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**SUPPLEMENTARY BLACK SATURDAY BUSHFIRE SERIES**  
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## **Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 1: 24 April 2011 – 29 July 2011**

- [S1.1.1] Simon Benson, 'I won't ever forget: PM haunted by Japanese visit', *Sunday Herald Sun*, April 24, 2011, p. 4.

Julia Gillard – March 11 tsunami in Japan – death toll now stands at 29,000 – reinforced randomness of natural disasters – comparisons: Victorian bushfires, Qld floods

- [S1.2.1] Stephen McMahon, 'Fire plan to double power bills', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 3, 2011, p.3.

Household electricity bills will almost double if the Coalition agrees to replace all power lines in high-risk fire areas within 10 years – Powerline Safety Taskforce estimates cost of putting all regional lines underground at \$41.5B – bills to go from \$315 to about \$610 per quarter – powerlines caused five of Black Saturday's biggest fires, including Kilmore East that killed 119 people – Taskforce chairman, Tim Orton – Energy Minister, Michael O'Brien, declined to comment

- [S1.2.2] Peter Janetzki, Murtoa, Letters, 'People power prevents fires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 5, 2011, p. 31.

Re [S1.2.1] – putting powerlines underground is ridiculous – all that has to be done is to patrol and do maintenance, yearly – the SEC did this before Powercor took over

- [S1.2.3] Mark Dunn, 'Victims of fires can sue', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 11, 2011, p. 6.

Black Saturday victims can sue the Government and police for failing to properly warn residents after a Supreme Court ruling – Justice Jack Forrest – representative plaintiff, Carol Anne Matthews – SPI Electricity Pty Ltd – Utility Services Corporation Limited

- [S1.2.4] Steve Price, 'History is Overland's nemesis', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 12, 2011, p. 31.

Simon Overland believes in tough policing policy – Nixon seemed to think violent crime and corruption could be solved by hand-holding committees – Nixon deserted her post on Black Saturday – Overland would not do this – former premier Jeff Kennett claims he would have sacked Nixon

- [S1.3.1] 'Graeme Hammond, 'Winters of discontent', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 15, 2011, p. 31.

Snow falls on Marysville – many Black Saturday victims do not have a permanent roof over their heads – 71 people who lost their homes in the 2009 fires live in the temporary village - rebuilding is slow – Bob Gillespie, 66 – VBRRA – Rosemary Fiske and husband Norman have opened a tea shop

- [S1.3.2] (writer not known), 'Red tape is icing on cake for couple', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 15, 2011, p. 31.

Christine and Ashraf Doos – patisserie – attempts to re-establish businesses have been frustrated by red tape – Murrundindi Shire Council creating obstacles – Council chief executive, Margaret Abbey – Marysville Caravan Park owner, Christine Adams – complications from finance, planning and insurance

- [S1.4.1] Alan Howe, 'What to do with Simon', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 16, 2011, pp. 26-27.

Chief Commissioner of Police, Simon Overland – on Black Saturday we saw the real Nixon – there was no leadership, no vision

- [S1.6.1] Malcolm Holland, 'Climate disaster', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 23, 2011, p. 4.

Global warming – climate change – climate commission – Opposition Leader and climate change sceptic, Tony Abbott – coalition policy – Professor Will Steffen, executive director of the Australian National University Climate Change Institute – report; the intensity and times when large bushfires break out in south-eastern Australia – like the 2009 Black Saturday fires – is ‘likely changing with climate change a possible contributing factor.’

- [S1.7.1] Mary Papadakis, ‘Baby Sam a blessing for Black Saturday couple: Out of the ashes’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 12, 2001, p. 3.

Fairytale romance sparked by the Black Saturday bushfires – baby Samantha Terese Fraser – Marysville – GP Lachlan Fraser, 49 – Cassandra Fraser, 42

- [S1.8.1] Peter Rolfe, ‘Diary reveals top-level help’, *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 12, 2011, p. 26.

Nixon – consulted police, former state government and lawyers before making incomplete witness statement at Royal Commission – pub meal with friends while 173 people died in the state’s worst natural disaster - \$200,000-a-year director’s job with Foster’s – former VBRRA chief, Ben Hubbard – Julia Gillard – Nixon’s diary – Melissa Arch

- [S1.9.1] Phillip Hudson, ‘Grim news on climate: Heat will be a killer’, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 14, 2011, p. 8.

Melbourne’s water supply could be reduced by 35% and the number of extreme hot days could triple – global warming – ski season could be slashed by up to 96% - number of heat related deaths could reach 1318 per year – Dept of Climate Change Minister, Greg Combet – parts of Victoria are likely to experience increased bushfire risks because of higher temperatures – other predictions

- [S1.10.1] Welcome news, Hot Topic, ‘Overland and out’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 48.

Now take your AFP mates with you and hand back Victoria Police to a Victorian. This is the best news since Nixon left. Shame on both of them.

- [S1.10.2] Stu, Mentone, Hot Topic, ‘Overland and out’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 48.

Resigning over some dodgy statistics? Lame. His predecessor went to dinner was Victorians burned to death and she wasn’t forced to resign.

- [S1.10.3] Phil the Fixer, Melbourne, Hot Topic, ‘Overland and out’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 48.

The destruction of VicPol started with Nixon and hopefully ends with Overland

- [S1.10.4] Proud Australian, Melbourne, Hot Topic, ‘Overland and out’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 48.

Hopes Herald Sun, police union and Baillieu are satisfied Nixon has been hounded out – hopes next appointee is just as tough on police corruption as Nixon and Overland

- [S1.11.1] Graeme, Melbourne, Letters, ‘Put safety back on police agenda’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 65.

This is a result of political interference in the police force. It started with Nixon and was followed by Overland

- [S1.12.1] Jeff Kennett, ‘Honest cop just a victim’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, pp. 38-39.

Overland – honest cop – this chief commissioner did not desert his post as did his predecessor at a time of great community need

- [S1.14.1] Padraic Murphy, 'Coalition, public bayed for blood', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 6.

Resignation of Overland – Overland's departure will also be seen by some as a backward step in attempts to loosen the stranglehold of the old boys have on Victoria Police, a project started by his mentor, the former top cop, Christine Nixon

- [S1.14.2] Neil, Melbourne, Letters, *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 6.

Overland's predecessor was pressured to resign too. The problem is the politicising of the position. The media and the political parties push good police commissioners over the edge

- [S1.15.1] Anthony Dowsley, 'It's karma for those with an axe to grind', *Herald Sun*, Friday, June 17, 2011, p. 7.

Overland's resignation – Noel Ashby – Paul Mullett – Mullett, 'Both Overland and Nixon eroded the position of chief commissioner and my and Noel Ashby's allegation is they used their position and powers together with the OPI to seek a politically motivated outcome.' – former police chief Nixon said she did not believe Overland had been pushed – Nixon denied she had handed Overland a 'poisoned chalice'

- [S1.16.1] Keith Moor, 'Former deputy may be the man', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 18, 2011, p. 4.

Overland's resignation – search for new top cop – after two outsiders with little or no experience of street policing – Nixon from NSW and Overland from the AFP – it would be nice for a home grown officer to get the job

- [S1.17.1] Anthony Dowsley, 'Punters rally to Sir Ken', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 18, 2011, p. 5.

Overland resigns – contenders for the job – Sir Ken Jones – Tim Cartwright – Ken Lay – Steve Fontana – Western Australia commissioner Karl O'Callaghan – Gary Jamieson – Nixon rated as a \$201 long shot

- [S1.17.2] Carly Crawford, 'I'm the old-school copper you need, declares Jamieson', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 18, 2011, p. 5.

Asst Commissioner Gary Jamieson says he is the one for the top job – 'I think I can make a difference. I had a different philosophy to Christine (Nixon) and to Simon, and they knew that.'

- [S1.17.3] Andrew Bolt, caption, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 18, 2011, p. 5.

'This is not just the end of Simon Overland, but of the whole disastrous Christine Nixon revolution'

- [S1.18.1] Andrew Bolt, 'End of Nixon revolution is the best news for Victoria', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 18, 2011, pp. 16-17.

End of Nixon revolution – the end of a decade-long struggle to turn Victoria Police into a feminist, political force that only the Left could love – Fontana – Nixon went to hairdresser, talked to biographer and knocked off early for dinner on Black Saturday

- [S1.20.1] Big V, Altona, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 18, 2011, p. 82.

Two police chiefs forced out in two years – one as a result of a fire storm, the other as a result of a political storm

- [S1.20.2] Local Will Do Thanks, Hot Topic, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 18, 2011, p. 82.

Appointment of replacement for Overland – Asst Commissioner Steve Fontana would be a great choice. He ran the Black Saturday fires when the chief went to dinner.

- [S1.20.3] Norm Fraser, Somerville, Letters, 'Report won't vindicate Labor', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 18, 2011, p. 82.

So Daniel Andrews thinks the former Labor government is in the clear with law-and-order – how about the fact they appointed Nixon and Overland

- [S1.21.1] Alan Howe, 'Just dying to do well', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 20, 2011, p. 24.

Nixon ... shamed herself on Black Saturday, but for the first time in some years a succession plan was in place. She would be replaced by Simon Overland, whom she had chosen. She would, after all, know better than most the sort of leader Labor wanted

- [S1.22.1] Geoff Wilkinson, 'Firey finally cleared', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 25, 2011, p. 3.

Ron Philpott, 67, is no longer a suspect in lighting the Murrundindi fire on Black Saturday – police now believe the fire was not deliberately lit – Supreme Court Judge Jack Forrest has ruled survivors can sue police and government for failing to provide adequate warnings

- [S1.22.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Bills will soar', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 26, 2011, pp.1 & 4.

A confidential Black Saturday report warns electricity bills will skyrocket if Baillieu keeps a key pre-election promise to replace and bury powerlines – rises could be as much as \$740 every year for the next 10 years – Baillieu has backed all 67 Black Saturday Royal Commission recommendations – former Brumby government rejected the powerline recommendation – Labor energy spokeswoman, Lily D'Ambrossio accused the government of shielding the report – Powercor – SP AusNet – Marysville – Kinglake – Energy Safe Victoria – it is believed power lines were responsible for sparking five of the blazes on February 7, 2009

- [S1.24.1] Editorial, 'Power play challenges Ted Baillieu', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 26, 2011, p. 89.

Whilst in opposition Baillieu backed all Royal Commission recommendations and promised to implement all of them if elected – Liberal MP, Christine Fyfee – Powerline Bushfire Safety Taskforce report dated 23 December 2010 – coast of burying and fixing powerlines, \$20 billion

- [S1.24.2] BusterH, CBD, Hot Topic, *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 27, 2011, p. 28.

The electricity companies should cover the powerline maintenance with their insurance

- [S1.24.3] Keith, Melbourne, Hot Topic, *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 27, 2011, p.28.

What happened to the days when standing service charges covered infrastructure maintenance? Isn't that what charges are designed for?

- [S1.24.4] Chris Antony, Syndal, Hot Topic, *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 27, 2011, p. 28.

Labor failed us when they allowed the electricity and gas companies to charge what they wanted. It's too much.

- [S1.24.5] Powerman, Torquay, Hot Topic, *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 27, 2011, p. 28.

If we chose to live in a fire-prone area, then we have to carry the burden and pay for whatever it takes not to repeat the events of '09. What are we saying – lives are worth less than money?

- [S1.24.6] Jane, Shepparton, Hot Topic, *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 27, 2011, p. 28.

Letting everyone ... collect dead trees along the side of roads wouldn't hurt the fire risk

- [S1.24.7] Baillieu is a dud, Brighton, Hot Topic, *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 27, 2011, p. 28.

Just another stuff-up from this lazy premier. Why didn't he do his sums before he ran his mouth off? ... It's no wonder the Brumby government said no to this silly proposal.

- [S1.24.8] Renee, Melbourne, Hot Topic, *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 27, 2011, p. 28.

I am old enough to remember when our taxes used to fund everything

- [S1.24.9] Elizabeth, Warburton, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 28, 2011, p. 24.

If country people can help pay for the desalination plant why can't city people help pay for powerline infrastructure?

- [S1.24.10] Jeremy, Coburg, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, June 28, 2011, p. 24.

Why should I pay for the underground powerlines to make the lifestyle of bush dwellers safe while I have overhead lines in my street and I don't ask them to pay for a safety fence around my swimming pool?

- [S1.25.1] Padraic Murphy, 'Lessons in leadership: Nixon talks a hot issue', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 1, 2011, p. 14.

Former Chief Commissioner, Nixon, widely condemned for going for a pub meal on the day of the devastating Black Saturday fires, is delivering workshops on leadership – Liberal MP, Fran Bailey – Nixon's biography – Age reporter, Jo Chandler

- [S1.25.2] Editorial, 'Black spot remains with Ted Baillicu', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 3, 2011, p. 89.

Cost of power line reforms recommended by the Royal Commission – Energy Minister, Michael O'Brien - \$20 billion cost - \$50m committed by government to problem

- [S1.25.3] Peter Rolfe, '\$50m won't fix lines', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 3, 2011, p. 19.

Energy Minister, Michael O'Brien, told \$50m for powerline reform grossly inadequate – Powerline Bushfire Safety Taskforce

- [S1.25.4] (writer not known), 'Link to global warming rejected', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 5, 2011, p. 15.

Professor Neville Nicholls says that global warming cannot be blamed for Black Saturday bushfires – but, 'global warming has exacerbated the frequency and intensity of these heatwaves'

- [S1.25.5] Mike, Melbourne, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 4, 2011, p. 23.

Nixon is giving keynote presentations on her leadership skills in advance of her book launch - the woman has the hide of an elephant

- [S1.26.1] Nick Leys, 'Court rules on fire info', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 7, 2011, p. 17.

Powercor has been ordered to produce documents on the causes of a fire on Black Saturday – Coleraine – Tracey Perry and Terrance Sagar lost their home and are suing Powercor – alleged fire caused by falling power lines – Supreme Court Justice, Ross Robson

- [S1.26.2] Kelly Ryan, 'Leader of the pack', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 18, 2011, p. 21.

Senior Constable Peter Collyer – helped residents flee Marysville on Black Saturday – adopts six retired greyhounds

- [S1.27.1] Stephen Drill, 'Footy legend fights back from Black Saturday losses: OK in the long hall', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 19, 2011, p. 9.

Brownlow medalist Kevin Murray, 73, lost home in Flowerdale on Black Saturday

- [S1.28.1] Amelia Harris & Michael Harvey, 'PM under fire for Nixon book deal', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 21, 2011, p. 3.

Black Saturday survivors and Jeff Kennett have criticized Prime Minister Julia Gillard's decision to launch Nixon's biography, Fair Cop – the former chief commissioner went out for dinner the night 173 people died in the state's worst natural disaster – Jo Chandler – criticism of Nixon's leadership – Kinglake survivor, Bessie McMahon – Royal Commission report – Laine MacDonald of Flowerdale – Carol Matthews, who lost her son on Black Saturday – MUP CEO, Louise Adler

- [S1.29.1] Steve Price, 'Grilling is a must for leaders', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 21, 2011, p. 31.

Seeing London's outgoing Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Paul Stephenson, being grilled by an all-party British House of Commons committee reminded me of the Nixon appearance at the Royal Commission into the Black Saturday bushfires – Nixon's dining at a North Melbourne hotel on the night of the fires – spending the day on her biography – Victorian's felt let down

- [S1.29.2] Sally Morrell, 'Gillard on the wrong page helping Nixon', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 22, 2011, p. 35.

MUP CEO, Louise Adler – Gillard criticized for supporting launch of Nixon's book – Royal Commission found Nixon's leadership inadequate, particularly her decision to go to dinner

- [S1.29.3] Black Saturday Survivor (just), Flowerdale, Letter of the Day, *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 22, 2011, p. 32.

When will Kennett and some survivors get over Nixon's decision to go out to dinner? - see [S1.28.1] – the firefighting was addressed by qualified, delegated people – even I had to eat while trying to save my dying mate

- [S1.29.4] Tony Vella, Epping, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 22, 2011, p. 32.

I see Gillard is going to launch the biography of Nixon – how appropriate – one unpopular, poor leader giving her support to another who wouldn't know leadership if she ate it for dinner

- [S1.29.5] Vox Pop, 'Is Julia Gillard wise to launch Christine Nixon's book?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 22, 2011, p.33.

Stacey Massis, 26, Melbourne: politically it's not a good move – Awhi Tait, 19, Point Cook: the PM has bigger responsibilities to worry about – Anthony King, 18, Swan Hill: No. Julia should be worrying about the state of the country – Cathy Bowden, 57, Murrumbidgee: Yes. Nixon is a good woman who made one big mistake

- [S1.30.1] Weekend, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 23, 2011, p. 1.

Whole page advertisement for Adrian Hyland's book about Black Saturday – Kinglake 350

- [S1.30.2] Adrian Hyland, 'Escape from Pheasant Creek', Weekend, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 23, 2011, pp. 6-10.

Extracts from book – Joanne, Dylan (20), Kasey (11) & Tiahu (12) Hyland – Roger Wood – Kinglake – CFA volunteer, Chris Lloyd – Chris and John Butterworth – CFA, John Grover and Karen Burrow – Coombs Rd – CFA, Frank Allan – Cameron Caine

- [S1.30.3] Blanche Clark, 'Novelist's approach to a day of terror', Weekend, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 23, 2011, p. 10.
- Adrian Hyland, author of Kinglake 350 – Sen-Const, Roger Wood – Sen-Const, Cameron Caine – Tony Fitzgerald, Parks Victoria ranger – CFA volunteers, Di MacLeod, Ben Hutchinson, Mike Nicholls, Tim and Linda Huggins
- [S1.31.1] Padraic Murphy, 'Nixon's tell-all book: Blame game', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 28, 2011, pp.1 & 4-5.
- Half page photo of Nixon - Nixon's biography – Nixon launches attack on Black Saturday Royal Commission – questioning brutal and sometimes wrong and irrelevant – kangaroo court – sustained campaign to bring her down as chief commissioner – fattist agenda – blame game and scapegoating – Rachel Doyle, SC – Jo Chandler – Jon Faine – Neil Mitchell – Jeff Kennett – Simon Overland – Noel Ashby – Stephen Linnell
- [S1.33.1] Norrie Ross, 'Christine Nixon on Black Saturday: I looked out the window for fires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 28, 2011, p. 5.
- Nixon – Jo Chandler – Fair Cop – dinner at Metropolitan Hotel – Integrated Emergency Co-ordination Centre – Russell Rees, CFA chief
- [S1.33.2] Editorial, 'Nixon gives her version', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 28, 2011, p. 32.
- Editorial criticizes Nixon's decision to dine out, see her biographer, while 173 people died and hundreds were injured – Nixon's failure to tell the Royal Commission of her whereabouts – leadership failures – Nixon criticized for criticizing the Royal Commission
- [S1.34.1] Photo, 'Black Saturday survivors demand: Hand back book cash', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 1.
- Photo of Nixon – bushfire survivors challenge Nixon to donate profits from her book to help Black Saturday victims
- [S1.35.1] Voteline, 'Should Christine Nixon donate the proceeds from her book to Black Saturday survivors?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 37.
- [S1.35.2] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 37.
- Shows Nixon and Gillard in a kitchen complaining that News Ltd has a vendetta against them – main caption reads, 'If you can't stand the heat ...'
- [S1.36.1] Shannon Deery, 'Police chiefs who stayed at their posts in a crisis', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 4.
- Nixon claims in her biography that she was subject to more scrutiny than other police chiefs caught in natural disasters – hair cut, biographer, dinner, as worst bushfires in history ripped through Victoria – Qld Chief Commissioner, Bob Atkinson, worked from about 5am to about midnight on the day cyclone Yasi ripped through the state on February 2, 2011 – in NZ, police chief Dave Cliff was away on police business when Christchurch was devastated by a killer earthquake on February 22, 2011 – Dave Cliff returned to Christchurch immediately and remained at the operations centre throughout the day
- [S1.37.1] Stephen Drill & Shannon Deery, 'Victorians want Nixon to share', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 5.
- Black Saturday survivors have called on Nixon to donate the profits from her book to a fund for bushfire victims – Kinglake West resident, Wayne Price-McDonald, lost his home – Carol Matthews of St Andrews – VBRRA – Jason Lynn, 38, of Kinglake West – Bessie McDonald of Kinglake – Bob Cameron, Police Minister



[S1.37.2] Norrie Ross, 'Lawyer denies brutal cross-examination', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 5.

