appointment is only for 5 months – won't return til Jan 2 – Comrie will report to the Royal Commission at the end of March on the Government's progress – Peter Ryan – disgrace – Brumby Government – neighbourhood safer places – Bob Cameron's spokesman – 52 most endangered areas – Brumby – Government supports all 51 recommendations
- [8.38.2] Georgie Pilcher, 'Fire risk signs "no use"', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 4, 2009, p. 21.
- New fire danger warning signs have been criticised as impractical, dangerous and a waste of money – from today 4000 signs will be rolled out across Victoria – don't give current local fire danger – give a CFA web address and the Victorian Bushfire Information Line phone no – the signs were approved by the Municipal Association of Victoria and the CFA – CFA workers and locals said the new signs were unworkable – how do you check a website while driving? – Marysville resident, Anastasia Scott – Barry Mapley, CFA Captain, Ovens Vallen town of Eurobin – eg of the new sign

- [8.38.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Firefighters on sickies hurt Black Saturday battle', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 4, 2009, p. 28.
- Royal Commission – dozens of city firefighters called in sick on Black Saturday – 46 or 15% were on leave (sick, family or other) – MFB chief, Tony Murphy – United Firefighters Union lawyer said MFB firefighters underutilised – cultural clashes between CFA and MFB – Funding for CFA and MFB different – details of funding given – Jack Rush – jurisdictional boundaries between CFA and MFB idiosyncratic
- [8.38.4] (writer not known), 'Lenny beats VCE, fires', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 5, 2009, p. 34.
- Lenny Pritchard, 18 – CFA volunteer firefighter, Diamond Creek – VCE Achiever of the Year – Bronwyn Pike
- [8.39.1] Sophie Wajzman, Montrose, Letters, 'Passing the buck on bushfire safety', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 5, 2009, p. 85.
- Re 'Baillieu complaint on blaze havens' Dec 3 – writer lives in the Dandenongs – not one safe haven has been designated – who is responsible? – buck passing by the Government
- [8.39.2] J. Morrissey, Hawthorn, Letters, 'Brumby shirking his responsibilities', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 5, 2009, p. 85.
- Re 'Baillieu complain on blaze havens' Dec 3 – safe havens were a key recommendation of the Royal Commission – Baillieu and Peter Ryan – Brumby hogged photo opportunities
- [8.39.3] Aaron Langmaid, 'Emergency alert system "life-saver"', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 5, 2009, p. 12.
- National Telephone Emergency Alert System has been operational since Tuesday – text message to mobiles – automated call to landlines – based on billing address – Federal Attorney-General, Robert McClelland – Bob Cameron – can deliver up to 1000 voice messages a minute to landlines – 300 texts per second to mobiles
- [8.39.4] Tony Murphy, MFB Chief Fire Officer, Letters, 'Sick leave a complex issue', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 7, 2009, p. 29.
- Re 'Firefighters on sickies hurt Black Saturday battle' [8.38.3] – article requires clarification – writer did not characterise the non-attendance as predominantly unscheduled sick leave
- [8.39.5] Voteline, Question, 'Should a permanent Black Saturday memorial be established in Melbourne?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 7, p. 29.
- [8.39.6] Editorial, 'Memorial is your decision', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 7, 2009, p. 26.
- Australia's worst natural disaster – Kevin Sheedy – melted wreckage of a truck – Nixon – Peter Ryan – community consultation essential
- [8.40.1] Aron Langmaid, 'We will never forget', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 7, 2009, p. 3.
- Nixon – Murrindindi Shire Mayor, Lyn Gunter – Mitchell Shire Mayor, Bill Melbourne – permanent memorial for Black Saturday – State Government undecided on how to mark anniversary – Kevin Sheedy has suggested the remains of a truck – Marysville resident, Steve Guilfoyle – Marysville businessman, Richard Udon – Brumby

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- [9.1.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Let us grieve in our own way', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 8, 2009, p. 22.

Black Saturday survivors want to mark the first anniversary privately and have backed calls for commemorations to be low key – too early to push ahead with memorial proposals – Kevin Sheedy – Gary Brown – Adrian Brown – Mirabelle Brown – anniversary should not become another photo opportunity for the State Government – Nixon, quote – Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement – memorial suggestions from readers

- [9.1.2] Megan McNaught, 'Kirk, 9, writes of bushfire struggle', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 8, 2009, p. 22.

Book, 'Black Saturday was my Dad's Birthday' – released yesterday – Kirk Wilson, 9 – Kate Wilson, of Chum Creek – Christine Cafarella Pearce – Uniting Church Bushfire Disaster Appeal – Noelene O'Boyle, teacher, St Brigids Catholic Primary School, Healesville

- [9.1.3] Mark Dunn, 'Deadline near for inferno comp', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 8, 2009, p. 22.

Black Saturday victims have just over 3 weeks left to apply for money from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – after December 31 whatever remains of the \$388m will be opened up to the wider community for community and long-term rehabilitation projects – Elisebeth Tuckey, spokeswoman

- [9.2.1] Padraic Murphy, 'Clash amid the flames', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 10, 2009, p. 15.

Police road block – Horsham Magistrates' Court – Det-Sgt Stephen Walker – Donald Carter, ex firefighter – Dyson Hore-Lacey, SC, for Mr Carter – altercation between Mr Walker and Mr Carter at road block

- [9.2.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Fire towns may be on the move', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 10, 2009, p. 28.

Code Red (catastrophic) – evacuation – relocation – Dave Nugent, DSE Incident Controller, Bunyip

- [9.2.3] John Masanauskas, 'Grateful French return a favour', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 11, 2009, p. 49.

Children of Villers-Bretonneux in France have raised \$20,000 for Strathewen Primary – Australian soldiers liberated the French town in World War I and Victorian students raised money to rebuild the local school after the war – in every classroom is a notice, 'Let us never forget Australia' – French Embassy senior official, Marc Trouyet – Bronwyn Pike

- [9.2.4] Bob Falconer, Hawthorn East, Letters, 'Test sirens before danger strikes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 12, 2009, p. 97.

Royal Commission recommendation 4.5 – Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS) – not promoted – public doesn't know what it is used for or sounds like – Brumby – public education required

- [9.2.5] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Proposal to assess homes in bushfire zones: Survival of the highest rated', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 12, 2009, p. 25.

Melinda Richards, counsel assisting the Royal Commission – ratings scheme for houses to withstand a bushfire – CFA online assessment tool criticised – Kerri Judd, SC, counsel for the State Government – Susan Pascoe, said individuals and the State Government needed to share a level of responsibility when determining whether to stay and defend a home

- [9.3.1] Peter Rolfe, 'A state of confusion', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 13, 2009, p. 4.
- The State Government and relevant authorities asked who would be in charge at the outbreak of a catastrophic fire – answer not clear – probably Rees, Chief Fire Officer, CFA – but in some circumstances, DSE Chief Officer – DSE – CFA – Victoria Police – former Emergency Response Officer, Supt Murray Adams, said Police and Emergency Services Minister, Bob Cameron, and deputy, Police Commissioner, Christine Nixon – 'Bob Cameron does nothing and takes responsibility for nothing' – Brumby Government
- [9.3.2] Editorial, 'Time off is well earned', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 13, 2009, p. 82.
- State election on November 27 – Sunday Herald Sun believes Brumby is entitled to a break after a dramatic year that started with the devastating Black Saturday fires
- [9.3.3] Ellen Whinnett, 'Police probe fire evidence link', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 13, 2009, p. 39.
- Police say there could be a link between Tony Murphy's (MFB Chief Fire Officer) evidence at the Royal Commission, see [8.38.3], and the vandalism of his car – Moonee Ponds Act Sgt, Dave Bonnici
- [9.4.1] John Ferguson, 'Cash cheer for bushfire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 14, 2009, p. 2.
- Extra cash for Christmas, New Year and the Anniversary of Black Saturday – bushfire affected communities – Pat McNamara – Brumby
- [9.4.2] Elissa Hunt, 'SA cops accused of assaulting woman: Black Saturday rape claim', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 15, 2009, p. 14.
- Sen-Const Damien Michael Jay Wilmott, 30 – came from SA to help after Black Saturday – charged with rape, indecent assault and unlawful imprisonment – Croydon on March 11 – Sen-Const Steven James Wescott, 40, charged with indecent assault – prosecutor, Raymond Gibson – Melbourne Magistrates' Court – Dorset Gardens Hotel – Magistrate Amanda Chambers
- [9.4.3] Georgie Pilcher & Geraldine Mitchell, 'State on bushfire alert', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 15, 2009, p. 2.
- Bushfire survival plans – Royal Commission – only 3 sites across Victoria have been designated safe places – CFA doesn't know they exist – 101 sites given CFA green light, but waiting for council approval – Rees – Code Red (catastrophic) - Fire Danger Rating in some regions is 'severe' – leave early on the day or night before on Extreme or Code Red days
- [9.5.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Fire safe havens delay', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 15, 2009, p. 20.
- Royal Commission – 101 Neighbourhood Safer Places approved by CFA – waiting for approval from councils – 3 approvals by councils, but CFA not formally notified – 52 high-risk areas – Municipal Association of Victoria, Chief Executive, Rob Spence – Terry Hayes, Executive Manager of Planning Systems, CFA – Gallipoli Park does not met safer place criteria
- [9.5.2] Megan McNaught, 'Brigade wets its training appetite', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 15, 2009, p. 20.
- Firefighters, Ryan Newman, Jacinta Rosewarne, Nick Deleur – Bacchus Marsh – water storage – Captain Tony Liefman – used water project provides water for CFA training – Smart Water Fund grant

- [9.5.3] Stephen McMahon, 'The 45,000-litre firefighter is here', *Herald Sun*, December 15, 2009, p. 20.
- Modified DC10 arrived yesterday - \$10m lease deal – 45,000 litre capacity – first to be used in Australia – can reach any part of Victoria in 45 minutes – based at Avalon – Brumby – Elvis arrived last month, see [8.27.1]
- [9.6.1] Emily Power, 'Black Saturday to brilliant Monday', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 15, 2009, p. 31.
- Claire Pulford, 18 – Mt Lilydale Mercy College – Enter Score of 99.75 – helped set up a relief centre at Toolangi – Monash University has offered her a law scholarship
- [9.6.2] Gavin Beattie, Lower Templestowe, Letters, 'Indication of fiery days ahead', *Herald Sun*, December 15, 2009, p. 32.
- Elvis water bomber – hopes we have learned lessons from Black Saturday
- [9.6.3] G. Gately, Upway, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- People complain about the CFA if they don't warn according to the Fire Index – and complain if they do issue a warning – stop whinging
- [9.6.4] Amanda, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- Damned if they do – damned if they don't
- [9.6.5] Country girl, Northeast Victoria, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- Where exactly does one go when the warning covers most of the state?
- [9.6.6] Jan, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- Why don't we match families in fire prone areas with those in safe areas, so people would know where to evacuate to?
- [9.6.7] Dire Dan, Daylesford, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- No chance of a bushfire at the moment in writer's area because of rain
- [9.6.8] Be prepared, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- When the fires are scorching your backside maybe you will take the dangers seriously
- [9.6.9] Happy Hawk, Bendigo, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- Bushfire waiting to happen – all that rain just means the grass will be longer than normal
- [9.6.10] Mike, Croydon, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- You whinged when there wasn't adequate warning – now you whinge because there's too much warning

- [9.6.11] Emily, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- Don't you think after Black Saturday it's better to be safe than sorry?
- [9.6.12] Barb, Victoria, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- The Government runs advertisements calling for people to clean up – but State/local governments don't clean up their own areas
- [9.6.13] Renee, Hot Topic, 'Soaring heat inflames the arguments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 38.
- Can you imagine the uproar if people weren't warned?
- [9.7.1] Geraldine Mitchell & Stephen McMahon, 'Heat is on all of us today', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 16, 2009, p. 3.
- High temperatures today – 39-40+ degrees – Fire Danger Rating, 'Extreme' for some parts of Victoria – total fire ban for all Victoria, except Gippsland – Teague called on Victorians to leave early if faced with Extreme or Code Red warnings – 'early' means well before there is any fire in the immediate neighbourhood – Neighbourhood Safer Places – toll – Rees
- [9.7.2] Geraldine Mitchell, Wayne Flower & Catherine Best, 'Fire Alert Fury: Warning system fails first tests since Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 17, 2009, p. 1.
- Fire Danger Ratings – CFA website failed yesterday on critical day – Vicki Kaye of Kinglake – plenty of complaints about website failure – Arthurs Creek CFA Captain, David McGahy – Bob Cameron, advised Victorians to turn on their radio – a 14-year-old boy charged with arson over a grass fire in the Ballarat suburb of Delacombe – Steve Warrington – senior counsel for Government, Allan Myers, QC
- [9.7.3] Editorial, 'Crash and burn', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 17, 2009, p. 40.
- Victoria is not yet ready for bushfire season – CFA website crashed – 'Extreme' fire rating – must not happen again
- [9.8.1] (writer not known), 'Sex trial for police', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 17, 2009, p. 19.
- Two SA police officers, Damien Michael Wilmott, 30, and Steven James Wescott, 40, have been ordered to stand trial on charges of sexually assaulting a 20-year-old woman – Croydon Hotel, March 11
- [9.8.2] Voteline, Question, 'Should your Black Saturday donations be distributed to other needy Victorians?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 45.
- [9.8.3] Rob, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- Nothing has been learnt from Black Saturday
- [9.8.4] Keith, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- The radio was useless on Black Saturday, too – ABC was just reading off the CFA website
- [9.8.5] Gandalf, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- Again Labor adds to the chaos it will leave behind

- [9.8.6] Paul H., Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- The Government can't even get a website right – only a couple of weeks ago a Code Red day was declared by mistake, see [8.29.3] – it was a training exercise
- [9.8.7] Jas, Mooroolbark, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- Plenty of Government spin – but no improvement
- [9.8.8] Lynn Henty, Frankston, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- It's better that it crashed now instead of on a severe fire day
- [9.8.9] Joe, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- Bob Cameron discussed the website failure telling Victorians to turn on their radios, see [9.7.2] – the public's anger is justified – his dismissal is not
- [9.8.10] Chrissy, St Kilda, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- This Government wastes so much money on spin – there's no money left for things that really matter
- [9.8.11] Captain Robbo, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- Sometimes servers crash – turn on the radio
- [9.8.12] Steve Johnson, Yarram, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- DSE website page on fires accessible and contains the same information as the CFA website that crashed – take a note of both sites
- [9.8.13] Craig, Hot Topic, 'CFA website sparks anger', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 44.
- When will people learn to rely on themselves? – why would you rely on a website to save your life?
- [9.8.14] Stephen McMahon, 'CFA pushed to act on website failure: Doubts on fire alerts', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 22.
- CFA website failure – acting Premier, Rob Hulls – not good enough – the Herald Sun has learned that a senior CFA website manager was lunching at an upmarket city centre restaurant when the system collapsed – State Government distanced itself from Bob Cameron's remarks, see [9.7.2] – Ted Baillieu – Sideshow Bob – Bob the Bungler – CFA Chief Executive, Mick Bourke
- [9.8.15] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Thousands of Black Saturday donations stuck in storage: What a waste', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 1.
- Tonnes of food, clothing and other vital goods are rotting away in a Clayton warehouse – Graeme Brown, Marysville spokesman – losing absolutely everything – Nixon

- [9.9.1] Anthony Dowsley & Stephen McMahon, 'Bushfire threat grows', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 3.

Melbourne to Sydney rail line closed – Cann River General Store owner, Lance Barker – road blocks – Princes Hwy between Orbost and Cann River closed – Fires in NSW – firefighter Anthony Halpin – Rob Hulls – the State's new emergency alert system was activated twice yesterday

- [9.10.1] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Donations going to waste: Bushfire handouts still in storage', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 3.

About 10,000 tonnes of goods, stacked on 3400 pallets, have not been distributed – sitting in warehouse 10 months later – Nixon – rats have gotten into some containers – come clothes and other items are unsuitable for distribution – Marysville and Triangle Development President, Graeme Brown – Bushfire Appeal fund distribution figures – Pat McNamara – applications for assistance from the Fund close on December 31 – facts and figures on some of the goods donated

- [9.11.1] Ben Butler, 'Charity staying at home this year', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 18, 2009, p. 5.

Christmas donations to charities are down this year – Smith Family Christmas appeal – Smith Family Executive Director, Dr Paul Henderson, said the charity was at least \$500,000 short of its \$4.5m target – St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas appeal is down about 15% – St Vincent de Paul State General Manager of Marketing and Fundraising, Carol Taylor – the Salvation Army is confident it will meet its Christmas targets – Major Brad Halse of the Salvation Army

- [9.12.1] B. Bath, Balmoral, Letters, 'What's changed in two months?', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 19, 2009, p. 80.

Re 'The 45,000 litre firefighter is here' [9.5.3] – photographs of Brumby and cohorts posing with DC10 fire bomber – this sort of aircraft was rejected for budgetary reasons last summer – it might have been useful on Black Saturday – Government was upfront about the Russian firebomber offer being too late for last season – the Government's reasons for rejecting large fixed-wing aircraft at the Royal Commission were a little too glib

- [9.12.2] Jet Kent, Werribee, Letters, 'Minister not up to scratch', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 19, 2009, p. 81.

CFA website failure – how much longer can the Brumby Government afford to carry Bob Cameron? – or is he truly the benchmark of the whole State Government?

- [9.12.3] Justine Celentane, St Andrews, Letters, 'Excuse not good enough', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 19, 2009, p. 81.

Re Bob Cameron on the failure of the CFA website – his answer for people to listen to the radio – where does he think radio stations get their information from? – it's time Cameron stepped up

- [9.12.4] Geoff Richardson, Glen Iris, Letters, 'Battery radio may save day', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 19, 2009, p. 81.

The failure of the website reminds us that digital systems are not infallible – a battery operated radio is a good back-up strategy

- [9.12.5] Editorial, 'So this is Christmas', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 20, 2009, p. 82.

Devastation of Black Saturday fires – we collectively marvelled at the courage of our CFA firefighters

- [9.13.1] Photo, ‘Little Hero’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 20, 2009, p. 1.
- Bailey Lackas – Kevin Rudd
- [9.14.1] Anne Wright, ‘Fire town in jobs boost’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 21, 2009, p. 23.
- Anthony McDonald, of Marysville – the State Government and the Salvation Army will launch initiative today aiming to attract casual staff over the next month – Rob Hulls – VBRRA – My Chef Mike – Buxton Hotel – Marysville Bakery – Buxton Trout Farm – Nixon – Salvation Army, Major Brad Hales
- [9.14.2] Voteline, Result, ‘Should your Black Saturday donations be distributed to other needs victims’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 21, 2009, p. 39.
- Total votes – 1104 YES – 75.2% NO – 24.8%
- (831) (273)
- [9.14.3] Jo Ko, Watsonia, Letters, ‘Fire donations can be handed out now’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 21, 2009, p. 38.
- Bushfire donations should go to those affected again this summer – only the Government would pay a fortune to store such things instead of giving them to those in need – trucking them to devastated areas must be cheaper than months of rent
- [9.14.4] Norma Kimba, Cockatoo, Letters, ‘Councils slow to cut roadside grass’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 21, 2009, p. 38.
- Residents have been working hard to prepare their properties for the coming fire season – same cannot be said for councils – in Dandenongs large areas of grass up to a metre high is along roadsides – complaining to the council makes no difference
- [9.14.5] John Dobinson, Balwyn North, Letters, ‘Goods held up by bureaucracy’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 22, 2009, p. 32.
- Re ‘What a waste’ [9.8.15] – it’s a disgrace that all these donations are rotting in a warehouse
- [9.14.6] Peter Cartledge, Glen Waverley, Letters, ‘Water bomber in wrong area’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 23, 2009, p. 40.
- Wouldn’t it have been better to demonstrate the water bombers capabilities over the bushfires near Cann River – than over Avalon so the pollies could watch?
- [9.15.1] Kelly Ryan, ‘Dash and Lockie help Danny lick bushfire trauma’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 23, 2009, p. 23.
- Danny Henderson, 67, of Kinglake – Lort Smith Animal Hospital – arrival of animal pens in temporary villages – golden retriever, Dash – German shepherd, Lochie
- [9.15.2] Lucie van den Berg, ‘Shame in the city’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 24, 2009, p. 25.
- Ashraf Doos, who owned the Marysville Patisserie – thieves broke into his new Malvern business – Christine Doos – Peter Hartnell from Surrey Hills
- [9.16.1] R. Rae, Carrum, Letters, ‘Take a new look at fire service’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2009, p. 28,
- Teague – one fire service for Victoria

- [9.16.2] Name & address supplied, Letters, '\$600,000 used on fire relief', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 29, 2009, p. 33.
- Re undistributed donations in warehouse see [9.8.15] & [9.10.1] – compare this with the efforts of a few Lions Clubs in Melbourne's east – details given – Nixon
- [9.16.3] Special Herald Sun Souvenir Poster, 'The year that was 2009', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 30, 2009, pp. 36 & 45.
- Selected cartoons by Mark Knight from 2009 – two are relevant to the fires – a koala drinking water with firefighters [1.6.70] – Rees decision to 'stay or go' in his job as CFA Chief Fire Officer [6.23.1]
- [9.17.1] Marianne Betts, 'From Black Saturday comes a symbol for 2010: Hope from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 31, 2009, p. 1.
- Michele Moore, 48, of Kinglake West – daughter, Amber Melanie Deas – named after the colour of the sky on Black Saturday, and Melanie Chambers, who died on that day – born on December 8, 2009
- [9.17.2] Marianne Betts, 'Glow of Amber kindles new joy', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 31, p. 9.
- Michele Moore, 48, of Kinglake West – daughter, Amber Melanie Deas – Penny Chambers – Melanie Chambers – Des Deas – Mrs Moore suffers from depression
- [9.18.1] Editorial, 'A new life brings joy', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 31, 2009, p. 30.
- Amber Deas – Michele Moore – Des Deas – Kinglake West – toll – 13,000 brave firefighters – community spirit
- [9.18.2] Rob Hulls, Acting Premier of Victoria, 'Time to find new respect', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 31, 2009, pp. 30-31.
- Devastation of Black Saturday bushfires – community spirit
- [9.19.1] Christine Nixon, Chair, Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction Authority, 'Support is the crucial ingredient', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 31, 2009, p. 31.
- Sam the koala – symbol of hope – tourism and the need for visitors – psychological effects of trauma – rebuilding and recovery – valuable lessons from the fire – communities and individuals must be as safe as possible – state is working hard on implementing the Royal Commission's recommendations – Fire-risk index – Neighbourhood Safer Places – emergency warning systems – decision to leave early
- [9.20.1] Photos, 'Remember us? We won your hearts', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 1, 2010, pp. 14-15.
- Selected photos from 2009 – relevant to bushfires – 'Fighting fit' – two young wallabies, orphaned as babies on Black Saturday, were nursed to health by Carolyn Seeger (p. 14) – the photo of Sam the Koala and David Tree taken on Black Saturday (p. 15)
- [9.22.1] B. Bath, Balmoral, Letters, 'Reconstruction a slow process', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 2, 2010, p. 62.
- Re 'Support is the crucial ingredient' [9.19.1] – Nixon paints a rosy picture – reconstruction slow – much donated not distributed – giant holes in Neighbourhood Safer Places – warning programs – Royal Commission skirted around the crux of the fire problem: fuel reduction – farmers prepare their properties – menaced by overgrown roadsides

- [9.22.2] Dave Graham, Letters, 'Red tape blocks donations', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 2, 2010, p. 62.
- Donations languishing in red tape – people battling to get permits and plans approved – Nixon
- [9.22.3] In Brief, 'Volunteer's home goes west', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 3, 2010, p. 21.
- Layf Erickson, 29, a WA firefighter, who helped on Black Saturday, lost his own home in a fire
- [9.22.4] 'Famous Victorians share their hopes for the next decade', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 3, 2010, p. 74.
- Christine Nixon
- [9.22.5] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'New Fire Danger Ratings. Look for them, act on them.', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 3, 2010, p. 13.
- [9.23.1] Cartoon, Mitchell Toy, *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 3, 2010, p. 67.
- Looks at 2009 as a roller coaster – Black Saturday mentioned alongside other crises
- [9.23.2] Editorial, 'Together we stand', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 3, 2010, p. 70.
- Toll of the bushfires
- [9.23.3] Keith Moor, 'We are on our own: Farmers accuse city over fire, water, global warming', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 4, 2010, p. 5.
- Farmer survey – Victorian farmers say that the State failed to do enough to prevent the Black Saturday fires
- [9.24.1] Wes Hosking & Amy Hatton, 'Arson attack devastates Black Saturday victims: New home is torched', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 5, 2010, p. 16.
- Daryl and Bev Jones – lost their home in the Black Saturday fires in Kinglake – their almost completed new house in Mernda was burnt down by arsonists – Sen-Det Michael Leemon of Mill Park Crime Investigation Unit
- [9.25.1] Matt Johnston, 'Fires alert farce: Warning system failures leave Victorians afraid', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 6, 2010, pp. 1&4.
- Victorian Bushfire Information Line – 12-day-old recorded message on fire conditions – Esplin – residents in northern Victoria complain that they failed to get bushfire telephone alerts – CFA website crashed last month – Victorians should not rely on technology alone for bushfire warnings – National Telephone Warning System, failures – United Firefighters Union Secretary, Peter Marshall – inadequate training for staff – CFA State Duty Officer, Peter Baker – CFA Regional Duty Officer, Paul Horton
- [9.25.2] Editorial, 'Last chance on fire alert', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 6, 2010, p. 30.
- Bushfire warning system – CFA website crash – no more excuses – text and phone warnings not being received – stay or go – catastrophic
- [9.26.1] Matt Johnston, 'Bomber ready for fire mission', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 7, 2010, p. 1.
- DC10 water bomber ready for action this weekend – final testing – Avalon Airport – Bob Cameron – warning system glitches – 12-day-old message on Victorian Bushfire Information Line – Brumby Government – firefighters able to tap into 140 million litres of water from the Sugarloaf (North-South) pipeline – Water Minister, Tim Holding

- [9.26.2] David Campbell, 'If you're fleeing a bushfire, you don't want traffic chaos ahead', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 7, 2010, pp. 26-27.

Traffic problems and evacuation on Code Red days on the Great Ocean Rd – Ash Wednesday 1983 – Surf Coast – stay or go – Supt Rod Collins – Esplin – roads not meant for high volume traffic – road closures – Libby Mears, former Surf Coast Shire Mayor – repeated warning and evacuations will lead to fatigue and complacency

- [9.27.1] Kate Jones, 'Bushfire appeal duded', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 8, 2010, p. 3.

Former AFL star, Justin Murphy – fails to make \$400 payment to bushfire appeal as ordered by a Magistrate – Magistrate Brian Barrow ordered payment, but since the appeal has closed, the payment must now be made to the Heidelberg CFA

- [9.27.2] Matt Johnston, 'Out-of-date fire messages hurting tourism', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 8, 2010, p. 7.

Parks Victoria helpline provided 10-month-old information on the bushfire threat as recently as Christmas this year, 2009 – Victorian Bushfire Information Line had 12-day-old-message, see [9.25.1] – Walhalla tourism president, Michael Leaney – Walhalla Historic Area – Parks Victoria spokesman, Steve Garland – tourism in the area has dried up since Black Saturday and incorrect message don't help

- [9.28.1] John Ferguson, 'Inferno: the biggest test', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 8, 2010, pp. 32-33.

Out-of-date fire warning board – mobile and radio black spots – Esplin – people should not rely on technology – Brumby – 12-day-old message on Victorian Bushfire Information Line – Hulls – on Dec 16 CFA website crashed – Royal Commission findings – Victoria better prepared this summer – much work still to be done – Brumby's premiership will be defined by his handling of the disaster and so far the opinion polls suggest the community is behind him [and which polls might these be?] – Victorians will not forgive another disaster this year – increased funding for firefighting – merging of CFA and MFB – volunteers are the backbone of the CFA, but how do you enforce private sector accountability [what is the evidence for better accountability?] on an authority that exists, in large part, because of the efforts of free labour?

- [9.30.1] Cartoon, Chris Taylor, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 9, 2010, p. 25.

Compares the dangers of living in the country with those in the city – country, fire danger – city, knife danger

- [9.30.2] Editorial, 'Get fire ready', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 9, 2010, p. 26.

It is up to all of us to prepare as best we can – be ready to leave high danger areas early is the best advice

- [9.30.3] Matt Johnston, 'It's red alert as the heat builds', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 9, 2010, p. 5.

Extreme fire danger this weekend – leave early – CFA Deputy Chief Officer, John Haynes – Code Red not forecast – Bureau of Meteorology – Bob Cameron – Ted Baillieu – Deputy Police Commissioner, Kieran Walshe – Australian Medical Association State President, Dr Harry Hemley – Paul Collins – Megan, Emily and Kaitlin Skelton

- [9.31.1] (writer not known), 'Code Red warning' *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 10, 2010, p. 5.

Victoria's first Code Red could be posted tomorrow – Bureau of Meteorology – Rees – Wimmera – leave the night before or early in the morning

- [9.31.2] Cartoon, Chris Taylor, *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 11, 2010, p. 27.

Two people taking refuge in a fire bunker and animals lining up to get in – Noah's Ark analogy

- [9.31.3] John Cribbes, Sale, Letters, 'Choppers not suited to forests', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 11, 2010, p. 26.
- Water-bombing helicopters good at dousing houses – less use in open forests – DC10 fire-tankers not that successful in California – controlled fuel-burning is a better option
- [9.31.4] Editorial, 'Victoria's bravest', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 11, 2010, p. 24.
- Black Saturday hero Hugh Monroe – died yesterday when his fire tanker rolled over – 9/11
- [9.31.5] Editorial, 'Leave now', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 11, 2010, p. 24.
- Victorian's first Code Red Catastrophic day declared yesterday for the Wimmera district – Hulls – flee now
- [9.32.1] Matt Johnston, 'Get out now', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 11, 2010, pp. 1&4.
- Code Red day – people in high bushland danger zones told to flee – Hugh Monroe, 62, died when his tanker rolled near Benalla – 'Extreme' bushfire warnings for most of the State – Hulls – total fire ban for entire State – childcare centres, education facilities and some businesses closed in the Wimmera – National Parks will be shut – holiday-makers urged to leave – Rees – lessons from Black Saturday must be heeded – Simon Overland – Ewan Waller – warning against travelling to the bush – Education spokeswoman, Anna Malbon – people urged to check CFA website – Fire Danger Ratings map for districts in Victoria
- [9.33.1] Matt Johnston, 'Families quit danger zones', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 11, 2010, p. 4.
- Anita Furmedge of Emerald – Tiger and Simone Marshall – Bob Dutney and Cheryl McLaren – Rees – people ready to leave
- [9.33.2] Wayne Flower & Siobhan Duck, 'Tight-knit town mourns', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 11, 2010, p. 4.
- CFA hero, Hugh Monroe, 62, died yesterday when his fire truck rolled over – Harry Basedow – Jarrod Hall – Kathy Monroe – Trevor Mahon – Colin Nesbitt – John Johnson – Alison Storrie
- [9.34.1] John Ferguson, Matt Johnston & Amelia Harris, 'Police chief plea on fire code', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, p. 4 (cont from p. 1).
- Brumby – residents in the Dandenongs and other bushfire zones close to Melbourne should head for big suburban shopping centres – a glitch in the CFA website for several minutes – Code Red, safest option is to leave the night before or early in the morning – Rees, Code Red doesn't mean the entire Wimmera should be emptied out – Councillor Ross Clementson of North Grampians Shire Council, said people were confused – Alfred Mason from Horsham CFA – Jan and Rob Philpott – Paul and Liz Lamb – Marie Gleize from France – Michael Benbow, owner Boronia Peak cottages
- [9.34.2] Terry Brown, 'Old Reg hoses down concerns', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, p. 4.
- Reg Cooper, of Glenorchy – owns an ex-brigade truck – Brumby – Horsham – CFA website – emergency radio – Sky Channel – Code Red
- [9.35.1] Matt Johnston & John Ferguson, 'Back-up plan to beat glitches on website', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, pp. 4-5.
- Code Red – firefighting pilot, Rob McIntosh – Fire Danger Ratings map for districts in Victoria – CFA website glitches – Victorians urged to check website – new back-up system for website – Bureau of Meteorology – Brumby – Rees – leave early if you decide to leave

- [9.35.2] Norrie Ross, 'Fire accused may seek bail', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, p. 5.

Garron Blair, 26, charged with lighting bushfires in Sherbrooke in the Mt David Ranges National Park – barrister, Rainer Martini – Magistrate, John Bolster, Ringwood Magistrates' Court

- [9.36.1] John Ferguson, Matt Johnston & Amelia Harris, 'Code Red Chaos: Use common sense, police chief urges', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, p. 1 (cont p. 4).

Code Red declared in the North Country and North East districts of Victoria – Extreme in Mallee and North Central – State Government moved to hose down confusion over where residents should go – second day of Code Red – people in the Wimmera have no idea where to run – despite millions of dollars in advertising and bushfire safety, residents don't understand the system – Robert Radke, from Deep Lead, near Halls Gap – Tom Banfield – Simon Overland – Brumby – use common sense – go to larger towns

- [9.36.2] Voteline, Question, 'Have fire alerts been spelled out properly to Victorians?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, p. 25.

- [9.36.3] Editorial, 'Your life is in your hands', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, p. 26.

People unsure what they should do – use common sense – Code Red – Extreme and Severe fire ratings – should monitor CFA website for updates [avoids the issue of where to go!]

- [9.36.4] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Today is a Code Red Fire Danger Rating for the: Northern Country and North East districts', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2010, p. 16.

Advice for people

- [9.37.1] Geoff Richards, Glen Iris, Letters, 'Wind increases bushfire danger', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 13, 2010, p. 30.

It was the hot, violent northerly winds that caused the bushfires on Black Saturday to become so devastating – wind predictions should be included in weather forecasts

- [9.37.2] Tony Hartshorne, Newmerella, Letters, 'Escape roads risk in themselves', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 13, 2010, p. 30.

Most roads in East Gippsland have trees close to both sides of the roads – this makes escape to a civic centre impractical – Brumby suggests heading for a shopping complex [9.34.1] & [9.36.1], but the nearest is 100km away – the shire doesn't nominate 'safe havens' in case of litigation

- [9.37.3] Voteline, Result, 'Have fire alerts been spelled out properly to Victorians?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 13, 2010, p. 31.

Total – 1568	YES – 38.8%	NO – 61.2%
	(609)	(959)

- [9.37.4] Jobba, Mulgrave, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 14, 2010, p. 30.

Code Red – effect of will rapidly diminish if there are no fires – should be used rarely on occasions when such outcomes are inevitable, not just possible

- [9.37.5] Matt Johnston, 'Fire experts fly in to lend a hand', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 14, 2010, p. 11.

Expert forest firefighters from the US and Canada called in – Brumby – Ewan Waller

- [9.37.6] Cartoon, Mark Knight, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 14, 2010, p. 31.
- Phar Lap and Sam the Koala, on display – Phar Lap jealous
- [9.37.7] Alan Wyatt, Sale, Letters, ‘Take heed of bushfire alerts’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 14, 2010, p. 30.
- Emergency services castigated for lack of warning – on the first Code Red day store owners in camping areas such as Halls Gap (surrounded by bush) were scathing that the day had been declared and campers had left – which is exactly what they should do
- [9.37.8] Neil Fisher, Warragul, Letters, ‘Shires should be source of help’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 14, 2010, p. 30.
- Re ‘Code Red chaos’ [9.36.1] – comments made by a North Grampians Shire Councillor amaze me – it is not the State Government’s job to tell people where to go – would you also like them to pack up cars? – more information on safe areas needed
- [9.37.9] Editorial, ‘Sam a symbol’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 14, 2010, p. 32.
- Sam the koala a symbol of Black Saturday – on display at the entrance of the Melbourne Museum – Herald Sun stepped in to stop Sam from being cremated – David Tree – photo of Sam and David Tree – seen around the world in newspapers and TV
- [9.38.1] Antonia Magee & Amelia Harris, ‘Show time for Sam’, *Herald Sun*, January 14, 2010, p. 3.
- Today Sam the Koala goes on permanent display at the Melbourne Museum – David Tree – Sam died in August 2009 from chlamydiosis – Alan Howe, Exec Director of the Herald & Weekly Times – Sam helped raise all our spirits – Museum Victoria CEO, Dr Patrick Greene – Colleen Wood, Sam’s carer – Mountain Ash Wildlife Centre in Rawson
- [9.39.1] Photos & quotes, ‘Favourite koala knocks the socks off Phar Lap’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 15, 2010, p. 19.
- Photos of Phar Lap and Sam the Koala at the Melbourne Museum – quotes from visitors who saw Sam on display – Edwina Howes, 17, Perth – Leo Mete, 42, Mt Martha – Helen Leicht, 45, Tweed Heads – Joe Ford, 65, Watsonia – Amy Bugeja, 34, Attwood
- [9.39.2] (writer not known), ‘Bushfire day of mourning’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 15, 2010, p. 18.
- Multi-faith church service to be held on 7 February 2010 to mark the Black Saturday anniversary at St Paul’s Cathedral – minute’s silence – communities around the State will hold their own services – Brumby
- [9.39.3] Angela Thompson, Plenty, Letters, ‘Time runs out during fire alert’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 15, 2010, p. 35.
- Proposal for parking sticker for those in designated fire zones to be used on Code Red and Extreme fire alert days, allowing people to park longer – limited to 3 hours at Eastland
- [9.39.4] Greg Fletcher, Eltham, Letters, ‘Escape plan lacks logic’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 15, 2010, p. 35.
- The State Government has asked people to use common sense when leaving their homes on a Code Red warning – where do people go? – to shopping centres? – you have to leave when they close – this suggestion defies logic if you leave the night before – laughable but serious

- [9.39.5] Blanche Clark, 'Sam trumps popularity stakes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 15, 2010, p. 37.

Sam the koala will be a more popular exhibit than Phar Lap – reasons given – Sam became a symbol of hope during the Victorian bushfires – photo of Sam and David Tree – Sam died of Chlamydia, which affects up to 50% of the koala population – Sam is displayed in her recovery stage, including the emotive pink bandage on her right foot, to remind people of Black Saturday

- [9.40.1] Editorial, 'Forged in fires', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 16, 2010, p. 30.

The volunteer firefighters are our heroes

- [9.40.2] Ellen Whinnett, 'Love from ashes of Black Saturday', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 17, 2010, p. 3.

Dr Lachlan Fraser – nurse, Cassandra Church, 41 – Marysville Marathon – the couple have fallen in love

Folder 10: 19 January 2010 – 31 January 2010

- [10.1.1] Matt Johnston & Amelia Harris, 'Wear a yellow ribbon to mark Black Saturday' *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 19, 2010, p. 2.
- Brumby – Victorians urged to wear yellow ribbons in lead up to Black Saturday anniversary – State's worst natural disaster – free ribbons available from Spotlight stores across Victoria – symbol of hope and unity – Karl and Karen Graf of Marysville – Herald Sun Editor, Simon Pristel
- [10.1.2] Editorial, 'Please, wear a yellow ribbon', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 19, 2010, p. 26.
- Yellow ribbons – first anniversary 3 weeks away – State faces another summer of high temperatures – Herald Sun with the Victorian Government launched the Yellow Ribbon Campaign last year – relaunch of campaign
- [10.1.3] John Ferguson, 'Servo delay fuels anger: Kinglake still waits for petrol', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 19, 2010, p. 14.
- Kinglake residents remain without a petrol station almost a year after the fires – Jodie Thorneycroft – Vicki Ruhr – VBRRA has taken over responsibility – local anger – Nixon – yellow ribbons – Spotlight's head of Corporate Affairs, Steven Carey
- [10.1.4] 'Where to get your Bushfire Ribbons', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 19, 2010, p. 14.
- List of Spotlight stores in Victoria where free yellow ribbons are available
- [10.2.1] Amelia Harris, 'Kicking on together', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 20, 2010, p. 23.
- Kinglake Football Club – President, Cameron Caine – Capt, James Walker – Coach, Mick Nott – team made last year's Grand Final but lost – Rudd – the Queen – Yellow Ribbon campaign – first anniversary of Black Saturday – Spotlight stores
- [10.2.2] (writer not known), 'Bushfire danger grows', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 21, 2010, p. 14.
- Code Red warning for Mallee and Northern Country expected tomorrow – Rees – fire plan – CFA website – Waller – parks and forests will be closed on Code Red days
- [10.3.1] Amelia Harris, 'Family's spirit of optimism', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 21, 2010, p. 29.
- Laine, Wayne, Emma (3), Grace (7), Eddie (1), Isabel, MacDonald, of Flowerdale – Yellow Ribbon campaign – Princes William and Harry – first anniversary of Black Saturday
- [10.4.1] Stephanie Gardiner, 'We want our prince charming', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 21, 2010, p. 4.
- Prince William to tour fire-affected areas of Victoria today – Brumby – Victorian Governor, Prof David de Krester
- [10.5.1] Grant McArthur & Matt Johnston, 'Kinglake holds its breath for visit', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 21, 2010, p. 5.
- Prince William to visit fire-affected areas of Victoria today – bushfire victims waiting in Kinglake hope the Prince will visit them – Eliza Fabbri of Kinglake – Tyler, Jaydon – locations of William's tour a secret – Brumby – Cathy Considine – Melinda Stewart – Kinglake Bakery – Gina Mutch
- [10.6.1] Mark Buttler, 'Extreme fire risk in north of state', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, p. 9.
- Code Red downgraded to 'Extreme' during yesterday – CFA spokesman, Stephen Walls – total fire ban – stay or go – holiday-makers – Bureau of Meteorology

- [10.6.2] Amelia Harris, 'Ribbon a symbol of hope, recovery', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, p. 49.
- Faith McDonald, 33, of Kinglake – Yellow Ribbon Campaign – first anniversary of Black Saturday
- [10.6.3] Editorial, 'Charisma wins over the critics', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, p. 54.
- Prince William's tour of bushfire-affected areas of Victoria – Flowerdale
- [10.7.1] Photo, 'Mum would be proud', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, p. 1.
- Photo of Prince William playing cricket at Flowerdale
- [10.7.2] Photos, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, back page.
- Prince William, quote – Humevale – Laura Porter – Georgette McKeough
- [10.8.1] John Ferguson, Patrick Carlyon & Antonia Magee, 'Prince moved by bushfire pain: Survivors flock to welcome William', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, pp. 4-5.
- Prince William – Flowerdale – wore a yellow ribbon – Whittlesea – Michelle French of Kinglake West – Matthew Hayden, former test cricketer – Governor, David de Krester – Flowerdale Temporary Village – Cricketer, Brett Lee
- [10.10.1] 'Tribute to the spirit of Victoria', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, p. 6.
- Text of Prince William's Australia Day speech given to 950 guests at Government House – hosted by Victorian Governor, Prof David de Krester
- [10.10.2] Lucie van den Berg, Anne Wright & Grant McArthur, 'Absence does not make the heart grow fonder', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, p. 6.
- Kinglake residents fuming after lining up for up to six hours to see Prince William – the Prince did not come – Sheryl Charmers – Thresia Maes, 80 – Lisa Ferriggi – Irene Carr – Gina Much – Prince did not visit Marysville either – Marysville Bakery worker, Lynne Phelps
- [10.11.1] Lucie van den Berg, 'Prince seals visit with kiss', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, p. 7.
- Olivia McDonald, 21, kissed Prince William – Whittlesea – Linda Gouge
- [10.11.2] (writer not known), 'Chat eases the pain', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, p. 7.
- Richard and Diane Fox, of Humvale – met Prince William
- [10.12.1] John Ferguson, 'A wee dram of empathy', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 22, 2010, pp. 54-55.
- First anniversary of Black Saturday – how Dunblane handled anniversary of tragic shooting – National Park Rd, Pheasant Creek – no petrol station – Strathewen – compassion fatigue – yellow ribbons – national day of mourning – Rev Colin McIntosh of Dunblane Cathedral – Haiti – Prince William
- [10.13.1] Antonia Magee, 'A year on and fire still hurts', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 23, 2010, p. 29.
- First anniversary of Black Saturday – low-key local services – Bill Gale, chair of Kinglake Ranges CRC – Tony Thompson of Marysville – St Andrews and Strathewen communities' spokesman, Warwick Leeson – Nixon – multi-faith service on February 7 at St Paul's Cathedral – minute's silence

- [10.13.2] June Turnbull, Briar Hill, Letters, 'Kingslake left in the dark', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 23, 2010, p. 80.

Prince William's failure to visit Kingslake – residents disappointed – Marysville – secrecy of itinerary ridiculous – Labor politicians well informed for opportunities to be with the Prince – insult to victims

- [10.13.3] Virginia Gissara, Berwick, Letters, 'All fire towns deserve support', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 23, 2010, p. 80.

We need to remember that more areas were affected on Black Saturday than just Kingslake and Marysville – what about Gippsland? – this area has not had celebrity visitors, etc, or Prince William – Callignee

- [10.13.4] Ellen Whinnett, 'Home time means joy for Marysville', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 24, 2010, p. 20.

Leah Harrow – Luke Ware – Madison Ware – of Marysville – Aileen Hoskin – Mansfield, Monash and William Angliss hospitals

- [10.13.5] Peter Rolfe, 'Love passes a fiery test', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 24, 2010, p. 20.

Marcus Lovell and Kelly Russell of Clonbinane – first anniversary of Australia's worst natural disaster

- [10.14.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Victoria's regional and coastal areas are great to visit, but make sure you are FireReady', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 24, 2010, p. 21.

Advice for visitors to bushfire areas

- [10.15.1] Photo, 'You make us proud', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 26, 2010, p. 1.

Award winning photo of fire truck driving away from flames, see [1.1.2] – firefighters involved unite

- [10.16.1] Ruth Lamperd, 'We went to hell and back ...', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 26, 2010, pp. 4-5.

Photo of crew that were in Alex Coppel's award winning photo of a fire truck fleeing the flames, see [1.1.2] – crew: personal accounts - Ian Maxfield – Reg Murril(l) – Matthew Smythe – Bruce Jewell – Gary Cheesman – Jim Wilson – Chris Rieschick – Walter Zurrer – Brad Large – Sean Scanlon – Labertouche North Rd – Bill Hill

- [10.18.1] Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister, 'We must build for the future now', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 26, 2010, pp. 28-29.

Australia Day – global financial crisis – Australian spirit – Victorians rebuild communities, businesses, schools and lives from the devastation of a year ago

- [10.20.1] Anne Wright, 'Firey's leadership shone amid horror', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 26, 2010, p. 33.

CFA group officer, David Allen, will be awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal today – for 36 years of voluntary service and outstanding leadership on Ash Wednesday and Black Saturday – Romsey and District Fire Brigades Group – Gwenda Allen

- [10.20.2] Editorial, 'Day of pride', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 26, 2010, p. 28.

Australia Day – spirit of Australia – Bruce Jewell – refers to fire crew at Labertouche on Black Saturday, see [10.16.1]

- [10.20.3] Blanche Clark, 'Sam the teacher', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 26, 2010, p. 57.
- Anniversary of Black Saturday – Toolangi Forest Education centre – escaped last year's bushfires – Education officer, Karen Brown – Sam the koala on display at the Melbourne Museum – part of fire-safety message – Sam a symbol of hope – Southern Ash Wildlife Shelter – chlamydia – Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Australian Guild and Adolescent Trauma Loss and Grief Network – have developed resources for schools directly affected by the bushfires last year
- [10.21.1] Photo, 'Joy from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 27, 2010, p. 1.
- A photo of some of the babies born in devastated bushfire areas since Black Saturday
- [10.21.2] Elissa Doherty & Anne Wright, 'Bailey's spirit inspires PM', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 27, 2010, p. 8.
- Bailey Lackas – Sandra Lackas – pint-sized hero – Steve Lackas – Rudd mentioned Bailey Lackas in his Australia Day address to the nation – Little Australian hero
- [10.22.1] Marianne Betts, 'Baby boom after gloom', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 27, 2010, p. 11.
- Katy Evett – Virginia Ronalds – Kate Gleeson – Emma Marchetti – Leah Harrow, Madison Ware – number of babies born since Black Saturday in Murrindindi Shire – Council Community Services Manager, Sandra Saxton – Len Postlethwaite – Tarnpirr Farm in Narbethong – Sean Gleeson
- [10.23.1] Cartoon, Mark Knight, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 27, 2010, p. 35.
- Shows a CFA firefighter fighting a fire - comments that Victorians would want a CFA firefighter involved in Black Saturday to be Australian of the Year
- [10.23.2] Pamela Clune, Wollert, Letters, 'Opportunity to show sympathy', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 28, 2010, p. 29.
- Re John Ferguson's, 'A wee dram of empathy', see [10.12.1] – congratulations – anniversary of Black Saturday on Feb 7 – spirit of Australia
- [10.23.3] Kathryn Monroe, Tolmie, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 29, 2010, p. 38.
- Husband died this month while on duty, see [9.31.4], [9.32.1], [9.33.2] – Mark Knight's cartoon, see [10.23.1] – all CFA members deserve to be Australian of the Year
- [10.23.4] Michael, Melbourne, Letters, 'Have CFA march at Moomba', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 29, 2010, p. 38.
- Re Mark Knight's cartoon, see [10.23.1] – outstanding, moving – CFA volunteers involved on Black Saturday could march at Moomba – unsung heroes
- [10.23.5] Amelia Harris, 'Black to the future for artist', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 30, 2010, p. 28.
- Amy Amota from Wildlife Victoria – David Tree – artist Aaron Burfield, 19, did a charcoal drawing of the photo of Sam and David Tree – chlamydiosis – money from the prints will go to wildlife charities
- [10.23.6] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Make sure you're FireReady before leaving town', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 30, 2010, p. 28.
- Advice for those visiting bushfire areas

- [10.24.1] Editorial, 'Rebuilding broken lives', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 31, 2010, p. 104.

Next week's Black Saturday anniversary – Victorian's anxious – worst natural disaster not only in Victorian, but Australian history – 16-page report in today's paper – some in bushfire danger areas are not heeding the lessons of last year's fires – bushfire survival plans – 48% of people in the State's 52 high risk areas won't leave on a Code Red day

- [10.24.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Warne keeps pledge to pal', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 31, 2010, p. 7.

Shane Warne – Aiden Buchanan – Rebecca Buchanan – anniversary of Black Saturday – Ross Buchanan – Mackenzie 'Macca' Buchanan – Neeve Buchanan – Danny Clark – MCG Sound Relief Concert – A Skate for Macca Day – Brumby

- [10.24.3] Peter Rolfe, 'Failure to heed deadly lesson', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 31, 2010, p. 7.

Victorians living in areas of highest bushfire risk are turning their backs on new guidelines drafted after Black Saturday – Brumby Government – a poll of residents in the State's 52 high risk areas revealed – 48% would not leave their homes on a Code Red day – only 15% had changed their bushfire survival plans – almost a third did not understand the national warning system – 16% did not have home insurance – Brumby – anniversary of Black Saturday – CFA Chief Exec, Mick Bourke

- [10.25.1] Photos, *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, p. 87.

2 photos of the destruction of Black Saturday

- [10.26.1] Ellen Whinnett, 'Faces of the fire together again', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, p. 88.

Reunited – Nigel Braithwaite, Ray Holloway – Arthur Grabham – Ross Olden – were driving the truck on p. 1 of the Sunday Herald Sun, 8 Feb 2009, see [1.1.1] – Kongwok Fire Brigade – photo taken at Tonimbuk

- [10.26.2] James Campbell, 'A year after the Black Saturday bushfires, the spirit of the affected communities remains undimmed', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, pp. 88-89.

Karl Graf and Karen Camilleri, the first couple married after the Marysville Black Saturday fires – personal account, Terry Donovan, 60, of Marysville – Sharen Donovan – Marysville escaped the Black Friday and Ash Wednesday bushfires – Bruce Ackerman – decision to declare Marysville a crime scene and exclude its residents caused bitterness and long-term damage to the town – a lot of people went elsewhere – Dalrymples Guest Cottages

- [10.28.1] Jane O'Connor, 'Book extract from *Without Warning*', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, pp. 90-93.

An extract from a book by Jane O'Connor, 'Without Warning: One Woman's Story of Surviving Black Saturday' – Hardie Grant Books

- [10.32.1] Photos, 'View from the air: Marysville recovers', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, pp. 94-95.

Aerial photos of Marysville coming back to life

- [10.34.1] Photos, 'View from the air: Kinglake recovers', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, pp. 96-97.

Aerial photos of Kinglake coming back to life

- [10.36.1] Glenn McFarlane, 'Caleb Tiller, Buxton', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, p. 98.
- Personal account – Caleb Tiller – drafted by Carlton – lost football memorabilia in the fires – AFL Victoria replaced Tiller's TAC Cup under-18s premiership medal and several jumpers – has not played for the Blues yet
- [10.36.2] Sarah Marinos, 'Bruno brings a slice of heaven back from gates of hell', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, pp. 98-99.
- Personal account – Bruno Torfs, 54 – Art & Sculpture Garden, Marysville – 60% of sculptures survived the fires – red tape hampering efforts to get on with business – Australia Day 2010
- [10.37.1] Sarah Marinos, 'The Reverend Ivor and Yvonne Jones, Marysville', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, p. 99.
- Personal account – Rev Ivor Jones, 75 – Yvonne Jones – inter-denominational service at Gallipoli Park will be held on Feb 7 – James and Matthew Liesfield – Elizabeth Liesfield – Rob Liesfield
- [10.38.1] Wendy Hargreaves, 'John and Lynne Derwin, Yarra Glen', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, p. 100.
- Personal account – Roundstone Winery, Yarra Glen – Winemakers, John and Lynne Derwin – Rob Davey – Black Saturday anniversary
- [10.38.2] Sarah Marinos, 'Ashraf and Christine Doos, Marysville', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, p. 100.
- Personal account – Ashraf and Christine Doos – Marysville Patisserie – they opened a new shop in Malvern – Marysville's new business hub is in the former Marysville Motor Museum – Christopher and Jason Doos – anniversary of Black Saturday
- [10.38.3] Sue Hewitt, 'Sam the koala's saviour battles on', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, pp. 100-101.
- Personal account – David Tree, 45 – Sam the koala – famous photo – sales of photo raised more than \$500,000 for the CFA and Southern Ash Wildlife centre – Chlamydia – Sam on display at the Melbourne Museum
- [10.39.1] Sue Hewitt, 'Vicki Moritz and Russell Glenn, Marysville', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, p. 101.
- Personal account – Vicki Moritz and Russell Glenn of Marysville – 'The Complete Bushfire Safety Book' by Joan Webster
- [10.39.2] Sarah Marinos, 'Lisa Milligan, Kilmore', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, p. 101.
- Personal Account – Lisa Milligan, 43, of Kilmore – volunteer with Wildlife Victoria – cared for injured wildlife at her home – Duane Milligan
- [10.40.1] Victims of the February 7 Bushfires, *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday Commemorative Edition*, January 31, 2010, p. 102.
- List of those who died whose names have been released – list of the number who died by region

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- [11.2.1] Sue Hewitt, 'Town slow to rise from ashes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 31, 2010, p. 20.
- Marysville – one year on – tourism – Graeme Brown, President of the Marysville and Triangle Development Group – struggling to recover – beds available for tourists before fires 2500, now 250 – thousands of building permits issued, but majority for sheds – cartographer, Robin Rishworth
- [11.2.2] Luke Dennehy, 'Close mate missed', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 31, 2010, p. 20.
- Peter Hitchener – Brian Naylor – Tony Jones – Combs Rd – Moiree Naylor – Channel 9 News
- [11.2.3] Bryan Patterson, 'Bond forged on day of terror', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 31, 2010, pp. 20-21.
- Personal accounts – Cameron Caine – Ross Buchanan – Kinglake Football Club – book, 'Brothers In Arms – A Kinglake Story' – Bec, Callum, Macca, Aiden, Neeve Buchanan – Laura Caine – Harry and Angus Caine – Ash Geelan – Jenny and Mick Clark – Danny Clark
- [11.3.1] David Hastie, 'Callignee's heart to beat again', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 31, 2010, p. 21.
- Callignee CFA Captain, Ian Ewart – Brumby – redevelopment of Community Hub – new CFA fire station – Government funding
- [11.4.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'A town of broken hearts and dreams', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special, Part One*, Monday, February 1, 2010, pp. 14-15.
- Marysville – destruction photos and 6 and 12 months later – Yellow Ribbon Campaign – Spotlight stores – Gallipoli Park – reconstruction – Steavenson Falls remains closed – Murrindindi Shire Council – 227 house permits issued – about 50 houses rebuilt out of 418 lost – no petrol station – tourism – red tape – LJ Hooker agent, Michael Marshall – John Cartwright – Tower Motel – Jean Cartwright – Dr Lachlan Fraser – Cassandra Church – Leigh Jowett
- [11.5.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Sadness shadows road to recovery', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special, Part One*, Monday, February 1, 2010, p. 15.
- Personal account – Ashraf Doos
- [11.6.1] Matt Johnston, 'Men more likely to ignore fire risks', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 1, 2010, p. 3.
- Research findings – Neighbourhood Safer Places – 3 recent reports released by the CFA and the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner – Victorians need to improve bushfire preparation – Strahan Research – Bushfire CRC Research Task Force – RMIT – findings – Code Red – CFA Chief Exec, Mick Bourke
- [11.6.2] Susie O'Brien, 'Code red no use in bush', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 2, 2010, pp. 22-23.
- Criticism of Code Red – locals are told to go somewhere and stay safe – not to go to work, school, or to stay at home – where do they go? – where are the safe places? – the roads are unsafe to travel on – Code Red is a farce – 3 recent surveys show Victorians are taking no notice of fire warnings, see [11.6.1] – are they really ignoring them or just realizing how useless they are – go to shopping centres – not an option in the country – if towns shut down, economies will kill towns before fires will – despite hundreds of thousands of dollars spent by the State Government on slick and emotional TV commercials and FireReady messages (and promoting itself), not one cent has been spent on promoting practical answers – rather than blaming potential victims, the State Government should offer real options – why have safe places and then complain when people use them? – solutions are needed, not just spin – Rees

- [11.6.3] Gilly Andrews, Flowerdale, Letters, 'Council neglects fire protection', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 2, 2010, p. 25.

Murrindindi Shire Council – refuses to cut long grass on block – residents are constantly reminded of their obligations to keep their land as clear and fire safe as possible or they will be fined – can we fine the council for not doing its job?

- [11.8.1] John Ferguson, 'Heartbreak ridge', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special, Part Two*, Tuesday, February 2, 2010, pp. 16-17.

Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake West – photos taken one year apart – all 31 homes destroyed by fires – Craig Draper – Heather Owen – Tamara – Tanya – first anniversary of Black Saturday – Grocon – cleanup and rebuilding – some will rebuild, some have fled – only one house survived in Baldspur Rd, and few people will rebuild there – Yellow Ribbon Campaign – Spotlight stores

- [11.9.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Power lines to blame, but lay off individuals', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special, Part Two*, Tuesday, February 2, 2010, p. 17.

Royal Commission officially blames power lines for starting the Kilmore East fire – State Government and power company responsible do not want individuals who inspected the lines last singled out – Royal Commission found the intensity and potential of the fire could have been predicted – that an incorrect fitting caused the power lines to fall – Jack Rush – Rees – incorrect fitting should have been obvious on proper inspection – Allen Myers QC, on behalf of the State Government, said it was not the Royal Commission's job to find fault – SP AusNet lawyers – Justice Teague – concern about the impact of the hearings on the families of those who died

- [11.10.1] John Ferguson, 'Helping hands rebuild a dream', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special, Part Three*, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, pp. 14-15.

Personal account – Paul, 92, and Maree, 87, Hecker, of Heathcote Junction – rebuilding – no insurance – help and kindness – North Mountain Rd – Ray Wilson – Yellow Ribbon Campaign – Spotlight stores

- [11.11.1] John Ferguson, 'Lucky lessons learnt from unlucky lottery', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special, Part Three*, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, p. 15.

Personal account – Guy Williams, 90, of Steels Creek

- [11.12.1] Darren Devlyn, 'Distraction brings her satisfaction', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, p. 6.

Personal account – first anniversary of Black Saturday – Alison Whyte, Logie winner – ABC documentary, 'Inside the Firestorm' – Grand Hotel Yarra Glen – Fred Whitlock, actor – Reg Evans – Angela Brunton

- [11.12.2] Into the Firestorm, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, p. 20.

Preview of the ABC documentary on the Black Saturday fires, 'Inside the Firestorm'

- [11.13.1] Advertisement, 'Firestorm: Black Saturday's Tragedy', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, p. 18.

Promotion of the book, 'Firestorm: Black Saturday's Tragedy'

- [11.13.2] Elissa Hunt, 'Killer blaze charges', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, p. 4.

Kevin 'Mick' Kane died in Bendigo fires – two boys, 13 and 14, accused of lighting a fire in Bendigo on 7 Feb 2009 – Children's Court – granted bail – Judge Paul Grant

- [11.14.1] John Ferguson, 'We won't go under', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special, Part Four*, Thursday, February 4, 2010, p. 20.

Personal account – Les and Jenny Dovaston of Marysville – Marysville Trout and Salmon Ponds still operating – houseboat, the 'Leonora' is home – Glen Waverley Anglican Church – anniversary of Black Saturday

- [11.15.1] Communities' painful path to rebuilding after devastation, *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special*, Thursday, February 4, 2010, p. 21.

Facts and figures on communities – lives lost – properties destroyed – rebuilding permits – hectares burnt – Appeal Fund grants

- [11.15.2] John Ferguson, 'Slow and steady but no promise of winning race', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special*, Thursday, February 4, 2010, p. 21.

Rebuilding – 300 building permits have been issued for properties in Marysville and surrounding triangle – locals believe as few as 50 houses have been rebuilt – most permits are for sheds – progress slow – Kinglake – Pheasant Creek – Bushfire Reconstruction spokeswoman, Melissa Arch – Murrindindi Shire hardest hit – Yellow Ribbon Campaign – Spotlight stores

- [11.16.1] John Ferguson, 'Tough memories haunt bravest', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special, Part 5*, Friday, February 5, 2010, p. 20.

Shane Warne – Aiden Buchanan – Mackenzie 'Macca' Buchanan's birthday – Neeve Buchanan – Danny Clark – Whittlesea Skate Park – first anniversary of Black Saturday – Ross Buchanan – Skate for Macca Day – Rick Wall – Cameron Caine – forthcoming book – Yellow Ribbon Campaign – Spotlight stores

- [11.17.1] Marianne Betts, 'Miracles and devastation never far away', *Herald Sun, Black Saturday Anniversary Special, Part 5*, Friday, February 5, 2010, p. 21.

Vicky Dunell, of Kinglake (personal account) – one of 17 emergency services workers photographed for the cover of the Melbourne White Pages Residential phone directory – directory producer, Sensis, wanted to recognise field workers who went beyond the call of duty on Black Saturday – Bart Wunderlich – Ian Dunell – Vicky Dunell received the Ambulance Service Medal in last month's Australia Day honours – Sgt Mark Hesse – Pat Leddin – SES Communications Officer, Peter Weeks – UGFM radio station – ABC radio – Daniel Balfour – Brendan Drechsler – Eddie McMullen – Darryl Glover – Zlad Nehme – Shaun Whitmore – Ben McCooke – Jacinta Williamson – Silas Woodrup – Tamara Delafontaine – Snr Const Paul Kemezys – Const Tully Sage

- [11.18.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Despite Code Red, remember a few home truths about safety', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 5, 2010, pp. 36-37.

Code Red is going to get someone killed – they are confusing, impractical and blur lessons learned in almost every past bushfire – the lesson is that a well-prepared home is the safest place – surveys released this week, see [11.6.1], show a quarter of people will consider leaving home on a Code Red day, but only when fires threaten their property – too late – before Black Saturday, CFA advice, backed by countless studies was clear – prepare your house then either leave early or stay and fight – research tells us that of 552 bushfire deaths over the past 100 years in Australia, only one in 12 occurred inside homes, and most of those were sick, old, drunk or unprepared – a 1984 University of Melbourne study of deaths in the 1983 Mt Macedon fires – risks associated with leaving: caught in burning forests on roads choked with smoke and crashed cars – but on Black Saturday 113 of 173 died in their homes – lessons to be learned? – fuel reduction? – homes better fire-proofed? – but Royal Commission and State Government chose to change warnings – new Code Red, Extreme and Severe warnings urge people to leave early – but leave to where? – Royal Commission fails to consider key defence of fuel reduction

- [11.18.2] J. D. Rogers, Hampton East, Letters, 'Authorities must answer to people', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 5, 2010, p. 35.
- Bald Spur Rd – brother-in-law died defending his home – power lines the cause – re, 'Power lines to blame, but lay off individuals', see [11.9.1]
- [11.18.3] Jamie Barnes, Narbethong, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 5, 2010, p. 35.
- Black Saturday anniversary – Black Spur pub – thanks to the people of Alexandra and many others
- [11.18.4] Nicola Thomson, Rushworth, Letters, 'Trying to decode bushfire warnings', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 5, 2010, p. 35.
- Re Susie O'Brien's article, 'Code red of no use in the bush', see [11.6.2] – congratulations – at least someone realises country people are not just ignoring warnings – where do people go?
- [11.18.5] Len Weavers, Emerald, Letters, 'Commission must be independent', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 5, 2010, p. 35.
- Outrageous that the government wants the Royal Commission to 'tone down' its findings – totally out of keeping with the notion of separation between the state and the law – political spin – offensive to those who perished and their families – Government trying to avoid criticism
- [11.19.1] Advertisement, 'Firestorm: Black Saturday's Tragedy', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 35.
- Promotion of the book, 'Firestorm: Black Saturday's Tragedy'
- [11.19.2] Tiger Wettenhall, Hamilton, Letters, 'Fire code ignites confusion and risk', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 76.
- Re Susie O'Brien's, 'Code red no use in the bush', see [11.6.2] – congratulations – concerned that current arrangements are unworkable and dangerous – the word 'catastrophic' creates fear – people need better education on risks, locals, tourists, visitors – roads are not safe for evacuation purposes
- [11.19.3] Vicki Simpson, Riddells Creek, Letters, 'Tears, thanks for anniversary services', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 76.
- Thanks for the Black Saturday Anniversary Special series – heroes – Mother Nature
- [11.19.4] Advertisement, 'Black Saturday, 12 Months On: Special one hour presentation – 7 News', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 7.
- Channel 7 News – first anniversary special – live from Kinglake, Marysville, Strathewen, Callignee, Wandong
- [11.20.1] Katie Bice, 'Couple plans to focus on joy', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 4.
- Jenna Pritchett – Josh Fairbridge – Matilda – Kayla – first anniversary of Black Saturday – sheltered in Murrindindi River on Black Saturday
- [11.20.2] (writer not known), 'Brethren book helps fire brigades', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 4.
- Book, 'Firestorm: Black Saturday's Tragedy' – produced by the Exclusive Brethren's Glenvale School - \$200,000 from sales donated to CFA brigades – Anthony Arkoll, school spokesman – more than 19,000 copies sold – Glenvale student, Josh Grace – Benjamin Deeble

- [11.20.3] (writer not known), 'Messages of love', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 4.

Thousands of messages of love and support for victims of the Black Saturday fires will be permanently housed at the State Library

- [11.20.4] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Leave your tribute in our permanent memorial', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 4.

- [11.20.5] John Ferguson, 'It's OK to dob in bush arsonists: Police plea to look for firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 4.

Victorians asked to dob in firebugs to prevent a repeat of Black Saturday – Det Supt Paul Hollowood – Extinguish Arson Campaign – Crime Stoppers boss, Peter Sprott – 2 boys appeared in the Children's Court this week on arson charges relating to the Bendigo fires – Kevin 'Mick' Kane

- [11.21.1] John Ferguson and Jon Hargest, 'Teddy gives boy a lifeline', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 6, 2010, p. 5.

Personal account – Jayden Henry, 6 – Paul Henry – Kinglake Temporary Village – little hero

- [11.22.1] Memorial and community events today, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010, p. 10.

Details of today's services – Victoria will observe one minute's silence at noon

- [11.22.2] Ellen Whinnett and Jane Howard, 'A quite minute to pay our respects: Dawn of tragedy's 1st anniversary', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010, p. 10.

Today is the first anniversary of Black Saturday – there will be a minute's silence at noon – in the 78 communities directly affected by the fires, locals will hold low-key ceremonies – service at St Paul's Cathedral – Nixon – heroes – sense of coming together - \$1b in insurance payouts – State and Federal Governments spent \$867m and the public appeal raised \$388m – Royal Commission

- [11.22.3] Advertisement, 'Firestorm: Let us never forget Black Saturday's Tragedy', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010, p. 10.

Stores where books available – promotion of book - \$200,000 donated to date

- [11.23.1] Caroline James, 'Bid to axe fire service levy', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010, p. 11.

The Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) is putting pressure on the Royal Commission to axe the fire service levy – ICA spokeswoman, Sandra Van Dijk – current levy unfair – paid by everyone who has home insurance – should be collected via charges on property – Australian Broking Group Managing Director, Robert Gilbert, predicted insurance increases would occur in 2010

- [11.23.2] Mitchell Toy & Sue Hewitt, 'Animals first in bushfire rebuild', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010, p. 11.

Stella Reid – Wildhaven Animal Shelter – Alan Reid

- [11.24.1] *Herald Sun*, 'Book extract clarification' *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010, p. 20.

Re *Sunday Herald Sun* last week, re book about Cameron Caine and Ross Buchanan, see [11.2.3] – the extracts published were used without the permission of either Caine or Buchanan, or the author Rick Wall – the extracts portrayed Cameron Caine incorrectly – Mackenzie Buchanan – Buchanan family distressed at timing of publication of extracts – Laura Caine – *Sunday Herald Sun* has apologised

- [11.24.2] Diana, Bendigo, 'Letter of the Week', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010, p. 82.
- Re 'Failure to heed deadly lesson', see [10.24.3] – will we never learn? – property can be replaced – lives can never be replaced
- [11.24.3] Cartoon, Mark Knight, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010, p. 83.
- 'One year after the infernal roar ... a moment's silence' – first anniversary Black Saturday
- [11.24.4] Advertisement, 'Firestorm', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010, p. 31.
- Promotion of book - \$200,000 already donated from sales to CFA brigades across Victoria
- [11.25.1] Poster, 'Sam, a small symbol of hope' *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 7, 2010.
- Poster with 3 photos of Sam the koala and David Tree – one is the famous photo available for purchase – the other two are additional photos of Sam and David Tree
- [11.27.1] Photos, 'New hope', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 1 & back page.
- First anniversary - p. 1 – Mykaela releases butterflies at the Kinglake memorial service – back page – Rod Liesfield (Elizabeth, James & Matthew Liesfield) – Rudd – St Paul's Cathedral
- [11.28.1] John Ferguson, Katie Bice & Stephen McMahon, 'United in faith for the future', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, pp. 4-5.
- First anniversary of Black Saturday yesterday – details of ceremonies and events held across Victoria – nation remembers – minute's silence – flags at half mast – 173 butterflies released in Kinglake – firebugs – Phoenix Taskforce – Rudd – St Paul's Cathedral – Brumby – Rod Liesfield of Marysville – Gallipoli Park – Carol Matthews – Sam Matthews – David de Krester – 173 balloons released in Whittlesea – Larry Challis – Steve Tong – Stacey Kelly – Liam Sheahan – Janine Brandt
- [11.29.1] Stephen McMahon, 'New hope flickers among prayers', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 5.
- First anniversary of Black Saturday – service at St Paul's Cathedral – Governor General, Quentin Bryce – Carol Matthews – Brumby – poem, 'Gift of Hope', by Rhonda Abotomey
- [11.30.1] John Ferguson, 'Grieving village's heart beats again', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 6.
- First anniversary of Black Saturday – Marysville – Lachlan Fraser – Gallipoli Park – Rod Liesfield – Elizabeth, James, Matthew Liesfield
- [11.30.2] (writer not known), 'Warning of re-ignited fears', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 6.
- Counsellors expect a surge in the number of people wanting help after the first anniversary of Black Saturday – emotional scars far from healed – Lifeline spokesman, Chris Wagner – Lifeline running live blogs
- [11.30.3] Terry Brown, 'Town aches for lost', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 6.
- First anniversary of Black Saturday – 173 butterflies released – Kinglake Oval – Kathy Stewart
- [11.31.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Green heralds new start', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 7.
- First anniversary of Black Saturday – Strathewen – Wes Stecher – Georgina Robertson-Stecher – Tilly

- [11.31.2] (writer not known), 'Rebuilding begins from today', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 7.

John and Judy Szabo – first anniversary of Black Saturday – Callignee

- [11.31.3] Vox Pop, 'A year on from the horrors of Black Saturday, what lessons do you think we have learned?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 24.

Janet Curtis, 65, Carnegie: not many, people insisting on staying in their homes; fire authorities too interested in self-defence – Craig Gordon, 48, South Yarra: more community awareness of preparation – Rachel Morrison, 33, Fitzroy North: majority of people want to stay and defend; this needs to change – Don Windsor, 31, Tarneit: hopes the Government has learned what it needs to from the Royal Commission – Chris Kemp, 28, Port Fairy: to value our possessions and lives more so; reminds us what Mother Nature can do – not to take our lives for granted

- [11.32.1] Advertisement, 'Spirit of CFA', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 26.