Rachel Doyle, SC, rejects claims that Nixon's cross-examination was brutal and agenda tainted during the Black Saturday Royal Commission – Peter Faris, QC – Royal Commission bushfires report – Bernard Teague, Chairman of Royal Commission – Ted Baillieu – former Labor Police Minister, James Merlino – Noel Ashby – Greg Davies – Simon Overland

[S1.38.1] Editorial, 'Just sad and so very silly', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 34.

Nixon – Fair Cop – fattist agenda – attitudes on media – attack on Royal Commission – Overland – Teague – Herald Sun claims it was the messenger – 173 died – dinner with friends, hairdresser, biographer – only herself to blame

[S1.38.2] Jeff Kennett, 'Nixon must wear blame', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 34.

Nixon – Fair Cop – Nixon claims she was attacked because of her size and being female – Nixon is wrong – she blames the media – Overland – only herself to blame – misleading evidence to Royal Commission

[S1.38.3] Lachlan Fraser, Black Saturday survivor, 'Leadership absent as fires snuffed out life', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, pp. 34-35.

Nixon – Fair Cop – failed to show effective leadership skills – Marysville – Ash Wednesday – Canberra fires – Royal Commission criticised her leadership – head of VBRRA – mental health issues – substance abuse

[S1.39.1] Greg Davies, 'Leader out of depth', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 35.

Nixon will be remembered as a woman out of her depth – accepted a free \$40,000 holiday – on Black Saturday deserted her post – hair done – biographer – went out to dinner – while Victorians perished in one of the most horrendous natural disasters in the history of this country – misled Royal Commission – blames everyone else for her failings – media reported facts – Nixon can only blame herself

[S1.40.1] Steve, Bendigo, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

Another disastrous appointment by the Bracks/Brumby government ... let's hope the police force can recover

[S1.40.2] Al, Frankston, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

Nixon is a good person and deserves to have a voice after all the bull..t she has had to deal with

[S1.40.3] Rocky, Victoria, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

The lesson to be learnt is to accept your mistakes and deal with the consequences

[S1.40.4] Still doesn't get it, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

Nixon needs to admit she was wrong and apologise. Can't believe Nixon thinks her actions were appropriate

[S1.40.5] L, St Andrews, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

Nixon was a scapegoat – it's not because she is fat, but because she is a woman

- [S1.40.6] Anon, Ballarat, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Nixon unfairly treated by the Royal Commission – had nothing to do with the loss of life – did not start the fires – not a firefighter – had people under her command
- [S1.40.7] Neil Penny, Singapore, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- 'Fattist' agenda? – more likely an absentee agenda
- [S1.40.8] TarraRose, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Missing in action – don't play victim – disgraceful lack of judgment – hang your head in shame
- [S1.40.9] Paul, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Nixon should have left way before the bushfires – never up to the job and put there by politicians
- [S1.40.10] Matthew, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- The Herald Sun didn't like Nixon and highlighted negatives constantly. It's a pity the evil arsonists weren't pursued with such consistency. What have we learnt? – Nixon had dinner, one should have reasonable clearance around buildings – fire is unpredictable and deadly – no one saw the disaster coming and people were looking for culprits
- [S1.40.11] Tim D'Riordan, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Why haven't News Ltd papers, instead of undermining Nixon for years, given more space to reducing police corruption?
- [S1.40.12] Tommy Hammond, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Nixon's defence to criticism is because she is fat (I was expecting sexism) – Overland has the guts to face his critics
- [S1.40.13] Ray, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Nixon did not show leadership on Black Saturday or subsequently
- [S1.40.14] AB, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Royal commissions need to be brutal to find the truth – the police force needed to change and Nixon could not deliver
- [S1.40.15] Tosh, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Nixonian twaddle – doesn't understand how vapid is her righteous indignation
- [S1.40.16] Leadership Consultant, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Nixon blames everyone else for her failures – victim mentality – trapped in denial
- [S1.40.17] Rob, Point Cook, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.
- Nixon cannot see her own failings

[S1.40.18] J. Smith, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

Worked long shifts without meal breaks – don't give me that crap about everyone has got to eat

[S1.40.19] Tango, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

People don't get it – Nixon was available at all times – the hairdresser and biographer were before the fires started – the CFA and DSE were the lead agencies, not the police and certainly not Nixon

[S1.40.20] Paul, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

There was undoubtedly a campaign against Nixon from the day she was appointed – unfairly persecuted by the press and rogue elements of the police force

[S1.40.21] BraveHeart, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

Leave Nixon alone

[S1.40.22] Adrian, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Nixon fire storm', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p. 36.

Nixon should know cross-examination can be brutal – the book is a self serving document full of sour grapes

## Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 2: 30 July 2011 - 2 December 2011

- [S2.1.1] Stephen Drill, 'Uni in Nixon book row', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 30, 2011, p. 4.
- Nixon's book – Melbourne University slammed for funding Nixon's book – Fran Bailey, Liberal MP for McEwan – Gillard – Stephen Conroy slammed Nixon's attack on the Royal Commission in Fair Cop – Nixon accused Royal Commission of being a kangaroo court and chasing the guilty instead of searching for the truth – John Du Bois, Melbourne University spokesman – Louise Adler, MUP chief executive – Neil Comrie
- [S2.2.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Nixon still on the hunt for excuse to hide behind', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 30, 2011, pp. 16-17.
- Nixon's book – Nixon accuses Rupert Murdoch and News Ltd of a relentless campaign against her – The Age defends Nixon – VBRRRA – Deputy Greens leader, Christine Milne – climate change – Gillard – 173 died, hairdresser, biography – Herald Sun editor, Simon Pristel – Jo Chandler – Nixon disastrously turned the police force into a feminised service that was non-deferential, anti-authoritarian and collegiate
- [S2.4.1] Michael J. Gamble, Belmont, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 30, 2011, p. 30.
- Nixon's attempt to rehabilitate her image via Fair Cop is pathetic, as are her conspiracy theories
- [S2.4.2] Phil McDonald, Railton, Tas, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 30, 2011, p. 30.
- Like Nixon, my 80-year-old father watched the fire from his window, but he lives in Kilmore East – he had a better grasp of the situation than Nixon
- [S2.4.3] Schneider, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 30, 2011, p. 30.
- Shows Nixon sitting down for dinner with a menu in her hands – caption reads, 'Maybe I should have ordered takeaway'
- [S2.4.4] Don Bruce, Watsonia, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 30, 2011, p. 30.
- Nixon could have avoided much criticism if she had bought sandwiches or ordered in a pizza
- [S2.4.5] Jeremy C. Browne, Letters, 'Revising history in her favour', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 30, p. 30.
- Nixon's attempts to blame the Royal Commission and media are disgraceful – rewriting history – abandoned her post – hair cut – biography – meal – Gillard should be embarrassed to launch book
- [S2.5.1] Wayne Robenn, Footscray, Letters, 'Stop crucifying selfless Nixon', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 30, 2011, p. 31.
- Thanks 'Black Saturday survivor' [S1.29.3], for a sane voice in the wilderness re Nixon's dinner – Gillard – never heard so much vitriol directed at one person – unwise decision – Nixon has been crucified
- [S2.5.2] Mark Gow, Wheelers Hill, Letters, 'Christine should accept criticism', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, July 30, 2011, p. 31.
- Nixon does not get it - criticism of her has nothing to do with hidden agendas, gender or size – it's her poor performance – poor leadership – she needs to stop blaming others and accept responsibility

- [S2.6.1] Miranda Devine, 'Nixon's still making a meal of it', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 31, 2011, p. 79.
- Gillard shouldn't launch Nixon's book – Black Saturday – 173 died – hair done – met with biographer – pub dinner with friends – Nixon refuses to accept her actions on Black Saturday were an unforgiveable dereliction of duty – paints herself as victim – blames media, Royal Commission – kangaroo court – fattist, sexist agendas – misled Royal Commission ABC's 7.30 – State Emergency Response Co-ordination Centre – Rachel Doyle, SC – comparison to Anna Bligh, re Qld floods – poor leader of Victoria Police
- [S2.7.1] Stephen Drill, 'Furious families await fire cash', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 1, 2011, p. 4.
- Ruth, Jason, Joshua and Julia Lynn of Kinglake West – Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund criticised for allocating \$80m for walking tracks and bike paths, while families still live in caravans – fund raised \$398m – public meetings at Kinglake, Marysville, Diamond Creek, Broadford, Gippsland and Myrtleford – Ian Holman, 64, of Kinglake West – fund chairman, Patrick McNamara
- [S2.8.1] Wendy Kent, Werribee, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 1, 2011, p. 26.
- People criticize Nixon because they feel she didn't do her job – the criticism started well before the bushfires
- [S2.8.2] Steve Emsley, Balliang, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 1, 2011, p. 26.
- Stop playing victim – you wanted the job but not the responsibility
- [S2.8.3] Martin Gray, Boronia, Letters, 'Nixon could not have stopped the fires', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 1, 2011, p. 26.
- Nixon could not have stopped destruction – not her job to control fires
- [S2.9.1] Voteline, Result, 'Should Christine Nixon donate the proceeds from her book to Black Saturday survivors?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 1, 2011, p. 27.
- Yes: 63.4% (3167)      No: 36.6% (1821)
- [S2.9.2] Melinda, Kinglake, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 1, 2011, p. 27.
- People should stop blaming others for Australia's worst natural disaster – leave Nixon alone – use the time to move forward
- [S2.9.3] Pat, Geelong, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 1, 2011, p. 27.
- Nixon was crucified
- [S2.9.4] Brendan, Werribee, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 1, 2011, p. 27.
- Treat Nixon with the contempt she deserves – don't buy her book
- [S2.10.1] Alan Howe, 'Christine failed us all – and that's about the size of it', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 1, 2011, pp. 28-29.
- Herald Sun's previous support of Nixon not acknowledged in Fair Cop – Bolt – on Black Saturday Nixon left her post – Brumby – State Emergency Services Control room – State Disaster Plan – 173 died – The Age – Nixon now blames the Herald Sun, etc – fattist agenda – Royal Commission – Nixon should accept her shortcoming and mistakes rather than blame the media

- [S1.12.1] Neil Mitchell, 'Sorry, your Honour, but we're all in this together', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 2, 2011, pp. 26-27.
- '... under a pile of Christine Nixon's unsold books'
- [S2.12.2] Jessica Craven & Stephen Drill, 'Nixon: "I would do things differently"', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 2, 2011, p. 2.
- Nixon says if she had her time again she would have stayed at the control centre – ABC, Q&A – no plans to donate all profits from her book to bushfire victims – Gillard to launch book tomorrow – 3AW – VBRRA – Bessie McMahon, 85, of Kinglake
- [S2.12.3] Keith Remington, Travancore, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 2, 2011, p. 24.
- Victoria and Victoria Police are better off because Nixon pursued the rotten apples
- [S2.12.4] Melina Smith, Melbourne, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 2, 2011, p. 24.
- Most of the letters criticizing Nixon have been from men – interesting
- [S2.12.5] Mick Osta, South Morang, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, August 2, 2011, p. 24.
- Deafening silence from Daniel Andrews on Nixon – but he'll find a negative Baillieu Government link
- [S2.12.6] (writer not known), 'Kinglake: Black Saturday response fears', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 2, 2011, p. 18.
- Bushfire Implementation Monitor, Neil Comrie – concerns re implementation of Royal Commission's recommendations
- [S2.13.1] Paul Hammond, Hampton, Letters, 'Wartime lessons for Nixon', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 3, 2011, p. 28.
- The royal family during World War II did not take the opportunity to shelter abroad – there's a lesson for Nixon
- [S2.13.2] Sim, Coburg, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 3, 2011, p. 29.
- Nixon and Gillard did a great job – females who gain positions of power are subject to intense jealousy, scrutiny and criticism
- [S2.13.3] Nevvy, Montmorency, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 4, 2011, p. 31.
- Re Sim [S2.13.2] – people complain about the job Nixon and Gillard do – not their gender
- [S2.13.4] Glen Mason, Frankston Sth, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 4, 2011, p. 31.
- Criticism of Nixon is a fair cop
- [S2.13.5] Steve Price, 'Nixon tome is a cop-out on content', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 4, 2011, p. 33.
- Nixon given a standing ovation by a select audience at the Windsor Hotel during her book launch – Fair Cop – Gillard – former premier, Joan Kirner – former Labor minister, Mary Delahunty – Louise Adler – police association sec, Greg Davies – Nixon's poor policing record – spin over substance

- [S2.13.6] Dr Lachlan Fraser, Marysville, Letters, 'Time to put sock in it, Christine', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 5, 2011, p. 36.

Dr Fraser angry and disappointed that Nixon has brought the focus of Black Saturday on herself and absence of leadership – believes Nixon could have saved lives – Nixon not sacked from VBRRA – other chiefs on Black Saturday have held a respectful silence, so should Nixon

- [S2.13.7] Carole Peters, Perth, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 5, 2011, p. 37.

Re Nevvy [S2.13.3] – if female leaders do it differently or challenge a macho culture, they get roasted – turning a blind eye to mediocrity and advantage is an artform perfected by the boys' club

- [S2.13.8] Hamish Heard, 'Black Saturday skull mystery finally solved', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 7, 2011, p. 6.

Charred human skull found in aftermath of Black Saturday has been identified as part of a medical skeleton – Strathewen – disaster victim identification team – Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine – State Coroner, Judge Jennifer Coate

- [S2.14.1] Alan Howe, 'You'll decide what's news', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 8, 2011, pp. 24-25.

Lenient sentencing – readers, not editors, decide what's newsworthy – Gillard launched Nixon's book – Nixon defended her Black Saturday actions – Nixon turned on media – 173 died on Black Saturday

- [S2.15.1] Paul Anderson, 'Black Saturday accused are mentally impaired, court hears: Teenagers unfit for trial', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 9, 2011, p. 20.

Two teenagers deemed unfit to stand trial over killer Black Saturday bushfire because of impaired mental capability – 7 February 2009 blaze in Long Gully, near Bendigo – Kevin Kane died – boys charged with arson causing death and intentionally or recklessly causing a bushfire – now aged 15 and 16, were 13 and 14 at the time – Justice Paul Coghlan – Crown prosecutor, Kieran Gilligan – Peter Chadwick, SC – Nick Papas, SC

- [S2.16.1] Nathan Mawby, 'Black Saturday wins second round, this time with cancer: A mum who won't say die', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 13, 2011, p. 13.

Jennifer Wood fell pregnant just after Black Saturday – now, 38, diagnosed with breast cancer 9 weeks into pregnancy – Mark (partner), sons Jack and Connor – finalist for Pride of Australia medal – Narbethong home – rebuilding of Narbethong town hall – VBRRA

- [S2.17.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'New Zealand's Christchurch was devastated by an earthquake: Limbo land', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 13, 2011, pp. 24-27.

Earthquake in Christchurch NZ, February 22, 2011 – death toll 182 – comparisons to Black Saturday – 'Marysville, six months after Black Saturday, seemed to sag in a similar malaise. No one much cared to look back. But few people were rushing to embrace the future, either.'

'Allusions to collective character, as with the vaunted spirit of Victorian bushfire victims, or Queensland's toughness in floods, have been bandied about.'

- [S2.18.1] Peter Wilmoth, The Moment, 'Christine Nixon', Weekend, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 13, 2011, p. 32.

Interview with Nixon re Fair Cop – the choices Nixon made on Black Saturday will in the minds of many, define her – hair appointment, biographer, dinner with friends – Gillard – John (husband) – Ross (father) – leadership – Brumby

[S2.19.1] Peter Rolfe, 'No fire action', *Sunday Herald Sun*, August 14, 2011, p. 15.

Anti-arson squad promised by Baillieu whilst in opposition unlikely to be ready for this year's fire season – Brumby – Opposition bushfire response spokeswoman, Jacinta Allan – Government spokeswoman, Paris Room

[S2.19.2] Terry Brown, 'Bushfire town robbed', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 17, 2011, p. 14.

Thieves cleaned out Strath Creek's hall – sink, taps, cooking equipment, benchtops, toilet bowls, taken in a \$4000 raid – Rosemary Simon-Ralph – Leading Sen Cons, Tony Weterings – Glen Shearer

[S2.20.1] Jessica Craven, 'Black Saturday heroes honoured in courage awards: Braving the flames', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 22, 2011, p. 13.

Black Saturday heroes honoured as part of this year's Australian Bravery Decorations – 46 Victorians will receive a bravery medal, 32 for bravery shown during Australia's worst natural disaster – Lorraine Casey will receive the Star of Courage – DSE workers Ben Giovanetti and Gregory Williamson – Marysville – CFA volunteer, Christopher Gleeson – Raymond Morgan and sons Daniel and Shaun – Kinglake Central – Thomas Liberi – Kinglake – Grant Lawson (wife:Stacey; sons, Cooper, 8, and Bailey, 5) – Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd – Governor General, Quentin Bryce

[S2.21.1] Miranda Devine, 'Hi-tech detection system could minimize bushfire threat', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 25, 2011, pp. 30-31.

Technology that can detect smoke from as far away as 60km – developed by the German Aerospace Agency for exploring the surface of Mars during the NASA Pathfinder mission – Australian engineer, Daniel Goodrich – entrepreneur, Dr Peter Neustadt – system called FireWatch – introduced 10 years ago in Germany and has helped reduce burned forest by 80% – bushfires cause 30% of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions – state and federal governments not interested in system – former Liberal MP, Fran Bailey, went to Germany to see FireWatch in action and convinced then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, to fund Australian trials – Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department, Roger Wilkins, has declined to meet Neustadt – David Packham – former DSE chief fire officer, Rod Incoll – trials of new technology flawed/not fair

[S2.21.2] Paul Tatnell, 'Fire-zone levy soars: Insurers pass on cost to homes in CFA areas', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 30, 2011, p. 13.

Fire Services Levy – insurance costs to soar for regional homeowners and businesses – Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) has recommended that levy rise by more than 30% – CFA – ICA general manager of risk, Karl Sullivan – Government to phase out Fire Service Levy by 2013 – Royal Commission – property based tax

[S2.22.1] Grant McArthur, 'Fires a threat to state', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 10, 2011, p. 2.

More than 84% of Victoria at risk of bushfires – new building regulations – Bushfire Attack Level assessment

[S2.22.2] Graeme Hammond, Your Street, 'Living in the trees', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 11, 2011, p. 34.

Juliet Dobrochowski – Noah Douglas – Belgrave – Tecoma – Black Saturday in 2009 – bushfire at Birdsland Reserve – evacuation order – traffic jam – Kathryn Hore



[S2.22.3] Sue Hewitt, 'Stranded in sawdust', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 11, 2011, p. 26.

Sue and Gary Gresham, 51, and children, Kiana, 13 & Callista, 11 – lost sawmill on Black Saturday – Narbethong – Lloyds of London refuse to settle claim – Glenburn Hotel has insurance problems with Lloyds as well – Mr Gresham's lawyer, Michael Bates, Maurice Blackburn

[S2.22.4] Peter Rolfe, 'Silence on power lines fix', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 11, 2011, p. 26.

Baillieu Government – power companies - \$50m pledged to improve electricity assets – Energy and Resources Minister, Michael O'Brien – Simon Troeth, spokesman for O'Brien – Government committed to implementing all Royal Commission recommendations

[S2.23.1] Terry Brown, 'Rising from ashes a piece of cake', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 14, 2011, p. 7.

Ashraf and Christine Doos – Marysville Patisserie reopens today – The Lolly Shop – Falls Rd – 173 died, 34 in Marysville – of 452 homes, 34 survived – 1 of about 40 shops survived – as of this week, 126 homes have been rebuilt and 33 are in progress

[S2.24.1] Stephen McMahon, Business Daily, 'Light on fire recovery', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 14, 2011, p. 36.

Black Saturday fires had little impact on state's economy – a study by the Commonwealth Bank – Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi affected that state more – New Start allowance increased temporarily after Black Saturday – Commonwealth Bank chief economist, Michael Blythe – 70% of those who fled bushfire areas moved less than 50kms – natural disasters around the world – 1995 Kobe earthquake in Japan – Hurricane Katrina (2005) – impact can be enormous at local level – Maule earthquake in Chile (2010), worst economic impact

[S2.24.2] John Masanauskas, 'Fire risk hits home prices', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 21, 2011, p. 6.

Victorian Building Commission – increased cost of building homes in fire-prone areas – new building standards – increase cost of \$11,535 on a \$280,000 house – new maps showing bushfire-prone areas – Point Cook, Wyndam Vale, Clyde North – Housing Industry Association state executive director, Gil King – Ross Palazzesi, managing director, Metricon – Opposition planning spokesman, Brian Tee – Baillieu Government – spokeswoman for Planning Minister, Matthew Guy

[S2.24.3] Blanche Clark, 'Nixon's memoir lags in sales', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 23, 2011, p. 8.

Fair Cop not selling well – latest Nielson BookScan figures show 4,300 copies sold since Gillard launched book on 3 August 2011 – MUP – the book was 16<sup>th</sup> on list of top 20 biographies/autobiographies

[S2.25.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Baillieu shelves report', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 2, 2011, p. 40.

Final report of the Powerline Bushfire Safety Taskforce was expected on Friday, but the Government will not release or respond to it until ready – Premier Ted Baillieu's pledge to implement all 67 recommendations of the Royal Commission in doubt – cost of replacing or burying powerlines could see bills rise \$740 every year for the next 10 years – Government spokesman, Paul Rice

[S2.25.2] Daniel Andrews, Leader of the Opposition, Letters, 'Confusing over bushfire mapping', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 7, 2011, p. 34.

Confusion about Baillieu Government's bushfire mapping system – maps, at times, appear ad hoc – high-risk towns such as Cockatoo not classified – in Eaglehawk it depends which side of the street a person lives on – Fire Action Week

- [S2.25.3] (writer not known), 'Marysville: Help needed for big run', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 13, 2011, p. 32.

Marysville Marathon Festival – Sunday, 27/11/11 – volunteers needed – Lachlan Fraser – Gallipoli Park – YMCA – event sponsored by RACV

- [S2.25.4] Alex White, 'People-power win', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 16, 2011, p. 32.

Ash Wednesday survivors – Macedon Ranges Shire Council - \$1.2m for bushfire refuge – funds for refuge initially rejected by Council – Sev Clarke, former volunteer firefighter – Tony Clarke Reserve – Councillor, Helen Relph – BAL – Mayor, Henry McLaughlin

- [S2.26.1] Alan Howe, 'Looking for leadership', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 17, 2011, pp. 26-27.

The appointment of new police chief should not be political – Steve Bracks appointed Nixon, a woman whose leadership credentials are now in tatters – even if it took us a while to understand how deeply inadequate she was

- [S2.26.2] Norrie Ross, 'Arsonist lit 9 fires in a day', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 19, 2011, p. 5.

CFA volunteer firefighter, Damien Lisle, 38, pleaded guilty – started 9 fires shortly after Black Saturday – 17/2/11 – prosecutor, John Champion, SC – defence counsel, Ruth Shand – County Court

- [S2.27.1] Norrie Ross, 'Bushfire parasite jailed: Swindler bled Black Saturday relief scheme', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 22, 2011, p. 23.

County Court Judge, Michael Tinney – George Hebaiter, 55, defrauded Black Saturday emergency funds of \$116,000 – fires on February 7, 2009, killed 173 – jailed for 3-3/4 years, min 2-1/2 years

- [S2.27.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Fire vow shortfall', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 23, 2011, p. 17.

Baillieu Government – draft copy of the final Powerline Bushfire Safety Taskforce – power bills could rise by 42% - costs unclear – concerns the Government may cut corners

- [S2.28.1] Ashley Gardiner, 'Bushfire lawsuit settled', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 24, 2011, p. 6.

Black Saturday victims from Horsham to get compensation from Powercor following a class action settlement – Horsham farmer, Laurie Thomas claimed powerlines poorly maintained – another claim against SP AusNet over the Kilmore East fire has been deferred until 2013 – Maurice Blackburn lawyer, Rory Walsh

- [S2.28.2] Ashley Gardiner, 'Blow for victims: Buyback scheme watered down', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 25, 2011, p. 10.

Buyback scheme watered down – Royal Commission recommended buy back of all properties in extreme fire risk – Baillieu Government intends only to buy back those who lost their principal residence on Black Saturday – Deputy Premier, Peter Ryan – former Brumby Government

- [S2.28.3] (writer not known), 'Castlemaine: Apiarists fear burn-offs', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 27, 2011, p. 29.

Beekeepers in Castlemaine claim increased burn-offs will affect honey crops – beekeepers say they don't get enough notice of burn-offs to move bees (12 hours notice) – beekeeper, Bob McDonald – DSE reports that in 2010-11, 180,000ha of planned burning completed

- [S2.28.4] Steve Price, 'Finally, our leaders are in control', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 27, 2011, p. 35.

Tougher policing in Victoria now – while Nixon ran the force, and Brumby and Halls the government, Victoria was a haven for every disaffected minority group and feral demonstrator that could scrawl on a banner

- [S2.29.1] (writer not known), 'Legend's final edition', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 28, 2011, pp. 2, 53-54, 75.

Journalist John Hamilton retiring after a career spanning 50 years – references to Black Saturday

p. 53: '...has covered events ...Black Saturday.'

p. 53: headline, 'He's covered every major new event from Princess Diana's death to the Black Saturday bushfires.'

p. 53: 'Tales from a lucky man'

'Horrible times, like reporting on human suffering after the Bali bombing or the Asian tsunami from Thailand, or Black Saturday here.'

p. 53: 'A distinguished career'

'In the past 20 years he has covered events ... Black Saturday bushfires.'

- [S2.30.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Government hides behind convenient flood inquiry', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 29, 2011, p. 20.

Qld floods – governments hide behind inquiries and nothing much becomes of them – eg 'Name one big change that came out of the Black Saturday bushfire inquiry, other than Nixon's head on a plate.'

- [S2.30.2] Kelly Ryan, 'Sam's a bronzed Aussie: Koala and his CFA mate immortalized', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 29, 2011, p. 27.

Bronze sculpture of David Tree feeding Sam the Koala – sculptor, Michael Meszaros – Bushfire Appeal funds used (\$79,000) – Mirboo North and District Recovery Committee chairman, Ned Dennis – located in Baromi Park in Main St, Mirboo North

- [S2.31.1] Gemma Jones, 'Police eye on firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 31, 2011, p. 19.

National police database, CrimTrac's National Police Reference System, for known or suspected firebugs – tracked by suburb of residence – Federal Attorney-General, Robert McClelland – 50% of Australia's 54,000 bushfires each year are deliberately lit – National Arson Notification Capability – Home Affairs Minister, Brendan O'Connor

- [S2.31.2] (writer not known), 'Digby: Fire havens identified', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 2, 2011, p. 18.

Glenelg Shire has identified three Neighbourhood Safer Places of Last Resort – Dartmoor, Digby, Heywood – Glenelg Shire Mayor, Bruce Cross – only to be used as a last resort

- [S2.31.3] Michelle Ainsworth, 'Grassland fire risk highest for years', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 4, 2011, p. 19.

CFA State Commander, Gregg Paterson, said the coming fire season would see a high risk of grass fires – Federal and Victorian governments said those rebuilding from the 2009 bushfires have another year to claim – Attorney-General, Robert McClelland – National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements – senior weather forecaster, Terry Ryan

[S2.32.1] Norrie Ross, 'It's a massive insult', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 8, 2011, p. 15.

The two boys who started the fire near Bendigo on Black Saturday that killed Kevin 'Mick' Kane, have had the charges against them withdrawn – John Kane (Mick's brother) disgusted – prosecutor, Steven Milesi – Justice Paul Coghlan – DPP – in August a Supreme Court jury found the boys, who had IQs below 60, were unfit for trial – John Champion, SC

[S2.32.2] Norrie Ross, 'Arson suspect on bail', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 11, 2011, p. 17.

Brendan James Sokaluk, 42, accused of starting the Churchill fire on Black Saturday, granted bail – strict conditions – Justice Paul Coghlan – Sokaluk is autistic – DPP – due back in court on February 9, 2012

[S2.32.3] Peter Rolfe, 'Pressure on to keep promises', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 13, 2011, pp. 24-25.

Report on Baillieu Government's first year in power – 'Of interest will be how the Government finds the funds to pay for every recommendation of the Black Saturday Bushfire Royal Commission ...'

[S2.32.4] 'Election promises report card', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 13, 2011, p. 26.

The Government continues to vow it will implement all of the Royal Commission's recommendations – Government far from doing so

[S2.32.5] 'Sunday Herald Sun rates the Baillieu Cabinet', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 13, 2011, p. 27.

Michael O'Brien, Gaming Minister – failed on his Government's promise to bury powerlines in the wake of Black Saturday

[S2.33.1] Poster, 'Your bushfire survival', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 13, 2011.

Poster on bushfire preparation and survival – FireReady

[S2.33.2] Euan Ferguson, CFA Chief Officer, 'Public apathy our major danger as the bushfire season returns', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 14, 2011, pp. 34-35.

Greatest risk this bushfire season may be apathy – Euan Ferguson, CFA Chief Officer – Fire Action Week – danger of grass fires – implementation of Royal Commission recommendations – 2009 bushfires – high risk areas: Mornington Peninsula, Plenty George area, Melton, Werribee, Craigieburn, Cranbourne – fire at Lara in January 1969 – new fire danger rating system (FDR) – Victorian Bushfire Information Line

[S2.33.3] (writer not known), 'Hume: Be fire-ready', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 14, 2011, p. 22.

Fewer people attending fire-ready meetings as memories of Black Saturday fade – Hume region CFA community education co-ordinator, Alex Caughey, said people had become complacent

[S2.34.1] Editorial, 'Lay will find his own way', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, p. 26.

Ken Lay appointment as new police chief – Overland – Brumby – Police Association – Nixon's soft policing policies were blamed for members being injured in the violent G20 riots and her gross mishandling of the Black Saturday bushfires damaged community confidence

[S2.34.2] Keith Moor, 'Credibility is chief priority', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, pp. 26-27.

Ken Lay appointment as new police chief – respect for the badge has been lost due to the softly, softly approach pioneered by former Chief Commissioner, Nixon

[S2.35.1] Grant McArthur, 'Slash and Burn', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 16, 2011, pp. 1 & 6.

Almost three years after Black Saturday, Government axes firefighting weapons – Baillieu Government axes one of its three giant airframe helicopters, and two planes – Bushfire Response Minister, Peter Ryan said aircraft not suitable for fighting grass fire, which are the major risk this season – Convair planes – CFA's spokesman, Gerard Scholten – Federal Attorney-General, Robert McClelland – Opposition Energy Services spokeswoman, Danielle Green – Elvis recently arrived at Essendon airport

[S2.36.1] Dianne Senn, Avondale Heights, Letters, 'Firefighting cuts may cost lives', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 17, 2011, p. 34.

Re [S2.35.1] – those responsible for slashing firefighting equipment and resources may have lives on their heads – governments have lost the plot

[S2.36.2] Vicki Simpson, Riddells Creek, Letters, 'It's not your money, Ted', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 17, 2011, p. 34.

Re [S2.35.1] – air cover is needed – the money is not coming out of Baillieu's pocket

[S2.36.3] Grant McArthur & Jessica Craven, '\$3m saved by dumping chopper', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 17, 2011, p. 34.

Re [S2.35.1] – State Government admits it will save \$3m by dumping firefighting helicopter – trial of two Convair planes ended – DSE chief, Ewan Waller and CFA regional commander, Mick Harris, said they advised the government that two airframes would be enough this season – United Firefighters Union Victoria state secretary, Peter Marshall, criticised decision – on Black Saturday 173 lives were lost – Elvis arrives at Essendon Airport – Police and Emergency Services Minister, Peter Ryan - \$900m spending on recommendations of the Royal Commission – Opposition emergency services spokesman [sic], Danielle Green – dollars ahead of safety

[S2.36.4] Voteline, Results, 'Should the State Government boost firefighting aircraft ahead of bushfire season?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 17, 2011, p. 35.

Result	Yes: 1611 (82.4%)	No: 343 (17.6%)
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[S2.36.5] (writer not known), 'Advice on fire survival', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 19, 2011, p. 15.

CFA plans to avoid another Black Saturday – live evacuation drill at Lavers Hill, near Apollo Bay – CFA director of community safety, Terry Hayes – Blackwood, northwest of Melbourne

[S2.37.1] Hamish Heard, 'Sisters defy council on bushfire order: We're just not ready to rebuild', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 20, 2011, p. 5.

Twins Barbara and Ann Hodgson (72) face eviction after 40 years – Steels Creek – Yarra Ranges Council – twins must replace home burned down in 2009 fires within four months, or move on – home uninsured – cannot afford to rebuild - \$120,000 received from bushfire relief fund - \$200,000 offered by Government via Buyback scheme refused

[S2.37.2] (writer not known), 'Marysville: Community centre opens', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, p. 21.

Marysville's \$9.2m community centre in Falls Rd officially opened by Governor General, Quentin Bryce last weekend – Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hugh Delahunty

- [S2.38.1] Grant McArthur, 'Plea to prepare fire plan for pets', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, p. 19.

Bushfire plans to include pet evacuation – Agriculture Minister, Peter Walsh – Emergency Animal Welfare Plan – Royal Commission – State Emergency Animal Welfare Co-ordinator – some people died on Black Saturday because they hesitated and took extra time to save their pets – Anne and Ron Sorraghan lost their St Andrews home on Black Saturday – Airedale terrier puppies

- [S2.38.2] 'How we brought you the world', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 25, 2011, pp. 40-41.

New documentary to be screened on Sunday, November 27, on Channel 7 – celebration of 21 years of the Herald Sun

p. 40: Black Saturday, 2009 – Patrick Carlyon remembers – 173 died – temperature in Melbourne that day reached 46.4C – Marysville – Kinglake – Royal Commission

p. 41: 'In terms of lives lost and communities destroyed, there has never been a bigger Victorian story – 173 people died when bushfires wiped out entire towns, just an hour from Melbourne's CBD on February 7, 2009

- [S2.39.1] Russell Robinson, 'Paper behind the big stories', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 27, 2011, p. 12.

21 years since The Sun News Pictorial and The Herald merged into one paper, The Herald Sun – Channel 7 to screen documentary tonight at 5pm – notable stories included are: death of Princess Diana, the Port Arthur massacre, Tony Mokbel's arrest, the Bali bombings and the Black Saturday bushfires

- [S2.39.2] Grant McArthur, 'Fire message shocks', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 28, 2011, p. 8.

Advertisement campaign starts this Thursday to shock Victorians into being ready for a bushfire – Victorian Government \$5m campaign – warnings will be issued when campaign is about to be screened so those most affected can switch off – three out of four people still do not have a fire plan – Minister for Bushfire Response, Peter Ryan – The Bushfire Bereaved Community Advisory Group helped decide the final content of advertisements and supports hard-hitting campaign – some bushfire survivors said they were distressed by the advertisements

- [S2.39.3] Angus Thompson, 'Fears as fire ban declared', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 29, 2011, p. 10.

Total fire ban in the state's north and far west today – a severe fire danger rating for the Wimmera and Mallee districts – 38C predicted for Mildura – CFA Chief Fire Officer, Euan Ferguson – people should be prepared – Bushfire Survival Plan – CFA and DSE will move additional firefighting aircraft to the districts

- [S2.40.1] Lachlan Fraser Marysville Resident, 'Ad campaign not as frightening as the terror of a real bushfire', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 29, 2011, pp. 24-25.

Victorian Government's \$5m advertising campaign to shock us out of complacency – Ash Wednesday fires in 1983 killed 75 people, destroyed 3700 buildings – in 2003 more than 500 homes were lost in Canberra – Marysville – bushfire survival plans necessary – CFA – FireReady meetings – Home Bushfire Advice Service – advice for preparation and survival

- [S2.40.2] Ted Baillieu, 'A message from the Premier', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 1, 2011, p. 16.

Full page message from Premier Ted Baillieu – warns of dangers this fire season – explanation of hard-hitting advertisement campaign – importance of preparation – FireReady

[S2.40.3] Editorial, 'Fire plan failure', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 2, 2011, p. 40.

Baillieu Government warns Victorians to have a bushfire plan this summer – but Government behind with its own fire plan – mobile phone warning system not ready and no one knows how long it will take

### **Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 3: 2 December 2011 – 5 September 2012**

- [S3.1.1] Carly Crawford, 'Fire alert shambles', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 2, 2011, p. 3.
- Lack of progress on bushfire warning system for mobile phones based on location of phone – Neil Comrie – State Government's \$5m bushfire awareness campaign – Ashraf Doos, Marysville Patisserie owner – Victorian Office of Emergency Services Commissioner, Joe Buffone – Bushfire Response Minister, Peter Ryan's, spokeswoman, Jacinta Allan
- [S3.1.2] 'Fire Ready: Your Official Guide' *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 3, 2011.
- FireReady 2011-2012 Edition bushfire booklet – insert
- [S3.2.1] Shelly Hadfield, 'Heat's on bushfire ads', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 5, 2011, p. 16.
- Rebecca Buchanan lost two children, Neeve (9), Mackenzie (15) and brother, Danny Clark (37), on Black Saturday – wants State Government to remove new ads because they are causing trauma to many who lost relatives – Bushfire Response Minister, Peter Ryan – Government committed to campaign – Facebook
- [S3.2.2] Rebecca Buchanan, 'Counterproductive CFA ads must be axed now', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 5, 2011, p. 25.
- Rebecca Buchanan, son Aiden – Reserve Rd, Kinglake – husband Ross – ads might retraumatise people – ads imply people on Black Saturday didn't have a fire plan – Royal Commission – Emergency Services Commissioner, Michael Hallowes – Facebook
- [S3.2.3] Norrie Ross, 'Farmers win fire payout', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 6, 2011, p. 10.
- Settlement of a class action against Powercor Aust Ltd – believed to be \$40m – Supreme Court Justice, David Beach – lead plaintiff, Laurence Thomas – Maddens Lawyers
- [S3.3.1] Advertisement, 'Get the hose out or get the kids to safety?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 7, 2011, p. 17.
- FireReady ad – emphasises that grass fires can happen in the suburbs and people who live there should be prepared
- [S3.4.1] Miranda Devine, 'Police have lost sight of their real purpose', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 11, 2011, p. 19.
- Criticism of soft policing in Victoria under Chief Commissioner Ken Lay – reference to Nixon: '... Nixon's legacy in Victoria – soft policing and useless managerialism' ... '...the lackluster police leadership response to the Black Saturday bushfires'
- [S3.5.1] (writer not known), 'Flowerdale: Oval returns to its former glory', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 13, 2011, p. 26.
- Completion of \$667,000 project to improve Flowerdale cricket oval – Sport and Recreation Minister, Hugh Delahunty – Victorian bushfire Appeal Fund provided \$388,490 and the State Government \$278,119
- [S3.5.2] Advertisement, 'Get the hose out or get the kids to safety?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 14, 2011, p. 14.
- FireReady ad – emphasizes that grass fires can happen in the suburbs and people who live there should be prepared



- [S3.5.3] Matt Johnston, 'Bushfire TV ads banned at Christmas', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 19, 2011, pp. 1&6.

Ad campaign will not be shown on Christmas Eve or Christmas day – warnings will be given before ads broadcast – ads could cause psychological damage to child victims and families – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley said he understood the balance between educating about fire danger and respect for victims - \$10m ad campaign – Federal Labor MP, Rob Mitchell, for McEwan, has written to Premier Ted Baillieu, asking for the ad campaign to be reconsidered – Whittlesea Secondary College student wellbeing manager, Sue Muir, concerned about wellbeing of children – CFA Facebook page for bushfire preparation

- [S3.6.1] Voteline, Question, 'Do you think the bushfire ads are too distressing for Christmas?', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 19, 2011, p. 25.

- [S3.6.2] Voteline, Result, 'Do you think the bushfire ads are too distressing for Christmas?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 20, 2011, p. 25.

Result                      Yes: 84 (33.4%)   No: 167 (66.6%)

- [S3.6.3] Karen Collier, 'Fight is on to take back the power', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 20, 2011, p. 4.

Electricity provider, Powercor, tries to slug customers an extra \$85.1m over four years to recover costs of Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission's recommendations

- [S3.7.1] Advertisement, 'Check for warnings or get caught out?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 21, 2011, p. 19.

FireReady ad – danger of last minute decisions – be prepared – know the Fire Danger Rating – Victorian Bushfire Information Line – never travel to a high-risk area on a Code Red day

- [S3.7.2] Grant McArthur, '\$500m to bury power lines: Victorians will pay extra to reduce bushfire hazard', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 30, 2011, p. 4.

\$500m plan to replace 1000km of power lines, rather than whole network – Royal Commission – Labor accuses Baillieu Government of failing to implement Royal Commission recommendations – only 1% of power line network to be replaced – Energy Minister, Michael O'Brien, announced plan in Marysville yesterday – plan will reduce bushfire risk by 64% over next decade – five of 11 fires on Black Saturday were caused by electricity assets – Kilmore East blaze claimed 119 of the 173 lives on Black Saturday

- [S3.8.1] Jessica Craven, 'Arsonists suspected in two blazes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 4, 2012, p. 4.