Prints on sale of a montage celebrating the CFA – by renowned Australian artist Jamie Cooper – Commissioned by Westpac – unframed prints on sale for \$79.95 plus \$15 for delivery

- [11.32.2] Editorial, 'Painful path of healing', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 22.

First anniversary of Black Saturday – Australia's worst natural disaster – rebuilding – struggling – vital that 173 lost were mourned – heroes acknowledged – release of butterflies in Kinglake – we owe it to the dead to learn lessons – blame/scapegoats – Royal Commission must be allowed to examine failings and report honestly and frankly

- [11.32.3] Michael Callanan, Lorne, Letters, 'Lessons still not heeded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 25.

One year on from Black Saturday – what have the Surf Coast Shire and many householders learned? – nothing – fuel reduction not done – properties not prepared

- [11.32.4] Vivienne Ortega, Heidelberg Heights, Letters, 'Wildlife rescuers unsung heroes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 8, 2010, p. 25.

Wildlife rescuers are unsung heroes – four wildlife shelters destroyed in fires

- [11.33.1] Phillip Hudson, '\$3m cameras to give early warning of blazes: Zooming in on fires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 9, 2010, p. 14.

12 superpowered early warning cameras are being installed in the Otway Ranges as part of a three-month trial – German Aerospace cameras – Attorney General, Robert McClelland – trial will start on Monday – four locations – Mt Porndon, Crows Nest Lookout – Peters Hill, Mt Cowley – cameras used for nearly a decade in Germany

- [11.33.2] Debbie Webber, Narbethong, Letters, 'Burned by large finance firms', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 9, 2010, p. 20.

Public support and generosity overwhelming – critical of major financial institutions

- [11.33.3] Alex Candlish, Numurkah, Letters, 'Attach fire levy to rates', *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2010, p. 20.

Fires Services Levy charged by the State Government on all home insurance premiums top help finance the CFA and MFB – those who pay to insure subsidise those who don't – why aren't fire brigades financed like the police? – fairest solution is to add the cost to rates – homeowners without insurance would then have to pay their fair share

- [11.33.4] John Lord, Croydon, Letters, 'Overwhelmed at documentary', *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2010, p. 20.
- ABC to be congratulation for its, 'Inside the Firestorm' on Sunday night – could be put on DVD with proceeds to go to the bushfire appeal
- [11.33.5] Peter Lucas, The Basin, Letters, 'Doggedness to match Churchill', *Herald Sun*, February 9, 2010, p. 20.
- Compares the tragedy of Black Saturday with Winston Churchill's quote delivered after the Battle of Britain
- [11.33.6] Gil Robertson, Delacombe, Letters, 'Childhood memory of bushfire risk', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 9, 2010, p. 20.
- Marysville fires on Black Saturday – Black Friday, Jan 13, 1939 – hopes the present generation learn to take bushfires more seriously
- [11.34.1] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Sickies a burning issue', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 11, 2010, p. 15.
- Firefighter absenteeism on Black Saturday – MFB rosters – FOI – United Firefighters Union Secretary, Peter Marshall – MFB Chief Officer, Tony Murphy – MFB funded from Fire Services Levy, tax and rates – table showing leave from 6 Feb – 16 Feb 2009 for the MFB
- [11.34.2] Norrie Ross, 'Fire fuel loads attacked', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 11, 2010, p. 15.
- Royal Commission – Neil Young, QC, appearing for local councils and the Municipal Assoc of Victoria – tree preservation a higher priority than the bushfire threat – increasing fuel loads – State Government policy at fault, not local councils – councils could not ban new buildings in high-risk areas – DSE – population growth – climate change – public policy
- [11.34.3] Phil Searle, Reedy Creek, Letters, 'Eyes quicker than cameras', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 11, 2010, p. 33.
- Re 'Zooming in on fires', see [11.33.1] – claims fires on Black Saturday were spotted and responded to quickly – proposed \$3m camera trial a waste of money – only suitable for small forests in Europe – manned spotting towers should stay
- [11.35.1] Lucie van den Berg, 'Fire sale spells disaster for Marysville family: Under the hammer', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 11, 2010, p. 23.
- Jinhee, Bruce, Lily and Amy Morrow – lost their family home and 11 rental properties in Marysville – no property or income protection insurance – ANZ bank wants to sell all the land - \$1m loan – Morrows want to keep one block to rebuild – Lachlan Fraser
- [11.35.2] John Masanauskas, 'More get VCE help', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 12, 2010, p. 29.
- Black Saturday fires led to an increase in the number of VCE students being granted special exam arrangements – Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) – 1% increase – independent school students over-represented in approvals

- [11.35.3] Norrie Ross, 'Dandenongs communities live in fear of another firestorm: False hope in resources', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 12, 2010, p. 27.

Dandenongs residents now realise the potential danger of a firestorm – Cloudehill gardens at Olinda owner, Jeremy Francis – 6-12 hours to evacuate the Dandenongs – Olinda has 3 times the tree canopy density of Marysville before Black Saturday – government and local councils policies contributed to the bushfire risk – Brian Murray of the Nillumbik Ratepayers Assoc – Greg Johnson, of Friends of Nillumbik, said development should be barred in bushfire danger areas

- [11.36.1] Alison Barclay, a&e, 'Fired by memory', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 12, 2010, p. 76.

Kelly Brooks – Taggerty – Rubicon – songwriter and singer – inspired by Black Saturday to write a song, 'Watching Over Them' – Australian producer, Mark Moffatt

- [11.36.2] Harbant Gill, a&e, 'Mangled metal inspires art from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 12, 2010, p. 76.

Gippsland artists Ursula and Werner Theinert – Werner took photos of the devastation of Black Saturday and created digital prints of optical illusions that refer to many homes that were destroyed – Ursula painted, with titles including 'Ashes to Ashes' and 'Fire Angels' – the Theinerts are exhibiting alongside other artists

- [11.37.1] Peter Familiar, 'Joeys glad to help out', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 12, 2010, p. 13.

St Andrews shelter – Alan and Stella Reid – photo exhibition at the Bridges Restaurant and Nursery in Hurstbridge – Lloyd Godman – Wayne Bateman – Darrel James – Richard Kendall – Anita Norris – book, 'Footsteps in the Ash'

- [11.37.2] Ron Pratt, Coalville, Letters, 'Bushfire message still not received', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 13, 2010, p. 74.

Re Joan Clark's letter, 'Policy leaves a fire hazard' – local councils still have not got the message – many houses were saved on Black Saturday because of non-indigenous trees – large fuel loads due to government and shire regulations banning the clearing of hazards

- [11.37.3] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Make sure you're FireReady before leaving town', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 13, 2010, p. 39.

Advice to visitors going to bushfire areas

- [11.38.1] Arnold Jago, Mildura, Letters, 'Fuel for thought', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 14, 2010, p. 88.

First anniversary of Black Saturday – Brumby said, 'We don't want this tragedy to ever happen again. We all need to learn from this terrible disaster.' – everyone knows that fuel reduction burning is the most important preventative tool – is this Government so dependent on the support of the (anti-fuel reduction) Greens?

- [11.38.2] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Neighbourhood Safer Places', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 14, 2010, p. 21.

Emphasises that people should leave early and not rely on Neighbourhood Safer Places – emergency services may not be present – food, water and toilets may not be available – to check where these safer places are go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667

- [11.38.3] Lucie van den Berg & Matt Johnston, 'Forest burn-off to start', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 16, 2010, p. 6.

The Government is racing to reduce fuel loads with the earliest autumn burns in five years after the recent wet weather – could cause concern for people in areas affected by last year's fires – DSE Chief Fire Officer, Ewan Waller – Climate Change Minister, Gavin Jennings – Brumby – Peter Ryan said it was about time more back-burning was done

- [11.39.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Neighbourhood Safer Places. Only a last resort.', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 17, 2010, p. 17.

Same as [11.38.2] above

- [11.39.2] Chris de Kretser & Daryl Timms, 'Roos hop to support fire victim', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 19, 2010, p. 101.

Football fundraiser match for Maddison Bartlett, who lost her parents and younger sister in the Black Saturday fires – at Eltham Central Oval – Adam Simpson – Glenn Archer – Nathan Thompson – Shannon Grant – Leigh Colbert – Damian Monkhurst – burns unit at the Royal Melbourne Hospital – Maddison Bartlett Charitable Trust was established by Hurstbridge policemen, Paul Kemezys and Gary Tickell

- [11.40.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Fuel burns will save us', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 19, 2010, pp. 32-33.

The Royal Commission is now getting close to the true scandal behind Black Saturday – why did this Labor Government ignore so many warnings that it was burning too little of our forests? – green agenda – a year after Black Saturday and the Royal Commission this week finally heard its first witness on fuel reduction – Liam Fogerty, Assistant Fire Chief, DSE – admission that limited fuel reduction done – why? - lack of resources, green movement so strong in council politics that councils even fined people for clearing trees from their homes or removing dead wood – Jack Rush – Mitchell Shire Council forced a ratepayer to pay \$100,000 in fines and costs for clearing his own fire break – Shire of Yarra Ranges – green movement near-paralysing in the Labor Government – list of reports, etc, warning that we needed to reduce fuel

Bushfire Review Committee on the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires warned that the level of burns was 'too low' – in 1992 the Auditor-General accused the Government of allowing, 'an increasing accumulation of fuel on forest floors' – in 2003 a state inquiry into Victorian fires warned that fuel reduction burns in large parts of the state, 'are below rated likely to be satisfactory' – in 2003, former CSIRO bushfire scientist, David Packham, studied the area around Kinglake and warned, 'The mix of fuel, unsafe roadsides and embedded houses, some with zero protection and no hope of survival, will ensure that when a large fire impinges upon the area a major disaster will result' – in 2003, a federal parliamentary inquiry report on fires in Canberra, NSW and Victoria, said, 'right around Australia ... there has been grossly inadequate hazard reduction burning on public lands' – in 2003, the Emergency Services Commissioner to the Government, 'The number and area of burns for fuel reduction has declined ... markedly through the 1990s' – in 2004 Athol Hodgson, former chief fire officer for the Dept of Conservation, Forests and Lands, said a, 'top priority is to restore prescribed burning programs in forests' and that the Auditor-General had, 'found that since 1994, fuel reduction burning has never met the department's ... targets' – in 2007, the DSE told a state parliamentary inquiry that for 10 years it had burned only half its target in the fire district that includes the Yarra Ranges and Nillumbik – in 2008, just months before Black Saturday, the State Parliament's Environment and Natural Resources Committee's report urges the Government to nearly triple the area it burned each year to 385,000ha

Instead of fuel reduction we have been given new and impractical panic-panic warnings to flee the bush on each hot day – to flee the bush that this green Government actually failed to make safe

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- [12.1.1] Norrie Ross & Stephen McMahon, 'Black Saturday 2 will expose us', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 20, 2010, p. 29.

Athol Hodgson, former Commissioner of Forests – lack of fuel reduction due to penny-pinching – the government should be required to burn off 385,000 ha a year as research by a 2008 Parliamentary Report – Cesar Melhem, Secretary of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Workers Union – staffing of DSE and CFA – budget cuts – state tragically unprepared for another Black Saturday – Nixon – rebuilding slow

- [12.1.2] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Make sure you're FireReady before leaving town', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 20, 2010, p. 23.

Advice for people visiting bushfire areas

- [12.1.3] Adrian Tame, 'Good turn ends in EPA fine', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 21, 2010, p. 33.

Dale Gillis, 42, of Kyneton – fined by the EPA for helping Black Saturday victims – removed rubble to provide access – dumped the rubble where told to by Macedon Ranges Shire Council – fined \$467 and told to get rubbish out of quarry – Dale Thornton, of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, said no record of contact with Mr Gillis

- [12.1.4] (writer not known), 'Burning issue', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, p. 11.

Backburning should be more than doubled – Brumby Government – Government should publicly announce its fuel reduction targets – DC 10 water bomber – former CSIRO chief fire expert, Phil Cheney

- [12.2.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Neighbourhood Safer Places. Only a last resort.', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 24, 2010, p. 13.

- [12.2.2] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Reducing our future bushfire risk', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 24, 2010, p. 17.

Tells people that backburning is important to reduce fuel loads

- [12.2.3] Advertisement, 'Spirit of CFA', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 24, 2010, p. 22.

- [12.3.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'State's bushfire rules "too rigid"', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 26, 2010, p. 25.

Kimberley Dripps, DSE – accused by the Royal Commission of being too narrow and rigid about fuel breaks – Ron McLeod – Susan Pascoe – Greg Lyon, SC, representing local councils

- [12.3.2] Advertisement, 'Spirit of CFA', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 26, 2010, p. 91.

- [12.3.3] Ron Reed, 'Marysville cricket rises from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 26, 2010, p. 99.

Marysville Cricket Club – Travis Gleeson – Chris Ronalds – Steve Ritchie – Murray Sutton – club rooms and equipment at Gallipoli Park destroyed on Black Saturday – Commonwealth Bank has given the club \$1000 and equipment worth \$750 through its Grants for Grassroots Cricket program – Cricket Victoria – Mike Hussey

- [12.3.4] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Reducing our future bushfire risk', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 27, 2010, p. 3.

- [12.3.5] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Make sure you're FireReady before leaving town', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 27, 2010, p. 41.

Advice for people visiting bushfire areas

- [12.4.1] Advertisement, 'Spirit of CFA', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 27, 2010, p. 117.

- [12.4.2] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'New Fire Danger Ratings. Look for them, act on them.', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 28, 2010, p. 14.

- [12.4.3] Advertisement, 'Spirit of CFA', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 28, 2010, p. 34.

- [12.5.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Kicking goals for Maddison', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 1, 2010, p. 12.

Maddison Bartlett – Glenn Archer – fundraising football match – Garry, Jacinta, Erryn Bartlett – Adam Simpson – Paul Kemezys – Gary Tickell – burns unit at the Royal Children's Hospital

- [12.5.2] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Reducing our future bushfire risk', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 3, 2010, p. 18.

- [12.6.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Neighbours wouldn't leave burning home', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 4, 2010, p. 10.

Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake West – street of despair – house of hell – Rachel Doyle

- [12.7.1] John Ferguson, 'Haunted by the road of death', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 4, 2010, p. 11.

Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake West – 31 houses destroyed – no option to leave – every road exit was on fire – did as they were advised – stayed in homes

- [12.7.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Husband died urging wife to escape', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 5, 2010, p. 27.

Strathewen – Peter Avola, 67 – Mary Avola – Chads Creek Rd

- [12.7.3] Malcolm Just, East St Kilda, Letters, 'Summer forecast way off mark', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 5, 2010, p. 31.

Summer weather forecasts issued 5 months ago are wrong – why believe predictions of climate change 50 years from now?

- [12.8.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Reducing our future bushfire risk', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 6, 2010, p. 36.

- [12.8.2] Peter Rolfe, "'Bury wires to curb fires'", *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 7, 2010, p. 13.

Experts have told the Royal Commission that above-ground electrical lines in many parts of the state should be buried to prevent fires – Kinglake blaze believed to have been started by faulty power lines – Brumby Government – electrical engineer, Kim Griffiths – power lines could be buried in the 52 areas identified as high risk

- [12.8.3] Anne Wright, 'Oliver does lunch with fire survivors', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 13, 2010, p. 11.

Jamie Oliver was the guest of honour at the World's Longest Lunch in Marysville

- [12.8.4] T. Hall, Cranbourne, Letters, 'Taxed once, twice and three times', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 13, 2010, p. 79.
- Insurance renewal on building and contents – fire levy charged at a rate of 46% - GST – State Government stamp duty – outrageous
- [12.9.1] (writer not known), 'Black Saturday burglary', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 18, 2010, p. 22.
- Donated goods stored at Wattle Glen Primary School were stolen on the weekend of March 6-7 – David Stewart
- [12.9.2] John Ferguson, 'Bushfire survivors want to give back: Thank you for easing our pain', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 19, 2010, p. 24.
- Ross Buchanan – Cam Tapp – Middle Kinglake Primary students – the people of Kinglake will hold a thank-you concert at Federation Square on April 7 – local musicians – CD – song, 'Lest we forget' – Sarah Young – Dylan Jones – comedian, Ross Noble – blues singer, Ash Grunwald
- [12.9.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Uninsured deserve ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 19, 2010, p. 24.
- Black Saturday victims who weren't insured shouldn't have been compensated – doesn't encourage people to take out insurance – Insurance Council of Australia – Denis Nelthorpe of West Heidelberg Community Legal Service, said it was ironic that the insurance industry has criticised assistance when it is funded by taxpayers and community donations that are subsidising their profits – consumers affected should have been covered by replacement policies in the first place – Jaanette Enden, of Labertouche, told the Royal Commission that the cost of insuring was uneconomic – the fire services levy was unfair, too costly, and discouraged people from taking out insurance
- [12.10.1] Lucie van den Berg, 'Teams united by fire', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 20, 2010, p. 23.
- Kinglake footballers, David Stoneman, Daryl Robinson, Tyler McDonald – Grand Final rematch, Kinglake vs Olinda-Ferny Creek at Marysville oval – Kinglake players will wear the Marysville jumper – Marysville hasn't had a team since 1983 – President of the Marysville District Football and Netball Club, John Phillips – Kinglake President, Cameron Caine – Rick Wall
- [12.10.2] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Reducing our future bushfire risk', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 20, 2010, p. 11.
- [12.11.1] Evonne Barry, 'Marysville welcomes home green-and-gold', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 22, 2010, p. 7.
- Gallipoli oval – practice match between Kinglake and Olinda-Ferny Creek – Marysville Villians – Kinglake Football Club wore Marysville jumpers – rematch of last year's Grand Final – Adam Wolfenden – Terry Ross, played for Marysville in their last premiership in 1973 – Marysville District Football and Netball Club – yesterday was the 12-month anniversary of the re-opening of Marysville after the clean-up and forensic investigations
- [12.11.2] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Bodies left for weeks', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 23, 2010, p. 16.
- Denis Spooner – first relative to give evidence at the Royal Commission – accused authorities of not retrieving bodies quickly enough – claimed a man's body was left in a Strathewen house for 4 weeks – a body left in a care for almost 2 days – Damien Spooner – Marilyn Spooner – Michael Winton – Joe Shepherd – Danny Shepherd – Pine Ridge Rd
- [12.11.3] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Reducing our future bushfire risk', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 24, 2010, p. 17.

- [12.12.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Backburn lit just as blaze struck', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 26, 2010, p. 37.

Backburning just before blaze hit Kinglake – Pine Ridge Rd – Tony Fitzgerald of Parks Victoria said his decision to backburn was an attempt to protect the people of Kinglake – Craig Draper, of Pine Ridge Rd – 31 houses destroyed – bushfire expert, Dr Andrew Sullivan, of the CSIRO

- [12.12.2] (writer not known), 'Jail for bushfire thief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 26, 2010, p. 20.

Dominic Muzzi, 48, stole \$200,000 worth of items intended for Black Saturday victims – Moorabbin Magistrates' Court – Magistrate Brian Barrow sentenced Muzzi for 3 years jail, with a minimum of 18 months – Muzzi appealed and was released on bail – Muzzi was ashamed, under financial stress and suffered from a major depressive illness – Muzzi pleaded guilty to 3 counts of burglary and 3 counts of theft

- [12.12.3] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Top staff for code red days', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 30, 2010, p. 20.

Brumby Government refuses to guarantee that on Code Red days, Level 3 Incident Controllers will be in place by 10am – Rachel Doyle says this is needed and achievable – Neil Clelland, SC, for the State Government, said although this was desirable, the Government would need to wait for a review

- [12.12.4] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Bushfires advice of no use', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 31, 2010, p. 25.

CFA bushfire warnings – Rachel Doyle – contradictory advice – too dangerous to stay – too dangerous to leave – Anthony Duckmanton of the CFA told the Royal Commission that this was a situation that people could face on a Code Red day – problem of where to go? – tourists will be told not to visit – Neighbourhood Safer Places advice suggests homes might be a safer option – Mr Duckmanton said the warnings could be confusing and more work needed to be done

- [12.12.5] (writer not known), 'Bushfires a wine disaster', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 1, 2010, p. 21.

The Black Saturday fires could cost the Victorian wine industry \$368m and be the final nail in the coffin for some wineries – Victorian Industry Association, Chief Executive, Joanne Butterworth-Gray

- [12.12.6] (writer not known), 'Nixon to give evidence', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 1, 2010, p. 16.

Nixon expected to take the stand at the Royal Commission next week – first appearance – Neil Comrie, expected to give evidence about the Government's progress implementing the Royal Commission's recommendations

- [12.13.1] John Ferguson, 'Bushfire hero runs for office', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 2, 2010, p. 24.

Sen-Const Cameron Caine has won pre-selection for the Federal Liberal seat of McEwen – one of Black Saturday's true heroes – Fran Bailey, retiring member – Rob Mitchell, Labor, to run again – Mr Caine's high profile and community service during and after the fires will make him a formidable contender – Ross Buchanan – book by Rick Wall about the stories of Buchanan and Caine on Black Saturday

- [12.13.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Gratitude straight from the art', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 4, 2010, p. 15.

Ross Buchanan – victims of Black Saturday will hold a concert and art display to thank Victorians – 10-hour concert at Federation Square on Wednesday – blues singer, Ash Grunwald – comedian, Ross Noble – local musicians – Cameron Caine will speak – students from fire-affected schools will perform a song written in the aftermath of Black Saturday, 'Lest We Forget'

- [12.13.3] (writer not known), 'New fire for Black Saturday family', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 6, 2010, p. 18.

Andrew Watson of Kinglake – lost home and possessions on Black Saturday and was uninsured – house has since been rebuilt, but burnt down while he was holidaying in Gippsland – insured this time – arson squad to investigate

- [12.14.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Told Victorians could die in the fires, Christine Nixon ... Went out for dinner', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, p. 1.

Nixon went home at 6pm on Black Saturday and then out for dinner with friends – left about 5 minutes after she was briefed about the likelihood of deaths – worst bushfires in the State's history – first appearance at the Royal Commission – Nixon said that even though she left she was still in charge – monitored radio, websites and took calls and text messages, as disaster unfolded – clarified her movements to the *Herald Sun*, saying she went home, then to a North Melbourne bistro for dinner with her husband and two friends and returned home later

- [12.14.2] Kelly Ryan, 'Wombat attacks, mauls bushfire survivor', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, p. 3.

Black Saturday survivor, Bruce Kringle of Flowerdale – attacked by a wombat, receiving extensive cuts, bruising and bite marks – Yvonne Kringle – Vilma Kringle, 79 – DSE Wildlife Officer, Jeff McClure – wombat expert, Clare Davis, who runs the Hidden Springs Wildlife Shelter

- [12.15.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Not good enough: Nixon concedes Black Saturday failings', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, p. 12 (cont from p.1)

Summary of what Nixon told the Royal Commission – an exchange between Rachel Doyle and Nixon – Nixon did not speak to Brumby – paid about \$380,000 as Police Commissioner – appointed Chair of VBRRA – left Asst Commissioner, Stephen Fontana, to brief Police Minister, Bob Cameron – did not consider declaring a state of disaster – did not check whether adequate warnings were being given to towns because she assumed the fire authorities had done so – Nixon admitted she should have done better – Nixon defended her decision to leave the IECC at 6pm – had faith in the people there

- [12.15.2] Amelia Harris, 'Fire towns to say thanks', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, p. 25.

Residents of towns affected by Black Saturday will thank the community today – concert and art display – free 10-hour concert, 'Thank You Melbourne', at Federation Square – comedian Ross Noble – blacksmith, Ray Brasser, and craftsman, Glenn Barlow, have created a sculpture for the occasion – Brumby – Robert Doyle – Ross Buchanan

- [12.15.3] (writer not known), 'Marysville granted \$3m', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, p. 14.

Marysville has been granted nearly \$3m from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund to rebuild – main street, \$1.3m - Gallipoli Park, \$1.5m – part of \$5m grant from the Appeal Fund

- [12.16.1] (writer not known), 'I let you down', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 1.

Nixon apologises in an open letter in today's *Herald Sun* for eating out while Victoria burned on Black Saturday – Brumby said Nixon should have stayed at the IECC – Nixon refuses to resign from VBRRA

- [12.17.1] Bluey Field, South Yarra, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Nero fiddled while Rome burned – Nixon went out dining – Brumby rewards her with a high-paid job and cleaning up the ashes!

- [12.17.2] Christine, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Biggest day in our State's history and she goes out for dinner – she has been found wanting and should resign from her other golden hand-shake deal

- [12.17.3] Politically Incorrect, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

This is what you get when you have token equality appointments

- [12.17.4] Craig, Port Macquarie, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Whatever happened to accountability? – Chief Commissioner of Police ultimately responsible – asleep at the wheel – unwilling to take charge – conveniently moved aside when her level of incompetence could no longer be tolerated

- [12.17.5] Len Weavers, Emerald, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Given Nixon's dereliction of duty at the height of the bushfire crisis - finds it unacceptable that she should oversee reconstruction

- [12.17.6] Marion Downie, Ararat, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Can't believe she went home to dine – didn't care – worst insult is that Brumby gave her the job of overseeing the results of the fire

- [12.17.7] Lynjo, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

None of those in charge covered themselves in glory – any better next time? – public service mentality

- [12.17.8] Jim, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Lousy police chief, but knows how to play the political game – insult to make her reconstruction chief

- [12.17.9] Frank, C., Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

What was she supposed to do? – join the CFA and get out there with a hose?

- [12.17.10] BC, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Terrible leadership in a time of crisis – appalling

- [12.17.11] Eric, G., Ferntree Gully, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Disgrace – no notes – no comment – no control – no co-ordination

- [12.17.12] Boroondara Resident, Balwyn, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Leave her alone – this disaster was going to happen no matter what – instead of blaming Nixon, look at educating people about building in the bush

[12.17.13] Gaz, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

What would have been different if Nixon acted differently – would lives have been saved?

[12.17.14] Steve Williams, Waurn Ponds, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Surprising she can believe she should continue as VBRRA chief – equally surprising she can look at survivors in the eye

[12.17.15] Kent, F., Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Nixon's appointment as police chief was clearly for PC reasons

[12.17.16] Whistleblower, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

What a complete and utter abrogation of leadership! – plenty of time to march in the gay mardi gras, but during this disaster she just went home

[12.17.17] Copper, Victoria, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Why is this person still in charge of anything, after such dereliction of duty, responsibility and leadership? – hope she enjoyed her meal – the last person who did this was Nero

[12.17.18] Ian, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

A judgment call on the day – bloody poor judgment

[12.17.19] Glenda, Albury/Wodonga, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Can't believe she would do that – wining and dining while others are dying

[12.17.20] Didge, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Police force leaders are arrogant fat cats lapping the cream

[12.17.21] Cheryl, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

What's the difference if she sat on the front line or ate dinner with her friends? – the State was not prepared – just looking for someone to blame

[12.17.22] Mark, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

Another pretender – should become a politician

[12.17.23] Sack Brumby, Hot Topic, 'Victorians just won't cop it', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 30.

This is the behaviour of a career executive who takes no interest beyond waving arms and taking pay – most governments employ such people these days

[12.18.1] Quotes, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, pp. 4-5.

Quotes from – Nixon – Dr Chris Harvey, a biochemist who lost his house in Kinglake – Ted Baillieu – Brumby – Police Assoc Secretary, Greg Davies – Senator Steve Fielding

[12.18.2] Christine Nixon, Open Letter, ‘Sorry, I could have done things differently’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 4.

Nixon’s letter of apology – admits she shouldn’t have left the IECC

[12.18.3] Matt Johnston, Ben Packham & Lucie van den Berg, ‘She should have stayed at work’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, pp. 4-5.

Brumby says Nixon should have stayed the IECC – Brumby backs Nixon to stay on as head of VBRRRA – Nixon defends her decision to eat out, yesterday – then apologised - survivors have expressed anger – many survivors still support her – a Herald Sun poll shows that 73% think she should quit – Brumby did not contact Nixon on Black Saturday, but stayed at the Bendigo Incident Control Centre til midnight – Brumby said he received adequate briefings from Esplin and Cameron – Rudd supports Nixon – Bill Shorten said it was important that Nixon continued her work – Ted Baillieu said survivors had lost faith in Nixon – Cameron should also answer questions about his involvement – Cameron was at the IECC between 7pm and midnight on Black Saturday – Fran Bailey said Nixon should be sacked – Police Assoc Secretary Greg Davies – Nixon made a brief appearance at last night’s Thank You Concert at Federation Square

[12.19.1] ‘Christine Nixon’s movements on Black Saturday’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 5.

Summary of Nixon’s whereabouts on Black Saturday – Asst Commissioner, Stephen Fontana – IECC – SERCC – Tony O’Day, CFA liaison officer – Rees – Ewan Waller – Bob Cameron

[12.19.2] Your Verdict, ‘Should she stay on as bushfire recovery chief?’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 5.

Total votes – 914	YES – 27.13.% (248)	NO – 72.87% (666)
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[12.19.3] Antonia Magee & Evonne Barry, ‘Survivor reeling after dinner debacle’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 5.

Nixon – Bessie McMahon, survivor from Kinglake, brokenhearted – Jim McMahon – Bernie and Jan Hansell, Kinglake survivors – Mr Hansell said Nixon’s actions were horrendous and disgusting - Mrs Hansell said there was no point trying to find a scapegoat – Vivien Achia of Kinglake said she was more concerned with the lack of leadership shown by Rees – people in Kinglake have a lot of time for Nixon – not Nixon’s fault – Kinglake people had no warning

[12.19.4] Russell Robinson & Antonia Magee, ‘Meal lasted an hour’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 5.

Nixon dined at North Melbourne’s swank Metropolitan Hotel with her husband, John Becquet; Police Appeals Board Chair, Bernice Masterson; and Lita Bostjancic, Nixon’s Executive Assistant – Neil Comrie – Kennett Government – Metropolitan Hotel owner, Suzanne Marshall

[12.20.1] Editorial, ‘Failure can’t be forgiven’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 32.

Failure of leadership – Nixon – must resign as chair of VBRRRA – under Victoria’s Emergency Management Act, Nixon had operational responsibility – left the IECC and delegated to senior police – she chose to dine with friends at the Metropolitan Hotel in North Melbourne and did not return – she said that while she wasn’t on the premises she was clearly in charge – Nixon should have been seen to be in charge – Brumby distancing himself from her mistakes

- [12.20.2] Neil Mitchell, 'Hungry Nixon must go', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 32.

If Brumby can't find the political strength to sack Nixon, she must do it herself – the Government supports her – the Opposition does not – she failed to lead on Black Saturday – if those horrendous events were not enough to demand the full personal attention of the Chief Commissioner, what was? – by going out to dinner she failed the police she led and those risking their lives – she failed to understand her role as anything but a figurehead – Nixon said she 'had to eat' ... 'that she was not supposed to be on duty' – Mitchell then gives 5 reasons why Nixon should resign – (1) lack of leadership – (2) her evidence to the Royal Commission gave the impression she monitored the danger from home (no mention of going out for dinner) – (3) she is politically compromised – if Baillieu wins the next election he will sack her – (4) Victorians will have lost confidence in her – (5) lost respect from victims

- [12.20.3] Rhonda Abotomey, 'No point wasting energy on negative aspects', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, pp. 32-33.

Rhonda Abotomey is a fire-affected person – Joan Davey – Ms Abotomey has personally dealt with Nixon and VBRRA over the past 14 months – we can learn lessons and not waste valuable resources or we can swill in anger and blame – has found Nixon committed and wise – is alarmed at the pressure on Nixon to resign from VBRRA – removing Nixon now could hurt recovery

- [12.21.1] Ashraf Doos, 'Let down by the whole system', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 33.

Personal account – Ashraf Doos – angry when he heard about Nixon's evidence at the Royal Commission – details of her having dinner while Marysville burned was galling – but no point in trying to blame any one person – no warning not good enough – entire system from Brumby down didn't work – local police, ambulance, doctors and firefighters were heroes, but no better informed than the rest of us – Nixon has helped Ashraf since the fires – Lions and Rotary Clubs have helped

- [12.22.1] Cartoon, Mark Knight, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 31.

Shows Nixon calmly eating out while firefighters risk their lives fighting the infernos

- [12.22.2] Wayne, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 31.

Christine diddles while Victoria burns

- [12.22.3] Voteline, Question, 'Should Christine Nixon be sacked if she won't resign', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 8, 2010, p. 31.

- [12.23.1] Floyd, East Geelong, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 31.

Maybe we should now refer to Christine Nixon as Christine Nixoff

- [12.23.2] Aly, Hoppers Crossing, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 31.

Do people expect Nixon to throw on a fire suit and save a whole town in her police car? – we're always handballing the blame to someone else

- [12.23.3] Cathy, Croydon, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 31.

I had dinner on Black Saturday too – hang me too – what could she have done and what does this have to do with fires?

- [12.23.4] Richard, Ringwood, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 31.

As a Liberal voter I feel Baillieu is completely on the wrong track – there are so many targets in the Government and he goes after Nixon – would drive a man to vote for the Greens

- [12.23.5] Voteline, Result, 'Should Christine Nixon be sacked if she won't resign', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 31.

Total Votes – 1956 YES – 68.6% NO – 31.4%
(1342) (614)

- [12.23.6] Matt Johnston, Geraldine Mitchell, Katherine Firkin & Anthony Dowsley, 'Nixon to face more questions', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 2.

Nixon is expected to appear before the Royal Commission again – Melissa Arch, VBRRRA – Nixon left IECC at 6pm and went home – had a meal and monitored radio, websites and took calls and text messages as the disaster unfolded – but Herald Sun revealed she went home then dined at a hotel in North Melbourne – calls for her to be sacked from VBRRRA after she said she 'had to eat' – had she stayed at the IECC she would have been well fed – details of food at IECC – meal at North Melbourne not at taxpayers' expense – Brumby supports Nixon – volunteers and families of victims have hit out at Nixon – Ben Hutchinson of the Kinglake brigade

- [12.23.7] (writer not known), 'Nixon cops Edna', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 26.

Nixon attended the American Australian Assoc Dinner at Crown last night – Dame Edna Everage appeared and said, 'I see Christine Nixon is here tonight, and she is having dinner ... Don't worry, Christine, I don't think there are any disasters happening tonight.'

- [12.24.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Chief Nixon copped out', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, pp. 32-33.

Nixon was appointed because of her politics and gender – on Black Saturday it showed – she realised she was useless and fled – as Kinglake burned she went out to dinner – and by the time she pushed her plate away Marysville was in ashes and most of the 173 were dead – excuses made for Nixon by The Age and ABC Leftists – defenders describe her actions as 'good delegating', 'a prudent decision to let busy men get on with it' – it's frightening to have to explain why a police chief should be at her post rather than at a restaurant, when people are dying by the score and her officers are trying to save the rest – Emergency Services Act – Police Minister – did not attend the IECC until noon on Black Saturday – not once did she check on warnings to the public – did not speak to Brumby – Kieran Walshe – he left Asst Commissioner, Steve Fontana, to brief the Police Minister when he came in, so she could go out for dinner – she didn't return the night of Black Saturday – she misled the Royal Commission by implying she stayed at home for dinner – Bolt cannot think of worse failure by an Australian police commissioner – Brumby should sack her from VBRRRA – why did Brumby spend that catastrophic day at his Harcourt farm and not in his office? – he'd already warned that this was the most dangerous day we'd seen – why did Bob Cameron stay at his Bendigo home til late afternoon?

- [12.26.1] Rebecca, Glen Waverley, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Christine didn't grab a fire hose and single-handedly avert Australia's worst natural disaster? – shame on you girl

- [12.26.2] Dennis Huxley, Spotswood, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Nixon says in hindsight she would have done things differently – what, steak instead of fish?

- [12.26.3] George Finaly, Balaclava, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Nixon should not continue as head of VBRRRA – our expectations are so low for highly paid bureaucrats and so high for poorly supported, unpaid volunteers who actually risk their lives

[12.26.4] David Crandall, Surry Hills NSW, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

It's a bit rich for Fran Bailey to be criticising Nixon for going to dinner on Black Saturday, given she slept at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly last year while the war in Afghanistan was being discussed

[12.26.5] M. Melkert, Broadbeach, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Do you really think Brumby is going to sack a Labor luvvie? – you know dreams don't come true

[12.26.6] Cartoon, Roy, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Caption reads, 'Fire apology today' with a drawing of Nixon in front of it – there is a chart in the background with the ratings – not sorry – moderately sorry – sorry – very sorry – extremely sorry – the arrow is pointing to 'extremely sorry'

[12.26.7] Brian Handley, Geelong, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

So Nixon is 'sorry' – well, that fixes everything – Baillieu is right in calling for her head – it's time to fall on your own sword, Ms Nixon

[12.26.8] Member's Wife, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon's "sorry" simply doesn't cut it', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Nixon, you and others up the top should be ashamed – others were in the fire zones on the day and during the clean up

[12.26.9] Spirido, Hot Topic, 'Nixon's "sorry" simply doesn't cut it', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Do the honourable thing and resign – otherwise, this open letter sounds like an empty barrel to me

[12.26.10] Mr Grey, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon's "sorry" simply doesn't cut it', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

She says the buck stops with her – but she doesn't step down

[12.26.11] Annoyed, Victoria, Hot Topic, 'Nixon's "sorry" simply doesn't cut it', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Who cares if she was at dinner? – she didn't start the fires – did you want her there with a hose?

[12.26.12] Leigh Thomas, Tweed Heads, Hot Topic, 'Nixon's "sorry" simply doesn't cut it', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Nixon is only apologising to end the outrage – does not understand what leadership is – she should have been at the command centre

[12.26.13] PC Smith, Richmond, Hot Topic, 'Nixon's "sorry" simply doesn't cut it', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Nixon's presence would not have saved one extra life or hectare

[12.26.14] RMW, Southeast Victoria, Hot Topic, 'Nixon's "sorry" simply doesn't cut it', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Sorry doesn't cut it – a rank-and-file member would face disciplinary charges for leaving their post

[12.26.15] Ray Jacobs, Maffra, Letters, 'A friend for the victims', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Nixon's whereabouts on Black Saturday have no bearing on the terrible events – those of us who have met Nixon since that day have nothing but respect and admiration for her – being forced out of her job would cause further sadness

[12.26.16] Deric Liddeslow, Leopold, Letters, 'Brumby, Police Minister missing', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Nixon made mistakes and has been upfront – what were Brumby and Cameron doing? – we don't need a witch hunt

[12.26.17] Michael Stokes, Mentone, Letters, '“Disgraceful” Nixon must resign', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, the police chief did not stop work, go to the pub and then home to sleep – the point is not what you could have done while fellow citizens were dying – it was your responsibility to stay at your post – you should resign

[12.26.18] Greg Angelo, Balwyn North, Letters, 'Leadership and inspiration needed', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Nixon should have understood leadership – one of the great generals of history, the Duke of Wellington, stayed close to his troops in battle – whatever minimal contribution Nixon could have made to the effort of saving lives on Black Saturday, her presence on duty would have been an inspiration to those in the field

[12.26.19] Lisa Ryan, Lilydale, Letters, 'Politicians deserve brunt of blame', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

The CFA and Rees, the DSE, now it's Nixon's turn to take a few hits – who is really to blame? – the Government for not allowing backburning and not putting in underground power and communication systems – local councils for not allowing backburning or people to clear their land – too much focus on those not responsible and who probably prevented further loss of life – why is the Royal Commission wasting time on individuals rather than holding our shires, politicians, their parties and governments responsible?

[12.26.20] Lousie McOrmond-Plummer, Lavington NSW, Letters, 'She cares, and she has my respect', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Leave Nixon alone – she went out for a meal – she could not have influenced events – doesn't mean she didn't care – she has been as much a part of the recovery effort as anyone – it's sad to see the media and politicians using an hour-long meal to make such noisy, self-righteous hay – Nixon has my respect – hope she will stick around

[12.26.21] Vox Pop, 'Should Christine Nixon keep her job as head of the Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 9, 2010, p. 30.

Nevenka Petkovic, 53, Newborough: NO – Peter Wilby, 52, Andamooka SA: YES; you have to eat sometime; delegation of responsibility is OK; media making a mountain out of a molehill – Jeff Bligh, 65, Warrnambool: YES; she should be allowed to go out for dinner; she couldn't put the fires out; many hadn't even started then – Emira Bajramouska, 19, Hoppers Crossing: NO; she shouldn't have gone out for dinner; should have stayed at her post – Anthony Martin, 45, Northcote: YES; it's the Liberals playing politics; role of police chief irrelevant to her current role

[12.27.1] Kevin Rugg, Beaumaris, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 28.

Brumby made excuses for Nixon – voters are about to give him a bucketing

[12.27.2] F. Carleton, Longwarry, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 28.

Nixon must go – if she doesn't resign the Brumby Government should dismiss her – if it doesn't, the message is blatant that dereliction of duty, however gross, must be weakly indulged

[12.27.3] Minh Chanh Nguyen, Melbourne, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 28.

Brumby's decision to appoint Nixon as head of VBRRA is a slap in the face for victims – supporting Nixon shows how out of touch you are

[12.27.4] Security Officer, Pascoe Vale, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 28.

How many police officers were disciplined in Nixon's time as police chief? – she didn't keep notes – she should go

[12.27.5] Ifran Fiaz, Doncaster, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 28.

Doesn't understand the fuss over Nixon going out for dinner – Winston Churchill would have dined out during the Blitz

[12.27.6] Steve Muir, Narre Warren South, Letters, 'Belated apology not good enough', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, p. 28.

Apology not good enough – lesser ranked officers would have been disciplined – evidence of double standards in the police hierarchy and government

[12.27.7] Gary Brown, Robyn Brown, Leanne Brown, Rebecca Buchanan, Ross Buchanan, Di Rolands, Jan Chambers, Sheryl White, Jane Bayliss, Owen Bayliss - Letters, 'Victims' families back Nixon's role', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 28.

The writers are members of the Kinglake Bushfire Discussion and Support Group – have complete confidence in Nixon's ability to lead VBRRA – she has demonstrated an unfailing commitment – they don't believe that anything she did on that day makes any difference

[12.27.8] Michael J. Wood, Buxton, Letters, 'Journos, public getting it wrong', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 28.

Frustrated at the spin, prejudice and divisive comment from journalists and letters writers regarding Black Saturday and Nixon – nobody could have controlled or foreseen the disaster

[12.27.9] A. Thomson, Mitcham, Letters, 'No-one knew what was coming', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 28.

What a wonderful thing hindsight is – no-one knew until very late on the Saturday night what had happened

[12.27.10] Paul Martin, Cranbourne, Letters, 'Shame on hysterical haters', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, p. 28.

Appalled at the witch hunt against Nixon – what about all the good she has done? – her apology is seen as an admission of guilt – this is an example of mass hysteria, irrational stupidity and a finger-pointing blame game

[12.27.11] Mal Bugg, Morwell, Letters, 'If she doesn't jump, push her out', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 28.

Nixon should be sacked now – her actions on Black Saturday are beyond belief – her performance as head of VBRRA has been abysmal

[12.27.12] Ross Brundett, 'Christine crisis', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 29.

Nixon has apologised for going out for dinner and admits she would have done things differently – this may also apply to Brumby's decision to appoint her as head of VBRRA

[12.28.1] Geraldine Mitchell, 'Ex-premiers' Nixon row', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 10, 2010, p. 7.

A row has erupted between Jeff Kennett and Joan Kirner over Nixon's decision to dine out on Black Saturday – Kennett said Nixon had, 'no credibility whatsoever as an administrator, or as leader, typified her own [Kirner's] performance' – Kirner said that attacks on Nixon were because she was a woman – Nixon will be called a second time to give evidence at the Royal Commission – Bob Cameron will also give evidence – Stephen Fontana, Asst Police Commissioner – Police Appeals Board Chairwoman, Bernice Masterson – former Sen-Sgt Richard Shields

[12.28.2] Leigh, Yarra Glen, Letters, 'Black mark', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 11, 2010, p. 94.

Nixon's evening meal on Black Saturday has left a very bitter taste in the mouth of many Australians

[12.28.3] Anthony Dowsley, 'Who booked dinner, Christine?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 8.

Nixon is expected to be grilled about who booked dinner on Black Saturday at the Royal Commission – sources say she booked the dinner on the morning of Feb 7 – she may again be accused of misleading the Royal Commission, because she has said she had no plans that evening – she refuses to resign from VBRRA – Bernice Masterson – Lita Bostjancic – IECC – accused of misleading Royal Commission by omitting to tell it she went out for dinner with friends – Brumby continues to support Nixon – Joan Kirner – Jeff Kennett

[12.28.4] Red, St Arnaud, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 23.

Neil Mitchell, you are only a big mouth – get off Nixon's back

[12.28.5] Leigh, Lurg, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 23.

Christine goes to a restaurant – we in the CFA get a sausage on a stale bread after a 20-hour shift

[12.28.6] Rob Dodd, Mt Gambier, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 23.

If Nixon stayed at her post, would that have stopped the out-of-control fires? – Pilate must be grinning ... seems we still crucify

[12.28.7] Bernie, Geelong, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 23.

I knew God was a woman – Bolt must think so too, if he believes the hour Nixon ate dinner was going to make any difference to Black Saturday's outcome – re 'Chief Nixon copped out' – see [12.24.1]

[12.29.1] Jackie Hillman, Colac, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 22.

The treatment of Nixon is deplorable – this lady has worked tirelessly to help people affected by the fires – shame

[12.29.2] Stan, Greensborough, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 22.

The more I read about Nixon and the bushfire tragedy, the more I learn about Brumby

- [12.29.3] Alan Dyer, Glen Waverley, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 22.

We are not blaming Nixon for the fires or loss of life – but the captain of the ship does not go to his cabin when his ship has just run aground

- [12.29.4] Cartoon, Roy, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 22.

A drawing of a ship's captain and Nixon having dinner and a sailor comes to the door – the caption reads, 'This better be important, can't you see I'm having dinner!'

- [12.29.5] James Glanvill, Taylors Lakes, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 22.

Nixon achieved something while police chief – she turned the force into a farce

- [12.29.6] V. Gallagher, Northcote, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 22.

The Royal Commission is becoming a witch hunt – no-one in authority could predict the force of the fires – the millions spent on this inquiry would have been better spent replacing power poles, fuel reduction and Elvis aircraft

- [12.29.7] David Arscott, Bendigo, Letters, 'The buck didn't stop with Nixon', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 22.

It would appear that Nixon in this election year has become Brumby's sacrificial lamb – she was second in charge – ultimately it was Bob Cameron – where was he? – why does Brumby cover up and protect his most incompetent minister?

- [12.29.8] Dave Fuller, Thornbury, Letters, 'Bad government the root cause', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 22.

Nixon's dinner debacle highlights a common theme – governments are not doing their job – Brumby and Rudd, you should be ashamed

- [12.29.9] Sally Morrell, 'Flaming hell, it's not about the gender', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 12, 2010, p. 25.

How typical for former premier Joan Kirner to say that Nixon is only being attacked because she is a woman – the fact that she is a woman is irrelevant – she left the building while our State was burning – where were Brumby and Cameron? , why weren't they at the IECC? – it was Nixon's job to show leadership – it doesn't matter that she went out to dinner, what matters is that she left – Nixon's defenders say that her staying home wouldn't have saved a life or home – we don't know that

- [12.30.1] M.E. Conrad, Brentford Square, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 14, 2010, p. 36.

Cannot grasp the logic of those crying, 'stop picking on Nixon' – if the state pays someone will in excess of \$1000 a day, it deserves better than 'errors of judgment'

- [12.30.2] T. Bradford, Adelaide, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 14, 2010, p. 36.

Joan Kirner – criticism of Nixon has nothing to do with gender – it is insulting to women – re 'Ex-premiers' Nixon row', see [12.28.1]

- [12.30.3] J. Roberts, Frankston, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 14, 2010, p. 36.

Well said Sally Morrell, re 'Flaming hell, it's not about the gender', see [12.29.9] – Kirner is way off line

- [12.30.4] Editorial, 'D-day for Nixon', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 14, 2010, p. 34.

Nixon will appear before the Royal Commission today to further explain herself – dinner at the Metropolitan Hotel – questions requiring answers - did it cross her mind that she was abandoning her post? – does she think anything she could have done would have made a difference – Herald Sun thinks she should resign

- [12.30.5] Matt Johnston & Ruth Lamperd, 'Nixon's bushfire moment of truth', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 14, 2010, p. 2.

Nixon still refuses to resign – today she will be grilled by the Royal Commission – bushfire heroes say Nixon must explain more about why she left her post – calls for Cameron to face the Royal Commission – Warren Rees of Strathewen – some survivors have defended her, some want her to step down – Ross Buchanan – Wally Spezza – Brumby stands by Nixon – 10 questions Nixon should answer about the dinner (according to the Herald Sun)

- [12.30.6] Denise Hutchinson (ex-Kinglake), Doreen, Letters, 'Missing the point on Nixon', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 14, 2010, p. 36.

Nixon should have ensured warnings were issued – she should have been in touch with her officers in affected towns

- [12.30.7] Helen Kenney, St Andrews, Letters, 'Take care on fire comments', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 14, 2010, p. 36.

A real shame that Jeff Kennett has been wheeled out for comments on Nixon – as head of Beyond Blue, he should have considered the effect of his statements on survivors

- [12.31.1] (writer not known), '10 reasons why we say Nixon must be sacked', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 1.

List of reasons – (1) in charge but left her post – (2) went to dinner minutes after being told at least 14 lives being lost – (3) did not cancel dinner after learning people had died and homes lost – (4) did not get updates for 3 hrs between 6p and 9p – (5) did not access email, internet, TV or radio between 7p and 8.20p while at dinner – (6) did not speak to Deputy Commissioner Kieran Walshe at all despite saying she had been in contact with him throughout the day – (7) misled the Royal Commission by omitting key facts from her statement and evidence – (8) failed to take any notes from the day – (9) did not roster herself despite forecasts of a disaster – (10) about 70% of Herald Sun online voters say she must go

- [12.32.1] Stephen McMahon, 'Kennett leads call for sacking', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 2.

Kennett calls for Nixon to be sacked – Nixon misled Royal Commission – Brumby has no alternative but to sack her – desertion of troops – Bob Cameron – Ted Baillieu attacked the Government over its leadership on Black Saturday – Brumby does not understand the importance of leadership and accountability – Kennett has called on Foster's to sack Nixon from her \$200,000 a-year director's role – Foster's board appointed her earlier this month – Police Assoc Secretary, Sen-Sgt Greg Davies

- [12.32.2] Geraldine Mitchell & Stephen McMahon, 'Missing in action for three hours: Nixon back in the hot seat', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 2.

Nixon out of touch for 3 critical hours as Victoria burned on the night of Black Saturday – Nixon did not seek an update while dining at the pub – Nixon's second appearance at the Royal Commission revealed a number of failures – Kieran Walshe – Bob Cameron – Rachel Doyle accused Nixon of deliberately omitting key details from her written statement – Nixon said it was never her intention to mislead – 'I didn't do a good enough job preparing the statement and I have to say I have taken a fair amount of heat since for that. I should have paid more attention' – Baillieu, Kennett, Sen-Sgt Greg Davies have called for Nixon's sacking – 72% of more than 4,900 Herald Sun readers say she should be removed from VBRRA – Brumby stands by Nixon, saying she admitted mistakes and has corrected her evidence – Nixon strenuously denied her phone was off between 6p – 9p – Simon Overland

- [12.33.1] 'Christine Nixon's movements on Black Saturday, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 3.

Detailed list of movements by time on Black Saturday – Stephen Fontana – Tony O'Day, CFA liaison officer – Bob Cameron – Rees – Ewan Waller – Nicole McKechnie, Police Media Manager – Kieran Walshe – IECC

- [12.33.2] 'How her story changed', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 3.

How Nixon's story changed last week and this week – Cameron – Walshe

- [12.34.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'High tension in a day of drama: Face-off makes great theatre', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 4.

Rachel Doyle – Nixon – Teague – Jana Wendt – Nixon denied turning off her phone – the pub meal was booked the day before by her husband – she didn't cancel because she left the best people in control – Stephen Fontana

- [12.34.2] 'What readers are saying', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 4.

The 4 comments below (and printed in today's paper) have been selected from more than 200 comments posted on the Herald Sun website

Nixongate, Melbourne – she must go – if Brumby doesn't dispatch her now, he will be dispatched in November

Lesley, Armadale – Nothing can be gained from this witch hunt – let the woman get on with her work

Gone Fishing, Melbourne – does taking 1 hour to have a meal change the course of a bushfire?

D. Kennedy – God could not have stopped the fires – no-one knew what was happening – Nixon is not to blame – why don't they back burn?

Jarrold, Melbourne - \$380,000 a year and she doesn't need to be there – that's the real issue – sick of uninformed apologists who think this is about her being responsible for the fire – it's not – she's a disgrace

Ant, Victoria – she couldn't have stopped the fires – but she could have maintained command

- [12.35.1] Elissa Doherty, 'We were at pub too – fleeing the flames', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 5.

Stuart and Kerri Nechodiuk of Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake West – Jade Nechodiuk – fled to the Yarra Glen pub, while Nixon was enjoying her pub meal – shocked by her latest admissions – Marc Gaskett defended Nixon – Ross Buchanan said Nixon should stay on

- [12.35.2] Mark Dunn, 'Record of calls revealed', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 5.

Nixon received 24 texts from Asst Commissioner Stephen Fontana on Black Saturday – but there was no contact with Deputy Commissioner Kieran Walshe

- [12.36.1] Editorial, 'Nixon must be dismissed', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 32.

Herald Sun argues that Nixon should be sacked for failing to stay at her post on Black Saturday – guilty of sins of omission, rather than commission – not about gender (as per Kirner) – dining at pub – Kieran Walshe – Nixon was probably right in saying her presence made no difference – in spite of her good work since, Brumby must sack her

- [12.36.2] Voteline, Question, 'Should Premier John Brumby sack Christine Nixon from the Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 31.

- [12.36.3] Rachel Ciconte, Noble Park, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 31.

So she sat down for a meal – must we always need a scapegoat?

- [12.36.4] Cartoon, Mark Knight, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, p. 31.

Nixon reading the menu for dinner that night – the caption reads, 'It clearly states that in a high alert bushfire situation you should either stay and defend or leave early ... so I left early'

- [12.36.5] Neil Mitchell, 'Nixon is just the latest example of an absence of accountability', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 15, 2010, pp. 31-32.

Nixon's reputation affected at the Royal Commission yesterday – she appeared defensive, tentative, resentful, evasive – Rachel Doyle – Joan Kirner's sexist conspiracy – did Nixon try to mislead the Royal Commission by failing to mention the dinner? - No, she thought it irrelevant – No, she didn't turn her phone off – conversations with Bob Cameron not remembered – why did she say she had been in contact with Walshe when she hadn't? - all this shows is a screaming need for accountability – egs of lack of accountability in government given

- [12.37.1] Stephen McMahon, Peter Mickelburgh & Anne Wright, 'Nixon's job may roll over', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 23.

Nixon might be reappointed as head of VBRRA despite her grilling at the Royal Commission – Bob Cameron said Nixon didn't do a good enough job on Black Saturday – Brumby continues to support Nixon – Opposition said it would sack her if it wins office in November – Chief Executive of VBRRA, Ben Hubbard, said Nixon had the full support of the authority – Lord Mayor Robert Doyle supported Nixon – Foster's says Nixon's new \$200,000 job on its board is safe

Nancy C. of Melbourne – how can she not resign?

Paul of St Kilda (and Wye River) – witch hunt – leave her alone and let her get on with her job

- [12.37.2] Your Verdict, 'Should John Brumby sack Christine Nixon from the Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 23.

Total votes – 12,317 YES – 70.4% NO – 29.6%
(8667) (3650)

- [12.37.3] (writer not known), 'More burning needed', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 13.

Backburning should be tripled – current targets dangerously low and should be increased to 385,000ha a year – Jack Rush – Brumby Government – DSE had broken promises to boost staff for planned burns over the past decade

- [12.38.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Facts went up in flames', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, pp. 34-35.

The main question now is not whether Nixon deserted her post, but whether she is a perjurer as well – beyond dispute that she misled the Royal Commission – Rachel Doyle – extracts from her sworn statement included in Bolt's article – in her statement she said she talked to Kieran Walshe, she did not – curiously Walshe didn't go to the IECC until around 8pm – when Marysville burned neither the police chief nor her deputy were at their posts – Bob Cameron only reached the IECC around then – in her statement she said she hadn't talked with Cameron, but phone records say she did – the mistakes are, according to Nixon, products of bad memory and lack of notes – John Becquet

- [12.39.1] Andrew Bolt, 'We must punish poor leadership', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 35.

Nixon is a victim of a witch hunt according to those who share her politics – feminists, The Age and ABC presenters – because she's a woman – we need a scapegoat – Bolt says it is more the fact that going to the pub when you should be fighting a disaster is a contrast so vivid that a moron couldn't miss it – only Rees has come close to getting the same flogging – how can we tolerate such failures of leadership and still hope that those below will do their duty – yet this will be a witch hunt if Nixon is the only sacrifice demanded – others failed to do their jobs – some with more catastrophic consequences – for a start Brumby, on his farm – Cameron, at his Bendigo home til late afternoon – more seriously, who in the government failed to order the fuel reduction burns that every bushfire inquiry and inquest since 1939 has recommended? – 7 experts brought in by the Royal Commission agreed Victoria had for years done too little burning – the DSE's Asst Chief Fire Officer agreed – WA backburning

- [12.39.2] Jana, Hoppers Crossing, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 37.

Nixon – I feel sorry for you – you don't deserve this stress

- [12.39.3] Peter Crawford, Mordialloc, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 37.

The point is, the captain left the bridge at the height of the battle

- [12.39.4] Quatty, Ocean Grove, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 37.

Brumby, swallow your pride and admit Nixon was/is incapable and dismiss her now

- [12.39.5] Leong, Noble Park, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 37.

Sadly, Nixon has to go

- [12.39.6] Voteline, Result, 'Should Premier John Brumby sack Christine Nixon from the Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 37.

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- [12.40.1] Quote, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 36.

Nixon, 'I didn't intend to mislead anybody. I didn't intend to misinform' – at the Royal Commission

- [12.40.2] Ray Scilley, Ballarat, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 36.

Nixon needs to be told that you can delegate, but you cannot delegate responsibility – if you are in charge, you carry the can

- [12.40.3] Bill Wilson, Daylesford, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 36.

The cost to learn about Nixon's dinner? – my guess, about the same as a new fire truck

- [12.40.4] Alan McDonald, Glenmaggie, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 36.

As a retired police superintendent, I watched with disgust as Nixon gave evidence at the Royal Commission

- [12.40.5] Kamahi Russell, Ringwood North, Letters, 'A failure of leadership', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, p. 36.

Nixon doesn't seem to get it – she should have been there – she wasn't – leadership is about presence, instilling confidence and cohesion

- [12.40.6] Dr Ray Cleary, Chair, Social Responsibility Committee, Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Letters, 'Nixon the right choice', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 36.

Parts of the media are still scratching for someone to blame and have chosen the unlikely target in VBBRA Chair, Christine Nixon - in calling for Nixon's scalp they ignore the real problems – there is widespread support for Nixon in both government and community circles – she continues to be the right choice for VBBRA

- [12.40.7] CFA Volunteer (name & address supplied), Letters, 'Deserted post in crisis', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 36.

Why do so many think Nixon is a scapegoat? – by her own admission she deserted her post in a crisis – her credibility is shot and must resign – how many unpaid CFA volunteers did you see heading off to the pub that night?

- [12.40.8] Tony Joy, Bayswater, Letters, 'Popularity is irrelevant', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 36.

(not sure what the writer is getting at – he either supports Nixon or doesn't?)

- [12.40.9] Paul Stretton, Melton, Letters, 'Let due process lead the way', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 36.

The role and responsibility of the media is to report the news – not to inflame it – this is what the Herald Sun has done in the case of Nixon – re, 'Nixon must be sacked [dismissed]', see [12.36.1] – the Herald Sun should let due process take its course

- [12.40.10] Mick Pandik, Bell Post Hill, Letters, 'Spin rules in these times', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 16, 2010, p. 36.

It doesn't seem to matter what we (the people) say about Nixon, Brumby and all our politicians and political appointees – spin is the flavour of the times and always wins out – don't worry about the truth – tough it out – why don't the rest of us (the great unwashed, uneducated masses) simply abrogate our responsibilities and follow their lead? – because we are better than that and them – karma does not recognise spin

Folder 13: 17 April 2010 – 15 July 2010

- [13.1.1] (writer not known), 'It gets worse', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 17, 2010, p. 1.

Brumby - Christine Nixon went to the hairdressers, saw her biographer, and went out for dinner on Black Saturday – she is resisting calls for her resignation as head of the Bushfire authority

- [13.1.2] Dale Ahern, Seaford, Letters, 'Nixon's leadership wins praise', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 17, 2010, p. 31.

Has the Royal Commission been hijacked by trial by media? – no-one, including Nixon, politicians and others knew what was happening until it was too late

- [13.1.3] Allan Harris, Dingley Village, Letters, 'Wrong person for the job', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 17, 2010, p. 31.

Brumby will not sack Nixon because he would have to admit she was the wrong choice for Police Commissioner in the first place – she got the job because she was a woman

- [13.1.4] (writer not known), 'Flamegrilled', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 17, 2010, p. 31.

Christine Nixon got a roasting from the Royal Commission for the second week in a row – Rachel Doyle - whether she survives as the head of the Bushfire authority is yet to be seen

- [13.1.5] Sally Milburn, Carlton, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 17, 2010, p. 30.

Christine Nixon is being scapegoated

- [13.1.6] Pat Tomlinson, Dingley, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 17, 2010, p. 30.

Everyone wants to know what Nixon had for dinner – shouldn't we be asking about the \$1.3 billion wasted on myki?

- [13.1.7] Peter Ralph, Wheelers Hill, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, April 17, 2010, p. 30.

The Brumby government has given us Nixon and other incompetents – does anything matter any more?

- [13.2.1] Peter Mickelborough, Stephen McMahon, & Evonne Barry, 'She fiddled while we burned: Pressure grows for Nixon to quit or be sacked', *Herald Sun*, Saturday April 17, 2010, pp. 4-5.

Christine Nixon is under severe pressure to quit – she is defiant and will not quit – Brumby's support for her is wrong – Baillieu – readers' views

- [13.3.1] Editorial, 'Brumby must act now', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 17, 2010, p. 5.

Nixon's behaviour amounted to 'gross dereliction of duty' – the Premier had forecast a day as bad as Ash Wednesday – she refuses to resign – John Brumby must cut her loose

- [13.3.2] Stephen McMahon, 'Liberals want "blot on landscape" erased', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 17, 2010, p. 5.

Christine Nixon must go according to Liberals – former premier Jeff Kennett, and opposition leader Ted Baillieu – Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd and Premier, John Brumby are standing by Nixon – Ross Buchanan, who lost 2 children on Black Saturday, slammed Mr Kennett's attack – Ross praised Ms Nixon – quote, Kennett – quote, Police Assoc Sec, Sen-Sgt Greg Davies – Steve Gibbons, Federal Victorian Labor – twitter

Your Verdict – 'Should John Brumby sack Christine Nixon from the Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority' - result

- [13.4.1] (writer not known), 'Backing for Nixon', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 18, 2010, p. 7.
- Labor continues to support Nixon – Kevin Rudd and Education Minister, Bronwyn Pike
- [13.4.2] Rhonda, Seymour, Letters, 'Pay back', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 18, 2010, p. 86.
- Christine Nixon should return all her wages earned since Black Saturday
- [13.4.3] Eddie McGuire, 'Public lashings don't solve the real problems', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 18, 2010, pp. 84-85.
- Brumby - concern that the Royal Commission is being sidetracked by personality politics – the elephant in the room is exposed power lines – environmental planning mistakes – lack of safe havens
- Vegetation and burn off issues came up at the Royal Commission during the week, but who would know?
- The *Herald Sun* called for Nixon's sacking – *The Age* backed her to stay – coincidentally, the papers' editorials mirror their online public opinion polls
- [13.5.1] Big Ben, Seaford, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 19, 2010, p. 22.
- Brumby - Police and fire fighting services need leaders, not administrators – leaders lead by example – administrators can work from home
- [13.5.2] David Bloom, Elwood, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 19, 2010, p.22.
- The buck should stop with government ministers
- [13.5.3] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 19, 2010, p. 23.
- The first drawing shows Nixon getting a haircut at the salon on Black Saturday – the second shows the haircut she got from the Royal Commission, her head in her arm, with a caption saying 'that's a no. 1'
- [13.5.4] Stephen McMahon, 'Nixon: It's not all about me', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 19, 2010, p. 2.
- Christine Nixon is continuing her work with fire affected areas – Mr Brumby said that rebuilding took precedence
- [13.5.5] Steve Muir, Narre Warren South, Letters, 'Nixon's evidence embarrassing', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 19, 2010, p. 22.
- Nixon's admission that she didn't pay enough attention to her statement to the Royal Commission is embarrassing to Victoria Police
- [13.5.6] Ryan, Tyrendarra, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 19, 2010, p. 23.
- After reading the papers anyone would think Christine Nixon lit the fires
- [13.6.1] Alan Howe, 'Looking for our leaders', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 19, 2010, pp. 24-25.
- Victoria lacked leaders on Black Saturday – John Brumby, Christine Nixon, Bob Cameron and Russell Rees are not leaders
- [13.7.1] Gus Curtis, Essendon, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 20, 2010, p. 26.
- Where was Christine Nixon when the volcano erupted in Iceland?

- [13.7.2] Michael, Spring Gully, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 20, 2010, p. 27.
- Criticism of Nixon having a haircut on Black Saturday makes me think we wouldn't have had the same problem if Simon Overland had been in charge that day
- [13.8.1] Norrie Ross, 'Fire fix years off', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, p. 18.
- Rhonda Abotomey - Royal Commission - Director of Emergency Services policy and support at the Department of Justice, Craig Lloyd, said it could take a decade to improve emergency services networks across the state – the Commission heard that there were severe problems with radio blackspots, lack of channels, incompatibility of metro and regional radio dispatch systems, failure of paper messages and network congestion
- [13.8.2] Cliff Morgan, Ringwood, Letters, 'Nixon's dogged resistance', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, p. 28.
- Under the Westminster system Nixon should have been sacked long ago – Brumby's failure to sack her shows he is not fit to be Premier
- [13.8.3] Janice Elder, Barfold, on behalf of Redesdale Fire Community Recovery Committee, Letters, 'Christine persecuted', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, p. 28.
- How shameful it is that this compassionate woman should be the target of an appalling witch hunt for daring to leave others to do their job while she ate a meal – Christine should be honoured for her tireless efforts
- [13.8.4] Helen Rodger, Keilor East, 50/50, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, p. 28.
- Good on you Christine Nixon for not using your mobile phone – they should be banned in restaurants
- [13.8.5] Don Bruce, Watsonia, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, p. 28.
- Christine Nixon says it's time for her to get over herself and get on with the job – pity she didn't do that on Black Saturday
- [13.8.6] (writer not known), 'Nixon to find Circle of friends', Thursday, April 22, 2010, p. 24.
- Christine Nixon will face a softer grilling by The Circle hosts today on Channel 10
- [13.8.7] Norrie Ross, 'Distressed widow condemns "witch-hunt: Nixon not to blame', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 23, 2010, p. 41.
- Royal Commission – Elizabeth Savage Kooroonya, who lost her husband on Black Saturday, said Ms Nixon should not have to carry the can for the failings of emergency services – victims of witch-hunt – she praised Nixon's work as chair of the Bushfire authority – Graeme Savage – Robert Davey – Natasha Davey – Jorja and Alexis Davey – Det-Supt Paul Hollowood of Phoenix Taskforce – stay or go
- [13.9.1] Matt Johnston & Holly Ife, 'Chief falls on sword', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 24, 2010, p. 15.
- CFA Chief Officer, Russell Rees, resigns – Rees had been recontracted by Mr Brumby for another 2 years – the Royal Commission's interim report last year was critical of Rees – calls for merger between MFB & CFA – Esplin – Nixon – Paul Hendrie, Captain Kinglake Brigade – Peter Marshall, Firefighters Union National Secretary – quote, Rodney Elwers – quote, Glen Barlow – quote, Wally Spezza

- [13.9.2] John Ferguson, 'Timing could not be better', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 24, 2010, p. 15.

It was timely for Rees to go – Nixon – Brumby Government – new CFA, CEO Mick Bourke

- [13.10.1] Wendy Pakulsky, Maffra, Letters, 'Good on Christine', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 25, 2010, p. 89.

Christine Nixon shows her strength in not resigning in the face of all those trying to pull her down

- [13.10.2] John Dobinson, North Balwyn, Letters, 'Fail to the chiefs', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 25, 2010, p. 89.

CFA chiefs failed the public – Jeff Kennett is right that Christine Nixon should resign

- [13.10.3] Michael J. Gamble, Belmont, Letters, 'Fire exit welcome', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 25, 2010, p. 89.

Victorians should welcome the news that CFA head, Russell Rees, is leaving – he was not up to the job

- [13.10.4] Ellen Whinnett, 'Top cop book twist', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 25, 2010, p. 3.

Christine Nixon's memoirs are expected to be called 'Fair Cop' – the book is not expected to be out until next year – Louise Adler, Melb Uni Press – biographer, journalist, Jo Chandler

- [13.10.5] Matt Johnston, 'Victims want Nixon to donate from book', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 26, 2010, p. 15.

Kinglake survivors Greg Holloway and Joanne Jordan said it would be a nice gesture for Ms Nixon to give some of the money from the sales of her book, Fair Cop, to charity - Jodie Thorneycroft said it was up to Ms Nixon – there were much more important things to worry about, such as the mental health of survivors – Louise Adler, Melb Uni Press – Melissa Arch

- [13.10.6] Voteline, Question, 'Should Christine Nixon donate cash from her memoirs to bushfire victims?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 26, 2010, p. 23.

- [13.10.7] Voteline, Result, 'Should Christine Nixon donate cash from her memoirs to bushfire victims?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 27, 2010, p. 27.

Total votes: 270 YES - 58.8% NO – 41.2%
(159) (111)

- [13.11.1] Meg, Sunbury, Letters, 'Rees handled shabbily', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 27, 2010, p. 26.

Re 'Chief falls on sword', see [13.9.1] - Russell Rees should be treated with much more respect instead of being brutalized because society is looking for a scapegoat – Rodney Elwers

- [13.11.2] Mark Dunn, 'Chief thought Nixon on duty', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 30, 2010, p. 24.

Royal Commission – Emergency Services Commissioner, Bruce Esplin, told the Commission he thought Christine Nixon was in charge of DisPlan, the disaster response plan – Stephen Fontana – Jack Rush – Supt Rod Collins – IECC – Kieran Walshe – Bob Cameron - Rees

- [13.11.3] Steve Lillebuen, 'Nixon was expected in, says deputy', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 29, 2010, p. 12.

Royal Commission – Deputy Commissioner of Police, Kieran Walshe, believed that Christine Nixon was rostered for work on Black Saturday – Walshe arrived at IECC at 8.50pm and left at 12.30am - Ms Nixon had previously told the Commission she was not – Stephen Fontana

- [13.11.4] Linda Harrington, Yarek, Letters, Letter of the Day, *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 30, 2010, p. 35.

The Shire of Murrindindi has instructed its employees to refer to Black Saturday in letters as 'the January (surely this should read 'February') 2009 fires' – this seems to minimize the impact of the disaster

- [13.12.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Our leaders deserted us', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 30, 2010, pp. 32-33.

Our leaders did not lead – Russell Rees has resigned – Nixon went to the hairdresser, her biographer, and had dinner with friends – John Brumby spent most of the day at his Harcourt farm – Bob Cameron, Police and Emergency Services Minister, spent almost all day at his Bendigo home – Kieran Walshe, Deputy Commissioner of Police, came in at 8.50pm on Black Saturday – changed testimony to Royal Commission – IECC – Stephen Fontana – both Nixon and Walshe gave misleading or incorrect information to the Royal Commission

- [13.13.1] Robbo, Frankston, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 1, 2010, p. 82.

Agrees with Andrew Bolt, 'Our leaders deserted us', see [13.12.1] - that our leaders deserted us

- [13.13.2] David Josephs, Frankston, Letters, 'Bolt right on swipe at our leaders', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 1, 2010, p. 83.

Re Bolt, 'Our leaders deserted us', see [13.12.1] - it has taken a shocking disaster to show the lack of leadership

- [13.13.3] Russell Robinson, 'Fires highlight flaws – ex-chief', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 1, 2010, p. 18.

Royal Commission – Len Foster, a former CEO of the CFA (quote, see article), said that there was duplication of the CFA and DSE – inadequate planning and resource allocation, inadequate communication flow, and slow decision making

- [13.14.1] Mary Papadakis & Ellen Whinnett, 'Brumby backs chief: And CFA Chief Rees recalled', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 2, 2010, p. 15.

Opening of new Marysville Primary School Principal, Peri Dix – Nixon and Brumby attend – Brumby praises Nixon's reconstruction efforts – Nixon was warmly welcomed by Marysville community – Russell Rees has been recalled to give evidence at the Royal Commission

- [13.14.2] David McKenzie, Narre Warren, Letters, 'Fact finding', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 2, 2010, p. 89.

Re 'Top cop book twist', see [13.10.4] - how can Christine Nixon give an accurate account of events in her biography given her recent memory lapses?

- [13.14.3] Mark Dunn, 'Fireys' merger wouldn't work, says CFA', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 4, 2010, p. 17.