Police suspect two of Monday's fires in Warnambool were deliberately lit – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – Acting Premier, Peter Ryan – man from Upwey facing 17 charges of intentionally causing fires

- [S3.9.1] Jessica Craven, 'Plan to avoid another Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 4, 2012, p. 5.

Electricity could be shut off on Code Red days – Acting Premier, Peter Ryan – SP AusNet said turning off power a last resort measure – South Australia has cut power and was criticised by tourist industries – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – five of 11 fires on Black Saturday, including the Kilmore East blaze which claimed 119 lives, were caused by power lines or substations – Royal Commission

- [S3.9.2] Editorial, 'Fire furor', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 7, 2012, p. 28.
- 160 useless firefighting vehicles – leased because cheapest – but can't be used because they can't carry required loads – DSE – memories of Black Saturday
- [S3.10.1] Samantha Landy, 'Interest in online weather is sky high', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 8, 2012, pp. 30-31.
- Importance of weather forecasting and technology – online information – reference to Victorian and Qld floods, and Cyclone Yasi – Black Saturday
- [S3.11.1] Grant McArthur, 'Fire staff take a break', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 9, 2012, p. 5.
- DSE accused of not filling key fire roles over Christmas – just 18 months after Black Saturday – DSE leased 160 Nissan utes, but they could not carry the necessary water and firefighting equipment – DSE regional manager, Helen Vaughan – State Secretary of the Community and Public Sector Union, Karen Batt – Opposition Leader, Daniel Andrews – Baillieu Government – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – United Firefighters Union Secretary, Peter Marshall
- [S3.11.2] Advertisement, 'Leaving to safety or leaving too late?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 11, 2012, p. 14.
- FireReady – know when to leave – don't wait to see flames – stay informed – Bushfire Information Line – leave early on a Code Red day
- [S3.11.3] Ashley Gardiner, 'Alerts to find phones', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 13, 2012, p. 9.
- New mobile phone warning system – allows alerts to be sent to phones in certain areas – will be in place later this year – Acting Premier, Peter Ryan – Telstra – Optus – Vodafone
- [S3.12.1] Stephen Drill, 'Give trees the chop: Best way to save homes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 18, 2012, p. 2.
- Clearing trees and vegetation doubles the chance of a home surviving an extreme fire, compared with planned burning of nearby land – study published in the journal PLoS ONE – Geoff Cary, ANU senior lecturer and co-author of study – Dr Phillip Gibbons of the ANU – Marcus Blythe of Kinglake West cleared 50m around his home – State Government rules require that land owners need a permit to clear trees more than 10m from their properties
- [S3.12.2] Carly Crawford & Stephen Drill, 'CFA workers claim \$3.6m', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 19, 2012, p. 29.
- Volunteer firefighters paid \$3.6m in compensation after Black Saturday
- [S3.13.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Bushfire promises just a lot of hot air', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 22, 2012, p. 69.
- 173 died on Black Saturday – approaching third anniversary – many promises have not been carried out – red tape – Royal Commission – residents in 52 areas of highest risk still have no shelters – not one person has been convicted of deliberately lighting any of the fires – mobile phone alert system not ready – many people still live in rental properties or temporary villages – Ted Baillieu promised to implement all Royal Commission recommendations – powerline and buyback recommendations watered down – courts have approved compensation of more than \$40m from power companies

- [S3.14.1] Advertisement, 'Leaving to safety or leaving too late?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 25, 2012, p. 16.

FireReady – know when to leave – don't wait to see flames – stay informed – Bushfire Information Line – leave early on a Code Red day

- [S3.14.2] (writer not known), 'Horsham: Golf rebuild after 2009 fires', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 25, 2012, p. 34.

Work has begun to rebuild the Horsham Golf Club house destroyed after the 2009 fires – Sport and Recreation Minister, Hugh Delahunty – Victorian Government provided \$1m for the \$4m project

- [S3.15.1] Graeme Hammond, 'Roadblocks to recovery', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 29, 2012, p. 22.

Black Saturday – three years on – bureaucrats block recovery – Whittlesea Council has ordered residents of Kinglake West to vacate caravans and portable homes by 31 March 2013 – insurance problems and tax policies – Flowerdale – Kinglake nursery owner, Matt Reed's business wiped out by Black Saturday bushfires – domestic violence in some affected areas has risen and relationships fractured – Victorian Fire Recovery Unit – Murrindindi Council – rate rises – Kinglake Foodworks owner, David Niceski – Rural Finance loan – temporary petrol station at Kinglake – Coombs Rd – Brian Naylor – Stoney Black and partner Jacqueline Marchant and son Daniel, 10 – Ron Forden, 85 – complaints about rebuilding priorities of authorities

- [S3.16.1] Advertisement, 'Just a grass fire or a deadly inferno?', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 1, 2012, p. 16.

You can't outrun a grass fire – a wet year means a greater threat of grassfires – Bushfire Survival Plan – make sure you are ready

- [S3.17.1] Ruth Lamperd, 'Rising from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 4, 2012, p. 21.

Black Saturday – three years on – Rudd – Bailey Lackas – Cameron Caine – Mary and Reg Kenealy, Marysville – Marysville Historical Society – Steve Lackas died on Black Saturday – Sandra Lackas – Kinglake Football Netball Club – Kinglake football ground upgrades – family break-ups – rebuilding slow and frustrating – Lions Bushfire Recovery chairman, Alan Hayward

- [S3.18.1] Hans van Hamond, president, Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria, Letters, 'Timely reminder on fire plans', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 6, 2012, p. 24.

Tomorrow is Black Saturday anniversary – three years on – memories dulled – disturbing that 3 out of 4 Victorians don't have a fire plan – everyone urged to have a plan – CFA website – Victorian Bushfire Information Line

- [S3.18.2] Nathan Mawby, 'Black Saturday still raw', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 6, 2012, p. 7.

Memorial service for third anniversary of Black Saturday – 173 lives lost – Baillieu – Grampians – St Andrews – Strathewen – The Rev Jim Pilmer, former Victoria Police senior chaplain

- [S3.18.3] Amelia Harris, 'Locked gate traps residents', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 7, 2012, p. 9.

David and Justine Boscaglia of Kinglake West lost their home on Black Saturday – Whittlesea City Council installed a gate at a fire access track in Coombs Rd more than a year ago – CFA – residents of Coombs Rd entrapped on a total fire ban day – Melbourne Water – Whittlesea Council CEO, David Turnbull – investigation into why gate locked

[S3.18.4] Ashley Gardiner, 'Left in dark on grassfire', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 7, 2012, p. 9.

Phone alert system not used for grassfire in Strathewen that broke out about 1pm on Sunday – out of control for almost an hour – Danielle Green, Labor MP for Yan Yean – listed on CFA website – St Andrews Bushfire Recovery Committee chairman, Ian Flack said lack of alerts caused confusion – Royal Commission – spokeswoman for Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley, said test messages were not issued as fire was soon under control

[S3.19.1] Keith Moor, 'Bizarre, just awful', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 2, 2012, p. 7.

Former high ranking police officer, Sir Ken Jones, attacks Nixon and Overland – Chief Commissioner uses Rush Inquiry to criticize Nixon's decision to form a corporate committee of more than 25 senior managers to run the force – Nixon defended her inclusive management style

[S3.19.2] Advertisement, 'Preparing for fire with planned burns', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 2, 2012, p. 7.

DSE – Parks Victoria – undertaking planned burning – FireReady

[S3.20.1] Editorial, 'Let the force be with chief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 2, 2012, p. 34.

Rush Inquiry – Sir Ken Jones – criticism of Nixon – at the Inquiry Jones described the culture under former chief commissioners Nixon and Overland as 'bizarre' and 'just awful' – Overland told the Inquiry that he supported Nixon's decision to form a corporate committee of 25 senior officers to run Victoria Police

[S3.20.2] Advertisement, 'Preparing for fire with planned burns', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 9, 2012, p. 23.

FireReady – DSE – Parks Victoria – undertaking to increase planned burning

[S3.21.1] Andrew Rule, 'Hero's bitter fall', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 14, 2012, pp. 1&6.

Black Saturday hero Peter Thorneycroft, 47, faces jail after pleading guilty to dozens of theft charges involving \$150,000 – Kinglake pub on Black Saturday – Ringwood Magistrates' Court – defence lawyer, Kelvin Legg – Thorneycroft struggled to cope after the fires – Magistrate Tom Hassard – wife, Jodie Thorneycroft – drug use before fires – well-known to police before fires

[S3.22.1] Andrew Rule, 'From saviour to villain', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 16, 2012, p. 19.

Peter Thorneycroft no longer a hero – top of Kinglake pub – drug taking and looting to pay for habit – Ringwood Magistrate, Tom Hassard - \$150,000 stolen – details of offences

[S3.23.1] Advertisement, 'Floods. Cyclones. Bushfires. Theft. Unlike some insurers, with Westpac, covered means covered', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 19, 2012, p. 8.

[S3.24.1] (writer not known), 'Black Saturday jury still deliberating', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 20, 2012, p. 11.

Jury still deliberating (fifth day) on Brendan James Sokaluk, 42 – for lighting Churchill fire on 7 February 2009 that killed 10 people – prosecutor, Ray Elston, SC – defence barrister, Jane Dixon, SC – Justice Paul Coghlan

- [S3.24.2] Stephen Drill, 'Black Saturday victims still feel pain: Home to help healing', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 20, 2012, p. 19.

Black Saturday survivor, David Lucas, 38 – breakdown of his marriage – sons Ryan, 9, and Toby, 2 – Habitat for Humanity building low-cost homes for Black Saturday survivors – Philip Curtis, Victorian boss of Habitat for Humanity – Yea Heights Estate – Bushfire Appeal Fund

- [S3.25.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Guilty: The boy who played with fire', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 21, 2012, pp. 13-15.

Brendan Sokaluk found guilty of starting Churchill fire that killed 10 people – background and details of crime – defence lawyer, Jane Dixon

List of names of those killed – David (47) and Colin (49) Gibson – Annette Leatham, 51 – Alfred (Fred) Frendo, 58 – Scott Frendo, 27 – Martin Schultz, 53 – Luke Jacobs, 21 – Alan Jacobs, 51 – Miros Jacobs, 50 – Nathan Charles, 21

Anthony Sexton – prosecutor, Ray Elston, SC – Dr Kevin Tolhurst

- [S3.26.1] Andrew Rule, 'Inside the wicked minds of firebugs and arsonists: Firestarters', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 23, 2012, p. 21.

Outline of arsonists and firebugs – Brendan Sokaluk – Churchill fire that killed 10 people

- [S3.27.1] 'Our great news: Herald Sun wins nine top awards', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 24, 2012, p. 2.

Quill Awards – legendary Herald Sun journalist, John Hamilton, received a Lifetime Achievement Award – retired in October 2012 – covered events from the death of Princess Di to the Black Saturday bushfires

- [S3.27.2] (writer not known), 'Arsonist unmoved', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 5, 2012, p. 2.

Victoria's worst killer, Brendan Sokaluk, unmoved after facing victims – 10 died in Churchill fire – Justice Paul Coghlan – to be sentenced by the end of the month

- [S3.28.1] Photo, 'Just 14 years for 10 lives', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 28, 2012, p. 1.

Photo of Brendan Sokaluk

- [S3.28.2] Editorial, 'This mindless waste of life', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 28, 2012, p. 77.

Sokaluk sentenced to a minimum of 14 years jail yesterday – autism – Justice Paul Coghlan – Rhonda Jacobs

- [S3.28.3] Mark Dunn, 'Judge notes mental disability', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 28, 2012, p. 4.

Sokaluk yesterday jailed for 17 years and 9 months for starting the Churchill fire that killed 10 people – Supreme Court Judge Paul Coghlan – autism spectrum disorder – found guilty of 10 counts of arson causing death – max penalty for each offence 25 years

List of those killed (and where) – David and Colin Gibson – Annette Leatham – Alfred and Scott Frendo – Martin Schultz – Allan, Miros, and Luke Jacobs – Nathan Charles

- [S3.28.4] 'Baffling crime deserves no mercy', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 28, 2012, p. 4.

Angela Hickson (and 14-month-old son, Billy, and daughter, Emma-lee, 20) thinks Sokaluk should never be let out – Rhonda Jacobs, who lost family, said justice had been served

[S3.28.5] 'Never let him out, say victims', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 28, 2012, p. 4.

Ken and Lucinda Taylor of Callignee lost their home on Black Saturday – Sokaluk should never be let out

[S3.29.1] Charles Bezzina, 'Illness aside, time must reflect the crime', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 28, 2012, p. 5.

List of events from Black Saturday to 23 February 2013

List of those killed – David and Colin Gibson – Annette Leatham – Alfred and Scott Frendo – Martin Schultz – Luke, Alan, and Miros Jacobs – Nathan Charles

Sokaluk mentally impaired and autism – Justice Coghlan – sentence manifestly inadequate it beggars belief – DPP – each charge carries a max of 25 years (found guilty of 10 charges) – surviving families have been let down yet again by our justice system

[S3.30.1] Jennifer Stackhouse, 'Gardening: Wise up on plants for fire hotspots', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 6, 2012, p. 83.

Black Saturday – gardens in high-risk areas – CFA, *Landscaping for Bushfire: Garden Design and Plant Selection* – Royal Commission – plants that burn but recover by regrowing after a fire are termed 'fire-resistant' – egs belladonna lilies, agapanthus, some native eucalypts

[S3.30.2] (writer not known), 'Bushfire victims win \$32 million', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 17, 2012, p. 9.

Class action over Beechworth fire on Black Saturday settled for \$32,85m – SPI Electricity and co-defendants DSE, Parks Victoria, and vegetation contractor Eagle – Justice Karin Emerton approved the settlement – lead plaintiffs Paul Anthony Merciecca and Amelia Jane Coombes – fire caused by fallen tree on power line – fire killed two people and destroyed up to 40 properties on 7 February 2009

[S3.30.3] Angus Thompson & Neil Keene, 'Sunburnt country cops the lot', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 18, 2012, p. 11.

Victoria subject to heat, drought, cold, rain, floods, wind – Weather Channel analysis of world climate data shows Australia is No. 1 in the world for bushfires – Victoria, which endured the Black Saturday bushfires, the nation's worst natural disaster, followed by two years of floods, knows all about extreme weather

[S3.31.1] Tom Minear, 'A B&B is reborn from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 21, 2012, p. 12.

Terry (62) and Sharen Donovan – yesterday Dalrymples Guest Cottages reopened – Black Saturday killed 34 residents – rebuilt their home in 2010 – Rasa and John Bertram – Andi Pert

[S3.31.2] Mark Dunn, '14 years just not enough', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 31, 2012, p. 12.

DPP to appeal against 14 year minimum sentence for Brendan Sokaluk, 42 – Churchill fire killed 10 people – destroyed 156 homes – three years on remand – guilty of 10 counts of arson causing death – each charge carries a maximum of 25 years jail – Justice Coughlin – autism

[S3.32.1] Tom Minear, 'Walking tall after tragedy', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 4, 2012, p. 10.

Opening of new walking track in Cathedral Ranges State Park – recovery from Black Saturday – Messmate Track – Shanti Vogel and father, Andre – The People and Parks Foundation – Dr Sally Cockburn

- [S3.33.1] Erin Michael & Alex White, 'Hundreds flee as deluge hits: Floods threaten Black Saturday survivors', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 6, 2012, p. 23.

Floods in Gippsland – Black Saturday survivors rescued in deluge – Traralgon

- [S3.33.2] Aleks Devic, 'Wife beater no hero', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 7, 2012, p. 10.

Almost 12,000 people sign online petition to have a vicious wife beater stripped of a Black Saturday hero's award – Jeanie Blackburn lost her eye and baby after being kicked – Paul Francis McCuskey serving time in jail – Governor General, Quentin Bryce – Royal Humane Society – zero tolerance to violence against women needed

- [S3.34.1] Kelly Ryan, 'Wild about Helen', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 13, 2012, p. 13.

Helen McCoy nominated for Herald Sun Pride of Australia Environment award – Gembrook Wildlife Shelter

- [S3.35.1] Melinda Tankard Reist, 'Bravery awards not for cowards', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 17, 2012, p. 76.

Jeanie Blackburn – beaten by partner, Paul McCuskey in 2007, lost baby in utero – optic nerve severed in her left eye – McCuskey sentenced to five and a half years jail with a three year minimum – McCuskey was a volunteer firefighter in 2009 – saved an elderly woman on Black Saturday – Royal Humane Society – internet petition launched by Brisbane mother of five, Melinda Liszewski, which has 15,500 signatures – Governor General Quentin Bryce wrote to the Humane Society asking them to strip the award

- [S3.35.2] Peter Rolfe, 'Cuts "lift fire risk"', *Sunday Herald Sun*, June 24, 2012, p. 27.

Fire experts shocked at 400 sackings at DSE – major impact on the state's preparedness for bushfire season – Australian Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall, criticised decision – Black Saturday – Royal Commission – 173 died – Treasurer Kim Wells

- [S3.36.1] Kate Dowler, Voice of the country, 'Fire levy uncertainty upsets country voters', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 28, 2012, pp. 36 & 53.

Fire Services levy unfair – phasing out of levy being stalled – uninsured and underinsured don't contribute enough to levy – for every \$1000 of insurance premium a farmer pays a FSL of \$850-950 plus GST plus stamp duty – Nationals – Royal Commission – Treasurer Kim Wells – Bushfire Response Minister, Peter Ryan – full implementation from 1 July 2013 – Peter Walshe – Victorian Farmers Federation president, Peter Tuohey

- [S3.36.2] Ashley Gardiner, 'Top firey to retire', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 5, 2012, p. 10.

DSE Chief Fire Officer, Ewan Waller, will step down this year – DSE said yesterday it had completed more planned burning this year than any since 1991

- [S3.37.1] Laura Armitage, 'Insurers flee flames: Residents left with no cover', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 18, 2012, p. 20.

Craig and Fiona Mitchell have a home in Belgrave – Australian Unity underwriters refuse to insure houses in area – Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) rules – Yarra Ranges Council – Cr Noel Cliff – Royal Commission – Steve Bardsley, the distribution national manager for Calliden, which underwrites Australian Unity's domestic products – independent study – State Government – spokeswoman, Emily Broadbent

- [S3.38.1] Miranda Devine, 'Meddling Greens refuse to adopt a policy of common sense', *Sunday Herald Sun*, July 29, 2012, pp. 12-13.

Greens a malign influence on government – Liam Sheahan, from Reedy Creek; prosecuted and fined \$50,000 by Mitchell Shire Council for cutting down trees to build a firebreak around his home – but five years later when the inferno tore through in February 2009, his house was the only one in a 2km area that survived – after Black Saturday, Warwick Spooner, who lost his mother and brother in Strathewen, stood up at a public meeting in Arthurs Creek and blamed the Nillumbik Council, 'We've lost two people in my family because you d...heads won't cut trees down.' – And that, sadly, is the truth

- [S3.38.2] Paula Beauchamp, 'Beware, prepare', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 1, 2012, p. 45.

Protection of data due to natural disasters, such as floods and fires – need to keep businesses trading

- [S3.38.3] Editorial, 'Still at fire risk', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 1, 2012, p. 28.

Only one fire refuge has been built in the three and a half years since Black Saturday – at Woods Point – unacceptable – 173 died – Neil Comrie in charge of monitoring the implementation of Royal Commission's recommendations

- [S3.38.4] Grant McArthur & Anne Wright, '732 days after royal commission, towns still at risk: Bushfire alarm', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, August 1, 2012, pp. 1&4.

Dozens of communities at high risk of bushfire devastation face a fourth summer without fireproof refuges – Royal Commission – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – Neil Comrie – Baillieu Government – Dr Lachlan Fraser – CFA Chief Officer, Euan Ferguson – Peter Ryan

- [S3.38.5] (writer not known), 'Fire survivors living in fear', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 2, 2012, p. 7.

Lack of community refuges – residents living in fear – Premier Ted Baillieu – Black Saturday survivor, David Lucas, said nothing had changed – Royal Commission – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley, said three refuges would be ready in the Yarra Ranges this summer

- [S3.39.1] Shannon Deery & Ashley Gardiner, 'Threat to halt fire case: Judge demands help to stage landmark lawsuit', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 14, 2012, p. 21.

Class action might be put on hold indefinitely – lack of space – estimated \$22m action over Black Saturday fire that killed 119 people – State Government – lawsuit against SPI Electricity – Supreme Court Justice Jack Forrest – Attorney General, Robert Clark – Shadow Attorney General, Martin Pakula – Baillieu Government

- [S3.39.2] Adrian Lowe, 'Court system faces headache on bushfire case', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 14, 2012, p. 2.