Royal Commission – CFA manager, Lex de Man, said that it would be counterproductive to merge the CFA with the MFB – Rees, represented by Julian Burnside, QC – Jack Rush

- [13.15.1] Norrie Ross & Stephen McMahon, 'Minister fronts fire probe', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 6, 2010, p. 10.
- Bob Cameron – Nixon – Brumby – Jack Rush - Royal Commission – Russell Rees gave evidence and it was suggested by high-profile lawyer, Julian Burnside QC, that Rees was the 'sacrificial lamb' for the failure of all emergency services, while Ewan Waller, the DSE's Chief Fire Officer, had a dream run
- [13.15.2] Norrie Ross, 'Minister gives evidence'. *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 7, 2010, p. 27.
- Royal Commission – Police Minister, Bob Cameron is to give evidence to the Royal Commission tomorrow – Esplin – Nixon - IECC
- [13.16.1] Norrie Ross, 'Fire team knew best – minister', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 8, 2010, p. 13.
- Esplin – Waller - Royal Commission – Bob Cameron denied the state's emergency services were leaderless on Black Saturday – that co-ordination is a function and not a location, so the location of Nixon, Walshe and himself was not crucial – Fontana – IECC – Jack Rush
- [13.16.2] John Ferguson, 'We pay to return fire victims' huts', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 13, p. 12.
- Taxpayers will pay up to \$35,000 to return to WA emergency accommodation sent to Marysville and Flowerdale by Fortescue – Andrew Forrest
- [13.17.1] John Ferguson, 'Nixon may yet be told to go', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 14, 2010, p. 18.
- Christine Nixon will be told to go if the Royal Commission finds against her – final report due end of July – serious concerns that if Nixon does not go this might severely affect the next state and federal elections for Labor – marginal seat of McEwan – Liberals have chosen bushfire hero Cameron Caine - Brumby
- [13.17.2] (writer not known), 'Back-burn policy risked lives', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 14, 2010, p. 18.
- Royal Commission – poor planning and last minute backburns put the lives of hundreds of firefighters in extreme danger on Black Saturday – fire agencies ignored their own operating procedures by failing to have safety officers in place at incident control centres – Peter Rozen, QC, counsel assisting Royal Commission
- [13.17.3] Padraic Murphy, 'Pressure on Nixon to hand over book', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 15, 2010, p. 20.
- Police Association Secretary, Greg Davies, has called for a draft of Christine Nixon's book, 'Fair Cop', to be handed over to the Royal Commission to 'clear the air' on her role on Black Saturday – biographer, Age journalist, Jo Chandler – Melb Uni Press, Louise Adler
- Ellen Whinnett, 'Cold comfort for bushfire victims', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 16, 2010, pp. 26-27.
- [13.18.1] p. 26, 'Builders left me high and dry'
- Barb Stevens, Healesville-Kinglake Rd – is having trouble with the builder, Variety, erecting her new kit home from PAAL
- [13.18.2] p. 26, 'Silencing the music'
- Karen Ostenried, Deviation Rd, Kinglake – Karen and her husband, Bernie Svobada, are having trouble with the Murrindindi Shire Council over permits to rebuild their house – there is a dispute over the rebuilding of the music studio due to a rezoning

[13.19.1] p. 27, 'Building delay wrangle'

7 families from Kinglake are unable to move into new homes due to problems with builders – 4 of the families are using the builder, Variety, and kit homes supplied by PAAL – Bill Shorten has visited and reported back to federal parliament – Variety and PAAL are blaming each other for the delays – Jennie McMurray – Variety Director, Glenn McCormack – PAAL spokesman, Ken Samuels

[13.19.2] p. 27, 'Pair out in the cold'

Jennie McMurray and partner, Bill, are living in a shed on their Kinglake property in Robertson Rd – they are caught up in the dispute between Variety and PAAL

[13.20.1] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Nixon to give lunch talk on leadership', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 18, 2010, p. 6.

Former police chief, Christine Nixon, is to give a lunch lecture on leadership today – Police Association Boss, Sgt Greg Davies, questioned this given her role on Black Saturday being under a cloud – details of legal representation at the Royal commission for Rees and Nixon – Attorney General, Rob Hulls, comments – Julian Burnside, QC – Robert Richter, QC

[13.20.2] Ben Packham, 'Fire cash black hole', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 20, 2010, p. 3.

\$64 million in disaster payment made by Centrelink after Black Saturday - \$41,000 could not be properly account for – the Australian National Audit Office has raised concerns – Centrelink allowed some payments to be made without ID or customer signatures to make it easier for victims, many of whom had lost everything – Auditor General

[13.20.3] Norrie Ross, 'Left to face blaze alone', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 20, 2010, p. 27.

Royal Commission – Flowerdale CFA Captain, Glen Woods, said 85% of homes in the area were destroyed – the community felt let down and his station suffered a graffiti attack after Black Saturday – Flowerdale's only tanker had been sent to Murrindindi – Daniela Marulli, 41 Jonathon Inzitari – Jesse Inzitari, 11 – Aldo Inzitari Jr – Aldo Inzitari, 49 - Teague

[13.21.1] (writer not known), 'CFA race on to replace Rees', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 21, 2010, p. 14.

The CFA will tomorrow detail a world wide recruiting drive to replace Mr Rees – Craig Lapsley, DHS's Director of Emergency Management, strongly favoured to replace Rees – Euan Ferguson, SA fire chief, also mooted

[13.21.2] Amanda, Hurstbridge, Letters, 'Black Saturday woes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 23, 2010, p. 89.

Every assistance should be given to Black Saturday victims to rebuild (referring to 'Silencing the music', see [13.18.2] – the Council is stupid for preventing a woman from rebuilding her music studio because of a land zoning change after the property was purchased

[13.21.3] A Jones, Wandin North, Letters, 'Black Saturday Woes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 23, 2010, p. 89.

Writer's husband, who has 20 years experience as a builder, has quoted jobs in Kinglake area, but each time the job has gone to the cheapest quote – if you pay peanuts, you usually get monkeys

[13.21.4] Adrian L, Yarra Glen, Letters, 'Black Saturday woes', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 23, 2010, p. 89.

Surely Christine Nixon should be sorting out the difficulties facing Kinglake residents

- [13.21.5] Peter Mickelburgh & John Ferguson, 'Nixon lied', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 25, 2010, p. 1.

Royal Commission – according to documents obtained by the *Herald Sun*, lawyers acting for the Commission have rejected the possibility that Nixon forgot she went out for dinner and other details on Black Saturday – the omission was calculated to leave the impression that she monitored the fires continuously – Jack Rush

- [13.21.6] Voteline, Question, 'Is the latest bushfires royal commission development the final straw for Christine Nixon?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 25, 2010, p. 25.

- [13.21.7] Voteline, Result, 'Is the latest bushfires royal commission development the final straw for Christine Nixon?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 27.

Total votes – 2364 YES – 82.6% NO – 17.4%
(1953) (411)

- [13.22.1] John Ferguson, 'Bumpy ride all round', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 2.

Controversy surrounding the *Herald Sun*, see [13.21.5], revealing of the Royal Commission lawyers' submission before officially released - Nixon, Brumby and the Royal Commission itself unhappy

- [13.22.2] Peter Mickelburgh, Elissa Doherty & John Ferguson, 'Nixon says: I did not lie', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 2.

Nixon says she will fight accusations that she mislead the Commission – Brumby said he had full confidence in Nixon – Rees – Waller – Cameron – merger plans for CFA, MFB, DSE firefighting services - Vicki Ruhr, who lost her house in the Kinglake fires, said, "All responsible authorities have been disappointingly evasive ... shirking accountability and using weasel-words to deflect and obfuscate the real circumstances."

- [13.22.3] Editorial, 'Day of decision', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 28.

The Royal Commission must not only find a way to move forward, but it must take account of the failures of the past – Christine Nixon must answer for her actions on Black Saturday

- [13.23.1] Ian R Macdonald, Morwell, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

There are enough leaks for the Royal Commission to extinguish a smaller bushfire

- [13.23.2] Phil Farrelly, Point Cook, Letters, 'Victorians have long memories', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

It should be no surprise that the government is failing to deliver on the early recommendations of the Royal Commission on the bushfires – it did the same thing 10 years ago after the Royal Commission into the Ambulance service

- [13.23.3] Peter D Surkitt, Hawthorn, Letters, 'Leaders fail to lead in emergency', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

One of the comments to come out of the bushfires tragedy is that even if Nixon, Brumby and Cameron had been at the control centre, they wouldn't have made a difference – this is not the point – the leaders should have been where they were supposed to have been

- [13.23.4] Disgusted, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

If the findings of the Royal Commission are as leaked, Nixon must resign or be sacked

- [13.23.5] Tattered Blue Line, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

Maybe people can now see why Victoria Police has fallen in a heap after her management

- [13.23.6] Mary, Ringwood, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

It doesn't look good for Nixon or her stalwart supporter, Brumby

- [13.23.7] Stuart, Kinglake, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

The blame game continues 15 months on from the event – human behaviour at its worst

- [13.23.8] Freddy, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

It's important to hear both sides before passing judgment

- [13.23.9] David Kerr, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

This Royal Commission leaks too much – how can anyone take it seriously?

- [13.23.10] Heath, Croydon, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

Heads have to roll sometimes, and unfortunately that goes for you too, Christine

- [13.23.11] Hillary Redman, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

So the Royal Commission is going to come down to whether or not Nixon told the truth about going out for dinner – how about some suggestions about ensuring such a tragedy never occurs again?

- [13.23.12] No more leaking, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

If this Royal Commission doesn't start plugging some leaks, it'll sink

- [13.23.13] CG, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

Are we going to drag up every mistake before the Royal Commission? – are we supposed to be happy Christine has become the scapegoat?

- [13.23.14] Spiffy, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Fired up over Nixon's inquiry evidence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, p. 26.

So she went out for dinner – there are more important things to concentrate on – stop looking for scapegoats

- [13.23.15] Norrie Ross, "'Stay or go' should go", *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 27, 2010, p. 17.

Royal Commission – Jack Rush QC, for the Commission, said the 'stay or go' policy contributed to the death toll – the government and CFA message that leaving early or defending a well prepared home were equally safe has been exposed as a myth – Lisa Nichols, counsel assisting the Royal Commission – Neil Clelland, SC, for State Government – amalgamation of CFA, DSE, MFB fire services – Rachel Doyle

- [13.24.1] (writer not known), 'They all failed us', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, p. 1.

Royal Commission was told – Christine Nixon failed to show effective leadership on Black Saturday, and misled the Commission – Russell Rees – Jack Rush – Warrington, CFA Deputy Chief Officer – Andrew Graystone, DSE State Duty Officer – Waller – Geoff Conway, CFA State Co-ordinator

- [13.25.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, p. 35.

Depicts fire in a doorway to the Royal Commission hearing – one caption says 'some big reputations may have been burned' – the other caption has 2 CFA figures saying, 'It's ok ... it's just Jack Rush QC summing up'

- [13.25.2] Swoop, Bendigo, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, p. 35.

Mr Brumby, stop wasting millions on this pointless Royal Commission blame game and buy the CFA some more trucks

- [13.25.3] Sharon Williams, Horsham, Letters, 'Bushfire probe losing purpose', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, p. 34.

The Royal Commission has lost its focus and become a witch-hunt

- [13.25.4] B. Cooper, Frankston, Letters, 'Bunkers could have saved lives', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, p. 34.

Let's hope something constructive comes out of the 15 month deliberation of the Commission that will save lives – if part of the millions spent on legal fees went into refuges many lives might be saved

- [13.25.5] Peter Ralph, Wheelers Hill, Letters, 'Nixon came up short as top cop', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, p. 34.

Christine Nixon may be a scapegoat – but Brumby has described her as the finest chief commissioner this state has seen – she may not have been responsible for the fires, but her inadequacies have been highlighted

- [13.25.6] J. Morrissey, Hawthorn, Letters, 'Brumby, ministers share fires blame', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, p. 34.

Victorians can thank Jack Rush QC for ensuring the Royal Commission is not a whitewash – focus should be on the Premier and ministers, as well as Nixon and Rees – Gavin Jennings, Environment Minister, has presided over a regime of green-groveling neglect of fuel reduction – Bob Cameron - Brumby

- [13.26.1] John Ferguson & Mark Dunn, 'I totally deny I tried to mislead', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, p. 4.

Royal Commission – Jim Kennan SC represented Ms Nixon at the Commission today – she denies any intention to mislead – Jack Rush QC, who made the allegation against Nixon, has failed to provide sufficient supporting evidence – quotes from Jack Rush on Nixon, Fontana, Walshe, Rees

- [13.26.2] Norrie Ross, 'Let down by emergency chiefs', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, pp. 4-5.

Royal Commission – Jack Rush QC and Rachel Doyle SC attack the leadership on Black Saturday – named were Nixon, Rees, Steve Warrington, Geoff Conway, Ewan Waller, Andrew Graystone, Kieran Walshe – leadership and command is not exercised by retreat and so-called co-ordination and broad oversight – Rachel Doyle SC, said, 'Co-ordination appears to have usurped the language of command and control and has enabled a procession of witnesses to speak about co-ordinating rather than supervising, advising, directing and deciding' – Allan Myers, QC, for State Government, urged Royal Commission not to find fault with individuals; leadership not an issue for Royal Commission – Julian Burnside, for Rees – IECC – Fontana – Jim Kennan, SC, for Nixon

- [13.27.1] John Ferguson, 'It's about survivors as much as Nixon', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 28, 2010, p. 5.

We must remember that the Royal Commission is not all about Nixon and Rees and the lawyers representing them, but it is about the hundreds of survivors – Jack Rush – Jim Kennan, SC, for Nixon – Julian Burnside, QC, for Rees – Allan Myers, QC, for State Government

- [13.28.1] Garry Lyttle, president, Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria, Letters, 'Witch-hunt won't help next crisis', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 29, 2010, p. 32.

The Royal Commission is being pressured into conducting a witch-hunt – this will not help put out fires in seasons to come

- [13.28.2] Adrian Elderhurst, Bendigo, Letters, 'Nixon's dinner is irrelevant to most', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 29, 2010, p. 32.

The money spent on the Royal Commission would be better spent on helping survivors rebuild their lives – what Nixon had for tea is irrelevant to most people

- [13.28.3] Stephen McMahon, 'Bushfire inquiry bash canned', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 29, 2010, p. 7.

A planned celebration of the end of the bushfire hearings for about 100 DSE bureaucrats costing \$10,000 has been cancelled at the last minute by Environment Minister, Gavin Jennings - Teague

- [13.28.4] K. Kenyon, Lilydale, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 29, 2010, p. 32.

There was no second chance for homeowners and families of victims – why does Nixon deserve one?

- [13.29.1] Editorial, 'Tongue-tied Labor MPs', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 30, 2010, p. 86.

The *Herald Sun* sent questionnaires to state Labor MPs in 13 marginal seats asking questions on sentencing, myki, Nixon's role as bushfire reconstruction chief, and calls for an anti-corruption commission – not one answered the questions – Kennett – Brumby - Baillieu

- [13.30.1] Peter Rolfe & James Campbell, 'Silent 13 want your vote', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 30, 2010, pp. 8-9.

Article gives more detail about the editorial that day – the question put to MPs about Nixon was, 'Do you believe that voters in your electorate think Christine Nixon should remain chair of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority or be replaced?'

- [13.31.1] Mary Papadakis, 'Police "cut during fires"', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 30, 2010, p. 9.

An insider has said that in the early hours of February 8 all but 2 of the normal 14-15 police at the State Emergency and Response Co-ordination Centre (SERCC) were sent home – the 2 officers left were unable to cope with the workload

[13.32.1] B. Scheepers, Lilydale, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 31, 2010, p. 22.

All the fuss over Christine Nixon has caused us to lose sight of the real issue

[13.32.2] Sandra, Taylors Hill, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 31, 2010, p. 23.

Imagine what the fire-ravaged towns could do with the millions being wasted on the Royal Commission

[13.32.3] Roy, Ashburton, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 31, 2010, p. 23.

Nixon is thick-skinned – never have I known such a high-profile person to keep getting knockout blows and refusing to walk

[13.32.4] Kempy, Burnie, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 31, 2010, p. 23.

Instead of trying to crucify those trying to help – why not put the heat on the firebugs who created the disaster?

[13.32.5] Jennifer Arnold, Kinglake West, Letters, ‘No way anyone could stop inferno’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 31, 2010, p. 22.

Neither Nixon or Rees can be blamed for Black Saturday – can’t Victoria let Ms Nixon get back to helping victims – we can’t change the past – only move forward

[13.32.6] Joan Webster, (author, *Essential Bushfire Safety Tips*), Castlemaine, Letters, ‘Evacuation will cost more lives’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 31, 2010, p. 22.

The contention that staying to defend one’s home from a bushfire is dangerous ignores the fact that evacuation from a bushfire has far more intrinsic dangers

[13.32.7] Elissa Hunt, ‘Black Saturday accused bashed in prison’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 1, 2010, p. 18.

A man, 40, will appear in the Melbourne Magistrates’ Court on 191 charges – accused of lighting the Churchill fires – his name has been suppressed – lawyer, David Sexton – he has been assaulted twice whilst on remand – he has a severe intellectual disability, suffering from brain damage at birth, and is suicidal

[13.32.8] Philip & Faye O’Carroll, North Fitzroy, Letters, ‘Bureaucracy holds up rebuilding’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 1, 2010, p. 22.

Soon after Black Saturday, Premier Brumby said he would let us rebuild – this has turned out to be spectacularly untrue – red tape is monumental – even if we get a permit we will have to spend way beyond our insurance payout on heavier constructions that will only leave harder to shift piles of debris after the next inferno – we ask to build a normal house knowing it will be indefensible on the next Black Saturday

[13.32.9] Andy, Shepparton, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 1, 2010, p. 23.

Wants a Royal Commission into the length of time the bushfire Royal Commission is taking

[13.32.10] Steve Empry, 2nd Lieutenant, Blackwood Fire Brigade, ‘Letter of the day’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 2, 2010, p. 33.

Volunteer firefighters need more training – some of which has been denied

- [13.32.11] Elissa Hunt, '12 minutes crucial for Black Saturday suspect', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 3, 2010, p. 8.

Accused of lighting the Churchill fires – defence lawyer, David Sexton – Prosecutor, Ray Elston, SC - Committal hearing - suspect – says he was on the other side of town when the fire was lit – Sokaluk resigned as a CFA volunteer in 1988

- [13.33.1] Norrie Ross, 'Accused under fire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 4, 2010, p. 23.

Committal hearing – evidence put concerning Brendan Sokaluk's whereabouts on Black Saturday and his past behaviour – Patricia Hammond, neighbour – James Slater – Marion Newton

- [13.33.2] Norrie Ross, 'Road to suspicion', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 5, 2010, p. 31.

Committal hearing – more evidence about Solaluk's whereabouts on Black Saturday – Dane Carozzi – Natalie Turner – Magistrate, Simon Garnett

- [13.33.3] Editorial, 'Pay the money', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 5, 2010, p. 84.

Most of the \$391 million given to the bushfire appeal has been allocated, but nearly \$120 million is yet to be distributed to victims – this appears to be a severe delay – Peter Ryan

- [13.34.1] John Ferguson, 'Fire fund sits on \$120m', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 5, 2010, p. 2.

Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – Pat McNamara – Doug Walter, Marysville - \$120 million yet to flow to victims – assistance is likely to be given to some who lost second homes, but up til now have received no assistance – most of the unclaimed cash would be spent on community-based projects – statistics on Appeal Fund

- [13.34.2] Sam, Mill Park, Letters, 'Probe sought on police top brass', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 10, 2010, p. 33.

Christine Nixon was incompetent as police chief, as demonstrated by evidence heard by the bushfire Royal Commission, but it seems she has powerful friends in the Labor Party – wake up Victorians and demand accountability

- [13.34.3] Grade 5/6, Middle Kinglake Primary School, Letters, 'Down to earth', *Herald Sun*, Saturday June 13, 2010, p. 92.

Middle Kinglake Primary is on a temporary site following the destruction of its school on Black Saturday

- [13.35.1] Simon Kearney, 'Bushfire rebuild falters', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 20, 2010, p. 8.

Fewer than 1 in 20 homes destroyed on Black Saturday have been rebuilt and ready for occupancy – Insurance Council of Australia figures show 93% of the 10,280 claims have been paid out in cash, a total of just over \$1 billion – many victims are unsure of their long term plans – Local Council Association figures show building permits have been issued for 1 in 4 homes destroyed – most occupancy certificates have been issued in the past 4 months – in the shire of Murrindindi 1242 houses were destroyed – Bill Shorten comments on situation

- [13.35.2] Editorial, 'More must be done', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 20, 2010, p. 90.

Rebuilding is painfully slow – it is a major key to kick-starting communities devastated by the fires

- [13.35.3] Coral Briscoe, Drouin West, Letters, 'Letter of the day', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 25, 2010, p. 45.

Writer is a 62 year-old-woman who survived the Gippsland fires [presumably on Black Saturday] – Rudd has been treated poorly by his party – she will never vote Labor again

- [13.35.4] David Hastie, 'An honour for these foxy ladies', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 27, 2010, p. 20.

Bushfire survivors, Kate Riddell and Jemima Richards share a vision – to rebuild devastated communities from the women up – to achieve this, last year they started Firefoxes – with the help of Arwyn Taylor they organize meeting and outings – Ms Riddell was honoured to be nominated for the Pride of Australia Community Spirit Award

- [13.36.1] Sue Hewitt, 'Black Saturday victims launch court action: Global fire fight on pub', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 27, 2010, p. 5.

Ronnie and Howard Batterham, owners of the Glenburn Hotel that was destroyed on Black Saturday, are taking legal action against Lloyds of London – the insurance co has paid out \$700,000 for the building, but is refusing to pay \$280,000 for lost business – their lawyer, Michael Bates, of Maurice Blackburn, said the insurance co was trying to 'invent' an interpretation to avoid payment, by claiming there was no business income to lose

- [13.37.1] (writer not known), 'Red tape stunts Marysville regrowth', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 30, 2010, p. 9.

17 months after Black Saturday, recovery is being frustrated by red tape – the town faces an uncertain future if the pace of rebuilding doesn't pick up – Baillieu – Christine Wilson, former manager, Blackwood Cottages and Keppells Hotel

- [13.37.2] Stephen McMahon, 'School arsonists must face Black Saturday survivors: Blitz on firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 1, 2010, p. 9.

As part of a state government initiative to reduce the number of school fires, Black Saturday victims will address students caught lighting fires – Bronwyn Pike

- [13.38.1] Stephen McMahon, 'We're struggling because of Rudd', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 2, 2010, p. 7.

Brumby blames Rudd for the fall in support for the state government – but it is claimed that voters' frustrations have more to do with botched service delivery, including the Brumby government's mismanagement of the emergency services response on Black Saturday

- [13.38.2] (writer not known), 'Comrie joins fireys', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 2, 2010, p. 28.

Comrie held the role of independent monitor in charge of auditing the government's progress on implementing the bushfires Royal Commission interim report – new MFB President

- [13.38.3] Neil C., Hallam, Letters, 'Blame state issues, Premier', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 3, 2010, p. 78.

Common sense should tell Brumby that it is not Rudd, but himself, that is to blame for his government's slump – incompetence and ineptitude with things such as the bushfires

- [13.39.1] Sue Hewitt, 'Big win for Glenburn Pub', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 4, 2010, p. 18.

Black Saturday victims, Ronnie and Howard Batterham, owners of the destroyed Glenburn Pub, have won a victory over Lloyds of London – the insurer had previously refused to pay \$280,000 compensation for loss of business income, but has now agreed to and made the payment – Michael Bates, Maurice Blackburn – Murrindindi Council CEO, Margaret Abbey – Justin Madden

- [13.39.2] Ted Lee, Sebastopol, Letters, 'Distribute fire donations now', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 6, 2010, p. 23.

Bushfire appeal funds – money not getting to people in the Mansfield area – is the bushfire committee accountable?

- [13.39.3] Matt Johnston, 'Victims' costs soaring', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 6, 2010, p. 16.

Colin Hill – delays in rebuilding – extra costs for new 'flame zone' building regulations – Mr Hill hit with an extra \$135,000 – Opposition spokesman on bushfire response, Peter Ryan - Brumby

- [13.39.4] Elissa Hunt, 'Black Saturday accused for trial', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 6, 2010, p. 15.

Melbourne Magistrates' Court – Magistrate, Simon Garnett – Brendan Sokaluk ordered to stand trial for lighting the Churchill fires that killed 10 people – he pleaded not guilty

- [13.40.1] Matt Johnston, 'Nixon hints at giving up fire recovery role', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 9, 2010, p. 18.

Nixon hints that she might resign – Wally Spezza (a Kinglake West resident and CFA member), a Nixon supporter, has called for a 'gradual' handover, if there is to be a change

- [13.40.2] Matt Johnston, 'Nixon will stay on', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 15, 2010, p. 4.

Christine Nixon will stay on Victoria's Bushfire Appeal Fund Advisory Panel – changes to panel – a new advisory panel to be set up for the final stages of allocation and spending – will include people from fire affected areas – Lyn Gunter, panel member and former Murrindindi Mayor – Pat McNamara, Chairman – Red Cross Chief Executive, Robert Tickner, panel member – John Brumby

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- [14.1.1] Matt Johnston, 'Heat is on over bushfire budget', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 16, 2010, p. 19.
- Heroes and survivors of Black Saturday – CFA cutting budget – Will Polak, of Kinglake – Darryl Taylor – CFA budget details – Panton Hill CFA Captain, Dr Mike Nicholls – State Government spokesman, Cameron Scott
- [14.2.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Sad, weary and in no mood to play politics', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 16, 2010, pp. 38-39.
- Quote, John Marshall, owner Toolangi Tavern – McEwan electorate, Federal – candidates – Rob Mitchell, Labor – Cameron Caine, Liberal – close seat – Fran Bailey, Liberal, retiring – cricketer, Dean Jones – Murrindindi Mayor, Peter Beales – Julia Gillard – Tony Abbott – Kinglake West nursery owner, Sandy Burden – handwritten sign coming into Kinglake, 'The Town Still Too Tough to Die' – real estate agent, Jim Raistrick – Monash University political lecturer, Nick Economou, argues McEwan's bushfire areas won't determine the result – predicts Labor will win seat
- [Herald Sun notes that Patrick Carlyon, the journalist who wrote this article, received a Walkley Award for his account of the fire that destroyed Marysville]
- [14.3.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Long road to recovery takes toll on locals', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 16, 2010, p. 39.
- Sandy Burden – Misty Valley Nursery in Kinglake West – 50% down on customers since Black Saturday – McEwan – sick of promises that don't materialize
- [14.4.1] Ellen Whinnett, Sue Hewitt & Liam Houlihan, 'Chief walks into new firestorm: Victims in mixed reaction', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 18, 2010, pp. 6-7.
- Nixon – pub meal – resigned from VBRRA – survivors divided over resignation – Nixon received a standing ovation from 200 bushfire survivors yesterday when she announced her resignation – Warwick Leeson, of St Andrews – Greg Rogers, of Kinglake – Jason Budden, of Marysville – timing of resignation on the day the federal election was announced, had 'a whiff of the political' – Nixon facing a savaging in the Royal Commission's final report due at end of July – will stay on as a volunteer advising the Government on reconstruction – Baillieu, leadership disasters make her position untenable – Brumby denies he had anything to do with the timing of the resignation – Barb Stevens, of Kinglake – Peter Olorenshaw, of Callignee Community Recovery Committee – Jack Rush critical of Nixon
- [14.4.2] 'The Nixon files', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 18, 2010, p. 6.
- A time line in years from Nixon's appointment as Victorian Police Commissioner in April 2001 until her July 17, 2010, resignation from VBRRA
- [14.4.3] Editorial, *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 18, 2010, p. 6.
- Nixon should be ashamed – hiding her announcement behind the federal election is gratuitous, cynical and opportunistic – Julia Gillard calls federal election – Royal Commission final report on 31 July expected to be highly critical of Nixon
- [14.5.1] Adam Shand, 'Absent in hour of need', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 18, 2010, p. 7.
- Nixon's position became untenable the moment she admitted leaving her post as 173 Victorians died on Black Saturday – dining with friends a gross dereliction of duty – leaders know the value of being seen at the helm in times of crisis – reputation shredded – Brumby – 3AW – Neil Mitchell – Nixon, 'I had to eat'

- [14.5.2] 'What you said', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 18, 2010, p. 7.
- Clarky, email – Simon, email – Grant, Gippsland – Col Hill, Humevale – PK, Altona – A, Rushworth – Scotty, Roxburgh Park
- [14.6.1] Ellen Whinnett, 'Bushfire chief hides behind federal election: Nixon quits', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 18, 2010, p. 1.
- Nixon announced her resignation yesterday under the cover of a federal election launch – Royal Commission final report expected to be highly critical of her – will stay involved as a volunteer reconstruction adviser – she denied timing her announcement to avoid scrutiny
- [14.7.1] Photo (full page), 'She's Gone', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 18, 2010, p. 77.
- Caption, 'How police trailblazer Christine Nixon went to dinner one night and paid the ultimate price'
- [14.8.1] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Sour taste to stellar career', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 18, 2010, pp. 84-85.
- Nixon's career – dinner – resignation from VBRRRA – deserting her post – Bracks Government recruited her in 2001 – Neil Comrie – Kennett Government – accused of soft policing – Paul Mullett – Taskforce Purana and Pendennis – LEAP computer database – Qantas affair – John Becquet – Teague – Inspector Ross Smith – Simon Overland
- [14.10.1] John Ferguson, Matt Johnston & Marianne Betts, 'Ailing Nixon stands firm', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 19, 2010, p. 9.
- Nixon stands by her decision to resign and its timing – Julia Gillard announces federal election – Brumby – Baillieu critical of Government and timing of Nixon's resignation – Jane Carey, of Hazeldene
- [14.10.2] Matt Johnston, 'Black Saturday criticism led to rethink: Attacks took toll on Nixon', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 20, 2010, p. 17.
- John Becquet says intense criticism of Nixon's actions on Black Saturday took its toll and forced her to reconsider her role – Brumby declined to comment – Opposition MP, Michael O'Brien – ABC radio – meal – haircut – memoirs, publisher – VBRRRA spokeswoman, Jennifer Howard
- [14.10.3] Sharyn Wade, Woodend, Letters, 'Focus on real culprits, not Nixon', *Herald Sun*, July 20, 2010, p. 25.
- God forbid Nixon had dinner – everyone else did too – no-one could have stopped or foreseen the destruction – surely she has been persecuted enough and made up for her error by being a caring, active, compassionate head of VBRRRA
- [14.10.4] Editorial, 'Bring MPs back', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 21, 2010, p. 34.
- Brumby needs to recall Parliament to consider the Royal Commission report – State's worst natural disaster – timing of Nixon's resignation – report expected to be scathing of Nixon, who went to dinner with friends
[note: nothing about fuel reduction or any other issue]

- [14.10.5] Stephen McMahon & Matt Johnston, 'Delays likely as new bushfire season approaches', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 21, 2010, p. 13.

The next fire season may arrive without Victoria having acted on the Black Saturday inquiry's findings – report due 31 July – Brumby says a 2 to 3-week consultation will follow before the Government decides its response – a progress report yesterday shows the Government has yet to implement 7 of 51 recommendations in the inquiry's interim report – Baillieu – Kangaroo Ground CFA Captain, Peter Grant – timing of Nixon's resignation

- [14.11.1] Robert Opie, Shepparton, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 22, 2010, p. 36.

Criticism of Greens

- [14.11.2] Stephen McMahon, 'Day for fire debate', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 23, 2010, p. 9.

Special sitting of Parliament for Royal Commission report – Baillieu – 2-3 week community consultation before Government gives formal response – concerns Victoria will be unprepared for the fire season – Brumby gave no guarantee that recommendations would be implemented in time

- [14.11.3] John Lunny, email, Letters, 'Laid waste', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 25, 2010, p. 82.

Re 'Nixon quits', [14.6.1] – timing of resignation did not avoid attention – disgraced reputation

- [14.11.4] Victim, via web, Letters, 'Action needed', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 25, 2010, p. 82.

Let's hope Royal Commission findings are acted on

- [14.11.5] Geoff Robertson, Letters, 'Spared the axe', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 25, 2010, p. 82.

Brumby should have sacked Nixon months ago – re 'Chief walks into new firestorm', [14.4.1]

- [14.11.6] Michael Ryan, Rosanna, Letters, 'Guiding light?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 25, 2010, p. 82.

Will Nixon offer to be an adviser on how police commissioners should behave when there is a bushfire crisis?

- [14.11.7] Stephen McMahon & Matt Johnston, 'Don't come knockin'', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 26, 2010, p. 19.

VBRRA has contacted all political candidates and warned them not to contact residents in temporary villages without formal permission – residents angry – Kinglake Temporary Village resident, Vicki Ruhr, said there hadn't been proper consultation with residents – Opposition spokesman, Daniel Davis – cynical attempt by Brumby to gag survivors – Brumby willing to exploit survivors for photo opportunities

- [14.11.8] (writer not known), 'Bushfire activist ready', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 29, 2010, p. 13.

Federal seat of McEwan – Belinda Clarkson, Nillumbik Councillor and bushfire campaigner will be on the Family First ticket – Senator Steve Fielding – Fran Bailey

- [14.11.9] Ed Gannon, 'Fire levy is in need of overhaul', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 29, 2010, p. 35.

Blame game must stop and real debate must begin – Royal Commission about to release final report – MFB and CFA financed by Fire Services Levy – levy on property insurance in Victoria – flawed because only insured pay – 15% of MFB and 10% of CFA call-outs are for cars – but no levy for car insurers – CFA and MFB can charge uninsured property owners, but don't – Insurance Council of Australia – Municipal Association of Victoria – Victorian Farmers Federation – Royal Commission's lawyers – all want this crazy system fixed

Stay or go – leaving decision up to residents has been criticised – but the alternative suggested is frightening – evacuation recommended by fire controllers flawed – current 'stay or go' is not perfect, but better than what has been suggested

- [14.12.1] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Hard road to new home', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 30, 2010, p. 10.

Peter and Jane Carey – red tape – have rebuilt their Hazeldene home – some people can't rebuild because the people next door aren't moving back and their block hasn't been cleared so their fire attack level is too high – or people who haven't got enough money to pay the extra costs of up to \$100,000 to meet new fire standards – donations not going where most needed – a pseudo public consultation process in place that is all smoke and mirrors

- [14.12.2] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Despair smoulders in ashes of inferno', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 30, 2010, pp. 10-11.

Up to a third of families left homeless on Black Saturday may never return – rebuilding tortuously slow – survivors battling physical and mental illness – Victorian father of the year, Bruce Maya(r) – Narelle May(r), of Labertouche – anger at pace of recovery – fewer than 600 building permits and just 140 occupancy certificates have been issued in 17 months – Liz McGrath, VBRRRA spokeswoman – red tape – Jodie Thorneycroft, of Kinglake – post traumatic stress – depression – family breakups – suicides – Sue Sutherland, of Kinglake West – gear stolen from Kinglake's Men's Shed – Kinglake West Primary School broken into – Peter Carey, of Hazeldene – complaints that too much is being spent on building infrastructure that hadn't existed before the fires – \$340,000 spent on a set of traffic lights in Kinglake, the only lights in the shire – a joke – Jane Carey said some neighbours couldn't afford the extra \$100,000 added to the cost of rebuilding due to tough new building standards – Bill Gale – uninsured/underinsured – facts and figures on 'Aid to bushfire victims' and 'Where to get help'

- [14.12.3] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Struggle to get anywhere', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 30, 2010, p. 10.

Jason Lynn – dog, Bruno – Brian Naylor – Coombs Rd – problems with rebuilding

- [14.13.1] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Two years of living rough', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 30, 2010, p. 11.

Bruce and Narelle Maya, of Labertouche – Jack and Lucy Maya – cost of living in temporary accommodation and rebuilding

- [14.13.2] Matt Johnston & Peter Mickelburgh, 'Fire victims beg for help', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 30, 2010, p. 11.

Trauma – depression – substance abuse – severe illness – crippling parts of bushfire ravaged towns – specialist counselors – Jodie Thorneycroft – Community Response to Eliminating Suicide project will start next month with Salvation Army backing – Dr Rob Gordon – Gary Brown – Bereaved Project Group

- [14.13.3] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Yet to start rebuilding', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 30, 2010, p. 11.

Rodney Elwers, Kinglake West CFA volunteer – having difficulty coping

- [14.14.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Why didn't they tell us to get out?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 30, 2010, pp. 12-13.

Anastasia Scott, of Marysville – no warnings – water mains cut – local GP, Lachlan Fraser – Dan Walsh – Marie Walsh – Adrian Lloyd – DSE fire spotter, Andrew Willans – Marysville CFA radio operator, Pauline Harrow – CFA chief, Glen Fiske – Boolarra CFA officer, Lou Sigmund

[Herald Sun notes that Patrick Carlyon won a Walkley Award]

- [14.15.1] Editorial, 'Never forget the victims', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 30, 2010, p. 34.

Greatest natural disaster to befall the state – victims are in danger of being forgotten – the Royal Commission report will show us the way forward, in the hope that the mistakes of the past will never be repeated – Dr Lachlan Fraser – counterproductive to dwell on blame – leadership found wanting – lessons must be learned – not just a matter of introducing emergency systems and evacuation plans – economic lifeblood must be restored

- [14.16.1] Holly Ife, 'There's no place like home', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 31, 2010, p. 4.

Tamara Draper – Craig, Heather, Tanya Draper – Pine Ridge Rd

- [14.17.1] Norrie Ross, 'Fiery report to damn chiefs: Inquiry may decide on stay-or-go policy', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 31, 2010, p. 5.

Photos: comparison photos from Kinglake West taken in 2009 just after the fires and 30 July 2010 – Royal Commission report expected to savage Nixon (haircut, biographer, dinner) – former CFA chief, Rees – DSE chief, Ewan Waller – Teague, Pascoe, McLeod – Gary Brown – Adrian and Mirrabell Brown, of Kinglake – Brumby – underground power lines, cost – Bob Cameron – Royal Commission: Australia's most comprehensive investigation of a natural disaster – stay or go – fuel reduction – warnings – communications – 5 of 11 major Black Saturday fires appear to have been caused by power line failures – Governor, David de Kretser – Dale Ahern – list of likely recommendations the Royal Commission will make

- [14.17.2] Matt Johnston, 'Ex-CFA boss a likely no-show', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 31, 2010, p. 5.

Rees on holiday – believed to be camping in NSW – Royal Commission report expected to savage him – Rees slammed in Interim Report for lack of leadership – some bushfire survivors said he should return to Melbourne to show he cared – Wally Spezza, of Kinglake – Panton Hill CFA Captain, Dr Mike Nicholls – Rees would be just a distraction – Nixon likely to be savaged in report – Waller – Esplin – Cameron – Brumby – will be in town

- [14.18.1] Editorial, 'We must act quickly', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 1, 2010, p. 72.

541 days since Black Saturday – Teague's four-volume report – poor decisions made, including Nixon's 'hands off' approach and going to dinner in a hotel – Rees and Waller should have done more in relation to fire warnings – Cameron – Brumby – report recommends a supreme fire commissioner – better warning and evacuation methods – doubling of fuel burns – replacement of old powerlines and buy-backs – stay-or-go policy sound, but leaving early safest option – release of report will reopen some old wounds for fire affected people – Brumby has given no guarantees to implement all 67 recommendations – community consultation – Dandenongs still an obvious problem – priority to human life – shared responsibility between fire agencies, communities and individuals – there has been a lot of talk – now is the time for action

- [14.18.2] The Honourable Bernard Teague, Chairperson, Black Saturday Royal Commission, 'Full foreword to the people of Victoria from the official report', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 1, 2010, pp. 72-73.

The Final Report is an important part of securing the memory of the fires – priority to human life – reflects shared responsibility of governments, fire agencies, communities and individuals have for minimising prospect of a tragedy of this scale every happening again – Teague, Pascoe, McLeod

- [14.19.1] Jane O'Connor, Black Saturday Survivor, 'Now we have a checklist to save ourselves', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 1, 2010, p. 73.

Jane O'Connor, Black Saturday survivor and author of 'Without Warning', a book of her experience – news footage and print media coverage of the terror and panic that took so many people straight to hell on Feb 7, 2009, is not easy to watch or read and never will be – an independent Royal Commission was the very least that was required after Australia's worst natural disaster – a forum and confirmation of systemic failures – the one issue for me is that the system designed to protect an entire state and its people could not issue a timely warning – I doubt the sense of abandonment will ever leave me – scapegoats – Australia's worst natural disaster (mentioned twice in this article)

- [14.20.1] Photo, 'Never again', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday - The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 1.

Controversial changes to prevent fire disasters – all 173 victims named – untold survival stories revealed – Nixon slammed for 'hands off' leadership – photo of Fiona Barton and her children Caitlin and Mitchell, in Pine Ridge Rd – main photo: Peter Brown's photo of flames engulfing his St Andrews home

- [14.20.2] Norrie Ross, 'Key findings', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday - The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 2.

Safety policy: saving human life to be most important – stay or go: to be retained, but to take into account elderly, infirm, young – fuel reduction: to be almost doubled – shelters: local councils should be helped by the State Government to develop bushfire shelters and evacuation points – resettlement: buy-backs – evacuations: the state to develop evacuation policies, especially for vulnerable people – power lines: overhead power lines to be placed underground – leadership: remove the title of 'Co-ordinator in Chief of Emergency Management' from the Police and Emergency Services Minister, to the Chief Commissioner of Police – fire supremo: new position of Fire Commissioner – fire services levy: an end to the fire services levy on insurance premiums, to be replaced by a property-based levy – arson: much higher police focus on arson – facts and figures and key dates on the Royal Commission

- [14.20.3] Norrie Ross, 'Blueprint for a fireproof state', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday - The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 3.

Royal Commission calls for the biggest overhaul of fire services and emergency management in the State's history – 67 recommendations – poor leadership – lack of warnings – government failures – Teague, McLeod, Pascoe – 541 days after Australia's worst natural disaster – financial cost of fires estimated at \$4b by Royal Commission – Roger Cook, Pheasant Creek – retreat and resettlement policy: buy back – Rudi Bence, of Callignee – Brumby, refused to guarantee all recommendations would be implemented – Julia Gillard – Baillieu said he would act on all the recommendations if he won government – Bob Cameron failed in not raising the need to declare a state of disaster – Nixon heavily criticized for her decision to have a haircut, meet with her biographer, and to the pub – former CFA chief Rees and DSE Chief Fire Officer, Waller, were slammed for failure to warn communities – retain 'stay or go' policy with modifications – facts and figures on the cost of Black Saturday – list of worst affected communities – a 'Did you know?' section – Black Saturday fires equivalent to 1500 Hiroshima-sized atom bombs – McArthur Forest Fire Index reached unprecedented levels from 120-200; 50 is considered extreme

- [14.20.4] In Brief, 'Queen's interest', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 4.

The Queen has requested a copy of the final report of the Royal Commission – Brumby

- [14.20.5] In Brief, 'Satellite boost', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 4.

Department of Defence and Geoscience Australia are considering increasing the number of times the Sentinel Satellite passes over Victoria – presently passes over 3 times a day – Sentinel website received 1.8 million hits on Black Saturday

- [14.20.6] In Brief, 'Radio concerns', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 4.

Radio communications problems on Black Saturday – that CFA and DSE had different radio networks was problematic – some police had digital systems and others had analogue – radio 'black spots'

- [14.20.7] In Brief, 'Aircraft hindered', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 4.

Royal Commission suggested the CFA and DSE improve their policies for aerial preparedness – some firefighting aircraft were held up for 50 minutes waiting approval for use

- [14.20.8] In Brief, '4500 roadblocks', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 4.

Police set up 4500 roadblocks – some areas were cut off for 7 weeks while the State Coroner investigated deaths

- [14.20.9] Peter Rolfe, 'Nixon sorry ... again', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, pp. 4-5.

Nixon apologises again for her performance on Black Saturday – co-ordinator of the State Emergency Response Plan – leadership inadequate – IECC – Nixon's decision to go to dinner – Ash Wednesday – her testimony to the Royal Commission was described as 'inaccurate and incomplete' but found she did not 'intentionally mislead it' – Rees and Waller did not do enough to warn people – did not adequately monitor the progress of fires – Royal Commission found a disturbing tendency for senior fire agency personnel to allocate responsibility down the chain of command – CFA chief, Mick Bourke – Bob Cameron was found to have acted properly – Brumby – Helen Creely, of Bendigo, said money spent on the Royal Commission should have gone to victims – Nixon a scapegoat

- [14.20.10] James Campbell, 'Communication breakdown', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 5.

Police roadblocks delayed or prevented firefighters from reaching fires on Black Saturday – some roadblocks were set up without directions from incident controllers – communication problems (egs given) between the CFA and DSE – country and city police had problems because of digital and analogue systems – Kilmore Incident Control Centre – staff allocation problems

- [14.20.11] 'Other significant recommendations', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, pp. 6-7.

Summary in table form of other significant recommendations of Royal Commission – restrict development in high bushfire danger areas – education campaign – a graded scale of emergency declarations – level 3 incident controller at ICCs by 10am on Code Red days – fire mapping – water bombing aircraft to be on standby by 10am on Code Red days – investigation of back burns that get out of control – CFA & DSE to standardise communications systems and eliminate black spots – standardization of operating systems between CFA & DSE – Energy Safe Victoria to require electricity distributors to standardise training and competence of power line inspectors – electricity distributors to ensure trees near power lines are cleared and power lines that have a history of clashing in high winds have spreaders fitted – new building standards to reduce risk from ember attack – new Australian standards for bunkers and bushfire sprinklers – exemptions from planning laws to allow more roadside clearing – a new Commonwealth-funded national centre for bushfire research – the Auditor-General to monitor the implementation of the recommendations and report to Parliament by July 2012

- [14.20.12] Adam Shand, 'The four keys for a safer future: Homes buyout', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 6.

The State Government should abandon its 'brick-by-brick' rebuilding program and consider a radical 'retreat and resettlement' policy – Marysville Chamber of Commerce President, Daniel Stirling, said it was unlikely many people would take up such an offer – Rudd and Brumby had committed to rebuilding – Murrindindi Shire Council's Local Planning Policy Framework had not considered bushfire risk – Pine Ridge Rd a high-risk location – town planner, Bill Kuszirczuk, said the Government should adopt the Royal Commission's buyback proposal

- [14.20.13] Adam Shand, 'The four keys for a safer future: Stay or go', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 6.

'Stay or go' to be retained – better education about options – some properties are undefendable

- [14.20.14] James Campbell, 'The four keys for a safer future: Power lines', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, pp. 6-7.

Power lines to be put underground or be replaced with aerial bundled cable – Fire Services Levy to be replaced by a property tax – Powercor – SP AusNet – Australian Energy Regulator (AER) refused applications from Powercor seeking increased revenue to place lines in high-risk bushfire areas underground – Commission's scathing criticism of AER

- [14.20.15] James Campbell, 'The four keys for a safer future: Shelters', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 7.

Royal Commission slammed the State Government for failing to build refuges – 2005 Fire Refuges Policy – shelters should be available for people who for a variety of reasons cannot defend or leave early

- [14.20.16] Hamish Heard, In Brief, 'Backburn row', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 7.

Royal Commission's recommendation to increase backburning threefold from 1.7% to 5% has fueled controversy – environmental groups say the target will harm biodiversity in national parks and state forests – Royal Commission scathing of State Government's approach to backburning – Victorian National Parks Association Executive Director, Matt Ruchel, said increased fuel reduction would not prevent another fire catastrophe

- [14.20.17] Sue Hewitt, In Brief, 'Case "assisted"', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 7.

Lawyers acting for bushfire victims believe the Royal Commission's findings strengthen their case against the power companies – Supreme Court class action against SPI Electricity Pty Ltd re Kinglake fire – more than 630 people in class action – Maurice Blackburn and Oldham Naidoo Lawyers

- [14.20.18] Hamish Heard, In Brief, 'Fleeing saved lives', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 7.

A survey of Black Saturday survivors showed many owed their lives to a decision to flee when the flames neared their homes – 20% of survivors left their homes when the fire had already arrived in their town or suburb, ignoring the 'stay or go' policy – many late leavers were from areas where almost everyone who stayed behind was killed – Pine Ridge Rd – Chris Petreis, of Humevale

- [14.20.19] Sue Hewitt, 'All gone in just three minutes', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 8.

Peter Brown, of St Andrews (personal account) – took photos of his home burning – photos published – Fiona – Katherine – Nicholas

- [14.20.20] Sue Hewitt, 'They didn't stand a chance', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 9.

Firefighter, Matt Ahern (personal account) – took photos of the fire at Clen Cromie Caravan Park

- [14.20.21] Sue Hewitt, 'The embers became branches falling from the sky', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 9.

Christine Glassford, of Reedy Creek (personal account) – Adrian – photographed fire surrounding their home

- [14.20.22] Wendy Hargreaves, 'Nine killed in haven turned hell', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 10.

Killed at 9 Pine Ridge Rd – Paul, Karen, Caitlin, Nicola Rolands – Tina Wilson – Krystal and Nathan Breeze – Teagan Haymes – Rex Norris

Rob Richings, owner of house, begged them to leave – advised by CFA to stay at home

- [14.20.23] Sarah Marinos, 'Wedding party fled', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 10.

Jim Kennedy was hosting a wedding party at the Black Spur Inn on Black Saturday at Narbethong – Di Kennedy

- [14.20.24] (writer not known), 'All lost on our girl's birthday', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 10.

Bevan Gobbett, of Clonbinane – family saved by their fire bunker

- [14.20.25] Wendy Hargreaves, 'They died in each other's arms', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, pp. 10-11.

Brian and Moiree Naylor – Coombs Rd – adamant they could defend their property

[14.20.26] Wendy Hargreaves, 'Smash ended son's high hopes', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 11.

Ross Ladies – Genmaro Laudisio – Morgan – Isabella

[14.20.27] 'My Black Saturday', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 11.

Quotes from – Beven Gobbett, of Clonbinane – Elaine Mary Postlethwaite, of Marysville – Bart Wunderlich, nurse, of Kinglake West – Marisa Robbins – Leading Senior Constable, Kenneth Dwight – Juliet Moore, of Kinglake West – Paul Nowak, Strathewen – David O'Halloran, Flowerdale

[14.20.28] Your Say, *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 12.

Simon Wardlaw, of Marysville – Anastasia Scott, Marysville – Terry Ross, of Marysville – Bruno Torfs, of Marysville

[14.20.29] Liam Houlihan, 'Victims defiant: Town is still home', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 12.

Personal account – John and Patricia Beggs – ground zero – Australia's most deadly natural disaster – owners of Somerled Mountain Retreat – Terry and Sharen Donovan – CFA website – more police emphasis on arson – most residents happy Royal Commission did not recommend compulsory evacuation – town divided on increased fuel reduction – Anastasia Scott – leaders failed us then and are failing us now

[14.20.30] Brigid O'Connell, 'Stay-or-go policy sensible if understood: locals know best', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 13.

Strathewen residents divided in their response to the Royal Commission recommendations – Malcolm Hackett – Arthurs Creek-Strathewen Captain, David McGahy – Wes Stecher – Warren Rees – fire safety bunkers – stay or go

[14.20.31] Your Say, *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 13.

Quotes – Malcolm Hackett, Chair of Strathewen Rebuilding Committee – Warren Rees, of Arthurs Creek-Strathewen CFA – Wes Stecher, Arthurs Creek-Strathewen CFA – Phil Jones, of Strathewen

[14.20.32] Your Say, *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 14.

Roger Cook – Stuart Nechodiuk – Ross Laudisio – Jo Walsh – David Ricketson – Nina Halligan

[14.20.33] Mitchell Toy, 'Kinglake relives no-warning horror', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 14.

Kinglake – no warning – Fiona, Caitlin and Mitchell Barton, of Pine Ridge Rd – Roger Cook – better warning systems – Greg Rogers – Taylor Rogers – Kayne – Murrindindi Shire Mayor, Peter Beales – stay or go – shelters

[14.20.34] David Hastie, 'Report falls short: Victims expected more suggestions', *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 15.

Shenae Gordon – Sue Oliver – South Gippsland – Churchill – Callignee – Callignee South – Traralgon South – Koornalla – Callignee CFA Captain, Ian Ewart – education – buy backs – individual responsibility – criticism of Nixon unjust – Bryan and Tina Corkran, of Koornalla – Rudi Bence, of Callignee – Royal Commission did not go far enough – money spent on Royal Commission to come up with a few trivial conclusions – Traralgon South and District Community Recovery Committee Chair, Ange Gordon

- [14.20.35] Adrian Tame, ‘ “Complete panic” marked deadly day’, *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 15.

Black Saturday hero Helen Creely believes money spent on the Royal Commission would have been better spent on victims – Australia’s worst natural disaster – nobody to blame – university lecturer, Maree Stockdale – George Sterling – City of Greater Bendigo CEO, Craig Niemann, said more time needed to digest details

- [14.20.36] Your Say, *Sunday Herald Sun, Black Saturday – The Verdict*, August 1, 2010, p. 15.

Quotes – Tina Corkran, of Koornalla – Ange Gordon, of Traralgon South – Bryan Corkran, of Koornalla – Helen Creely – Paul Epworth, West Bendigo

- [14.21.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, ‘Fire Operations Plans’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 16.

Plans for fuel reduction by the DSE

- [14.21.2] Peter Mickelburgh, ‘Safety lessons at school’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 2.

Government backs Royal Commissions recommendation for bushfire safety education in schools – Glenn Rogers, of Callignee

- [14.21.3] Stephen McMahon & Norrie Ross, ‘\$35b for fire preventions’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 16.

Royal Commission recommendations cost put at \$35b – cost of burying power lines is about \$20b over 10 years – cost of buying out 49,000 high-risk properties, \$15b – Brumby apologises to Victorians for emergency services management failures on Black Saturday – fuel reduction, \$250m per year – Opposition claims powerlines can be made safer for much less – Peter Ryan says all recommendations must be implemented – Brumby backs Waller – Bob Cameron – Julia Gillard – Baillieu, said after spending \$40m on the Royal Commission it was time for action

- [14.22.1] ‘We need strong leaders’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 10.

Quotes from Black Saturday survivors, who give their verdict on the Royal Commission report – Graeme Brown, President of the Marysville and Triangle Development Group – Lou Sigmund, CFA Group Officer – David McGahy, Arthurs Creek-Strathewen, CFA Captain – Jim Roennfeldt, President of the Taggerty Community Progress Group – George Flack, 40-year CFA veteran

- [14.22.2] (writer not known), ‘Clear my name’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 10.

Ron Philpott disappointed that the Royal Commission report did not clear his name – he was suspected of lighting the Murrindindi fire – has CFA’s support (he has not been charged)

- [14.22.3] (writer not known), ‘On the double’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 10.

Recommendation of the Royal Commission to increase fuel reduction – annual target to be increased from 130,000 ha to 385,000 ha, or from 1.5% to 5% - DSE to inform the public of burns and whether targets are met – VicRoads should launch a state-wide plan of burns around its roads – Wilderness Society – Victorian Farmers Federation

- [14.23.1] Russell Robinson, ‘Biggest threat is to tourists’, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 11.

Roy Moriarty, CFA Captain Wye River – buy back wouldn’t work in Wye River – but would work in some high-risk areas – biggest problem is the tourists and those staying in caravan parks

- [14.23.2] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Caution on buyback plan as 49,000 homes in risk zone: Towns may go missing', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 11.

Some Victorian towns would disappear if calls to resettle people from high fire-risk areas were adopted – retreat and resettlement policy – could cost \$14b – of more than 2000 homes lost on Black Saturday about 120 were in the highest risk levels – Brumby – Pine Ridge Rd – RMIT Associate Professor in Environment and Planning, Michael Buxton, said the buyback must be compulsory or it would make the fire risk worse; reasons given

- [14.24.1] Dimity, Northcote, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

Black Saturday should not be a political football

- [14.24.2] Quatty, Ocean Grove, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

After 18 months, why are families still struggling, Mr Brumby? – fix their problems now

- [14.24.3] Editorial, 'Safety first', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 24.

Brumby's apology for the calamity on Black Saturday does not diminish or excuse the fact that the State's leadership structure caved in when Victoria needed it – the real heroes of that tragic day were the crews and homeowners who fought the fires – we must act on the findings of the Royal Commission – we must make our State safer – we need to look to strong leadership

- [14.24.4] Fuel Reduction, Bendigo, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

Just get rid of the greenies and let people gather fallen wood on the forest/bush floor – all the DSE do when they have a burnoff is lose control of it

- [14.24.5] Henry, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

The Premier is right to set aside time for consultation – Victorians, especially bushfire victims, deserve to have their say

- [14.24.6] Justin, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

It saddens me that Baillieu doesn't think bushfire victims should have an input

- [14.24.7] Thomas, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

The time for blame is gone – we need to use the recommendations to ensure we never again lose so many lives

- [14.24.8] Grumpy, South Morang, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

A dozen each of experienced firefighters, police, ambulance, municipal, Red Cross and SES people could have done the same job, costing a couple of hundred thousand dollars – unless all levels of government stand up to the greenies it will happen again

- [14.24.9] DC, Silvan, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

The Government should be implementing all of the recommendations plus more to ensure this never happens again – I will not be voting for Brumby when the time comes

- [14.24.10] John, Burwood, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

Although Nixon was responsible for not being on the job, she was a scapegoat – where were Brumby and Rudd? – disappeared off the radar – Katrina – George Bush

[14.24.11] George, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

EnvironMENTALists only rate a mention because they are up in arms about the increase in burn-offs – they are imbeciles

[14.24.12] Kiri Harrison, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

I hope this report brings some closure for the families of those who perished on Black Saturday

[14.24.13] Eddy, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

Glad 'stay or go' will remain – locals know best

[14.24.14] Henry, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

Not sure about buybacks – impact on small towns

[14.24.15] Brendan, Mt Eliza, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

It took the Royal Commission months of expenditure to state the bleeding obvious – if they can actually assist those waiting for help something might be salvaged from this whole debacle

[14.24.16] Barry, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

Some recommendations should be implemented ASAP – others deserve further consideration – eg, buy-backs: small communities deserve to have their say

[14.24.17] Beth, Malvern, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

Less political scapegoating and more lateral thinking – there are some tough recommendations – eg, buy-backs – glad Government is taking time to consult what people want

[14.24.18] Daniel John Paige, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

Too much time wasted on finding scapegoats – focus must now be on what needs to happen so we never again fall victim to such a tragedy

[14.24.19] Belinda, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

A government buy-back will kill my small community – surely there are better options

[14.24.20] Pete, Mentone, Hot Topic, 'Consult fire victims', *Herald Sun*, August 2, 2010, p. 22.

The Liberals' proposition to accept all recommendations is ridiculous – there needs to be consultation

[14.25.1] Wes Hosking, 'We will not be moved', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 3, 2010, p. 4.

Pine Ridge Rd – buy backs – Wayne McDonald-Price – Fiona Barton – Peter Doherty says acquisitions should be 'all in or all out' – Kevin Nechodiuck said too late to halt rebuilding – bunkers – Moray Sharp, Kinglake real estate agent, says vacant land and rentals are in demand

- [14.25.2] Stephen McMahon & Norrie Ross, 'Stay or go policy failure blamed for fire deaths: 85 lives could have been saved', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 3, 2010, p. 4.

Royal Commissioners said – 85 lives could have been saved if people understood and applied the 'stay or go' policy – Brumby said he supported 59 of the 67 Royal Commission recommendations – undecided on: burying power lines; a new fire tax on all households; evacuation policies; fuel reduction; buy outs – Royal Commission said people in the bush had a responsibility to look after their own safety – Teague plans to join Daylesford CFA – the Government has accepted: new fire boss proposal; increased bushfire education; improved communications; better arson prevention; improved building standards – buy backs could undermine rebuilding efforts – Ron McLeod – Baillieu rejected claims he had potentially signed a blank cheque that he can't cash after agreeing to support all the recommendations

- [14.26.1] Gavin McFadzean, The Wilderness Society, Fitzroy, Letters, 'Burn-off goal too simplistic', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 3, 2010, p. 21.

Contentious recommendation of increasing fuel reduction target to 5% - conservationists support scientific, effective fuel reduction around human settlements – Victorians deserve better than a one size fits all fuel reduction target

- [14.26.2] Michael J. Gamble, Belmont, Letters, 'Brumby protected liable executives', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 3, 2010, p. 21.

The Royal Commission has exposed Brumby's lack of leadership and the people he chose to protect Victorians

- [14.26.3] John Duval, Northcote, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 3, 2010, p. 21.

Funny that governments appoint independent commissions to obtain recommendations and they reject most – governments are quite capable of deciding for themselves – the only reason to have commissions is that governments are lazy

- [14.26.4] Jeff Mawks, Watsonia, Letters, 'Nixon unable to lead', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 4, 2010, p. 21.

While Nixon is a highly educated, intelligent woman, she lacked the operational experience to co-ordinate the response to the bushfires

- [14.26.5] Janne Kneebone, Wandong, Letters, 'Threatened towns overlooked', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 4, 2010, p. 21.

Re 'Towns affected by Black Saturday', [14.23.2] – what about Kilmore East, Clonbinane and other surrounding towns that are never mentioned in the articles? – we are the forgotten people

- [14.26.6] Vox Pop, 'Should the State Government heed Ted Baillieu's advice and implement all recommendations of the bushfires royal commission?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 4, 2010, p. 20.

Ian Hobbs, 54, Pascoe Vale: Brumby needs to do what the commission and the people want – Kylie Bryant, 41, Canberra: Baillieu's response is media driven; people who buy in bushfire areas know the risks; taxpayers shouldn't have to pay – Niels Hutchinson, 62, North Melbourne: they should be a good starting point but may not go far enough – Chris Bodikian, 22, Carlton: Brumby should consult the people affected first – Janine Speedy, 45, Melbourne: Yes

- [14.26.7] John Muir, Mitcham, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 4, 2010, p. 20.

Every bushfire royal commission has recommended fuel reduction – this has not happened and will not until the 'trees are more important than people' culture is outed from the DSE and local government

- [14.26.8] Grant Poulter, Malvern, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 4, 2010, p. 20.
- We need to learn from mistakes on Black Saturday to ensure it never occurs again – a witch hunt will do nothing
- [14.26.9] Warren Smith, Waterways, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 4, 2010, p. 20.
- Wouldn't it be cheaper to insulate overhead power lines than burying them?
- [14.26.10] Mandi, Inglewood, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 4, 2010, p. 20.
- Greenies, it's about time to see the obvious – trees grow back, people can't
- [14.26.11] Stephen McMahon, '“We're not your political pawns”: Town slams Brumby visit', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 5, 2010, p. 2.
- Community consultation in Callignee – Brumby – residents not told of visit – Callignee Recovery Committee Chair, Andrea Gordon – media stunt/spin – Tony Mann – RACV General Manager, Brian Negus, backs broad property tax to replace Fire Services Levy
- [14.26.12] Dr Lachlan Fraser, Marysville, Letters, 'Fire safety grants could be option', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 5, 2010, p. 29.
- Rather than buy-backs, the Government could offer subsidies for pumps, vegetation reduction, bunkers and other safety features – insurance companies could then offer discount rates
- [14.26.13] Justin Celentane, St Andrews, Letters, 'Still waiting on alpine fires action', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 5, 2010, p. 29.
- Brumby supports in principle 59 of 67 recommendations of the Royal Commission – the Government said this after its own inquiry into the alpine fires – Government unlikely to implement anything of substance
- [14.26.14] Mick Millsom, Devenish, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 5, 2010, p. 21.
- Brumby, if people have chosen to live in bushfire prone areas, taxpayers' money should not be used to buy them out
- [14.27.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Listening to the Community – Bushfire Royal Commission Recommendations', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 5, 2010, p. 9.
- List of places, dates and times of consultation meetings with bushfire affected communities
- [14.27.2] Ian Dickason, Mildura, Letters, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 5, 2010, p. 31.
- Brumby won't stop people rebuilding in bushfire areas, nor should he – pity he is not so accommodating for many people who want to build by the ocean – rejected in case the sea might rise a metre over the next 300 years
- [14.27.3] AAP, 'Last fire chief “sorry” but not quitting', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 5, 2010, p. 15.
- Victoria's sole fire chief remaining after Black Saturday has apologised for his failures after stinging criticism from the Royal Commission – DSE Chief Fire Officer, Ewan Waller – lack of leadership – a new fire commissioner to be appointed soon, but Waller ruled himself out for the role

- [14.27.4] Norrie Ross, 'Black Saturday survivor bullied', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 6, 2010, p. 19.

Anne Laviya, a Black Saturday survivor, has been awarded \$5000 for being bullied and sexually harassed at work by a colleague – worked as a house-keeping supervisor at the Aitken Hill conference centre at Yuroke – was sacked after complaining about her treatment – VCAT – Equal Opportunity Act – Rose Jennings, boss at Aitken Hill

- [14.27.5] M. Mitchell, Bairnsdale, Letters, 'Bushfire danger inevitable', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 6, 2010, p. 38.

The Royal Commission is correct in suggesting people should become more responsible for themselves – if you choose to live in dangerous places you must expect the worst

- [14.27.6] Charles McKay, Mooroolbark, Letters, 'Fire proposals left untouched' *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 6, 2010, p. 38.

By the way Brumby responded to the Royal Commission you would think we have never had a severe bushfire – previous recommendations were not acted on, yet everything is now said to be 'unprecedented' – surely under our system of government, a minister is responsible for the failings of his/her department – apparently this doesn't apply to this tired and arrogant State Government

- [14.27.7] Phil McDonald, Railton, Tasmania, Letters, 'More needed than just \$40m inquiry', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 6, 2010, p. 38.

The Victorian Government has to remember the \$40m spent on the Royal Commission doesn't fix the problems – previous recommendations not acted upon – you can't just act on the cheapest things listed and hope that's a fix

- [14.28.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Burning off a life saver', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 6, 2010, pp. 40-41.

Royal Commission report a whitewash – nobody noticed – a few lesser guilty were sort-of held to account – Nixon – Rees – Waller – these people made very little difference to the result – the blunders had been made long before the fires – those responsible, mostly politicians, have not even been named – why didn't the Royal Commission name the guilty who ignored decades of warnings to reduce fuel? – why didn't the Royal Commission expose the mad new belief that saving nature is more important than protecting human lives? – the Royal Commission belatedly argued that fuel reduction is effective – WA fuel reduction has been successful – since 1991 not one fuel reduction burn had been done within 5-7 km of Kinglake – Royal Commission into Black Friday fires warned our controlled burning was 'ridiculously inadequate'

Bolt cites following reports – 1992 Auditor-General report – 1994 CSIRO's chief fire expert – 2003 Parliamentary report on the Canberra, NSW and Victoria fires – 2003 Nillumbik Ratepayers Association – 2007 State Parliament's Environment and Natural Resources Committee – DSE's 2008 'Victorian Bushfire Strategy'

Brumby Government's inadequate fuel reduction funding – DSE Chairman, Greg Wilson – unresolved tensions between bushfire risk mitigation and environmental conservation – Native Vegetation Management policy in Victoria – DSE Assistant Fire Chief, Liam Fogerty

[Is Bolt arguing that there has been no naming because the green agenda/lobby is so powerful?]

- [14.29.1] Stephen McMahon, 'Fire survivors struggling: Red tape reigns as only 294 homes rebuilt', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 7, 2010, p. 27.

Red tape and bureaucratic bungling has meant only 294 out of 2029 homes destroyed on Black Saturday have been rebuilt and certified – Brumby 2-week community consultation – Jane Carey, of Hazeldene – VBRRA – Brumby criticised for not endorsing all 67 recommendations of the Royal Commission – backburning – burying of power lines – fire tax on all households – evacuation policy – buy-backs – VBRRA estimates that as many as a third of families left homeless after Black Saturday may never return – Nixon's replacement as VBRRA head – Chair of Flowerdale Community Recovery Committee, John Burgess – Peter Ryan, critical of rebuilding

- [14.30.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Buyback plan looks too costly', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 8.

Recommendation of the Royal Commission to buy people out could cover 53,000 properties and cost \$10b – Government set to reject proposal – retreat and resettlement policy – state election in November – Brumby faces the task of implementing recommendations without increasing taxes – never happens again – concern about future of towns – voluntary acquisition creates an unacceptable risk to those who stay

- [14.30.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Dining out on taxpayers', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, pp. 8-9.

Criticism of expenditure by VBRRA on food, alcohol (details given) – Nixon – Tony Mann, of Callignee – Brumby – VBRRA spokeswoman, Jennifer Howard – VBRRA Temporary Housing Director, Max Ginn – Ben Hubbard – Gillard – Bracks - the Sunday Herald Sun decided not to highlight spending on items useful to reconstruction, such as basic food, petrol, toll fees and gifts to fire victims

- [14.32.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Fire bunker plan for footy ovals', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 30.

Proposal for bunkers to be built under country football grounds and suburban stables – Brumby Government – Wildfire Safety Bunkers, Managing Director, Anthony Tratt – state accredited bunkers

- [14.32.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Towns tire of talkfest', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 30.

Brumby Government facing pre-election backlash over Royal Commission report – community consultation – November 27 state poll – Marysville Golf and Bowls President, Doug Walter, said residents sick of consultation and wanted action – wondering if promise to rebuild 'brick by brick' will be kept – evacuations – fuel reduction – underground power lines – buy backs – fire services levy – John Brumby

- [14.32.3] Hamish Heard, 'Anger at burn-off increase', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 30.

Environmental groups say increased fuel reduction will harm biodiversity in national parks and State forests – Royal Commission's recommendation to increase fuel reduction – Victorian National Parks Assoc Exec Director, Matt Ruchel, said increased fuel reduction will not prevent another fire catastrophe

- [14.32.4] (writer not known), '\$10m for fire monitor', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 25.

Federal Opposition Leader, Tony Abbott, said if he won government \$10m would be allocated for an early fire detection system – Abbott visited Kinglake – State Government (Vic) – CFA – Royal Commission

- [14.33.1] Editorial, 'Get those snouts out', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 78.

Bureaucrats feeding at trough again – VBRRA expenses – accrued personal expenses between 1 March 2009 and May 2010 amounted to more than \$30,000 – Nixon – Brumby – symbolism of spending – Sunday Herald Sun argues that some of the expenditure be paid back by staff

[14.33.2] Photo, The Issues, *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 81.

Photo taken by Peter Brown of his home in St Andrews in flames

[14.33.3] Ken, S., Thomastown, The Issues, 'Bushfires...what now?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 81.

Brumby Government must act urgently on Royal Commission findings – re 'Black Saturday – The Verdict' and 'We must act quickly', [14.18.1] – the new fire season is only weeks away – not good enough for Government to say it accepts 59 of the 67 recommendations in principle

[14.33.4] Warren, Fairfield, The Issues, 'Bushfires...what now?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 81.

The Government must ensure reliable leadership is in place

[14.33.5] Angelo, Craigieburn, The Issues, 'Bushfires...what now?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 81.

A broad property tax instead of the current Fire Services Levy would be fairer

[14.33.6] Gerard, R., Whittlesea, The Issues, 'Bushfires...what now?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 81.

Previous bushfire reports have gathered dust – the latest inquiry should not suffer the same fate

[14.33.7] Paul Thomas, via web, The Issues, 'Bushfires...what now?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 81.

Brumby is right to leave time for consideration – we must get it right this time

[14.33.8] Trevor Butler, via web, The Issues, 'Bushfires...what now?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 81.

Glad Royal Commission recommended the 'stay or go' policy remains – though, Victorians must be provided with up-to-date information

[14.33.9] Geoff, Melbourne, The Issues, 'Bushfires...what now?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 81.

After Ash Wednesday 27 years ago it was recommended that high-risk overhead powerlines in the Dandenongs be put underground – nothing happened

[14.33.10] Sunday Herald Sun, 'Clarification', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 8, 2010, p. 81.

Re 'Nine killed in haven turned hell', [14.20.22] – in forementioned article, the Sunday Herald Sun reported that the Rolands of Pine Ridge Rd intended to stay and defend their home, but the Royal Commission found that there was clear evidence they planned to evacuate

[14.34.1] Norrie Ross, 'Fire-ravaged residents worn out by neverending "community consultation": We're getting on with life', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 9, 2010, p. 21.