Class action against SP AusNet – Black Saturday bushfires in Kilmore East – Victoria's biggest court case – could go for years – not enough room to hold case – Justice Jack Forrest – might be postponed indefinitely until a suitable location found – Attorney General, Robert Clark – Monash University senior political lecturer, Nick Economou

- [S3.40.1] Ed Gannon, Voice of the country, 'Fighting fire with fairness', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 30, 2012, p. 35.

Fire Services Levy – State Government announced it would introduce a fairer, property-based levy from 1 July 2013 – rates – levy supports CFA and MFB – those who don't insure or who are underinsured pay less under current scheme – Brumby – Municipal Association of Victoria president, Bill McArthur



[S3.40.2] Peter Rolfe, 'CFA to tighten belts', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 9, 2012, p. 11.

Cuts to CFA – less than four years after Black Saturday, the issuing of ration packs to feed firefighters who spend up to 18 hours in the field is under review – first aid training will be limited – details of austerity measures

## **Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 4: 6 September 2012 – 28 February 2013**

- [S4.1.1] Editorial, 'Hands off fireys', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 6, 2012, p. 30.

Less than four years after Black Saturday – 173 lives lost – Baillieu Government – Emergency Services Minister, Peter Ryan - \$66m cuts – United Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall – MFB – CFA will lose \$44m in first year – the Government reduces these services at its peril

- [S4.1.2] Peter Mickelborough, 'Fire threat for fringe', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 7, 2012, p. 7.

New planning laws would expose thousands to deadly fires on Melbourne's urban fringe – Professor Kevin Tolhurst – increased commercial development, retail and tourism – Planning Minister Matthew Guy dismissed Prof Tolhurst's concerns as 'political argument from "another academic" opposed to green wedge changes.' – Bushfire Management Overlays – Opposition planning spokesman, Brian Tee

- [S4.1.3] (writer not known), 'Fire refuges at schools', *Herald Sun*, September 13, 2012, p. 21.

Three new fire refuges this summer – East Warburton – Millgrove – Ferny Creek – Yarra Ranges – all at primary schools – bushfire attack levels – Peter Ryan – Royal Commission recommendations - Bushfires Royal Commission Implementation Monitor – construction costs and liability issues hampered the setting up of new refuges

- [S4.2.1] Grant McArthur, 'Fire levy burns budgets: Rural homes face increases of up to 400 per cent', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, September 27, 2012, p. 17.

Fire Service Levy (FSL) increases – Reg Nicholson's Maldon home insurance included a \$511.90 FSL charge, up from \$125.98 a year ago – Rachel Obradovic, spokeswoman for Consumer Affairs Minister, Michael O'Brien, said the Government was collecting \$549m from insurances companies this year, but it was up to companies how they recovered the money – Jenny Haggett of Mildura hit with a \$544 increase in FSL by Calliden Insurance – many customers being charged a full year of FSL even though the new levy starts on 1 July 2013

- [S4.2.2] Mark Dunn, 'Firebug avoids jail sentence', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 2, 2012, p. 7.

Man, 47, found guilty of intentionally causing a bushfire in the Dandenong Ranges in December 2011 – County Court – Judge (Mark) Dean said the offending, particularly in the light of the 2009 Black Saturday disaster, was of the "utmost seriousness"

- [S4.2.3] Lisa Cornish & Ken McGregor, 'Blackspots put warning in doubt: Fire alert elusive', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 14, 2012, p. 17.

Emergency radio blackspots affect more than 7,500 households – ABC local and community radio coverage – CFA – Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) – Black Saturday survivor and Yea local, Sue Hall, said her transmission remains abysmal – a Herald Sun analysis found 327,651 businesses and households throughout Australia remain outside the optimal coverage range

- [S4.3.1] Annika Smethurst, 'Red alert on bushfires: Victorians warned it will be a hot dry summer', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 23, 2012, p. 17.

Fire authorities warn that this summer is likely to pose the biggest risk since 2009 – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – high rainfall, warm and dry conditions – risk of grass fires in western and central Victoria – Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre – Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council – Horsham on Black Saturday

- [S4.3.2] Grant McArthur, Chris Gillett & Phillip Hudson, 'Bushfire emergency cuts put lives at risk: Black out', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 30, 2012, p. 4.

Gillard Government offers only half the bandwidth emergency services require to respond to disasters such as Black Saturday – Baillieu – fourth anniversary of Black Saturday looming – Federal Attorney-General, Nicola Roxon – ACMA – politicians accuse each other – Police Association secretary, Sen-Sgt Greg Davies – Marysville local, Glen McFadzean – Royal Commission – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley

- [S4.4.1] Alex White, Grant McArthur & Mitchell Toy, 'Bushfire survivors voice fears over cuts to bandwidth: Risking our lives', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 31, 2012, p. 11.

Narbethong Sawmill operator and bushfire survivor, Gary Gresham, 52 – Marysville residents, John Philip, Jan and Mark Peart, Bruce Morrow – criticism of Government's decision to cut bandwidth – 10MHz granted, but 20MHz requested – Baillieu – Labor McEwan MP, Rob Mitchell – cuts to CFA – State Opposition Leader, Daniel Andrews – Julia Gillard

- [S4.5.1] Editorial, 'Lives are the first priority', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 31, 2012, p. 26.

Gillard Government puts profits before safety – will put aside 10MHz for Victorian Government for emergency services, but if Vic Government must pay if it wants and extra 10MHz – Baillieu Government says it cannot afford it – Baillieu – 173 died – no repeat of Black Saturday – early warning systems – replacing powerlines – 67 recommendations of Royal Commission – not enough done – lives at risk this summer

- [S4.5.2] Voteline, Results, 'Has enough been done by governments to prepare for bushfire season?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 1, 2012, p. 26.

Yes: 20% (70)                      No: 80% (293)

- [S4.6.1] Grant McArthur & Alex White, '\$10m rip-off fines', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 14, 2012, p. 5.

Insurance companies caught ripping off Victorians through inflated FSL – fines up to \$10m – Victorian Government introduced legislation today – Prof Allan Fels – Fire Services Monitor – some premiums have jumped 400 per cent – Government has told insurers how much they must recoup through premiums for the FSL, but not about how it is to be collected

- [S4.6.2] Phillip Hudson, 'Text alerts for disasters', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 15, 2012, p. 21.

Emergency warnings to be sent to mobile phones in danger area from next month by Telstra – Optus and Vodafone will roll out next summer – currently warnings only go to phones' billing address – Attorney-General, Nicola Roxon – Elvis and Gypsy Lady will arrive next month and be based in Victoria – Peter Ryan – grants for 48 projects to help communities prepare for natural disasters – broadband spectrum for emergency services not resolved – Federal and state governments in dispute

- [S4.6.3] John Schauble, 'Normal doesn't apply in a bushfire season', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 23, pp. 34-35.

This coming summer according to the experts is a 'normal' bushfire season – what does this mean? – a lot of things have changed since Black Saturday: greater emphasis on warnings – improved warnings: phone, SMS, media, TV, sirens – the only guarantee of safety is not to be there when it happens – worst choice is leaving late: most people die then – shared responsibility – don't just rely on someone else to bail you out

- [S4.7.1] Mitchell Toy & Alex White, 'Black Saturday survivors say Victoria still at risk: Fire alarm', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 24, 2012, pp. 1 & 4.

Almost four years after Black Saturday – recommendations of Royal Commission yet to be fully implemented – State Government has fully implemented only 35 of the 67 recommendations – 173 killed – little progress on Neighbourhood Safer Places – United Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall – CFA funding cuts put residents at risk - \$66m cuts – Belgrave Heights resident Gary Shepherd, an Ash Wednesday survivor – no improvement after years of FSL – evacuation in 2009 saw a 3-hour traffic jam – Peter Ryan – only one fire refuge in Victoria – liability problems – Peter Ryan's spokeswoman, Claire Siddins – Ruth Lynn and husband, Jason, survived Kinglake West inferno – St Andrews Bushfire Recovery Committee chairman, Ian Flack – Bushfires Royal Commission Implementation Monitor, Neil Comrie – CFA Chief Officer, Euan Ferguson – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley

- [S4.8.1] Paul Anderson, 'Rudd sang his praises, magistrate jails him: Bushfire "hero" in crime spree', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 28, 2012, p. 14.

Hero, Peter Thorneycroft, 47, found guilty of 34 charges at Melbourne Magistrates Court – sentenced to a maximum of 2 years' jail - \$150,000 burglary spree – areas included Coldstream, St Andrews, Whittlesea, Beveridge, Yea, Macedon – prosecutor, Phil Raimondo – defence lawyer, Michael Kelly, said Thorneycroft's life had spiraled out of control after Black Saturday and had used amphetamines to self medicate – Rudd – Thorneycroft suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder – Magistrate Peter Reardon – 15-month minimum term

- [S4.8.2] (writer not known), 'CFA helper a good judge', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 1, 2012, p. 10.

Royal Commission head Justice Bernard Teague – fire at Justice Adult Parole Board centre – Teague a CFA volunteer at Daylesford

- [S4.8.3] Annika Smethurst, 'Disaster handling reforms', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 1, 2012, p. 9.

An emergency services commissioner will be appointed next year – Police and Emergency Services Minister, Peter Ryan – United Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall – recent cuts – veteran firefighter, David Hamilton – Labor's emergency services spokeswoman, Jacinta Allan

- [S4.8.4] Emily Portelli, 'Grandpa avoids jail: Bushfire swindle', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 12, 2012, p. 23.

Habib Khoury, 61, fraudulently collected more than \$100,00 in grants from the Victorian Black Saturday Bushfire Fund - traumatized by the fires – defence counsel, Michael Tovey, QC – Diana Khoury, 25 – Habib diagnosed with depression and anxiety – sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, wholly suspended - \$111,000 repaid

- [S4.9.1] Angus Thompson, 'Fire warnings go unheeded', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 14, 2012, p. 13.

Bushfire survival campaigns falling on deaf ears – La Trobe University study – Dr Jim McLennan – almost 600 householders in survey – Victorian communities surveyed included Beechworth, Delatite, Wodonga, Wonga Park, Yackandandah – CFA Manager of Community Resilience, Gwynne Brennan

- [S4.9.2] Mitchell Toy, 'Our heroes get state honours', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 15, 2012, p. 34.

Royal Humane Society of Australia awards for extraordinary acts of heroism – 16 CFA members from Kinglake area honoured for bravery on Black Saturday – Trish Hendrie, CFA member for 35 years

- [S4.10.1] 'FireReady: What you need to know this summer'

2012-2013 Edition of booklet

- [S4.10.2] Mitchell Toy, 'Fire laws put mum, son out in the cold', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 17, 2012, p. 13.

Cheryllynn and son, Kieren Quinn, 14 – home does not meet new bushfire management laws – sleeping in car – too expensive to comply – Labor MLA for Bendigo, Maree Edwards – Peter Ryan – Department of Planning – Planning Minister, Matthew Guy – Government to work for a solution

- [S4.10.3] Paul Anderson, '\$10m Black Saturday payout', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 20, 2012, p. 15.

Black Saturday settlement estimated \$10m re Powercor – Supreme Court, Warnambool, Justice Jack Forrest – Pomboineit – about 30 local residents launched class action – Powercor denies legal liability – litigation principal, Brendan Pendergast – Justice David Beach must approve settlement – hearing on 31 January 2013

- [S4.10.4] Tina, Melbourne, Letters, 'Short memories on fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 20, 2012, p. 29.

Labor member for Bendigo, Maree Edwards, misses the point re Ms Quinn's predicament – see [S4.10.2] – Matthew Guy – Peter Ryan – radiant heat kills

- [S4.11.1] Phillip Hudson, 'Victoria in line of fire', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 22, 2012, p. 22.

Heatwave predictions – bushfire plan – Federal Emergency Management Minister, Nicola Roxon – Sunbury CFA – location based mobile phone alert system - \$60m put in by Federal Government

- [S4.11.2] Angus Thompson & Chris Gillett, 'New phone app release: Fire risk warning', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 26, 2012, p. 24.

Dry summer – fire risk – Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre, CEO Gary Morgan – weather bureau national manager for severe weather and disaster mitigation, John Bally – high danger of grass fires this summer – new phone app for bushfire risk

- [S4.11.3] (writer not known), 'Our burning need', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 27, 2012, p. 11.

Greens MP, Adam Bandt – Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre's fate beyond June 30 is uncertain – suggested that it be replaced by a national fire institute – climate change means more frequent fires of greater severity – potentially a Black Saturday every year or two

- [S4.12.1] David Forbes, 'Standing together against disaster', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 28, 2012, pp. 34-35.

Those in high-risk bushfire areas should be looking after the psychological health and wellbeing of themselves and loved ones – Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre – high risk of grass fires – La Nina – bushfire plans and preparation – mental health services for Black Saturday victims superior to those given to Ash Wednesday survivors

- [S4.13.1] Alex White, 'CFA braced for a red-hot spell', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 29, 2012, p. 3.

CFA – temperatures to soar above 40C in Melbourne in new year – Bureau of Meteorology – high-risk – CFA state duty officer, Kevin Pettit – Weather Channel meteorologist, Ben Domensino – hottest January day on record in Melbourne was in 1939, 45.6C – Mildura hit 46.9C in 1990 – on Black Saturday in 2009, top of 44.6 recorded in Seymour

- [S4.14.1] Editorial, 'Prepare for fires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 3, 2013, p. 22.

State at high bushfire risk – the lessons of Black Saturday must not be forgotten – leave early – proper preparation – bushfire survival plan

- [S4.15.1] Alex White & James Campbell, 'Police and government clash over arson taskforce: Fire fight', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 3, 2013, pp. 1&4.

Crime Chief Detective Superintendent, Brett Guerin – Peter Ryan – Baillieu Government – Bushfire, Arson and Explosions Specialist Group – Ted Baillieu – Les White, spokesman for Peter Ryan – Assistant Commissioner, Steve Fontana – Livestock and Farm Crime Specialist Group

- [S4.16.1] Wes Hosking, 'Wind brings fear of disaster', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 3, 2013, p. 4.

Victoria bracing for longest stretch of extreme heat since 2009's Black Saturday – 8000 firefighters on standby – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – extreme fire danger rating issued – DSE has about 80 tankers, 40 bulldozers and has completed 46,000ha of planned burns – State agency commander, Darrin McKenzie – weather bureau senior forecaster, Dean Stewart – CFA website – Bushfire Information Line

- [S4.17.1] 'Our worst heatwaves', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 3, 2013, p. 5.

1851 – 1908 – 1939 – 2009

- [S4.17.2] Annika Smethurst, 'Aircon demand "unlikely" to freeze grid', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 3, 2013, p. 5.

Electricity providers CitiPower, Powercor and SP Ausnet believe there will not be brownouts or blackouts this summer – increased use of airconditioners – Energy Supply Association of Australia – Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) spokeswoman, Mary Tait – State Government

- [S4.18.1] Editorial, 'Hosing down the fire fight', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 4, 2013, p. 30.

True extent of crackdown on arsonists – Peter Ryan – dedicated taskforce to target known and potential arsonists claimed to exist by the State Government, but denied by Victoria Police – Det-Sgt Brett Guerin – Sokaluk – Churchill fires killed 10 people, destroyed more than 150 homes, and burn out 36,000ha on Black Saturday – firebugs – 35 out of 67 recommendations of Royal Commission implemented by State Government – Victorians should report suspicious behaviour

- [S4.18.2] Wayne Flower, 'CFA website fails first test of summer', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 5, 2013, p. 6.

CFA website crashed just after 9am yesterday – Badger Creek resident, Jim Melrose – meltdown a disgrace – CFA's Facebook page – complaints about FireReady app – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley, described the problems as slight

- [S4.18.3] Jane Lee & Craig Butt, 'Fire chases out campers and CFA website struggles', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 5, 2013, p. 4.

Out of control fires – total fire ban for entire state on Friday – holidaymakers evacuated from camping grounds at Lake Monibeong and Swan Lake – CFA website and FireReady mobile app had problems – Craig Lapsley

- [S4.19.1] (writer not known), 'Homes burn: Six in hospital as fires rage across Victoria', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 9, 2013, p. 1.

Up to 20 homes destroyed in country Victoria last night on the most destructive fire day since Black Saturday – grassfire at Chepstowe, near Ballarat – six people taken to hospital – CFA

[S4.19.2] Editorial, 'Staying fire safe', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 9, 2013, p. 20.

Lessons to learn from Black Saturday – this bushfire season the first big test since – lives are paramount – have a plan and leave early – Tasmanian fires no lives lost – looks like we've learned something

[S4.20.1] James Dowling, Alex White & Andy Burns, 'Victims say fire alerts came late', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 4.

Flaws in bushfire alert system – residents in Chepstowe near Ballarat not warned by SMS of fire – Snake Gully Town Hall – residents complained that text warnings never came or came two hours after fire had begun – Carngham resident, Lauren Jacks – Craig Lapsley and Peter Ryan defended system – complaints about CFA website – Carngham Station destroyed; grounds keeper, Ron Bolton – insurers estimate bill at \$9m – one fire believed to have been caused by sparks from a truck or ute – other fires may have been deliberately lit

[S4.21.1] Alex White, 'Heartbroken couple vow to rebuild home', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 5.

Gayle, 60, and Ray, 66, Stone, lost their home of 30 years in Carngham – pet whippet, Sasha, missing

[S4.22.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Amid ruin the spark of life burns', *Herald Sun*, January 10, 2013, p. 6.

Ray Ellen of Carngham lost his house on Tuesday afternoon – CFA – comparisons to Black Saturday – Royal Commission – 173 died – dogs saved – family cat, Smooch, survived – Kim Nunn lost his home – Josh Ellen – Jim Ellen – Kylie and Melissa (photo)

[S4.23.1] David Beniuk, 'Tassie threat eases', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 7.

Worst bushfires in Tasmania in more than half a century – no fatalities as yet – acting commissioner, Scott Tilyard – up to 90 homes and businesses destroyed or damaged, in and around Tasman Peninsula fishing village – NSW bushfires

[S4.24.1] Editorial, 'Fire lessons keep us safe', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 28.

Bushfires in Tasmania and Victoria – six people injured and four houses, including a 120-year-old historic homestead at Carngham Station – Chepstowe – Snake Gully – Victorian fires may have been caused by a spark from a farmer's ute – worst bushfire conditions since Black Saturday – lack of fatalities suggests we have learned from the tragic loss of lives on Black Saturday – advice is to have a plan and leave early

[S4.24.2] Charlie Bezzina, 'Arson', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 28.

Causes of bushfires – nature – misjudgment – stupidity (welding/grinding – campers failing to extinguish fires) – planned burning

Arsonists – children and people with mental impairment – gratification arsonists – community vigilance – report suspicious activity – offences: arson causing death (25 years maximum imprisonment); intentionally or recklessly causing a bushfire (15 years maximum imprisonment) – Ash Wednesday – lessons not heeded before Black Saturday – people appear to have heeded lessons from Black Saturday in 2009, by have a plan and leaving early

[S4.24.3] Allan, Horsham, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 43.

To fight bushfires why not use big jet-engine blowers mounted on trucks to blow the fire back on itself

- [S4.24.4] T. McManus, Lake Tyers Beach, Letters, 'Evacuate early', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 43.

On days of catastrophic fire danger go to nearest large shopping mall – don't wait until a fire starts

- [S4.25.1] Roy, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

CFA firefighters depicted as superheroes – caption reads, 'Australia's very own superheroes'

- [S4.25.2] Daren Dally, Donnybrook, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Well done to our brave firefighters

- [S4.25.3] Eva Balogh, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Nature does not need a helping hand from arsonists

- [S4.25.4] CB of Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Instead of jailing those convicted of deliberately lighting fires, they should be made to pay the bills

- [S4.25.5] David Williams, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Lack of fire information – thanks to the Herald Sun for keeping us informed

- [S4.25.6] M. McAleavy, Liverpool, England, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Stay safe, my thoughts are with you

- [S4.25.7] One who has just lost a property to bushfires of Glenaladale, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Burning off achieves nothing – bush springs back twice as thick – instead of wasting money a seat on the UN, we should be spending that money on better firefighting equipment

- [S4.25.8] Tamara, Elwood, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Hope these low lifes are caught and made to pay for all the damage – however, one thinks they will be told they are naughty and fined \$100

- [S4.25.9] Keith, Werribee, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Arsonists should be jailed for up to 15 years with a minimum of 10 – make people take responsibility

- [S4.25.10] Lance, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Make the charge attempted murder, no matter what their ages are



- [S4.25.11] Charlie Murphy, Westmeadows, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

Anyone found guilty of deliberately lighting fires like this deserves a life sentence – no excuses

- [S4.25.12] Fletch, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

No excuses whatsoever for arson – should be sentences to at least 15 years and made to pay compensation to devastated communities

- [S4.25.13] Paula, Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Tough sentences on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 10, 2013, p. 30.

The mandatory sentence for deliberately lighting fires should be 10 years with no parole

- [S4.25.14] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 33.

Shows the head of a CFA firefighter swatting firebugs like flies, with his hands on his helmet – captions read, 'Those annoying bugs of summer', and 'That's using yer head'

- [S4.26.1] Matt Johnston, Erin Marie, Michelle Ainsworth & Annika Smethurst, 'Arsonists: time to play hardball: Deliberately lit blazes "wreak havoc"', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 10.

Arson attacks out of control – Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board Commander, Bob Undy – MFB deputy chief officer, David Youssef – suspicious fire near Wallan – Baillieu Government set up special police unit to focus on potential arsonists – Operation Firesetter – Peter Ryan – Bureau of Meteorology senior forecaster, Scott Williams – warning sirens in Dandenong Ranges and other areas – Royal Commission recommendation – CFA – State Control Centre or the Incident Control Centre – sirens also at Lorne, Mt Martha, Boolarra, Kinglake, Euroa, Myrtleford – Photo of Craig McMickan, from Campbell Town CFA, at Carngham, near Ballarat

- [S4.27.1] Zara Dawtrey, 'An Akubra away from fire disaster', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 11.

Tasmania – Tim and Tammy Holmes – grandchildren: Charlotte, 2; Esther, 4; Liam, 9; Matilda, 9; Caleb, 6 – home obliterated – Dunalley Tasmania – family sheltered in dingy at beach near pier, 50m from shore

- [S4.28.1] Editorial, 'Time to act on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 34.

Arson problem – Black Saturday, - difficult to eradicate – children – mentally impaired – gratification arsonists – infiltration of fire brigades – those who start fires through camp fires, machinery, vehicles, are less culpable – target known or suspected arsonists on high-risk days – lead research officer at Monash University's sustainability institute, Dr Janet Stanley, said more research needed – penalties – vigilance – reporting suspicious behaviour – Peter Ryan

- [S4.28.2] Robert, Mitcham, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 32.

Juveniles found deliberately lighting bushfires should be ordered to prepare refreshments for emergency services personnel or residents at evacuation centres – cowardly stupidity

- [S4.28.3] J. Milbourne, Flowerdale, Letters, 'High time to fireproof', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 32.

Fireproof rural towns and cities – clear a wide space around each town – clear along roads and power poles

- [S4.28.4] Roy, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 32.
- Joke about clearing around one's home – animals living in a state park have cleared undergrowth around the outside of their land
- [S4.28.5] Deb Mason, Maryborough, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 32.
- Cattle should be put back in state forests to help keep grass and undergrowth down
- [S4.28.6] Black Box, Melbourne, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 32.
- Houses prone to bushfires should be built of chimney bricks
- [S4.28.7] Shane Fowles, 'Broadband buckles', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 11, 2013, p. 4.
- Internet inaccessible in the Wye River-Separation Creek region for up to 14 hours a day over the last fortnight because Telstra unable to cope with tourist influx – Apollo Bay and Lorne have been designated extreme risk areas – SMS problems – Otway Coast Tourism chairman, Rex Brown – complaints – no access to CFA website – Wye River Fire Brigade captain, Roy Moriarty – emergency sirens will be introduced in Wye River next month
- [S4.29.1] Lt Adam Barnett, Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria, Letters, 'Bushfire safety starts with you', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 31.
- CFA volunteers – Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria – bushfire plans essential – be alert to local conditions – CFA website – Victorian Bushfire Information Line
- [S4.29.2] V. Wood, Clifton Springs, Letters, 'Our real heroes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 31.
- The real heroes are firemen, SES, police and others – not sportspeople
- [S4.29.3] Mary Main, Grovedale, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 31.
- Arsonists are terrorists – charge them as such
- [S4.29.4] Gazza, Bairnsdale, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 31.
- We need cattle back in the high country
- [S4.29.5] Roy, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.
- Man of roof with hose and buckets – woman on the phone – fire plan
- [S4.29.6] Furious, Chum Creek, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.
- Not all people who stay and fight fires are stupid – we don't all stand around in shorts and thongs with a hose in one hand and a tinnie in the other
- [S4.29.7] Bedlam, Ballarat, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.
- The CFA website and text messages are not meant to be a substitute for planning, checking and making your own decisions – if uncertain, get out
- [S4.29.8] Wendy, rural Victoria, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.
- What did people do before mobile phones, SMS and internet – it's always someone else's fault when something goes wrong

[S4.29.9] Lisa and Shane, Crows Territory, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.

Gave up using CFA alerts – sad day when you can't rely on CFA communications

[S4.29.10] Stop the hype, Perth, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.

Media hype encourages firebugs – publicity – the more you talk about the fire danger, the more you guarantee you will get a deliberately lit one

[S4.29.11] Liz, Wodonga, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.

Where is the Premier of Victoria? – has he nothing to say to fire victims?

[S4.29.12] Mary, Keilor Downs, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.

Can't understand why people light fires – the law must come down hard on those idiots – no excuses

[S4.29.13] Tamara, Elwood, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.

Hope these low lifes are caught and made to pay for all the damage – however, one thinks they will be told they are naughty and fined \$100 – same as [S4.25.8]

[S4.29.14] Mark, Gold Coast, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.

The laws are pathetic – media perpetuates the problem – no wonder these idiots do what they do

[S4.29.15] Kyle Anderton, Port Melbourne, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.

Arsonists who cause death should be charged with murder and terrorism – arson no longer fits the crime because the damage is more akin to a terrorist incident

[S4.29.16] Brendan P., Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.

Brimbank Council should cut the grass along walkways

[S4.29.17] Jacqueline, Mt Macedon, Hot Topic, 'Bushfires and people who deliberately light them are igniting passions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 30.

That's right, let them wander back into another rural area to have another crack at it – maybe next time it will be much, much worse

[S4.30.1] Craig Lapsley, 'Stay aware to stay safe', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 12, 2013, p. 29.

Fire Services Commissioner has the responsibility for providing information and warnings – not always possible to issue timely warnings – ABC commercial and community radio, Sky News, CFA website – Bushfire Information Line – SMS – FireReady app – CFA Facebook, Twitter – don't rely on one source of information – have a plan

- [S4.30.2] Alex White, 'Suspicion on 50 blazes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday January 12, 2013, p. 9.
- Firefighters fear arson attacks are on the rise – recent fires
- [S4.31.1] Tom Minear, 'Glenn's law rules', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, p. 11.
- Glenn Law, CFA brigade Kangaroo Ground – fire on Friday – about half the crew on Friday were Black Saturday veterans
- [S4.31.2] P. O'Carroll, Fitzroy North, Letters, 'Fired up on insurance', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, p. 65.
- Insurance cover for rebuilding a home destroyed by Black Saturday fires not sufficient – new regulations increase costs, making it difficult to rebuild
- [S4.31.3] Fire victim, Clydesdale, Letters, 'Be self-reliant', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, p. 65.
- Don't rely on fire warning systems – if you see smoke in any direction, implement fire drill.
- [S4.32.1] Miranda Devine, 'Victims have the right to burn off their anger', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, pp. 66-67.
- Whenever there is a major bushfire catastrophe in Australia, victims are told to shut up – this happened after Black Saturday – Canberra 10 years ago – it's happening in Tasmania now – Dunalley, Tasmania, residents want to know why burn-offs inadequate, why permits were not issued for reducing fuel on properties – Greens to blame – ALP – Leigh Arnolds, Dunalley area farmer – The Australian – climate change – Brian Williams, captain of Kurrajong Heights bushfire brigade – Volunteer Firefighters Association president, Peter Cannon
- [S4.34.1] W. Horner, Brighton, Letters, 'Arson action', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, p. 64.
- Harsher punishment needed for arsonists
- [S4.34.2] Leigh Clark, Burnie, Letters, 'Green flames', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, p. 64.
- Greens influence blamed for recent bushfires in Tasmania – against increased burning off – Forestry Tasmania
- [S4.34.3] Ed Veber, Malvern East, Letters, 'Troubled water', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, p. 64.
- Government should invest in squadrons of water bombers – criticism of politicians
- [S4.34.4] Helen Drummond, Burwood, Letters, 'New start', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, p. 64.
- Ash Wednesday – Mother Nature – Red Cross – Aireys Inlet – fundraising
- [S4.34.5] James Walker, Mooroolbark, Letter of the Week, 'Time for Aussie Elvis', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, p. 64.
- Erickson Air-Crane water bombers – Australia needs to build its own equivalent – generate jobs and income
- [S4.34.6] Photo, Andrew Brownbill, *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 13, 2013, p. 64.
- Photo of house destroyed at Carngham, near Ballarat

- [S4.34.7] Walter Christy, Tasmania, Letters, 'Fire exit plan saves lives', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 14, 2013, p. 24.

Telling people to leave instead of staying to protect homes saves lives – recommends fences to be cut to allow livestock to escape fires

- [S4.34.8] Marg, Ferntree Gully, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 14, 2013, p. 25.

4WDs cause more damage in high country than cattle – cattle reduce the fire fuel

- [S4.34.9] D. Reynolds, St Arnaud, Letters, 'Grazing furphy', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 14, 2013, p. 24.

Cattle in high country not so effective – 2003 fires burnt out 1.3m hectares

- [S4.35.1] Paul Anderson, 'Teen's "craze" for fire', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 15, 2013, p. 8.

Boy, 16, accused of lighting fire in Bendigo – Black Saturday arsonists

- [S4.35.2] Malcolm Just, East St Kilda, Letters, 'Heat on arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 15, 2013, p. 20.

Half of all bushfires thought to be deliberately lit – arsonists are notoriously recidivist – suggests a range of responses: police units on high-risk days – electronic monitoring – taken into custody on severe, extreme and code red days

- [S4.35.3] Nicholas Bance, East Keilor, Letters, 'Require fireproof', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 15, 2013, p. 21.

People should be required to use fireproof bricks or cobblestones in fire-prone areas

- [S4.35.4] Chris, Norlane, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 15, 2013, p. 45.

In the midst of fire and the temptation to lay blame, let's not forget who provides our oxygen – no trees, no breathing

- [S4.35.5] Editorial, 'Ever present risk', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 15, 2013, p. 22.

Death of DSE firefighter, Peter Ronald Cramer, 61 – Tasmania – Baillieu

- [S4.35.6] Editorial, 'New test of fire', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 19, 2013, p. 30.

Glenmaggie bushfire – Mother Nature – constant vigilance needed by those who live in fire-prone areas – lessons of Black Saturday appear to have been learned – people leaving early – fire plans essential

- [S4.36.1] Grant McArthur, Wayne Flower, Michelle Ainsworth & Jessica Evans, 'Deadly inferno shows no mercy', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 19, 2013, p. 2.

80-year-old man died in his car in driveway in Gippsland town of Seaton – the state's worst bushfire day since Black Saturday

- [S4.37.1] Advertisement, FireReady, 'Fire won't wait for her to be ready.', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 20, 2013, p. 7.

Some people need help with their fire plan and to leave early on code red, extreme and severe fire days – Red Cross, 'Bushfires – preparing to leave early' plan – leaving early always the safest option

- [S4.37.2] Aleks Devic & Christopher Gillett, 'Fireys battle arson', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 26, 2013, p. 4.
- Gippsland fire still burning – firebugs – DSE incident controller, Dennis Matthews commented on arsonists – Victoria Police spokeswoman, Leonie Johnson – deliberately lit fires – Crime Stoppers
- [S4.38.1] Advertisements, Australian Government & Victorian Government, 'Emergency warnings may now be sent to mobile phones based on their location', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 26, 2013, p. 45.
- Available on Telstra network from December 2012, and Optus and Vodafone from November 2013 – do not rely on Emergency Alert – you shouldn't wait for an alert before you act
- [S4.38.2] (writer not known), 'Ann Leadbeater, Kinglake, Order of Australia Medal: Helped out after Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 26, 2013, p. 82.
- Anne Leadbeater of Kinglake awarded Order of Australia Medal
- [S4.38.3] Natasha Bitá, 'Insurance council pushes radical proposal: Building ban bid for danger zone', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 4, 2013, p. 9.
- Insurance Council of Australia proposes increased premiums in danger zones – possibly some properties uninsurable – Julia Harris, Marysville Lolly Shop – Marysville alpaca farmer, Brian Worcester – would destroy rural/country communities – refers to Black Saturday
- [S4.39.1] Editorial, 'New life springs up', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2013, p. 26.
- Natasha and Trevor Campbell married a few years ago – baby, William Campbell – symbol of courage and hope – state's greatest natural disaster – Black Saturday fires took the lives of 173 people and injured hundreds of others – Marysville will hold a festival next month
- [S4.39.2] Elissa Doherty, 'Beautiful boy an uplifting experience', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2013, p. 3.
- Natasha, 27, and Trevor Campbell, 30 – baby William Campbell, a joyous symbol of hope – today is the fourth anniversary of Black Saturday – couple's wedding on front page of *Herald Sun* on Valentine's Day, 2009, see, [1.13.1] and [1.13.7] – Marysville will hold the Australian Steelband Festival on April 12-14
- [S4.39.3] Phillip Hudson, 'Patchy phones fire risk', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 8, 2013, p. 13.
- CFA warns mobile phones around the Mornington Peninsula may not receive fire warnings due to poor coverage – high-risk area – influx of tourists problematic for mass evacuation – CFA Peninsula Group Officer, Tony Brown – communication problems between agencies – Federal Liberal MP, Greg Hunt – Peninsula Link Freeway
- [S4.40.1] (writer not known), 'Kinglake clinic opens', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 13, 2013, p. 12.
- Opening of a new Kinglake health centre – Premier, Ted Baillieu – fires claimed 38 lives – destroyed most of the town's important buildings
- [S4.40.2] Angus Thompson, 'Bushfire bungle: Probe on claims blaze mishandled', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 28, 2013, p. 8.
- Victorian Emergency Services Commissioner – probe into Harrietville fire – Peter Ryan – Commissioner, Michael Hallows – Dr Bill Sykes, member for Benalla – DSE – CFA – Federal Parliament – Harrietville resident, John Atkins – fires sparked by lightning on January 21 – Harrietville CFA captain, Gary Weston – federal seat of Indi, Liberal MP, Sophie Mirabella – DSE deputy secretary, Land and Fire, Peter Appleford

[S4.40.3] Matt Johnston & Annika Smethurst, 'Tax burns greens', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 28, 2013, p. 5.

Fire Services Levy – householders in outer suburbs and regional areas to pay more than inner suburbs – from July 1, 2013, levy to be applied to all properties and collected by councils, instead of insurance companies – details of changes – Baillieu Government – big shopping centres facing much higher levy charges – Shopping Centre Council of Australia – Treasurer, Kim Wells – Property Council of Australia executive director, Jennifer Church – Victorian Farmers Federation vice president, David Jochinke – CFA regions – MFB zones – Municipal Association of Victoria chief executive, Rob Spence – Treasurer Kim Wells' spokeswoman, Stephanie Ryan – photo of Robert Curcio, Liz Mathews-Curcio and baby Charlie

Photo: Anna and Adrian Grawe – Table of fire services levy charges

[S4.40.4] Annika Smethurst, 'Fire levy a street apart', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 28, 2013, p. 5.

Fire Services Levy – Rob and Liz Curcio – Anna and Adrian Grawe – both live in Briar Hill, but one side of the street is a CFA region and the other is an MFB zone – CFA levy is as much as 15% more

## **Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 5: 1 March 2013 – 16 January 2014**

- [S5.1.1] Andrew Rule, 'Snub is an insult to CFA veteran', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 1, 2013, p. 25.
- Black Friday, 1939 – Robert Hiscock, CFA, Kilmore – two references to Black Saturday
- [S5.1.2] John Masanauskas, 'Insurance "double-dipping" on fire levy', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 1, 2013, p. 5.
- Insurance companies overcharging on fire services levy – councils to collect levy from 1 July 2013 – Baillieu Government – recommendation of Royal Commission – City of Monash councilor, Paul Klisaris – AAMI spokesman, Reuben Aitchison – Fire Services Levy Monitor
- [S5.1.3] (writer not known), 'Bushfire lawsuit', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 4, 2013, p. 9.
- Lead plaintiff, Carol Matthews – estimated 10,000 claimants – SPI Electricity's equipment ignited Kilmore East fire on Black Saturday – also being sued: Utility Services Corporation Ltd, which was contracted to maintain the line – DSE
- CFA, Victoria Police and DSE also face allegations that they failed to provide proper warnings
- All defendants deny liability
- [S5.2.1] Emily Portelli, 'Black Saturday amateur video too much for people in court: Tears for my Sam', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 5, 2013, p. 11.
- Carol Matthews, lead plaintiff – amateur video showing fire on Black Saturday – Robert Richter, QC – SPI Electricity's negligence caused fire – fire killed 119 people and destroyed 1200 homes – estimated damage \$1B – Sam Matthews – 10,000 claimants – Darrin Gibson – maintenance contractor, Utility Services Corporation Ltd, for negligently inspecting lines – DSE for failing to reduce fuel loads
- DSE, CFA and Victoria Police face allegations they failed to give appropriate warnings – case to be heard in the Supreme Court by Justice Jack Forrest – counsel, Lachlan Armstrong – all deny allegations
- [S5.3.1] Emily Portelli, 'Line fault "invisible" ', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 6, 2013, p. 15.
- Jonathon Beach, QC, for SPI Electricity – no reasonable inspector could have detected the microscopic damage – Utility Services Corporation (USC) – plaintiff contended incompetent inspection of lines – Ross Ray, QC, for USC – fire destroyed 1200 homes and caused an estimated \$1B damage – more than 10,000 claimants – Darrin Gibson – Carol Matthews, lead plaintiff – Robert Richter, QC – DSE being sued for failing to reduce fuel loads – DSE, CFA and Victoria Police face allegations that they failed to provide appropriate warnings – all deny allegations
- [S5.3.2] Jessica Evans, 'Mock fire alerts spark panic', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2013, p. 11.
- Fire warnings from (for training purposes) accidentally posted on CFA website – panic – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley, apologized for error – Walhalla's Star Hotel owner and local tourism association president, Michael Leaney



- [S5.3.3] Shannon Deery & Patrick Carlyon, 'New blow for Black Saturday families: Arsonist beats more jail time', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 8, 2013, p. 16.

Brendan James Sokaluk, 42 – Court of Appeal rejected bid to increase sentence – jailed for 17 years and 9 months – 14 year minimum – 10 people killed – destroyed 156 homes – state's worst killer – Rhonda Jacobs – sentence manifestly inadequate – 24-26 years sought – failure of system to provide deterrence – Justice Maria Neave – Justice Chris Maxwell – Justice Stephen Kaye – disability had to be considered – prosecutor, Tom Gyorffy, SC – Jane Dixon, SC, for Sokaluk – Justice Paul Coghlan

- [S5.4.1] 'It's been a curse', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 11, 2013, p. 1.

David Tree's life out of control since Sam the Koala – photos of David Tree, and David Tree and Sam

- [S5.4.2] Beverley O'Connor, 'Life was out of control', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 11, 2013, pp. 6-7.

David Tree – Sam the Koala – since shooting to prominence, David Tree has lost his job, his and his son's cars have been vandalized and the family have struggled financially – bronze sculpture of David and Sam has been vandalized several times – reluctant hero – sometimes regrets fame – Mirboo North – Local Citizen of the Year and SES duty officer, Aaron Wilson – Braydon Groen, filmed the event on David's camera – David did not make money out of it - photos

- [S5.5.1] Editorial, 'An act of kindness', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 11, 2013, p. 28.

David Tree – Sam the Koala – did not make a fortune – lost his job, car vandalized, bronze sculpture of David and Sam damaged – ignorant and bitter behaviour

- [S5.5.2] Alistair Thomson, Strathbogie, Letters, 'Unfair fire levy', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 19, 2013, p. 26.

FSL – effective from 1 July 2013 – fairer system – new levy to hit farmers hard

- [S5.6.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Preparing for fire with planned burns', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 25, 2013, p. 9.

DSE and Parks Victoria – planned burns – explanation of the purpose

- [S5.6.2] Padraic Murphy, 'Family died fleeing fire', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 26, 2013, p. 8.

Darrin Gibson – Supreme Court – Lesley Leahy – SPI Electricity being sued – DSE, CFA and Victoria Police facing allegations they failed to provide adequate warnings – all deny allegations – the trial continues

- [S5.6.3] Padraic Murphy, 'Former top cop Nixon sued: Mullett's fightback', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 28, 2013, p. 12.