Only 30 people from Marysville turned up at the State Government community consultation meeting – Health Minister, Daniel Andrews – Robin Rishworth, of Buxton – Ivor Jones, of Marysville – State Government accepts 59 of the 67 recommendations of the Royal Commission – Brumby – Penny Armytage, Secretary of the Dept of Justice – burying power lines – evacuations – refugees – buy-backs

- [14.34.2] Craig Memery, Alternative Technology Assoc, Melbourne, Letters, 'Other power options overlooked', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 9, 2010, p. 24.
- Royal Commission missed the opportunity to recommend solar or wind power sources of energy that would take homes off the power grid
- [14.34.3] Andrea Davidson, Melbourne, Letters, 'Shouldn't pay for land buyouts', *Herald Sun*, August 9, 2010, p. 25.
- Sick of people expecting the Government to bail them out every time choices they have made go wrong
- [14.34.4] Stephen McMahon, 'Volunteers turned away: CFA has no cash for suits', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 10, 2010, p. 23.
- CFA cannot afford to provide PPC suits that cost about \$2000 each – CFA Operations Officer, Colin Brown – CFA Chief Executive, Mick Bourke – State Government accepts 59 of 67 recommendations – Brumby indicates that buy-backs and burying power lines unlikely to go ahead – Opposition supports introduction of all 67 recommendations
- [14.34.5] Norrie Ross, 'Fire suits a strain on court', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 11, 2010, p. 23.
- Bushfire class actions are placing a strain on the Supreme Court – Black Saturday has generated the most litigation ever seen in Victoria – Chief Justice Marilyn Warren – class actions for Kilmore East – Beechworth – Mudgegonga – Horsham – Coleraine – Pomberneit-Weerite – the Kilmore East fire case could run for at least a year
- [14.34.6] Stephen McMahon, '\$60b power gaffe: Power lines foul-up', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 11, 2010, p. 22.
- Government had to backtrack on its claim that it would cost \$60b to bury power lines – this figure was for the entire state – cost to bury lines recommended by the Royal Commission is \$5b - \$20b – Brumby – Batchelor – mental health – Baillieu said the Government ignored 25 previous bushfire reports between 2002-2009
- [14.34.7] Cath, Donvale, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 11, 2010, p. 33.
- Finally the great truth the Commission missed – the CFA has been underfinanced for years – re 'CFA has no cash for suits', [14.34.4]
- [14.35.1] Steve Lillebuen, 'CFA "rookie" back on bench: Judge's supreme dilemma', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 12, 2010, p. 16.
- Teague – was going to train as a volunteer CFA firefighter at Daylesford – but has accepted a temporary appointment as a judge in the ACT – Daylesford CFA Captain, Don Anderson – Government has accepted 59 of the 67 recommendations of the Royal Commission
- [14.35.2] Stephen McMahon, 'New face for fire recovery', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 14, 2010, p. 25.
- Ian Dicker will take on role as Chair of VBRRRA – former Hawthorn Football Club president – Nixon – Dicker will donate his salary to bushfire charity – owner and chairman of Steritech – will take over from Nixon on Monday – contract runs til June 2011
- [14.35.3] Mark Rose, email, Letters, 'Expenses reasonable', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 15, 2010, p. 83.
- Re 'Dining out on taxpayers', [40.30.2] – expenses incredibly conservative compared with private sector

- [14.35.4] K.E, Viewbank, Letters, 'Entitlement', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 15, 2010, p. 83.
Bushfire employees entitled to be reimbursed for expenses
- [14.35.5] Mick, via web, Letters, 'Nixon's bill', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 15, 2010, p. 83.
Critical of Nixon claiming for her summit in Sydney
- [14.35.6] Evan Jones, Melbourne, Letters, 'Modest', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 15, 2010, p. 83.
The expenditure incurred was modest – how much does a newsroom hand out in six months?
- [14.35.7] Wendy Hargreaves, 'Meagre crumbs for fire survivor', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 15, 2010, p. 32.
Kerry Livingstone – red tape – small gourmet business, Crumbs – Michael Tesseyman – landlord wanted triple the rent – no financial backing from VBRRR because not property owners or residents of Marysville – lives in Buxton
- [14.35.8] (writer not known), 'Bureaucrats won't pay', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 15, 2010, p. 32.
VBRRR bureaucrats refuse to pay back expenses – VBRRR spokeswoman, Jennifer Howard – staff entitled to claim
- [14.36.1] Chris Gunton, Pakenham Upper, Letters, 'Roadside trees need axing', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 17, 2010, p. 25.
Black Saturday proved that our country and mountain roads are unsafe because of trees on the sides of our roads – trees should be cut down – Greens dispute this
- [14.36.2] Stephen McMahon, 'Fire boss apologises for Black Saturday: "Truly sorry" for bushfire failures, says Rees', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 18, 2010, p. 16.
Rees has come out of hiding to apologise for his failings on Black Saturday – Nixon – Waller – State Government accepts 59 of 67 recommendations of the Royal Commission – Government expected to appoint new overall fire chief – Brumby expected to rule out burying power lines – a new fire tax on householders – evacuations – fuel reduction – buy backs – Peter Ryan
- [14.37.1] Stephen McMahon, 'Brumby names new Fire Services Commissioner: Bushland burnoff to triple', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 20, 2010, p. 27.
Government expected to accept a tripling of fuel reduction – Brumby yesterday announced the new Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – former deputy to Rees – Director of Emergency Management, DHS – Brumby expected to rule out burying power lines and buy backs – Government supports 59 of 67 recommendations
- [14.37.2] Stephen McMahon, 'How Jeff Kennett forced Christine Nixon to quit', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 21, 2010, pp. 1-2.
Kennett has claimed credit for forcing Nixon to quit the Foster's board – Kennett said she brought no practical skills to the job – Nixon blamed her health problems and the fallout from the Royal Commission for her decision to leave Foster's – Foster's Chairman, David Crawford

- [14.38.1] Matt Johnston, 'Brumby blasted for dismissing flame zone property buybacks: Fire risk will be greater', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 28, 2010, p. 4.

Professor Kevin Tolhurst said he was disappointed voluntary buybacks were not endorsed by the Government – Brumby yesterday released the Government's final response to the Royal Commission – the Government has agreed to more than double fuel reduction burns to 5% of public land – introduce a property-based tax to replace the Fire Services Levy – Brumby is determined that the report will not gather dust – buybacks rejected because it could increase fire risk – all power lines in bushfire zones will not be put underground, but a taskforce will identify the most dangerous lines – Joan Davey – SP AusNet – Baillieu labelled the Government's response 'limp'

Summary table – what the State Government will do – boost fuel reduction – create a Powerline Bushfire Safety Taskforce – introduce a new property-based tax to replace the Fire Services Levy – increase no of firefighters – boost information systems and warning systems and increase the number of community refuges

What the State Government will not do – replace or bury powerlines – buy backs

- [14.39.1] John Hamilton, 'Crucial bushfire seat falls to ALP: Kinglake hero loses contest', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 22, 2010, p. 9.

The ALP has won the crucial seat of McEwan last night with a 3% swing to Rob Mitchell – 5% swing against Liberal candidate, Cameron Caine – retiring Liberal, Fran Bailey – Lisa Mitchell – Laura, Sian, Angus, and Harry Caine – Kinglake Football Club – Tom Beard, 18, voted Labor

- [14.40.1] Stephen McMahon & Matt Johnston, 'OK for burns, refuges', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 27, 2010, p. 19.

State Government agrees to more fire refuges – increased fuel reduction burns – Brumby will unveil Government's response to the Commission's 67 recommendations today – 59 out of 67 recommendations agreed to in principle already – buyback ruled out, 'retreat and resettlement' and powerlines – new fire mapping system, designed by Dr Kevin Tolhurst from Melbourne University

- [14.40.2] Len Trezise, Myrtleford, Letter of the Week, 'Burning off vital', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 29, 2010, p. 80.

Burning off needed – CFA and DSE experience in burnoffs lacking – draconian health and safety issues – burning off effective

- [14.40.3] 'In the headlines', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 29, 2010, p. 30.

Ten homes lost in Warrandyte in 1969 Black [Ash] Wednesday fires – Feb 21, 2010: Melbourne University researcher says Warrandyte is one of Victoria's highest-risk communities - Nov 2009: VicRoads says congestion at Warrandyte bridge poses a risk to escaping residents in a bushfire

- [14.40.4] 'Here to stay', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 29, 2010, p. 30.

Lisa Rogers, of Warrandyte – Black Saturday bushfires changed everyone's thinking - complacency

Folder 15: 7 September 2010 – 14 January 2011

- [15.1.1] Ricky Dennis, Murrumbidgee, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 7, 2010, p. 24.
- Will we be having a royal commission into Victoria's floods? – we need someone to blame for the heavy rain
- [15.1.2] Stephen McMahon, 'Fire fighting danger: Water bomber dumped', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 9, 2010, p. 29.
- The VC10 VLAT (very large air tanker) firefighting jet that can carry up to 50,000 litres of water was dumped after a trial found its water drops have the potential to injure people and smash property – the State Government spent \$10.5m on a 10-week trial – used by firefighters in California – State Government will now spend \$12m on similar aircraft – 2 Convair 580 fire - bomber planes – an Erickson Airplane – National Bushfire Co-Operative Research Centre – CFA Chief Executive, Mick Bourke – Avalon Airport – Environment Minister, Gavin Jennings – Convair planes can drop 8,000 litres of water or fire retardant – new Ericksons suck up 9,000 litres in 45 seconds
- [15.1.3] Ruth Lamperd, 'New threat to fire survivors', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 9, 2010, p. 21.
- Mick and Jenny Clark, of Kinglake – dangerous trees on private property – removal of by Murrindindi Shire Council – CEO, Margaret Abbey – Neeve and Mackenzie Buchanan – Danny Clark – Glen Barlow
- [15.1.4] Andrew, Hampton Park, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 9, 2010, p. 33.
- Re 'Bring back the nashos', Sept 8 – Kennett thinks Australians are unchallenged and untested – try telling that to the victims of Black Saturday and the floods
- [15.1.5] Dave, Barnawartha, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 10, 2010, p. 37.
- We need a royal commission into the floods – can Christine or Russell be reinstated so we can have someone to blame?
- [15.2.1] Phillip Hudson, 'Disaster alert in mobile hook-up', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 14, 2010, p. 7.
- A new national emergency alert will be financed by the Gillard Government to send warnings about bushfires, floods and other disasters direct to mobile phones – Attorney-General, Robert McClelland – messages will go to mobiles based on location of the phone – Brumby – current system based on billing address has been used 58 times to send 508,000 messages in Victoria and other states – during the recent Victorian floods, 18 warnings were sent to 150,000 people
- [15.3.1] Photo, 'Our true blue heroes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 15, 2010, p. 1.
- Photos of Pride of Australia medal winners
- [15.4.1] Katherine Kirkin, 'Extraordinary citizens recognised for bravery: Mum's little helper', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 15, 2010, p. 10.
- Our heroes – Victoria's tiniest hero – Pride of Australia Awards – Simon Overland – Herald and Weekly Times Chairman, Julian Clarke – Herald and Weekly Times Managing Director, Peter Blunden – Kate Riddell, 35, and Jemima Richards of Kinglake: won the Community Spirit Award for their work with Firefoxes
- [15.5.1] Editorial, 'Yes, we can all be heroes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 15, 2010, p. 30.
- Victoria's unsung heroes – Pride of Australia awards – program supported by the Herald Sun – Community Spirit

- [15.6.1] Cartoon, Mark Knight, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 18, 2010, p. 91.
Highlights the different disasters hitting Victorians – fires – floods – locusts
- [15.6.2] Felicity Williams, ‘Hollywood star moved to tears on bushfire tour’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 21, 2010, p. 22.
Daryl Hannah, Hollywood star, visited Kinglake – actor Rod Mullinar – Darryl Taylor, of Kinglake – Philip Mitchell
- [15.7.1] Kelly Ryan, ‘Ashes to sashes is breeder’s hope’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 22, 2010, p. 21.
Vivienne James, of St Andrews – dog breeder – prized Pyrenean mountain dogs – David – Royal Melbourne Show
- [15.7.2] (writer not known), ‘New age after fire’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 24, 2010, p. 83.
‘Beyond Age’ photographic exhibition at the World Trade Centre, 5/10/10 – 5/11/10 – Black Saturday images – Nancy and Max Leslie of Buxton – Herald Sun photographer, Ellen Smith
- [15.7.3] (writer not known), ‘Full fire costs’, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 25, 2010, p. 23.
Full costs of the Royal Commission recommendations – Treasury has agreed to allow the Opposition access to costings – Opposition has promised to introduce all recommendations, including burying power lines and buy backs – the Government has agreed to introduce 66 of the 67 recommendations, but several only in part
- [15.7.4] (writer not known), ‘Ferguson back to lead CFA’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 1, 2010, p. 17.
Euan Ferguson new Chief Fire Officer, CFA – Bob Cameron – CFA staffing: 58,000 volunteers; over 500 career firefighters
- [15.7.5] (writer not known), ‘Mobile black spots a bushfire worry’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 5, 2010, p. 28.
An emergency warning system based on mobile phones may be useless in Gippsland and other regional areas unless black spot problems are fixed – Federal Gippsland MP, Darren Chester
- [15.8.1] (writer not known), ‘Glitch hits CFA pager’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 6, 2010, p. 23.
Pager system of CFA unaffected – secondary system affected [whatever that means??]
- [15.8.2] Advertisement, Victorian Government, ‘Planned burning starting soon’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 6, 2010, p. 4.
Gives reasons for the need for burning off
- [15.9.1] Poster (double page), ‘20 Years of Covering the World for Victorians’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 8, 2010.
Front pages from the past 20 years – includes a reproduction of its double-page of photos in its Special Edition on Monday, 9 February, 2009, with the headline, ‘93 Dead’ [my copy reads ‘84 Dead]

- [15.11.1] (writer not known), 'Chance to study burning issue', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 9, 2010, p. 22.

The impact of the 2009 bushfires on cypress pine and woodland vegetation in the Flagstaff Range near Beechworth is being investigated – DSE Senior Biodiversity Officer, Glen Johnson – Chiltern Mt Pilot National Park – Beechworth-Mudgegonga

- [15.11.2] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Victoria's official guide to the fire season', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 9, 2010, p. 26.

Herald Sun sponsored 'FireReady' booklet by the State Government of Victoria – will be included in the Herald Sun next Saturday

- [15.11.3] Advertisement, 'RACV Community Foundation', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 10, 2010, p. 28.

RACV provides grants to not-for-profit community groups – amongst the groups to have received grants are 9 fire brigades

- [15.12.1] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Fire proof your home', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 13, 2010, p. 10.

Herald Sun sponsored 'FireReady' booklet by the State Government of Victoria – will be included in the Herald Sun this Saturday

- [15.12.2] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Victoria's official guide to the fire season', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 13, 2010, p. 49.

Herald Sun sponsored 'FireReady' booklet by the State Government of Victoria – will be included in the Herald Sun this Saturday

- [15.12.3] Promotion, Herald Sun, 'Fire proof your home', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 14, 2010, p. 24.

Herald Sun sponsored 'FireReady' booklet by the State Government of Victoria – will be included in the Herald Sun this Saturday

- [15.12.4] (writer not known), 'Bushfire drill plan', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 14, 2010, p. 25.

Fire drills in high-risk fire communities – Coalition would introduce if it wins next month's election – Peter Ryan

- [15.13.1] (writer not known), 'Burning plan finished', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 15, 2010, p. 33.

3-year fuel reduction plan for East Gippsland drawn up – target for 2010-11 is 72,000ha, an increase of 12,000ha on previous years

- [15.13.2] Nathan Mawby, 'Top jobs for fire pariahs', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 15, 2010, p. 39.

Two of three key figures criticised over Black Saturday's botched response have been appointed by the Victorian Government to new roles – Rees has been appointed to a risk management role by the Municipal Association of Victoria – Nixon has been named a Victorian Australia Day Ambassador for 2011 – Waller – Rob Hulls – Greg Davies, Secretary Victorian Police Association

- [15.13.3] Amelia Harris, 'Bushfire heroes honoured', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 16, 2010, p. 34.

Black Saturday heroes – Simon Overland – Valour awards – Sen-Const Matt Henry and Sgt Lee Nichols – Sen-Const Cameron Caine – Leading Sen-Const, Roger Wood – Leading Constables, Ian Hamill and Ken Dwight – Sgt Andrew Walker – Sen-Const Peter Collyer

- [15.13.4] Stephen McMahon, 'Norman in drive for town', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 16, 2010, p. 33.

Marysville golf course to get a makeover – Greg Norman – State Government – but more than 200 families remain in temporary accommodation – VBRRA – Anastasia Scott said the money could be better spent – Andrew Forrest – Andrew Fox – Marysville Golf and Bowls Club – Marysville Gold Club President, Doug Walters - Brumby

- [15.14.1] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'Victoria's official guide to the fire season', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 16, 2010, p. 82.

FireReady booklet included in today's *Herald Sun*

- [15.14.2] Promotion, *Herald Sun*, 'FireReady', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 16, 2010.

The FireReady booklet included in the *Herald Sun* today

- [15.15.1] Photo, 'The man in the hot seat', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 17, 2010, p. 81.

Photo of new CFA boss

- [15.16.1] Liam Houlihan, 'A fire chief at the coalface', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 17, 2010, pp. 88-89.

An interview with Euan Ferguson, the new CFA fire chief – background/career – Rees – Royal Commission – Nixon (went out for dinner while the State burned) – Ash Wednesday

- [15.18.1] (writer not known), 'Visitors sought in fire areas', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 18, 2010, p. 16.

Advertising campaign to encourage tourists to return to bushfire affected communities – Marysville Community Recovery Committee spokesman, Tony Thompson – Callignee Community Recovery Chair, Andrea Gordon – about 30% of Callignee residents had decided against rebuilding

- [15.18.2] (writer not known), 'Builders' course', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 18, 2010, p. 18.

Training for builders on the new regulations for building properties in bushfire-prone areas, such as Kinglake and Marysville – Victorian Government – Royal Commission – CFA – Victoria's Building Community – University of Technology, Sydney – 5-day course

- [15.18.3] (writer not known), 'Dozers to deal with fires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 19, 2010, p. 20.

Five new bulldozers will boost Victoria's firefighting capacity this summer - \$400,000 Caterpillar D4K machines for DSE and Parks Victoria – to be used for tracks, fire breaks, planned burning – DSE chief, Kevin Ritchie

- [15.18.4] John Masanauskas, 'Bushfire school reborn', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 19, 2010, p. 16.

Strathewen Primary School students returned to their new school yesterday, 20 months after Black Saturday – Bronwyn Pike – Ben Hardman – school was temporarily based at Wattle Glen Primary – Marysville Primary reopened in April and the new Middle Kinglake Primary is due to be ready in January 2011

- [15.19.1] Evonne Barry, 'Greenery and powerlines don't mix, warns minister: Rates go up, trees cut down', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 21, 2010, p. 7.

New regulations requiring trees near powerlines to be pruned or removed across the State have outraged councils – designed to cut fire hazards - 'one-size-fits-all' policy – thousands of trees would have to be removed – Banyule Council Deputy Mayor, Jenny Mulholland – increase in rates required to pay for – Michael Top, from Bayside City Council – Stonnington Mayor, Tim Smith – Municipal Association of Victoria Chief Executive, Rob Spence – Energy Minister, Peter Batchelor, defended the changes saying, 'Trees and powerlines don't mix in country Victoria or the city'

- [15.19.2] (writer not known), 'Early burn-offs', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 21, 2010, p. 24.

Planned burning off by DSE in the Wimmera, in the Morea State Forest – another planned for Meereek State Forest

- [15.19.3] Editorial, 'Green surrender', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 21, 2010, p. 30.

Questions the one-size-fits-all view of trees and powerlines in the State Government's new regulations

- [15.20.1] Matt Johnston, 'Brumby backs review of tough rule: Leafy 'burbs may be saved', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 22, 2010, p. 27.

Brumby backs review of new pruning regulations – meeting between State Government, local government and Energy Safe Victoria – Peter Ryan: common sense; not many bushfires in Malvern

- [15.20.2] Blair Edgar, Bulleen, Letters, 'Trees give city breathing space', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 22, 2010, p. 38.

Re, Peter Batchelor's comment that 'trees and powerlines don't mix', see [15.19.1] – trees are necessary for the air we breathe and prevent us going insane in the urban jungle – Baillieu, this is an issue that could help you win the election

- [15.20.3] Diane Lambley, St Albans, Letters, 'Put power lines underground', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 22, 2010, p. 38.

It is criminal to hack out the trees in any area to accommodate power lines – the Government should put lines underground

- [15.20.4] George Finlay, Balaclava, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 25, 2010, p. 26.

Don't expect any improvement in fire management or any other area – the Government is set to be re-elected – the Greens will save them if necessary

- [15.20.5] Chris, Tootgarook, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 25, 2010, p. 27.

Will a backburn ever be accomplished in Victoria without it getting out of control?

- [15.20.6] Cheryl, Sunbury, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 25, 2010, p. 27.

Power companies need to give something back and put lines underground – leave suburban trees alone

- [15.21.1] John Ferguson, 'New life from ashes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 25, 2010, p. 24.

Marysville – Chris Hobbs – Julia Harris – Marysville Lolly Shop – signs of progress and optimism – Rooftop Mapping Services – Dianne Lisle, of Marysville Triangle Real Estate – figure on rebuilding

- [15.21.2] (writer not known), 'New cash to help homeless', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 25, 2010, p. 24.

Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – additional grants of \$10,000 to \$25,000 for people who lost their main residence, but are still in temporary accommodation – Pat McNamara - \$391m raised - \$310m committed to families and individuals - \$81m for community-based initiatives

- [15.21.3] (writer not known), 'Fire cameras doused', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 26, 2010, p. 16.

12 super-powered cameras were installed in the Otway Ranges in February as part of a 3-month trial – German Aerospace cameras – found that the cameras were not as good as human observers

- [15.22.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Without a plan, you haven't got a hope', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 27, 2010, p. 10.

Importance of being FireReady – FireReady kit – start preparing now

- [15.22.2] Elissa Doherty, 'Nixon defends her time as chief', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 28, 2010, p. 23.

Nixon denies she has ever been accused of poor leadership, despite being blasted by the Royal Commission for her 'hands-off approach' – dinner taken out of context – she had trusted emergency management on the night – Police Association Secretary, Sen-Sgt Greg Davies said her comments were unbelievable – Jacqui Pearson, owner of Delderfield B&B, said Nixon's actions on the night were inexcusable

- [15.22.3] (writer not known), 'Libs' CFA pledge', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 29, 2010, p. 31.

More than 60 CFA and SES stations across Victoria would be upgraded or rebuilt if the Coalition wins government - \$136 package – Baillieu – vehicles – equipment – uniforms - communications

- [15.22.4] (writer not known), 'Fire volunteers are angry', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 31, 2010, p. 35.

CFA volunteers claim CFA management is placing lives at risk by failing to upgrade equipment and stations or train volunteers – they claim the money is being spent on paid firefighters

- [15.22.5] (writer not known), 'History repeats itself', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 1, 2010, p. 37.

Marysville and District Historical Society has a new home – Brumby - \$120,000 grant

- [15.22.6] Michael Moss, Richmond, Letters, 'Remember Black Saturday at ballot', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 3, 2010, p. 28.

Brumby Government, DSE, Parks Victoria, responsible for Black Saturday because they did not backburn – Labor Government spin – election

- [15.23.1] Souvenir Poster, Mark Knight, 'The people's choice', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 5, 2010.

Included in the list of cartoons selected for the poster is the one on February 11, 2009, see [1.6.70] – Sam the Koala drinking from a water bottle with CFA firefighters

- [15.24.1] (writer not known), 'Historical society finds new home', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 5, 2010, p. 25.

Marysville and District Historical Society has found a new home – in Darwin St – more than 10,000 items have been received – Victorian Government grant of \$120,000

- [15.24.2] Grant McArthur, 'Why you can't keep a good man down', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 6, 2010, p. 30.

John Hunter, of Marysville – Marysville Marathon – Ann – Dr Lachlan Fraser

- [15.25.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, '“Without a plan, you haven't got a hope”', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 10, 2010, p. 10.

Importance of being FireReady – FireReady kit – start preparing now

- [15.25.2] (writer not known), 'Retreat for sale', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 10, 2010, p. 18.

Woodlands Rainforest Retreat is for sale – Narbethong – Marysville Triangle Real Estate – Ken Adamson

- [15.25.3] Steven Katsineris, Hurstbridge, Letters, 'Trees for life', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 14, 2010, p. 77.

Trees are necessary for the environment – trees combat climate change, filter and purify water, cool the earth, stop soil erosion, control salinity, provide shade and shelter, and preserve habitat and wildlife

- [15.25.4] (writer not known), 'Early fire warning', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 16, 2010, p. 12.

Euan Ferguson, CFA Chief Fire Officer, has warned Victorians to prepare for another tough fire season

- [15.26.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'New Total Fire Ban districts', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 17, 2010, p. 18.

Map of new Total Fire Ban districts – Total Fire Bans, explanation of – Fire Danger Ratings, explanation of

- [15.26.2] Ellen Whinnett, 'Love ignites fire town', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 21, 2010, p. 19.

Engagement of Dr Lachlan Fraser and Cassandra Church – Marysville – will Marry in January – 2nd anniversary of Black Saturday – Marysville Marathon

- [15.27.1] Alan Howe, 'No leaders to be seen', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 22, 2010, pp. 26-27.

Brumby – Bracks – Baillieu – Kennett – lack of leaders – Peter Ryan, a genuine leader – shameful response of emergency services' top bosses on Black Saturday was unforgivable – Brumby and Cameron's behaviour on Black Saturday was not criticised by the Royal Commission – but they failed us – they had the wrong people in the wrong jobs – they knew and publicised the forthcoming disaster and then left town – Rees showed no leadership – Nixon went out for dinner, etc – Cameron is such a dill that his absence was probably to everyone's advantage – Nixon, Rees and Cameron should have been sacked the following week – but no, Brumby reappointed Rees, put Nixon in charge of VBRRA and defended the featherweight Cameron – Baillieu has not taken advantage of these historic failings and is the underdog in Saturday's poll – whatever happens were are going to end up with a leader completely undeserving of that description

- [15.28.1] Election Countdown, 'What is the most important issue for you in the final days of the election campaign and who are you going to vote for?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 24, 2010, p. 16.

Tim Butler, 44, Halls Gap – fire a real issue – Brumby, will not get his vote – will vote Greens

- [15.28.2] (writer not known), 'Fire gong for island safety squad', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 24, 2010, p. 24.

2010 Fire Awareness Awards – the Raymond Island Bushfire Preparation Committee has carried off the RACV Award for Excellence for its fire preparation work

- [15.28.3] Advertisement, Victorian Government, '“Without a plan, you haven't got a hope”', *Herald Sun*, November 24, 2010, p. 12.

Importance of being FireReady – FireReady kit – start preparing now

- [15.29.1] (writer not known), 'Elvis rocks up for fire season', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 25, 2010, p. 29.

3 Erickson aircrews for Victoria this fire season – Victoria's Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley

- [15.29.2] Miranda Devine, 'Brumby escapes fire heat', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 25, 2010, p. 39.

It is extraordinary that Brumby and his Government seem to have avoided any fallout from the Black Saturday bushfires during this election campaign – Brumby has even been praised for his handling of the 2009 crisis – even the debacle of Nixon didn't touch Teflon John – yet it was Labor that buckled to Green demands that saw the disastrous neglect of fuel reduction – David Packham – danger of grass fires – 5% fuel reduction target not enough

- [15.29.3] (writer not known), 'New conference centre a certainty', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 26, 2010, p. 45.

Coalition and Labor pledge to build a \$19m conference centre in Marysville – tomorrow's poll

- [15.29.4] P.J. Bear, Doncaster, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 27, 2010, p. 84.

Re 'Elvis rocks up for fire season', [15.29.1] – Elvis is back and his mighty choir of CFA volunteers is all tuned up for summer – I hope every Victorian is listening

- [15.29.5] Paul Anderson, 'Boys lit fire, court told: Victim burned to death', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 1, 2010, p. 13.

Two boys accused of lighting a bushfire near Bendigo – now 15 and 16 – Kevin 'Mick' Kane – boys face trial next year

- [15.29.6] (writer not known), 'Tourist attraction', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 2, 2010, p. 30.

Peter Ryan – Coalition to build a \$19m conference centre in Marysville and \$6m for small business loans

- [15.29.7] Editorial, 'Fire victims feel the hurt', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 3, 2010, p. 46.

Black Saturday victims and Victorian families hit by increased electricity prices – partly because the power companies are passing on the cost of replacing poles and wires destroyed by the fires – Origin, ASL, TRUenergy – SP AusNet – Australian Energy Regulator

- [15.31.1] Holly Ife, 'Single mum struggles to meet costs', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 3, 2010, p. 7.

Increased power bills – Deborah Dale, formerly of Marysville – Chloe – Thomas – now lives in public housing in Ferntree Gully

- [15.31.2] Mark Dunn, Matt Johnston & Holly Ife, 'Residents slugged \$250 extra for new wires and poles', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 3, 2010, p. 7.
- Black Saturday victims will be hit with electricity price rises up to 18% from January 1 – Origin Energy – AGL – St Vincent de Paul Research Manager, Gavin Duffy – residents in bushfire areas were in part being hit with the cost of replacing poles and wires lost on Black Saturday – Baillieu – SP AusNet – Australian Energy Regulator – TRUenergy – Consumer Action Law Centre's Janine Rayner
- [15.32.1] (writer not known), 'Our fireys fly out to aid Israel', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 6, 2010, p. 16.
- Victorian firefighters from Black Saturday are being flown to Israel to help fight wild fires there – Ewan Waller – Victoria's Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley
- [15.32.2] Judy Pertzelt, Granton, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 9, 2010, p. 38.
- Why do the media refer to people from bushfire areas as 'victims'? – most of us think of ourselves as survivors – stop the negatives – positive thoughts and words are needed for everyone to move on
- [15.32.3] Agenda, '2010: The year that was', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 12, 2010, pp. 74-75.
- Stories that mattered in 2010 – July 31: Black Saturday Royal Commission report finds inadequate maintenance of high voltage power lines was partly to blame
- [15.33.1] (writer not known), 'CFA sounds bushfire alert', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 13, 2010, p. 22.
- FireReady Roadshow – almost 2 years on from Black Saturday the fire authorities are taking no chances in regional and rural Victoria this bushfire season
- [15.33.2] Norrie Ross, 'Awards for fire heroes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 13, 2010, p. 21.
- The Royal Humane Society has announced 33 bravery awards for emergency services personnel who performed acts of selfless courage in bushfires – there are no CFA full-time staff or volunteers – silver award winners: Leading Sen-Const Roger Wood, Sen Const Cameron Caine, Ian Hamill, Andrew Walker, Peter Collyer, Ken Dwight, Ian Thompson
- [15.33.3] (writer not known), 'Vulnerable town still lacks safety', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 14, 2010, p. 22.
- Almost 2 years after Black Saturday, the vulnerable town of Loch Sport has still not been assigned a Neighbourhood Safer Place – town named by the Royal Commission as one of Victoria's 52 most at risk – Wellington Shire Council Deputy Mayor, Peter Cleary
- [15.33.4] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'New Total Fire Ban districts', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 15, 2010, p. 18.
- Map of new Total Fire Ban districts – Total Fire Bans, explanation of – Fire Danger Ratings, explanation of
- [15.34.1] (writer not known), 'Bushfire blitz', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 17, 2010, p. 49.
- FireReady Roadshow – 10-week community education initiative

- [15.34.2] (writer not known), 'Fire ravaged walks get beauty makeover', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 18, 2010, p. 49.

Repair and restoration works will be undertaken in the Toolangi State Forest – DSE fire recovery project officer, Karen Brown

- [15.34.3] P.J. Bear, Doncaster, Letters, 'Give all firefighters Black Saturday gong', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 18, 2010, p. 30.

Re Norrie Ross, 'Awards for fire heroes', see [15.33.2] – thinks that all firefighters should get a campaign medal

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Advice to people intending to go for a holiday in country or coastal areas in Victoria – Bushfire Information Line

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[15.36.2] G. Krommenhoek, Callignee, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 6, 2011, p. 22.

Queensland floods – so much money left over from the Bushfire Relief Fund – why not send remaining donations to flood victims in Queensland?

[15.36.3] Graeme Palmer, Seymour, Letters, 'We can repay bushfire generosity', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 7, 2011, p. 30.

Queensland floods – the Queensland flood devastation is similar to our bushfires, only we suffered many more deaths – Victorians were helped, now it is our turn – suggests a fundraiser

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Roads are still dangerous in times of evacuation – what practical lessons have we learned? – roads need to be clear and safe

[15.36.5] Cartoon, Mitchell Toy, *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 9, 2011, p. 73.

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[15.37.1] Eddie McGuire, 'It's payback time so let's dig deep', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 9, 2011, pp. 8-9.

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- [15.38.2] Grant McArthur, 'Rising tide brings rise in aid', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 10, 2011, p. 5.
- Queensland floods – the Victorian Government has increased its aid to flood ravaged Qld – repaying the Northern State's generosity following the Black Saturday bushfires - Baillieu
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- Queensland floods - the devastation of the Qld floods – Australia a continent of extremes – in Victoria, the Black Saturday bushfires, one of the nation's great natural disasters, took 173 lives and left thousands homeless
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- Queensland floods - Sound Relief 2 being considered for Qld floods – the first Sound Relief in 2009 was primarily for the Victorian bushfires, though some funds were for Qld flood victims at that time – Michael Gudinski
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- Queensland floods – Victorians need to repay Qld's generosity re Black Saturday
- [15.39.4] Pats, Hobart, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday January 12, 2011, p. 23.
- Queensland floods - reluctant to donate to the Qld floods given that some bushfire survivors are still living in leaking, old caravans – where did all the money go?
- [15.39.5] P.J. Bear, Doncaster, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 13, 2011, p. 28.
- Queensland floods - Nick McCallum on 3AW said 'this is Qld's Black Saturday' – he was right – we must help Qld the way others helped us
- [15.39.6] Gary King, Koo Wee Rup, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 13, 2011, p. 28.
- Queensland floods - when one considers the Black Saturday fires and the Qld floods, I am reminded of a lifetime belief that 'Man always builds with limitations while Mother Nature has none'
- [15.39.7] Juzzy, Ferntree Gully, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 13, 2011, p. 29.
- Queensland floods and Western Australian bushfires – Victorians know what you are going through – stick in there
- [15.39.8] Sandy, Healesville, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 13, 2011, p. 29.
- Queensland floods - could warehouse goods left from Black Saturday be taken to Brisbane?
- [15.39.9] Georgina Johnson, Rowville, Letters, 'Put Future Fund to good work', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 13, 2011, p. 28.
- Queensland floods – Future Fund – Howard Government – use the Fund to rebuild Qld and perhaps finish rebuilding Victorian communities decimated by Black Saturday
- [15.39.10] Gillian Andrews, Flowerdale, Letters, 'Spend flood donations fairly', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 14, 2011, p. 34.
- Queensland floods - critical of the way funds were distributed to Black Saturday victims – hopes we have learned something from Black Saturday and that the funds raised for the Qld floods will be more fairly distributed

[15.39.11] Kevin Murray, Mill Park 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 14, 2011, p. 34.

Queensland floods - the photo on the front page of the Herald Sun on January 12 of an officer carrying a baby to safety in the Qld floods stirred the same emotions as the firefighter giving Sam the Koala a drink on Black Saturday – human compassion is very powerful

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[15.40.2] Katherine, Melbourne, Letters, 'Flood disaster', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 14, 2011, p. 34.

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[15.40.4] Photo, 'Flood disaster', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 14, 2011, p. 34.

Queensland floods - photo of Ray Cole carrying the Kangaroo he rescued from the Qld floods

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- [16.1.1] Harry Gordon, 'Mateship is the antidote', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 14, 2011, pp. 32-33.

Queensland floods – many heroes emerged – there will be recriminations: just as there were after the Victorian bushfires – why haven't we learned the lessons of history? – recurring theme: lending a hand, especially at local community level – mateship thrives best in time of hardship and disaster – abundantly present re Black Saturday – some of us like to think that we, as a nation, have a mortgage on this notion of mateship – truth is, we don't – eg Blitz of London – fires are unpredictable: creatures of the wind – floods have an almost inexorable course: they just plough on a set course

- [16.1.2] Susie O'Brien, 'Bligh outperforms Gillard in the toughest leadership test of all', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 14, 2011, pp. 32-33.

Queensland floods – Bligh's performance outstanding – Gillard unsure of herself – 'In Victoria at election time, many of us remembered our former premier, John Brumby, rarely had a hair out of place during the Black Saturday bushfires – his role in that tragedy was no means inspirational'

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p. 17 – Queensland floods – Grantham – compares the horror and shock of the Qld flood waters to the evacuation centres where Black Saturday victims gathered

p. 19 – Queensland floods – compares the warning time for the Grantham 'inland tsunami' with Black Saturday Marysville, pointing out there was no widespread warning – and it was sudden

p. 22 – Queensland floods – contrasts the children playing the next day in Grantham, with the absence of children for a year in Marysville after Black Saturday

If Black Saturday is a guide, Grantham's residents will face insurance problems, red tape and government bailouts

- [16.3.1] Editorial, 'Queensland has a leader', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 15, 2011, p. 32.

Queensland floods – Anna Bligh has proved herself to be a leader – the Federal Government must provide assistance even beyond the scale required by the Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria

- [16.3.2] John Ferguson, 'Flood dictates political tide', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 15, 2011, p. 32.

Queensland floods – Black Saturday – leadership – election success – how quickly we forget or refuse to learn from the lessons of the past – Victoria prepares for the 2nd anniversary of Black Saturday – fire and flood are two very different beasts – Black Saturday caused horrific loss of life: the Qld floods will be economically more damaging – Brisbane faces parallel questions to Black Saturday: whether houses ought to be rebuilt in certain areas prone to inundation – planning issues are seminal in dealing with future disasters – there will be the inevitable debate in Qld about the role government played in any aspects of the disaster – in some sections of the Victorian media the debate started too soon after Black Saturday – some think the Qld disaster will help Bligh win the next election: some thought the Black Saturday fires were Brumby's ticket to election success in 2010 (Labor lost) – the journalist writing this article, John Ferguson, has deep empathy for the key players in the bushfire recovery, especially Rees (he had a tough job and wide-ranging responsibility[but was he involved in the recovery??]) – Brumby was committed to the cause – Peter Ryan (now Deputy Premier of Victoria) fought for the cause of his constituents

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- Queensland floods – Black Saturday – shelter – Shire of Yarra Ranges proposes to make 'occupying a vehicle' an offence – fortunately such a law was not in place on Black Saturday, when I was forced to sleep in my car
- [16.4.2] Mary Papadakis, 'Volunteer army mucks in', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 16, 2011, pp. 6-7.
- Queensland floods – cleanup after the floods – community spirit reminiscent of the days after Victoria's Black Saturday disaster
- [16.4.3] Una Ernest, email, Letters, 'Let funds flow', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 16, 2011, p. 72.
- Qld, NSW, Vic floods – despite the outpouring of generosity many Black Saturday victims are still victims because of red tape – the millions now being donated to the Qld flood appeal must flow to the victims
- [16.6.1] Brigid O'Connell, 'Wild Spanish girl wreaking havoc', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 16, 2011, pp. 22-23.
- La Nina – causing floods, cyclones and other extreme weather events around the world – drought during bushfires
- [16.6.2] Geoff Smith, Werribee, Letters, 'Consider Rotary for flood relief', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 17, 2011, p. 26.
- Floods – for those disillusioned by how money was distributed after Black Saturday – suggests individuals and organizations approach their local Rotary club
- [16.6.3] Sue Forrester & Bill Molyneaux, Dixons Creek, Letters, 'Pristine paradise or paddock', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 17, 2011, p. 26.
- Appalled at the Baillieu Government allowing cattle in the Alpine National Park – argues that grazing does not prevent bushfires
- [16.6.4] Chris, Healesville, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 17, 2011, p. 27.
- Floods – a Black Saturday victim gives advice to flood victims
- [16.7.1] Jessica Craven, 'Bushfire survivors dig deep', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 17, 2011, p. 7.
- Queensland floods – Kinglake raises money for flood victims – Kinglake Ranges Community Radio Station raised more than \$8000 from a 24-hour broadcast – the local pizza bar is also holding a family fun day to raise money – Radio Station acting Vice President, Kathy Stewart
- [16.7.2] John Ferguson & Geoff Chambers, 'Hell lingers as toll rises', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 17, 2011, p. 7.
- Queensland floods – relief money for Qld compared with Black Saturday – Federal and Queensland Governments – money raised so far
- [16.8.1] Rebecca Wilson, 'After the deluge, Queensland connects with its rural past', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 17, 2011, pp. 24-25.
- Queensland floods – comparison of communities rallying to help each other in Qld after the floods, with the spirit shown after Black Saturday – Black Saturday victims quite rightfully bitter about the time it took authorities to help rebuild – Qld Relief Appeal has not received the cash injection anywhere near the Black Saturday appeal

- [16.8.2] Matthew Kirwin, Keysborough, Letters, 'Action needed on environment', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, p. 27.

Australia-wide floods – Victorian bushfires – when are we going to take climate change seriously? – the warning signs are all around us – when will we finally heed them? – then we will be taking real action to lessen the frequency and severity of these natural disasters

- [16.8.3] Mike Puleston, Brunswick, Letters, 'Climate change a tragic reality', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, p. 26.

Tony Abbott's statement that 'Climate change is crap' made him a hero of climate change deniers – Vic and Qld floods – Black Saturday bushfires – all proof of climate change and the need to tackle it

- [16.9.1] Grant McArthur, Nathan Mawby & John Dagge, 'Why weren't we told sooner', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, p. 3.

Victorian floods – lack of warning – some affected residents say they had only 30 minutes warning – SMS warning system developed after the Black Saturday fires

- [16.10.1] Jane Bayliss, Black Saturday survivor, 'Believe me, you will survive', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, pp. 24-25.

Queensland & Victorian floods – brings back memories of Black Saturday – grieving - Black Saturday victims – importance of family and friends – help from community – God – provides hope to flood victims – found it difficult for about 18 months after Black Saturday, going through grieving process – 2nd anniversary of Black Saturday approaching

- [16.10.2] Editorial, 'Flood questions', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, p. 24.

Victorian floods – concerns about warnings – echo concerns heard after Black Saturday – Gillard – Baillieu – SMS warning system – adequacy of warning - blame

- [16.10.3] Greg Hunter, Point Cook, Letters, 'Greens' logic makes no sense', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, p. 27.

Floods – Greens blame mining industry for the floods and want it to pay for the damage – should we send the bill for the Victorian bushfires to Bob Brown, given the Greens' policies led to limited backburning

- [16.11.1] Rob Gordon, 'Slow process to achieve healing', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, p. 25.

Queensland & Victorian floods – survivors doing what the present moment needs, just as the Black Saturday survivors did in 2009 – anniversaries of disasters – grief

- [16.12.1] Editorial, 'A ribbon for your thoughts', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 19, 2011, p. 30.

Victorian & Queensland floods – Herald Sun 'Flood Fightback Blue Ribbon campaign – Spotlight and Anaconda stores – similar to the Yellow Ribbon campaign following the Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria

- [16.13.1] Richard Briggs, Hawthorn East, Letters, 'Disaster has certainties', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 21, 2011, p. 35.

Any disaster in this country has three certainties – amazing acts of heroism and selflessness by a few – an outpouring of compassion and generosity from most – despicable acts of selfishness by a few opportunistic, lower-than-sewer-rat mongrels

- [16.13.2] Maureen Shelley, 'Home loan relief', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 22, 2011, p. 11.
- Queensland & Victorian floods – home loans – banks considering relief packages, like those given to some customers following the Victorian bushfires
- [16.14.1] Katherine Firkin, 'Marvellous Marysville recaptures its magic', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 22, 2011, p. 22.
- 2nd anniversary of Black Saturday – photos: comparison: 1 week; 6 months; 1 year; 2 years after: in Marysville – people returning businesses reopening – Christine and Ashraf Doos and family have moved back to Marysville – will reopen Marysville Patisserie – counselling – trauma – recovery – Karen Dickson, President of the Yarra Valley Practitioners Project
- [16.16.1] (writer not known), 'What the doctor ordered', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 23, 2011, p. 48.
- Marysville – Dr Lachlan Fraser and Cassandra Church married at Alexandra
- [16.16.2] Eddie McGuire, 'Forget the climate change theory and let's get on with the job', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 23, 2011, p. 88.
- Queensland & Victorian floods – debates over climate change – lessons of the past forgotten – lessons of 1983 Ash Wednesday all but forgotten by the time Black Saturday arrived
- [16.17.1] Miranda Devine, 'Greens be damned, we need protection', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 23, 2011, p. 89.
- Queensland floods – Gillard Labor Government – disproportionate influence of the Greens – Bob Brown – climate change/global warming – who is responsible for? – Greens blaming natural disasters on global warming: Victorian bushfires 2009: claiming hazard reduction wouldn't have prevented it – no-one said it would – only that reducing the fuel available to bushfires reduces their scale and intensity – compares the fuel reduction reasoning of the Greens with the damming of the Brisbane River in 1985
- [16.17.2] Agenda, 'Shane Warne', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 23, 2011, p. 95.
- Shane Warne – thoughts on Australia Day – spirit Australians have shown with the floods and the terrible bushfires
- [16.18.1] Alan Howe, 'Don't insult us, Anna', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 24, 2011, pp. 28-29.
- Queensland floods – Anna Bligh – talk that Queenslanders are tough, resilient, etc – Howe (journalist writing this article) says that Queenslanders are no different – he gives examples of bravery, especially of Victorians and mentions Black Saturday, with 173 dead
- [16.18.2] (writer not known), 'CFA's centenary', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 24, 2011, p. 24.
- The Sunbury CFA is celebrating 100 years of service – fought the fires on Ash Wednesday in 1983 and Black Saturday in 2009
- [16.19.1] Wayne Flower, 'Robbers deliver a cruel blow to fire survivor: Just scumbags', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 24, 2011, p. 10.
- Sam Crisci, of Mudgegonga – a Black Saturday survivor who lost his home – his caravan he was sleeping in and some other goods were stolen
- [16.20.1] Felicity Williams, 'Keeping the faith', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 25, 2011, p. 11.
- Victorian floods – Black Saturday victim, Kay Crawford, moved from Kinglake to Murrabit, near Kerang – is now being threatened by flood waters

- [16.20.2] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Black Saturday dinner for police in "bad taste"', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 25, 2011, p. 3.
- 2nd anniversary memorial dinner and fundraiser for police booked at the Metropolitan Hotel – the same hotel where Nixon dined with her husband, John, Bernice Masterson and Lita Bostjancic – Sen-Sgt, Greg Davies, Secretary Police Assoc, said, 'I think the idea of celebrating the greatest failure of any chief commissioner in the history of Victoria is not a good idea' ... 'I think it's in extraordinarily bad taste' – hotel manager, Bernard Bungaleea
- [16.20.3] Paul Anderson, 'Gatto wins appeal over drink-driving', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 25, 2011, p. 21.
- Gatto wins appeal against drink-drive conviction – in part because of his charity work, including a fundraiser for Black Saturday
- [16.21.1] Jack Simpson, Kalbarri, WA, Letters, 'Drop the slogans, Tony Abbott', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 26, 2011, p. 32.
- Queensland floods – proposed levy by Julia Gillard – mateship – generosity of Australians demonstrated after Victorian bushfires when \$400m donated – seems to be in favour of the levy
- [16.21.2] Brian Ralphs, Chirnside Park, Letters, 'Send GP cash into country', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 26, 2011, p. 33.
- If Melbourne's Formula One Grand Prix is discontinued it would free up cash for community projects – eg the Yarra Valley tourist railway – an injection of cash would boost tourist numbers to the area affected by Black Saturday and promote a welcome relief to the local bushfire-damaged economy
- [16.21.3] John Dobinson, North Balwyn, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 26, 2011, p. 32.
- If the State Government is happy to carry a \$50m annual loss for a car race the world has forgotten about 3 days after the event – why not give \$50m to flood and bushfire victims, which won't be forgotten
- [16.21.4] Editorial, 'Our everyday Aussie heroes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 26, 2011, p. 30.
- Forget the clichés and jingoism – the Aussie spirit is alive and well – in recent times our communities have been tested by flood and fire – everyday Australians have opened their hearts and wallets in response to the Black Saturday disaster and the floods in Qld, NSW & Vic – everyday heroes – Australia Day Awards: CFA officer, Lex de Man, re Black Saturday
- [16.21.5] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, 'Know your trigger to act. And stick to it.', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 26, 2011, p. 20.
- Advice on when to act – Fire Danger Rating – Bushfire Survival Plan – ABC Radio – Code Red
- [16.22.1] Russell Robinson, 'Life blossoms for young survivors', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 27, 2011, pp. 12-13.
- Stories of children who survived Black Saturday – Lily Scott, Churchill: Eileen Scott, Melissa Falzon – Lachlan Watts, Kinglake: Kinglake Primary, Nathan Berns – Gypsy Buckland, Upper Plenty: Jillian Buckland – Byron and Emerald Blyth, Kinglake: Jo McFadyen, Marcus Blyth – Bailey and Sandra Lackas, Wandong: Kevin Rudd, Stephen Lackas – Emma Smetham and Jonathan Densem, Otto, Caspar, Densem, NZ: Buxton
- [16.24.1] Russell Robinson, 'Hope from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 27, 2011, p. 3.
- Bailey Lackas – Steve Lackas – Sandra Lackas – 'You are a big hero, Bailey' written on Bailey's T-Shirt by Kevin Rudd – Bob Gordon, clinical psychologist – VBRRA

- [16.25.1] Cartoon, Mitchell Toy, 'Welcome to Kinglake: Bureaucracy', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 30, 2011, p. 93.
- A comment on the bureaucracy involved in the bushfire recovery effort – delays – mistrust
- [16.25.2] Editorial, 'Delays fuel mistrust', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 30, 2011, p. 77.
- 2nd anniversary of Black Saturday - \$100m of donations unspent – Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – Pat McNamara – allocation of funds – red tape – rebuilding problems – Deputy Premier, Peter Ryan
- [16.26.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Appeal cash in limbo', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 30, 2011, p. 6.
- \$100m unspent in Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – 2nd anniversary – red tape frustration – Lyn Gunter – Pat McNamara – unspent money allocated for community projects, counselling, scholarships and ongoing medical aid – Bushfire Response Minister, Peter Ryan – the worst natural disaster in Victoria's history
- [16.26.2] Brigid O'Connell, 'Sea of green mired in red tape', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 30, 2011, pp. 6-7.
- 2nd anniversary – Pine Ridge Rd – Gary Angus, Kinglake – BAL (Bushfire Attack Level) – new building regulations add \$150,000 to cost of rebuilding – Charnamat Singh and Mukhtiar Singh, Kinglake – Charles Exton, Kinglake – red tape – Mohamed Melhem – Lyn Gunter – VBRRA just adds another level of bureaucracy – businesses struggling – day-tripper numbers down – rates going up
- [16.28.1] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Future rises from ashes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 31, 2011, p. 10.
- 2nd anniversary – Terry and Sharen Donovan, Marysville – finally moving into their new home – Dalrymple Guest Cottages
- [16.28.2] Peter Mickelburgh, 'Donors hand bushfire victims a lifeline', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 31, 2011, pp. 10-11.
- Detailed list of Helping Hand payments made from the Bushfire Appeal Fund – distribution of funds – Pat McNamara – Dr Rob Gordon, specialist trauma psychologist
- [16.28.3] Editorial, 'Helping hands', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 31, 2011, p. 4.
- More than 70% of the record amount raised for the Bushfire Appeal Fund has now been distributed – 'helping hand' payments
- [16.29.1] (writer not known), 'Bushfire authority winds up', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 2, 2011, p. 20.
- VBRRA will wind up in June 2011 – Baillieu said new programs would be introduced – from July 1, a new bushfire recovery unit within Regional Development Victoria will help people
- [16.29.2] (writer not known), 'Bushfire review delay', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 3, 2011, p. 13.
- The controversial review into powerline safety has been extended to September – Baillieu Government – Energy Minister, Michael O'Brien - \$50m allocated to upgrade old powerlines – Coalition promised to implement all 67 recommendations of the Royal Commission despite the cost - \$20b estimated cost – Interim Report – Opposition Energy spokeswoman, Lily D'Ambrosio

- [16.29.3] Wes Hosking, 'New threat for bushfire victim', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 3, 2011, p. 9.

Cyclone Yasi, Qld – Black Saturday survivors, Mark Lowrie and Susan Garner, moved to Qld for a quieter life – are in danger of Yasi at their home at Machans Beach

- [16.30.1] Editorial, 'Aussie spirit will beat Yasi', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 3, 2011, p. 36.

Yasi – resilience tested recently – floods, Black Saturday, now Yasi – response to Yasi shows lessons have been learned from Black Saturday – authorities are now better able to cope with warning people before disasters hit

- [16.30.2] Jeff Kennett, 'Disaster to test leaders', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 4, 2011, pp. 30-31.

Disaster warnings – little warning for Black Saturday bushfires and flash floods in Qld recently – drought, Cyclone Yasi, we get warning – thinks premier Brumby discharged his responsibilities well during Victoria's catastrophic fires 2 years ago – that event was sudden, unpredictable, lethal and deadly – sadly it was after the fires the system did not perform well – bureaucratic delays, lack of support – donations unspent – appalling performance of Nixon

- [16.30.3] Susie O'Brien, 'Give them time to regroup, then visit to support their recovery', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 4, 2011, pp. 30-31.

Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi – just as we rallied around businesses and townships hit by Black Saturday fires, so we now need to support the businesses and tourism up north

- [16.31.1] John Ferguson, 'Calamities define spirit of Australia', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 4, 2011, p. 31.

Testing of national character – significant natural disasters – 2nd anniversary of Black Saturday – Queensland floods – the human physical toll of the disasters has again showcased to the world the quirky national spirit that defines Australia – the evidence of Cyclone Yasi, the Qld floods and Black Saturday suggests that Australia is more united and more courageous than many really understood

'Just as it was a relief to learn the injury toll from Yasi was lower than expected, it is worth reflecting on the astonishing number of deaths on Black Saturday – 173. This number does not even begin to cover the human toll of the fires. No one group of Australians is more acutely aware of the fear involved with waiting for a natural disaster to roll over the top. And yet there are survivors in the Kinglake ranges who were among the first to dig in to help the victims of the Lockyer Valley floods. They know all about grief and courage needed to push on. So spare a thought for the Black Saturday survivors on Monday when the second anniversary will bring the sort of pain most of us will never have to experience. But don't pity them. For they personify that wonderfully Australian trait of strength through adversity.'

- [16.32.1] Kelly Ryan, 'Two years after Black Saturday, colour returns to Flowerdale: Hope springs from ruins', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 4, 2011, p. 11.

2nd anniversary – Emilee De Maria – photo of her riding on her scooter just after the fires in 2009, and this week, in the same spot, outside her Flowerdale home – Julia Bateman

- [16.32.2] Sollars, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Taking a battering', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 4, 2011, p. 28.

Black Saturday – floods – Cyclone Yasi – the \$40b set aside for the National Broadband Network would to a long way to rebuilding

- [16.32.3] Leigh, Port Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Taking a battering', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 4, 2011, p. 28.

Did the Queensland Police Commissioner head for dinner at the pub in the middle of this?
[Cyclone Yasi]

- [16.33.1] Marianne Betts, 'Beauty of new life restores hope', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 5, 2011, p. 3.

2nd anniversary – Kate Gleeson, of Marysville – Leah Harrow, of Marysville – Emma Marchetti, of Buxton – Katy Evett of Narbethong – Travis Gleeson

- [16.33.2] Andrew Bolt, 'Bligh's performance overturns Nixon defence', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 5, 2011, p. 17.

Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi – leadership shown by Qld Premier, Anna Bligh, praised as a good leader in a crisis – this is compared to Nixon's performance as Police Commissioner on Black Saturday – hair done, biographer, dinner with friends, as the State burned

Bolt dismisses attacks on Nixon as sexist – criticises Nixon's defenders who claim attacks/attackers sexist – defenders of Nixon include Moira Raynor (former Equal Opportunity Commissioner) and Jeff Sparrow (far left academic) – Kennett accused of being sexist for criticism of Nixon

- [16.34.1] Aleks Devic, Nui Te Koha, Jon Kaila, Peter Rolfe & Hamish Heard, 'Thousands told to "get out now"', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 6, 2011, p. 4.

Victorian floods – almost 2 years to the day after a fierce heatwave sparked the Black Saturday bushfires that claimed 173 lives, Victoria was awash yesterday, with almost 5,500 stranded

- [16.35.1] People's voice, 'What will you be thinking of on the second anniversary of Black Saturday?', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 6, 2011, pp. 76-77.

Noel Roche, 41, Hughesdale – David Smit, 45, The Basin – John Bonthorne, 43, Essendon – Simone Gray, 40, Camberwell – Rob Jerkovic, 45, Hoppers Crossing – Susan Livsey, 59, Altona – Kelly Olsen, 34, Preston

- [16.35.2] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 6, 2011, p. 77.

Complete contrast in Victoria's weather – fire restrictions – floods – in summer

- [16.36.1] Cameron Caine, Agenda, Black Saturday survivor, 'Our scars still burn: Kinglake cop tells of two years of pain since fires', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 6, 2011, pp. 78-79.

2nd anniversary – personal account – Mother Nature – rebuilding – Leading Snr-Const, Roger Wood

- [16.38.1] Sue Hewitt, 'Broken promises', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 6, 2011, p. 17.

Baillieu accused of backing away from promise to put powerlines underground in bushfire risk areas – Energy Safe Victoria – Powerline Bushfire Safety Taskforce interim report due: final report due June 30 – Opposition Bushfire Response spokeswoman, Jacinta Allan

- [16.38.2] Photo, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 6, 2011, p. 17.

Photo of Cameron Caine – Black Saturday hero

- [16.38.3] Sue Hewitt, 'Time to reflect', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 6, 2011, p. 17.

2nd anniversary – multi-faith service in Federation Square today – retired police chaplain, rev Jim Pilmer – VBRR head, Ian Dicker, urged people to observe a minute's silence tomorrow at noon – consultant psychologist, Dr Rob Gordon, who works with survivors, said the anniversary would bring mixed emotions – trauma – chronic stress – reflection

- [16.38.4] V. Willmott, Barnham, Letters, 'Use the funds', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 6, 2011, p. 76.

Floods and Black Saturday bushfire victims – have my deepest sympathy – breaks my heart to find out that \$100m donated for Black Saturday still in the "coffers"

- [16.39.1] 'Maddy's tribute', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 7, 2011, p. 1.

Black Saturday Memorial for 2nd anniversary – tears flow as poem written by Black Saturday orphan read out

- [16.39.2] Norrie Ross, 'Tears flow as teen tells of hope that has risen from the ashes: Poem from the heart', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 7, 2011, p. 3.

2nd anniversary – memorial service – poem by Maddy Bartlett, 'Colour of my Town', included in article – Maddy's parents, Gary and Jacinta and her sister, Erryn died on Black Saturday – Carol Matthews – Governor General, Quentin Bryce – Victoria's worst disaster – Rosie Savage – Graeme Savage – Nixon

- [16.40.1] Editorial, 'A time for reflection', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 7, 2011, p. 28.

2nd anniversary – Victoria's worst natural disaster – toll – one of Australia's worst natural disasters in terms of lives lost – we should also remember those affected by the Victorian and Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi

- [16.40.2] Jennifer Carpenter, Marysville, Letters, 'Local heroes put town on its feet', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 7, 2011, p. 30.

2nd anniversary – Marysville – real champions are those who stayed to re-establish – Fragg's café – one of our worst disasters

- [16.40.3] Sue Hall, Yea, 'Letter of the Day', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 7, 2011, p. 30.

2nd anniversary – all the funding is great, but has one cent been spent on communication? - we were guaranteed this would be a priority – 2 years on and we have no mobile reception, no access to internet (apart from dial-up), no ABC Radio reception – no digital TV without spending \$800 on a satellite – if another fire comes through we will be no better off

- [16.40.4] Tony Lovelock, Rosebud, Letters, 'Relief cash down to a trickle', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 7, 2011, p. 30.

2nd anniversary – Queensland floods – considering that it is now 2 years since Black Saturday and a large quantity of money donated is still in limbo, it makes you wonder how long Queenslanders will have to wait

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- [17.1.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 7, 2011, p. 31.
Contrast of bushfires on February 7, 2009, with the floods on February 7, 2011
- [17.2.1] Lucie van den Berg, 'Friendship forged in flames', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 7, 2011, pp. 16-17.
2nd anniversary – personal account – Jan Chambers – Chris Butterworth – Mel and Penny Chambers – Ben Monagle
- [17.3.1] Russell Robinson, 'Fire front faces angry residents', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 7, 2011, p. 17.
2nd anniversary – Hannah Sky, 61 and Len Brennan, 65, lost their home in Steels Creek – residents angry over a \$700,000 walking track linking Yarra Glen with Steels Creek – money would have been better spent on fire-safety measures – VBRRA – Shire of Yarra Ranges
- [17.4.1] (writer not known), 'PM sees cruel irony', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 8, 2011, p. 18.
2nd anniversary – Gillard – yellow ribbon – irony of bushfires and floods – painful journey back from a natural disaster
- [17.4.2] Warwick Tozer, Brighton, Letters, 'Brumby missing in action', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 8, 2011, p. 24.
Strathewen on Black Saturday – Kennett's criticism of Nixon correct – Nixon's performance appalling – re Kennett's, 'Disaster to test leaders', [16.30.2] – but disagrees that Brumby discharged his responsibilities well – on the day he personally predicted would be the worst fire-threat day in living memory, he was nowhere to be seen – unlike Anna Bligh's recent performance in Qld – Brumby missing in action
- [17.5.1] Terry Brown, 'Tears for lost and those left behind', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 8, 2011, p. 19.
2nd anniversary – Kinglake memorial service – Rachel Hofmeyer – Deb, Graham, Trey, Lyric O'Shea – John Dowdle
- [17.6.1] Learn poster special, 'Bushfire recovery', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 8, 2011, p. 58.
Victoria still recovering from the Black Saturday bushfires – destruction/toll – support for survivors – rebuilding of houses – wildlife – forests – CFA website – Code Red
- [17.7.1] Ed Gannon, 'Floods' forgotten victims', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 10, 2011, p. 25.
Victorian floods – Cyclone Yasi – fires in WA – 2nd anniversary of Black Saturday – many bushfire victims in Gippsland felt left out with all the attention on Marysville and Kinglake – similarly, in the recent floods, people in Northwest Victoria, with the focus on the events in Qld, feel left out
- [17.7.2] (writer not known), 'Machlin cries for victims', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 10, 2011, p. 4.
2nd anniversary – Jenny Macklin – Gillard – spirit of Black Saturday survivors – the country's biggest natural disaster

- [17.7.3] Colin Vickery & Anne Wright, 'Firestorm episode may traumatise viewers: A thorn for the Roses', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 16, 2011, p. 22.
- 'Bed of Roses', a series on ABC TV – final episode features a firestorm similar to Black Saturday – toll – could traumatise Black Saturday survivors – Kinglake volunteer firefighter, Glenn Barlow – psychologist, Dr Jan Hall – episode will screen on ABC1 on February 26 at 7.30pm
- [17.8.1] (writer not known), 'Clearings to reduce fire risk', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 18, 2011, p. 27.
- Parks Victoria, Chief Executive, Bill Jackson – fuel reduction/breaks – fuel breaks will not stop a major bushfire – however, they will improve access for firefighters to conduct burning to promote a buffer to nearby houses
- [17.8.2] Nick Curtis, Burwood, Letters, 'O'Brien doesn't understand', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 19, 2011, p. 30.
- Re Susie O'Brien, 'Expel God from the classroom', February 17 – writer argues that school chaplains do good community work and gives Black Saturday as an example
- [17.8.3] Stephen McMahon, 'Lost chance to break mould', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 22, 2011, p. 3.
- David de Kretser, outgoing governor of Victoria, praised for his work following Black Saturday – Opposition Leader, David Andrews
- [17.8.4] Garry Batchelor, Wangaratta, Letters, 'Reward may help find killer firebug', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 22, 2011, p. 25.
- The Black Saturday bushfire that started in Murrindindi is believed to be arson – mass murderer responsible for 90 deaths – unsolved – reward should be offered
- [17.8.5] (writer not known), 'Crews honoured', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 22, 2011, p. 18.
- VICSES State Awards – Deputy Premier and Minister for Emergency Services, Peter Ryan – Victorian SES volunteers have distinguished themselves from Black Saturday to the recent floods
- [17.8.6] Judie Kilgower, Melbourne, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 24, 2011, p. 29.
- Stop the world – I want to get off – earthquakes, floods, fires, snow storms, wars – stay strong, Christchurch
- [17.8.7] (writer not known), 'Volunteer anger', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 24, 2011, p. 23.
- Campaspie Shire Council – Blazeaid volunteer and Campaspie Shire resident, Cath Williams – Shire refuses to support Blazeaid, which rebuilt more than 400 km of fencing following Black Saturday and is now rebuilding fences after the Victorian, NSW and Qld floods
- [17.9.1] Sally Bennett, 'Immediacy of disaster coverage is a trigger for global response', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 24, 2011, pp. 30-31.
- Disaster overload – where do you put your heart, your mind, your sympathy and your thoughts when you're being pulled in so many directions? – floods in Qld, Vic – Cyclone Yasi in Qld – an earthquake in Christchurch – uprising in the Middle East – 24/7 media coverage – it bonds us as people, pulls at our hearts and makes us want to give as much as we can – as a community and as a world, we are better connected and seem to be lifting our act – [what about Haiti? – our focus on Black Saturday? – compassion fatigue – desensitises us to disaster?]

- [17.9.2] Mark Dunn, '\$60,000 in aid stolen: Bushfire scam duo face jail', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 25, 2011, p. 17.
- Deception – fraud – Centrelink victim assistance payments – fake identities - \$60,000 obtained – Sally Lynch, 56 – Carmel Begun, 69 – County Court – prosecutor, Andrew Sprague – Begun's lawyer, Christina Hanson – Judge Roy Punshon – will be sentenced in coming weeks
- [17.9.3] David Matheson, Bendigo, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 25, 2011, p. 30.
- The Australian TV media in Christchurch has brought no credit to themselves by acting like morons – they've embarrassed Australia
- [17.9.4] Jim Lyttle, Endeavour Hills, Letters, 'TV team hits a new low', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 25, 2011, p. 30.
- Ambulance chasing – Today Tonight – competing with ambulances to get to victims first – the people of NZ deserve more respect – back off Channel 7
- [17.9.5] Neville, East Bentleigh, Letters, 'Our media such a help', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 25, 2011, p. 30.
- Australia's TV media coverage in Christchurch loaded with the usual disaster terms – in contrast, not one mention by the NZ media of 'bunkering down', 'ground zero', 'heroes', 'mateship', 'Anzac spirit' or 'battles'
- [17.10.1] Gillian McGee, 'Summer? We must have missed it', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 28, 2011, p. 3.
- Wettest summer on record: only 3 days reading more than 35C: 2010-2011 – 13 days last year over 35C: summer, 2009-2010 – 11 days in the summer, 2008-2009, when bushfires raged through Victoria
- [17.10.2] Alan Howe, 'We need a law to label looters', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 28, 2011, p. 25.
- Looting following Black Saturday – Steve Fontana, Asst Police Commissioner – Steve and Paul Lackas – Qld and Christchurch as looting problems too – criminal defence lawyer, Rob Stary, described looting as, 'the lowest, most despicable thing you can do, when people are at their lowest ebb'
- [17.10.3] (writer not known), 'Cash falls into holes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 28, 2011, p. 16.
- Victorian Government will chip in \$400,000 towards the redevelopment of the Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club – Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional and Rural Development, Peter Ryan – will attract people to the region – the Bushfire Recovery Fund has given \$600,000 – VBBRA, \$200,000 – others, \$400,00 – Andrew Fox
- [17.10.4] Norrie Ross, 'Woman stole \$60,000 in aid', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 1, 2011, p. 2.
- \$60,000 stolen from aid meant to go to Black Saturday victims – Judge Roy Punshon – Sally Lynch, 56 – Carmel Begun, 69 – Lynch, 13 months jail – Begun, 6 months jail
- [17.11.1] (writer not known), 'Cattle grazing: Alpine National Park', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 2, 2011, p. 31.
- DSE is investigating the effectiveness of managing fuel and bushfire risk using cattle grazing in Victoria's high country, including the Alpine National Park – Forests and Parks, Exec Director, Peter Appleford – Bushfire Risk and Strategic Cattle Grazing Scientific Advisory Committee

[17.11.2] (writer not known), 'New fire station', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 2, 2011, p. 31.

New CFA fire station at Whanregarwen – Captain, Steve Prothero – members' commitment on Black Saturday

[17.11.3] 'Our Environment', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 8, 2011, p. 64.

In 2009 Victorian bushfires, it is estimated that up to one million native animals could have lost their lives – Sam the Koala became the face of the animal kingdom when she was photographed taking a drink from a fireman's bottle in the aftermath of Black Saturday – recent floods in Qld and Vic also injured and displaced thousands of animals – the highest temperature recorded in Victoria occurred at Hopetoun on February 7, 2009 (Black Saturday)

[17.12.1] Wes Hosking, Lucy Carne & Stephen McMahon, 'Flood town's royal fan gears up for a visit from William: Waiting for a Prince', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 10, 2011, p. 9.

Prince William is to visit flood, cyclone and earthquake disaster zones in Australia and New Zealand – last year in January 2010, the Prince visited towns hit by the Black Saturday bushfires

[17.13.1] (writer not known), 'Shire burn-off limits lifted', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 11, 2011, p. 50.

Latrobe City and Wellington shires – residents won't need a permit to burn off on private property from March 14 – CFA Region 10 Operations Manager, Allan Rankin – DSE – CFA

[17.13.2] (writer not known), 'Probe on runaway blaze', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 11, 2011, p. 50.

A DSE controlled burn gets out of control – Mt Richmond National Park, west of Portland – DSE has started an internal investigation

[17.14.1] Alan Howe, 'Lessons in Japanese', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 14, 2011, pp. 20-21.

Earthquake and tsunami in Japan, March 2011 – compares Japan's response to disasters with Australia's response – Japanese plan for disaster – the official attitude to Black Saturday is 'she'll be right' – Australians, particularly, Victorians, don't handle disaster well – Australians have learnt little from their natural disasters – Brumby would have us believe that the conditions leading up to Black Saturday were unprecedented – CFA chief, Rees, said we were in uncharted territory – no we weren't – toll

Discussion – 1938-39 bushfires – Black Thursday, 1851 – Red Tuesday, 1898 – 1926 – 1932 – 1942 – 1943-1952 – 1962 – 1965 – 1969 – 1977 – 1983 (Ash Wednesday) – 1985 – 1997 – 2009

Victorians have learnt very little – Rees was re-appointed – breathtaking lack of leadership – no leaders sacked in response to the Black Saturday

[17.15.1] Carly, Melton, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 17, 2011, p. 37.

Bushfires, floods earthquakes, tsunamis – what's next? – I'm scared

[17.16.1] Jeff Kennett, 'Challenge to rebuild lives', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 18, 2011, pp. 34-35.

Earthquake and tsunami in Japan – Earthquake in Christchurch – Cyclone Yasi – floods in Vic and Qld – fires in WA – perhaps with the exception of some, or all of the fires in WA, they were just natural disasters – rebuilding – as each new event has occurred, seemingly worse than the one before it, our attention focuses on the event of the day – it is as though in many ways our memory has been wiped clean of the previous event, as we watch the new footage – Kennett's mind wanders back to Black Saturday bushfires only 2 years ago: over 170 lives lost, hundreds of properties destroyed, and many survivors were left with tortured minds, possibly forever – Vic and Qld flooding, Yasi and Christchurch coverage absent now (that Japan has taken over)

[17.16.2] B-Mac, Mooroolbark, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 18, 2011, p. 33.

Bushfires, floods earthquakes, tsunami, nuclear meltdown and now Justin Bieber movies – what is the world coming to?

[17.18.1] Doug Symes, Crib Point, Letters, ‘Selfless act of bravery’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 22, 2011, p. 22.

Football players going to ‘war’ and into ‘battle’ against other football players is stretching the meaning of the word ‘heroes’ – real heroes are the Japanese nuclear plant volunteers who could be risking their lives to save others

[17.18.2] (writer not known), ‘Re-opened park popular’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 22, 2011, p. 16.

Kinglake – Kinglake acting ranger, Enzo Brotto, said people were returning to the Kinglake National Park after the 2009 fires – camping ground fully booked during Christmas – Black Fish Way walking track was reopened just before the Labour Day long weekend

[17.18.3] Stephen McMahon, ‘Bushfire talks to resume’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 22, 2011, p. 10.

Baillieu Government – Powerline Bushfire Safety Taskforce interim report – consultation with local communities reinstated – powerlines believed to be responsible for 5 of the Black Saturday fires – Energy Safe Victoria – Energy Minister, Michael O’Brien – Opposition Energy spokeswoman, Lily D’Ambrosio – before the election the Coalition said it would implement all 67 recommendations of the Royal Commission in its final report

[17.18.4] Advertisement, Victorian Government, FireReady, ‘Planned burning happening’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 22, 2011, p. 7.

DSE and Parks Victoria planning to undertake planned burning – reasons for

[17.18.5] (writer not known), ‘Fires officer’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 25, 2011, p. 32.

The Northern Grampians Shire will receive funding for an emergency management fire co-ordinator – position is one of 16 to be created – is a result of the Royal Commission – Northern Grampians Shire Chief Exec, Justine Linley

[17.19.1] (writer not known), ‘Inmates thanked for floods help’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 30, 2011, p. 70.

Beechworth Correctional Centre – Shepparton Justice Centre – Wangaratta Mayor, Anthony Griffith – Beechworth Centre, Operations Manager, Bret Lacey, said prisoners helped after Black Saturday and the floods

[17.19.2] Miranda Devine, ‘Garnaut’s economies don’t add up’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 31, 2011, p. 37.

Whilst discussing Ross Garnaut and his climate change carbon tax proposals, Miranda (journalist) uses a quote from *The Australian* from a boss of 2 small La Trobe Valley coal-fed power stations, who said, ‘We have survived bushfires and floods, but we may not be able to survive Garnaut.’

[17.19.3] (writer not known), ‘Centre opens’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 31, 2011, p. 40.

The day visitor area at Sugarloaf Saddle has been reopened in the Cathedral Range State Park following the Black Saturday fires – 92% of the Park burnt – Chief Ranger, Andrew Marwick