Former police union boss Paul Mullett, is suing ex-police chief Nixon, claiming she maliciously laid charges against him – Supreme Court – Mullett also suing former deputy commissioner Kieran Walshe and Superintendent, Wayne Taylor – assistant commissioner Noel Ashby – Stephen Linnell – DPP

- [S5.7.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Embattled Kinglake fights for its footy team: Fire in the belly', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 30, 2013, p. 2.

Kinglake football team the 'Lakers' are in trouble – reduced spectators and players – the club fought back after Black Saturday, but four years on the situation is dire – Kinglake club president, John Dowdle – coach, Luke Nott – assistant coach, Mathew Thomas

- [S5.8.1] Matt Johnston, 'Anger to flare over fire levy', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 5, 2013, p. 19.
- New FSL starts on 1 July 2013 – rates-based charge – councils expecting a flood of complaints and queries – Treasurer, Michael O'Brien – current insurance-based fire levy unfair – Fire Services Levy Monitor – Municipal Association of Victoria chief exec, Rob Spence
- [S5.8.2] Matt Johnston, '“Unfair” fire charges a worry', *Sunday Herald Sun* April 7, 2013, p. 9.
- High insurance FSL before transition on 1 July 2013 – Fire Services Levy Monitor – Deputy Fire Services Levy Monitor, Dr David Cousins – 350 official complaints received – higher charges not illegal – Insurance Council of Australia spokesman, Campbell Fuller
- [S5.8.3] (writer not known), 'FireReady not ready', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 12, 2013, p. 19.
- FireReady mobile phone app to be overhauled after failing during summer – CFA website also crashed under demand in January – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley
- [S5.9.1] Matt Johnston, 'Fears on fire levy: Close watch for rip-offs', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 18, 2013, p. 13.
- Insurance companies will have to spell out how much consumers will save once levy is removed – new scheme starts 1 July 2013 – Fire Services Levy Monitor, Prof Allan Fels, has issued guidelines – fines of up to \$10m on corporations
- [S5.9.2] Karen Collier, 'Electricity cost shift: Bushfire class action sparks cash grab', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 20, 2013, p. 15.
- Black Saturday claims could lead to higher electricity charges – The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) has given SP AusNet the right to recover unexpected costs – SP AusNet fighting a \$1B class action alleging poor maintenance was responsible for the Kilmore East fire – Victoria's Essential Service Commission – SP AusNet spokesman, Jonathan Geddes – Energy Minister, Nicholas Kotsiras – AER chairman, Andrew Reeves – Opposition energy spokeswoman, Lily D'Ambrossio
- [S5.9.3] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'Preparing for fire with planned burns', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 22, 2013, p. 11.
- DSE and Parks Victoria – planned burns – explanation of the purpose
- [S5.10.1] (writer not known), 'From ashes hope rises', *Sunday Herald Sun*, May 26, 2013, p. 22.
- GP, Lachlan Fraser, 51 – married Cassandra, 44 – baby Samantha, now 2 – family home rebuilt and converted to a guesthouse – Greenlands Guest House opened on 5 May – Marysville Marathon
- [S5.10.2] Matt Johnston, 'Fired up over levy ad spend', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 10, 2013, p. 5.
- Almost \$2.5M in taxpayer money gone with State Governments new fire service levy ads – starts 1 July 2013 – FSL funds CFA and MFB – Shadow Treasurer, Tim Pallas – United Firefighters Union sec, Peter Marshall – Government spokeswoman, Rachel Obradovic
- [S5.10.3] (writer not known), 'Survival instinct: Black Saturday award', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 10, 2013, p. 25.
- Jennifer Wood, 40, made a Member of the Order of Australia for Community Service – Narbethong – diagnosed with cancer six months after fires – in Sept 2011 the community hall was reopened

- [S5.11.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'It's not a new fire levy, it's a fairer fire levy.', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 4, 2013, p. 18.

New FSL starts on 1 July 2013 – explanation of and charges

- [S5.11.2] John Dagge, 'Fireproofing new will save billions', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 10, 2013, p. 15.

Bushfires predicted to cost Melbourne \$3.7B in damage over next 40 years unless prevention stepped up – 71,000 homes on Melbourne's fringe at serious bushfire risk – Deloitte Access Economics Study predicts annual cost of natural disasters in Australia to jump from \$6.3B in 2012 to \$23B in 2050 – does not include climate change predictions – Governments could save \$12B in costs to 2050 by investing \$250M every year – recommends governments pay for fireproofing houses in Melbourne located within 100 metres of bushland, burying powerlines around these homes and upping annual spend of vegetation management – CGU Insurance Australia chief, Peter Harmer

- [S5.12.1] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'It's not a new fire levy, it's a fairer fire levy.' *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 18, 2013, p. 17.

New FSL starts on 1 July 2013 – explanation of and charges

- [S5.12.2] Nathan Mawby, 'Bushfire home sale warnings', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 29, 2013, p. 10.

Those selling homes in bushfire areas will have to disclose this in the Section 32 from July 31 – Bushfire Prone Areas mapping – mapping can change from year to year – Royal Commission recommendation – Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure – Land Victoria website

- [S5.13.1] John Masanauskas, 'Out of harm's way', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 2, 2013, p. 7.

Changes in bushfire mapping – Planning Minister, Matthew Guy – CFA – MFB – BAL – Urban Development Institute of Australia director, Tony De Domenico – Botanic Ridge estate in Cranbourne South – Casey Council

- [S5.13.2] Advertisement, Victorian Government, 'It's not a new levy, it's a fairer fire levy.', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 8, 2013, p. 15.

New FSL starts on 1 July 2013 – explanation of and charges

- [S5.14.1] Alex White, 'Hope rises from fire heartbreak', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, August 10, 2013, pp. 20-21.

Worst fire season since Black Saturday – Seaton – Richard Dennis, 49 – Angus stud – trauma – Carngham – Ray and Gayle Stone – East Gippsland MP, Tim Bull

- [S5.14.2] Michelle Ainsworth, 'Bushfire alert trials ready for reception', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 12, 2013, p. 19.

Emergency text alert messages to mobile phones based on their location to start this week – Telstra, Optus, Vodafone – dedicated emergency services no. 0444 444 444 – Victoria's Emergency Services Commissioner, Michael Hallows – should be ready by the coming fire season

- [S5.15.1] (writer not known), 'Bushfire radios on air', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, August 15, 2013, p. 9.

New digital radios will be installed before fire season – compatible with systems of CFA, SES and neighbouring states – GPS – Environment Minister, Ryan Smith – Royal Commission recommendation

- [S5.15.2] Mark Dunn, 'A brave battle despite the loss', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 26, 2013, p. 8.
- Marysville football team reaches grand final against Wandin and loses – Marysville coach, Dean Connell – Darcy Hume – Jason Robertson
- [S5.15.3] Annika Smethurst, 'Fire help position axed', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 17, 2013, p. 2.
- Bushfire Information Line – one position axed – Department of Environment and Primary Industries spokeswoman, Kim Payne – Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) industrial officer, Amy Spencer
- [S5.16.1] Brigid O'Connell, 'Don't forget our kids: Four years on from Black Saturday, the children of Kinglake are doing it tough', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 22, 2013, pp. 16-17.
- Kinglake Youth Group – Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – psychological impact of Black Saturday – autism - ADHD
- Problems: language development – bedwetting – separation anxiety – academic performance – Smouldering Stump chairman, Darren Scerri – Lesley Bebbington – trauma
- Kinglake West Primary School principal, Mark Portman – Middle Kinglake Primary School principal, Janette Cook – Department of Education spokesman, Stuart Teather – Minister for Bushfire Response, Kim Wells' spokeswoman, Emily Broadbent – Linda Craske
- [S5.18.1] Editorial, 'Help young fire victims', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 22, 2013, p. 20.
- Young survivors of Black Saturday – study – grief – dislocation – developmental delays – troubled behaviour – poor academic results
- Primary school children: bedwetting – separation anxiety – hypersensitivity to weather changes
- Autism – ADHD – increase in family violence – trauma – Brumby – Coalition Government – Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – Kinglake West Primary School – Smouldering Stump
- [S5.18.2] Brigid O'Connell, 'Bushfire kids left behind', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 22, 2013, p. 1.
- Autism – ADHD – psychological impacts of Black Saturday – State Government report – children suffering from serious behavioural issues – bedwetting – separation anxiety – lost hope – academic performance – language delay – motor skills – Middle Kinglake Primary School principal, Janette Cook
- [S5.18.3] Darren Scerri, 'Almost five years on, we must rebuild tender minds', *Sunday Herald Sun*, September 22, 2013, pp. 20-21.
- Bushfire Appeal Fund fully committed – Red Cross – mental health reactions, especially in the young – intense fear – helplessness – horror – post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) – learning outcomes – behaviours – developmental delays – depression – anxiety – alcohol and other substances – Smouldering Stump – Kim Wells – The Lahan Foundation – Ron O'Dwyer
- [S5.19.1] Annika Smethurst, 'Return to sender: Fury as Elvis firefighting chopper replaced by smaller craft', *Herald Sun*, Monday, September 23, 2013, p. 9.
- Elvis, bright orange Erickson S-64F Air-Crane, axed from 2013 fleet – United Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall – Napthine Government – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – Elvis instrumental on Black Saturday – Elvis carries 9500 litres of water and will be replaced by the smaller E model aircraft with a capacity of 7500 litres – Opposition Leader, Daniel Andrews – cost cutting – Sikorsky helicopters, capacity 3500 litres

- [S5.19.2] Annika Smethurst, 'Shelter limbo: Fire refuges stay shut', *Herald Sun* Friday, October 4, 2013, p. 15.

Four and a half years after Black Saturday not one new fire refuge has opened – squabbling between the Education Department, Fire Services Commissioner and school councils – four planned to be opened – three on school sites at Millgrove, Warburton East and Ferny Creek – the fourth is at the new CFA fire station at Blackwood – Craig Lapsley – Daniel Andrews – Denis Napthine – Kim Wells – Emily Broadbent

- [S5.19.3] (writer not known), 'Secret tests claim: Black Saturday victims "duped" ', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 15, 2013, p. 15.

SPI Electricity – class action – 10,000 suing over Kilmore East fire – lead plaintiff, Carol Matthews – failure to maintain lines – Supreme Court – SPI accused of gathering evidence without permission – Blanche Beel – Justice John Forrest – CFA, Victoria Police and DSE being sued for failing to properly warn the public – all defendants deny allegations

- [S5.20.1] Paddy Naughtin, 'Proof of helping hand for fire victim', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 15, 2013, p. 11.

Maria McIntyre, Marysville alpaca farmer – lost her home, but the alpacas survived – Habitat for Humanity – National Brush with Kindness day

- [S5.20.2] (writer not known), 'SMS boost for crisis', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 16, 2013, p. 13.

Emergency warning texts can now be sent to mobile phones based on their location – Optus, Vodafone, Telstra – until now Telstra have been the only network able to do this

- [S5.20.3] John Masanauskas, 'Bushfire zone uproar: New building bans spark threat of class action', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 17, 2013, p. 11.

Thousands can't build on their land because of new bushfire mapping zones – Bushfire Management Overlay (BMA) – Kate Cotter – Royal Commission recommendation – Upper Beaconsfield couple, Adam and Bianca Bowden had building permit rejected – CFA warnings – threat of class action – compensation – Opposition planning spokesman, Brian Tee – Premier, Denis Napthine – Planning Minister, Matthew Guy

- [S5.21.1] Editorial, 'Black day is remembered', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 19, 2013, p. ?

Bushfires in NSW – Victorians remember Black Saturday – greatest loss of life in Australia's long history of natural disasters – community fire refuges – arsonists – some cannot build in bushfire zones – possible class action – red tape – building costs – of 67 Royal Commission recommendations, 20 remain outstanding – buybacks and burnoffs have been done – Australia's worst natural disaster – Green MP, Adam Bandt, playing political game – Prime Minister, Tony Abbott

- [S5.21.2] Cartoon, Roy, *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 21, 2013, p. 20.

Comparison between the government's problems with expenses and the associated mountains of paperwork causing risk, and having a fire plan

- [S5.21.3] M. Weadon, Ballarat, Letters, 'Heed warming warnings', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 21, 2013, p. 20.

Bushfires in NSW – we have been warned of climate change by scientists, Bureau of Meteorology, the Greens, ALP, and now the United Firefighters Union – governments seem to think slightly cheaper electricity is more important

- [S5.21.4] Graham Palmer, Seymour, Letters, 'Fire safety comes first', *Herald Sun*, Monday, October 21, 2013, p. 20.
- Bushfires in NSW – Victorians should take every precaution – safety comes first – lives cannot be replaced
- [S5.21.5] Dennis O'Keefe, West Preston, Letters, 'Bushfire lessons to learn', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 22, 2013, p. 18.
- Bushfires in NSW – people are still permitted to put themselves and their families at risk in volatile bush – danger to fireys – little is being done to ensure homes built in high-risk areas are safer
- [S5.21.6] Catherine McLeod, Warrandyte, Letters, 'Abbott sets example', *Herald Sun*, October 22, 2013, p. 18.
- Supports Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, continuing his firefighting role – reference to Black Saturday
- [S5.21.7] Dick Green, Dandenong, Letters, 'No ifs, no butts', *Herald Sun*, October 22, 2013, p. 18.
- Serious charges should be laid on those who discard lit cigarettes in extreme conditions – fines of tens of thousands of dollars – even jail time – those who do it from a car should have their vehicle crushed
- [S5.21.8] Murray Homes, Blairgowrie, Letters, 'Coastal crisis looms', *Herald Sun*, October 22, 2012, p. 18.
- Coastal communities such as Blairgowrie have a 50-year build up of fuel loads – Premier needs to intervene, as government agencies appear paralysed – don't want another Kinglake
- [S5.22.1] Patrick Carlyon, 'Side by side we stand to saves lives', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 22, 2013, p. 11.
- NSW bushfire, Springwood – CFA crews – repaying favour when in 2009, member of the NSW Rural Fire Service flocked to Victoria to fight the Black Saturday fires
- [S5.23.1] Annika Smethurst, 'Google's fire warning system hits a legal roadblock', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 23, 2013, p. 14.
- Google's crisis map and public alerts system to be launched today – Google Maps – Google Now – fires – mobile location – location of shelters and evacuation areas – will operate in NSW only – Victoria has licensing problems with the fire agencies MFB, CFA, DSE – Craig Lapsley – Google spokesman, Johnny Luu
- [S5.23.2] Tony Grigsby, Dromana, Letters, 'Fire safety group chore', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 23, 2013, p. 26.
- Re [S5.21.5], makes the point about homeowners needing to be prepared – homeowners in risky areas like Arthurs Seat rely on local councils to clear vacant blocks and Parks Victoria to keep boundaries clear
- [S5.23.3] Kirsty Harris, Richmond, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 24, 2013, p. 32.
- NSW bushfires – Victorians should clean out their gutters
- [S5.23.4] T.M. Houlihan, Strathdownie, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 24, 2013, p. 32.
- A CFA captain finds the 'hero' tag embarrassing

- [S5.23.5] Another one, Hot Topic, 'Praise for NSW Rural Fire Services Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 24, 2013, p. 32.

You find out what people are like at times like this and we saw what Christine Nixon was like

- [S5.23.6] Brett, Perth, Hot Topic, 'Praise for NSW Rural Fire Services Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 24, 2013, p. 32.

Governments let people build homes in dry, wooded, mountainous terrain – why are we surprised disasters occur? – why should the rest of us pay an insurance levy for their decisions?

- [S5.23.7] Norm, Keilor Park, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 24, 2013, p. 49.

NSW bushfires – saw 10 fire trucks heading up the Hume Freeway to NSW – proud to see

- [S5.23.8] Cav, Hadfield, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 24 2013, p. 49.

Who was it who said Elvis the sky crane was too expensive?

- [S5.23.9] Matt B., Hoppers Crossing, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 24, 2013, p. 49.

To people who throw smoke butts out of their car – stop doing it – that's how bushfires start

- [S5.24.1] Mark Dunn, 'Defence exercise triggered firestorm', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 24, 2013, p. 5.

NSW bushfires – NSW Rural Fire Service – Department of Defence explosives training started fire in Marrangaroo last Wednesday

- [S5.24.2] Len Weavers, Paynesville, Letters, 'A lesson in Elvis sighting', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 25, 2013, p. 60.

Victorian Government says we do not need Elvis – NSW using Elvis – Victorian Government is gambling

- [S5.24.3] G. Luttrell, Gladstone Park, Letters, 'Wishing Wells', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 25, 2013, p. 60.

Emergency Services Minister, Kim Wells – cost cutting for firefighting resources – Planning Minister, Matthew Guy

- [S5.24.4] Stan Marks, Caulfield, Letters, 'Army help needed', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 25, 2013, p. 60.

NSW bushfires – we need an army to help volunteers for all natural disasters

- [S5.24.5] Kevin, Olinda, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 26, 2013, p. 34.

No Elvis

- [S5.24.6] Cartoon, Roy, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 26, 2013, p. 34.

Elvis has left the building

- [S5.24.7] Vicki Simpson, Riddells Creek, Letter of the Week, 'Fires remind us to prepare', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 27, 2013, p. 64.

NSW bushfires – Victorians should be prepared – insurance – sentimental items – medication – important documents – pack bags ready

- [S5.24.8] Natasha Reus, Caulfield North, Letters, 'Animals suffer too', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 27, 2013, p. 64.

NSW bushfires – loss of animal life somewhat ignored – David Tree and Sam the Koala – Mother Nature – our plights, whims, greed and needs – photo of David and Sam

- [S5.24.9] Graeme Kelleher, Aranda, Letters, 'Fires a warning', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 29, 2013, p. 18.

The early bushfires are a warning of what is to come – climate change

- [S5.25.1] Benny Madsen, Wisemans Ferry, Letters, 'Clear solution to fires', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 31, 2013, p. 36.

We need at least 50m clearance around buildings – power companies should clear 50m under powerlines

- [S5.25.2] Matt Johnston, 'Fire levy refunds', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 12, 2013, p. 5.

About \$1.1M to be refunded to insurance holders by QBE – Fires Services Levy Monitor investigation of complaints – QBE accidentally overcharged about 11,500 policy holders – computer glitch – Allan Fels – chief exec of QBE, Colin Fagen, apologized

- [S5.25.3] Andrew Rule, 'Ice Age', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 15, 2013, p. 23.

Drug use – Ice epidemic in Gippsland – man turned to drug use after Black Saturday – trauma – self medicating

- [S5.26.1] Wayne Flower, 'Focus shifts to firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 20, 2013, p. 5.

Firebugs to be targeted – Operation Firesetter – acting asst commissioner, Crime Command, Tess Walsh – max penalties for recklessly causing fire are 15 years jail and fines of \$34,000

Most common causes of recklessly lit fires are: burning off – cigarette butts – campfires – car exhausts – tools such as angle grinders and welders – bonfires – flares

There were 4400 bushfires last season

- [S5.26.2] (writer not known), 'Firefighters on safety trail', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 23, 2013, p. 11.

Reference to Black Saturday fires

- [S5.26.3] Annika Smethurst, 'Insurer faces probe: Fire levy complaints', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, November 26, 2012, p. 7.

FSL – Fire Services Levy Monitor – Insurance Manufacturers of Australia (IMA) increased premiums – RACV – Deputy FSL Monitor, David Cousins – QBE repaying more than \$1M – IMA spokesman, Peter Zangari

- [S5.27.1] Ellen Whinnett, 'New top judge's old legal tangle', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 27, 2013, p. 6.

Jack Rush, QC, appointed to the Supreme Court – reference to him having been a counsel assisting the Royal Commission into the Black Saturday fires



- [S5.27.2] Elissa Doherty, 'RACV probed over insurance rises', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 29, 2013, p. 4.

FSL Monitor, Allan Fels – Insurance Manufacturers of Australia – RACV – insurance charges have gone up – Fels seeking an urgent explanation

- [S5.27.3] (writer not known), 'Bushfire risk alert', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 1, 2013, p. 23.

Bushfire modeling has found Victoria's Central Easter region is at most risk this summer – report by Department of Environment and Primary Industries – state's fire agencies exceeded burnoff targets – a total of 275,000ha was burnt in 2012-13, exceeding the target of 250,000ha – Barwon Otway region

- [S5.27.4] Mal Walden, 'My last goodbye', *Sunday Herald Sun*, Agenda, December 1, 2013, pp. 33-34 & 63.

p. 34: on Black Saturday Mal Walden lost his former colleague and friend Brian Naylor and his wife, Moire

p. 63: Mal Walden writes about his experiences on Black Saturday

p. 63: photo of fire truck on Black Saturday

- [S5.28.1] Advertisement, Australian Government & Victorian Government, 'In an emergency, your mobile phone may be sent a warning based on your location', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 4, 2013, p. 9.

Similar to [S4.38.1], but now emergency warnings are able to be sent to all mobile phones on all networks

- [S5.28.2] Alex White, 'We will get you: CFA warns fire starters', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 5, 2013, p. 17.

Police and CFA warn that those who start fires recklessly will be prosecuted – Victoria faces one of its worst fire seasons since Black Saturday – CFA Chief Officer, Euan Ferguson – penalties: lighting a fire that causes damage can lead to a year in prison; starting a fire on a fire-ban day carries a sentence of two years; intentionally lighting a fire that causes death has a penalty of up to 25 years in jail – The Otways, Mt Macedon, Dandenongs are at high risk – up to 38,000 CFA members will be on hand this summer – last season more than 4500 bushfires were tackled in Victoria

- [S5.28.3] Ashley Argoon, Amelia Harris & Jon Kaila, 'Road to wreck and ruin', *Herald Sun*, December 6, 2013, pp. 10-11.

Two trucks crash head-on on Western Hwy at Black Range, near Stawell – resultant fire was described as being as intense as the Black Saturday blaze

- [S5.30.1] Alex Pavlidis, 'Marysville still on map for tourists', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 6, 2013, p. 32.

Tourism in Marysville – Wish You Were Here campaign launched yesterday – Parliamentary Secretary to The Premier, Craig Ondarchie – Marysville Chamber of Commerce chairman, Dave Stirling

- [S5.30.2] Ellen Whinnett, 'Mullett's job riddle', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 8, 2013, p. 11.

Paul Mullett, former Police Association secretary, making a bid to return to job – current secretary, Greg Davies – Mullett was at odds with former Chief Commissioner, Christine Nixon – Mullett is suing Nixon

- [S5.31.1] Michelle Ainsworth, 'CFA station upgrades hit by delays and politics', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 9, 2013, p. 10.

More than 140 CFA fire stations waiting for renovations promised at the 2010 state election – Kim Wells – CFA captain, Colin Smith, Panton Hill – Wattle Glen CFA captain, Stephen Gaunt – Deputy Opposition Leader, James Merlino – Napthine Government

- [S5.31.2] Matt Johnston, 'Warning on big blazes: State will be hotter and drier', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 9, 2013, p. 10.

Climate Council, Prof Tim Flannary – Prime Minister, Tony Abbott – climate change contributing to hotter and drier conditions in the southeast and southwest of Australia – risk of fires will increase

- [S5.32.1] Jane Howard, Learn, 'Flames fan determination', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 10, 2013, p. 52.

Adam Naylor, 18 – Black Saturday – just completed VCE

- [S5.32.2] (writer not known), 'A heads-up for CFA', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 13, 2013, p. 23.

Brumby's promise to provide an extra 342 firefighters after Black Saturday not followed through – Coalition – United Firefighters Union – 342 red helmets placed on steps of Parliament in protest

- [S5.32.3] (writer not known), 'Two fire refuges ready', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 15, 2013, p. 27.

Two new community fire refuges ready, more than four years after Black Saturday – Kim Wells – Ferny Creek Primary School – Millwarra Primary School in Warburton East – more fire refuges one of the 67 recommendations of the Royal Commission – refuges equipped with heat shields, standby power generators and systems for fire protection

- [S5.32.4] Matt Johnston, 'Revamped app for bushfire warnings', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 17, 2013, p. 15.

Bushfire warning app rebuilt – new \$3m system – problems with system last summer – \$3.5m advertising campaign to run over this summer – Kim Wells – Craig Lapsley

- [S5.33.1] Matt Johnston, 'School fire refuge lost', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 22, 2013, p. 8.

Millgrove Primary School quietly dumped as a fire refuge – fire refuges a recommendation of the Royal Commission – refuges at Ferny Creek and East Warburton opened last weekend – Craig Lapsley – another refuge at the CFA fire station at Blackwood to open in the next few days – Deputy Opposition Leader, James Merlino – Napthine Government – Kim Wells' spokeswoman, Jess Jackson – there is a Neighbourhood Safer Place at the Millgrove Recreation Reserve

- [S5.33.2] Peter Marshall, secretary, United Firefighters Union, Letters, 'More help needed', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 27, 2013, p. 66.

Premier, Denis Napthine, left out thanking firefighters – firefighters have campaigned for three years over cuts to the state's fire protection – approaching fifth anniversary, the Royal Commission's recommendations are yet to be fully implemented – protections and programs introduced in the wake of the Black Saturday tragedy have been scaled back or closed

- [S5.33.3] Lt Adam Barnett, Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria, Letters, 'Be ready for action', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 27, 2013, p. 66.

Fire safety starts with you – tidy up your property – pack your 'leave early' bag

[S5.34.1] Editorial, 'Leaving early will save lives', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 28, 2013, p. 38.

Outlines of the weather conditions prior to and on Black Saturday and the subsequent destruction – leaving early means an early evacuation, not roads jammed by thousands of cars that have left late – Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund – complacency our biggest threat – if lessons not learned from Black Saturday, Victorians face another disaster

Some of the lessons have been learned: fire refuges – fire apps – emergency alerts – newspapers and radio emergency warnings – better roads

Townships have been rebuilt – Marysville – Kinglake – leave early

[S5.34.2] Annika Smethurst, 'Upgrade may fix fire problems', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 2, 2014, p. 2.

New version of fire app launched on December 16, 2013 – replaced app that failed last year – new app criticised by some reviewers – details provided – problems can be reported by email

[S5.35.1] Rebekah Cavanagh, 'Stamp out firebugs: New campaign aims at arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 11, 2014, p. 11.

Arsonists to be targeted this bushfire season – three-quarters of all bushfires are estimated to be started deliberately or recklessly – Crime Stoppers Bushfire Arson Campaign, launched in Greendale – Country Fire Authority Act prescribes some penalties – Victoria Police, deputy commissioner, Tim Cartwright, said reckless behaviour included camp fires, work tools – offenders could face 15 years' jail or a fine up to \$34,000 – Royal Commission – Crime Stoppers Victoria chief, Samantha Hunter

[S5.36.1] Editorial, 'Put heat on complacency', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 13, 2014, p. 22.

Complacency – research shows that 63% of Victorians living in high-risk bushfire areas have a wait-and-see attitude – Victorians unsure when to leave – Craig Lapsley adamant that people cannot rely on help from firefighting services – Victorians must take responsibility – further research indicates that 90% of people say they understand the Fire Danger Ratings, when in reality only 45% do – Code Red – Bushfire Information Line – VicEmergency website – new FireReady app – last minute evacuation in a high-risk strategy – Black Saturday must never be allowed to repeat itself – greatest natural disaster to befall Victorians

[S5.36.2] Matt Johnston & Carly Crawford, 'Vics take fire risks: "wait and see"', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 13, 2014, p. 3.

Victorians have a 'wait and see' attitude – 23% in fire-prone areas would wait for emergency services to tell them to leave – on a Code Red day, 63% would wait til the day to decide whether to leave or defend – Craig Lapsley – firefighters cannot always be there – have proper fire plans

[S5.37.1] Alex White & Tom Minear, 'Winds to fuel Black Friday: Catastrophic blaze risk', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 14, 2014, p. 4.

Craig Lapsley – increased risk of fast moving grass fires – have fire plans and act on them – conditions this week match the lead up to Black Saturday – fires in Perth – 4500 fires tackled in Victoria last year – this summer poses the greatest threat since Black Saturday – CFA Chief, Euan Ferguson – revamped CFA website and FireReady smart-phone app

- [S5.37.2] Editorial, 'Heat serves it up to tennis', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 14, 2014, p. 22.
- Heat at Australian Open tennis – fires in WA – demand for electricity likely to cause power cuts – Craig Lapsley – Victorians must take responsibility for their own safety – leave early
- [S5.38.1] Advertisement, Australian Government & Victorian Government, 'In an emergency, your mobile phone may be sent a warning based on your location', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 15, 2014, p. 13.
- [S5.38.2] Angus Thompson & Brendan Casey, 'Lightning is just one more danger', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 15, 2014, p. 5.
- Bureau of Meteorology – dry lightning causes fires – duty forecaster, Richard Russell
- [S5.38.3] Karen Collier, 'Power blackout heats householders', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 15, 2014, p. 4.
- Power cuts for maintenance – SP AusNet – Powercor – Jemena – Energy Market Operator - heat
- [S5.38.4] Editorial, 'Watch out for firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Thursday January 16, 2014, p. 28.
- Victorians must be on the lookout for firebugs – arson a factor on Black Saturday, when 10 people died in a fire lit by Brendan Sokaluk, who was jailed for almost 18 years – firebugs believed responsible for two recent fires
- [S5.39.1] Annika Smethurst, 'CFA airs concerns over new trucks', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 16, 2014, p. 6.
- A fleet of fire trucks worth millions of dollars is being urgently evaluated – 2.4C tanker – if crew protection sprinkler system is on, all other water supply is automatically shut off
- [S5.39.2] (writer not known), 'Safety first and foremost', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 16, 2014, p. 6.
- Steve and Tracey Grayden, Kangaroo Ground – before Black Saturday they would have stayed to defend their property, but now they know they can't
- [S5.40.1] Angus Thompson, 'Firebug fears sweep state', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 16, 2014, p. 7.
- Police turning up heat on arsonists – increasing patrols in bushland and monitoring known firebugs – serious criminal charges – Victoria Police spokeswoman, Clair White – Craig Lapsley – dry lightning caused scores of fires on Tuesday night – police investigation a number of fires suspected to be deliberately lit – Astrid Zegers, 30, Bendigo



## **Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 6: 17 January 2014 – 17 February 2014**

- [S6.1.1] Matt Johnston, '\$11m RACV payout: Landmark fire levy settlement', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 17, 2014, p. 21.

About 20,000 RACV home insurance customers will share in \$11m refund – Fire Services Levy Monitor, Professor Allan Fels – Insurance Manufacturers of Australia (IMA), acting chief executive officer, Alex Harrison – applies to policies renewed between June 24, 2013 and 31 December 2013

- [S6.1.2] Editorial, 'Some lessons still unlearned', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 17, 2014, p. 54.

Some lessons not learned from Black Saturday – 173 died in February 2009 – price of electricity has increased – power lines caused fires on Black Saturday – power companies improvements to network passed on to consumers – Victorians asked to use less electricity on hot days – generator at Loy Yang power station out of action

- [S6.1.3] Cartoon, David 'Macca' McArthur, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 17, 2014, p. 53.

Recent heatwave – a tennis player and animals waiting in line for a CFA firefighter to give them a drink from a water bottle (re Sam the koala and David Tree)

- [S6.2.1] Michelle Ainsworth, Angus Thompson & Tom Minear, 'Nightmare wall of fire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 17, 2014, pp. 2-3.

Victoria facing some of the worst fire conditions since Black Saturday – fire in Grampians – holiday makers told to leave – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – total fire ban

- [S6.4.1] Aleks Devic & Annika Smethurst, 'Lighting and wind increase threat', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 18, 2014, p. 2.

Fires – Grampians and Gippsland – worst bushfires since Black Saturday – one woman dead – homes destroyed – town evacuated – lightning started about 25 fires in East Gippsland – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – Grampians: some residents ignored emergency warnings and decided to stay to defend their properties – water pipeline damaged and water cut – Premier, Denis Naphine – Victorian Police Commissioner, Ken Lay

- [S6.4.2] Cheryl Balfour & Natalie Savino, 'Arson fears as fires flare in city's north', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 18, 2014, p. 6.

Police investigating whether fires along the Hume Hwy between Epping and Donnibrook were started by firebugs – arson squad

- [S6.5.1] Editorial, 'Complacency still burns', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 19, 2014, p. 66.

Worst bushfire threat since Black Saturday – Denis Naphine – heatwave 40C for four consecutive days – clear that lessons of Black Saturday have been heeded by most Victorians – CFA has done a wonderful job – death of woman at Roses Gap – leave early and live – 173 died on Black Saturday. 7 February 2009 – complacency biggest danger of all – recent research shows 63% of Victorians living in high-risk areas continue to have a 'wait and see' attitude – Victorians must take a greater level of personal responsibility – cannot rely on CFA – some fires suspected to have been started by arsonists or reckless individuals – fire plans – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley

- [S6.6.1] Samantha Landy, Elissa Doherty & Jonno Nash, 'Small victory in long battle', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 19, 2014, pp. 4-5.

Bushfire in Grampians – Denis Naphine – Black Saturday type conditions – Grampians National Park closed

- [S6.6.2] David Hurley, 'Bill and his army ride to the rescue in old Dodge truck', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 19, 2014, pp. 4-5.

Fire in Grampians – Elvis

- [S6.7.1] Samantha Landy, 'Lessons learned in 2009 "saved lives"', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 19, 2014, p. 5.

Denis Naphthine – efforts of firefighters praised – lessons learned from Black Saturday helped save lives and reduce destruction – Grampians, Mallee, Gippsland – agencies co-ordinating better than 2009 – emergency relief grants of up to \$1250 available to families affected, and up to \$31,000 for those who lost their homes

- [S6.8.1] Evonne Barry, 'Questions over death after warning ignored' *Herald Sun*, January 20, 2014, p. 9.

Compulsory evacuation suggested – Barb Pleasant, 78, Roses Gap, died in Grampians after ignoring warnings to leave

- [S6.8.2] Evonne Barry, 'No apology for refuge delay', *Herald Sun*, January 20, 2014, p. 9.

Government makes no apology for refuge delays – state's third refuge officially opened in Blackwood yesterday – Naphthine – Kim Wells – other refuges at Ferny Creek and Warburton East – Royal Commission – Bushfire Monitor, Comrie

- [S6.8.3] Veronica Daniel, Nathalia, Letters, 'Don't fuel the bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 21, 2014, p. 18.

We can't control lightning strikes or arson – but we can control the fuel on the ground – there was less fuel on the ground when cattle were allowed to graze and timber was allowed to be milled – critical of greenies

- [S6.8.4] Vox Pop, 'Would you support forced evacuations during bushfires?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 21, 2014, p. 19.

Daryl Bengson, 59, Albion Park, NSW: Yes – Jill Svencis, 57, North Adelaide, SA: Yes – Laurie Tenny, 34, Southbank: Yes – Katie Poland, 37, Frankston: Probably, depends on the circumstances

- [S6.9.1] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Victorian fires: Relief and recovery assistance available', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 23, 2014, p. 15.

- [S6.9.2] Michelle Ainsworth, 'Premier gives minister a serve for bushfire bungle: Break point', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 24, 2014, pp. 1&4.

Naphthine – Wells – Baillieu – Wells went to Australian Open Tennis when bushfires raged – comparison with Christine Nixon – Lapsley – Brumby – Cameron – Opposition Leader, Daniel Andrews – United Firefighters Union national secretary, Peter Marshall

- [S6.10.1] Rod Matthews, Fairfield, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 24, 2014, p. 40.

During these bushfires the most ominous radio messages were 'residents are advised that it is too late to leave' and 'emergency services may not be able to help you'

- [S6.10.2] Editorial, 'Tennis was a very bad call', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 24, 2014, p. 58.

Emergency Services Minister, Kim Wells, made a serious error of judgment – Grampians bushfires – while Halls Gap was under threat, Wells was at the tennis – comparison to Nixon, dining with friends on Black Saturday – Craig Lapsley – Neil Mitchell, 3AW – leadership – Naphthine – United Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall

- [S6.10.3] Gary King, Koo Wee Rup, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 25, 2014, p. 80.
- Emergency Services Minister, Kim Wells learnt nothing from Nixon in 2009
- [S6.10.4] Get over it, Werribee, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 25, 2014, p. 80.
- It wouldn't have made any difference if Kim Wells was at the control centre
- [S6.10.5] Glenda Fisher, Woodend, Letters, 'No place for polities', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 25, 2014, p. 80.
- Peter Marshall (United Firefighters Union) – control room no place for politicians – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley, appointed to oversee fire operations
- [S6.10.6] Ivan Wainwright, Donvale, Letters, 'Captain should lead', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 25, 2014, p. 80.
- Kim Wells a disgrace – the captain's place is on the bridge
- [S6.11.1] Michelle Ainsworth, 'Premier stands by his man', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 26, 2014, p. 2.
- Premier Napthine defends Wells – trip to tennis – Opposition Leader, Daniel Andrews
- [S6.11.2] James Campbell, 'Leaks do not bode well for Napthine and co', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 26, 2014, p. 2.
- Kim Wells trip to tennis
- [S6.11.3] D. Griffiths, Keilor East, Letters, 'Appalled by Wells', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 28, 2014, p. 23.
- Kim Wells' behaviour untenable
- [S6.11.4] Ian Jones, Altona, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 28, 2014, p. 22.
- Thank god our firefighters did not decide to go to the tennis or cricket
- [S6.11.5] Paul, Pakenham, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 28, 2014, p. 23.
- Labor's cries about Kim Wells' day at the tennis is political point scoring – no comparison with Black Saturday
- [S6.12.1] Annika Smethurst, 'Planned power blackout leaves kids, teachers in danger: No cold comfort', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 30, 2014, p. 5.
- Students returning to Hurstbridge Primary School today have been given the option of having the day off – no power because of scheduled maintenance work – SP AusNet spokesman, Jonathon Geddes – Education Department critical of power cut – shadow education spokesman, James Merlino – Napthine Government – Energy Minister, Nick Kotsiras – Alan Laschko – Black Saturday
- [S6.12.2] (writer not known), 'Charges on Epping fire', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 30, 2014, p. 14.
- Boy, 15, charged over fire in Epping



- [S6.12.3] Editorial, 'A day burnt into memory', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 31, 2014, p. 28.
- Black Saturday never to be forgotten – 173 died – 414 injured – burnt 2133 houses – killed more than 1 million animals
- Australia's worst natural disaster – heroes – Bruce Jewell – Ian Maxfield – Matt Smythe – Herald Sun photographer, Alex Coppel – Kinglake – Marysville
- Royal Commission – 67 recommendations: 20 still to be fulfilled – fire refuges – houses not rebuilt – not all of the \$401m from relief fund spent
- Lessons learned – this year the state was able to withstand the return of 40-degree plus days
- Conditions compared to Black Saturday – 'leave and live' advice – Dr Lachlan Fraser – Black Saturday victims still tormented
- [S6.13.1] Photo, 'Black Saturday 5 years on: Forever heroes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 31, 2014, p. 1.
- Almost five years after Black Saturday – photo of – Gary Cheesman – Ian Maxfield – Bruce Jewell – Reg Murrill – Matt Smythe
- [S6.14.1] Ellen Whinnett, 'Moving on with life', *Herald Sun*, Friday January 31, 2014, p. 7.
- Photo of – Lachlan Fraser – Cassandra Fraser – Samantha Fraser
- Photo of – view from Kinglake West four days after fires
- Bushfire Appeal Fund - \$26m still not spent - \$401m raised – all money allocated – fifth anniversary – dozens still in temporary accommodation – vast majority have rebuilt or moved on – fires killed 173 people – injured 414 – razed 2133 houses – 10,000km of fence line destroyed – estimated one million animals died – Royal Commission estimated cost of fires at \$4.4 billion – 67 recommendations – 47 completed – Independent Monitor – Government spokeswoman, Jessica Jackson – psychological problems – suicide – overdoses – alcohol – trauma expert, Prof Jayashri Kulkarni, director of the Monash Alfred Psychiatric Research Centre
- [S6.14.2] Ashley Argoon, 'Day still haunts fire truck crew', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 31, 2014, p. 7.
- Black Saturday – Drouin West – Bruce Jewell – Gary Cheesman – Reg Murrill – Ian Maxfield – Matt Smythe – Herald Sun photographer, Alex Coppel – Labertouche
- [S6.15.1] Caption, 'Life after the fires: Fifth anniversary', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 1.
- Photo of fire truck
- [S6.15.2] Liftout, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 1.
- Five years since Black Saturday – deadliest fires in Australian history devastated Victoria on February 7, 2009 – 173 died – more than 2000 homes razed – Marysville artist, Bruno Torfs
- [S6.15.3] Ashley Argoon, 'From tourist hub to struggle town: But business owners welcome development', Liftout, Black Saturday, Five Years on, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 2.
- Tourism almost wiped out in Marysville - \$28m hotel and conference centre to open this year – 90% of buildings burned – 40 died – Peter Gill, owner of rebuilt El Kanah guesthouse – Murrindindi Shire Council – rate increases – Murrindindi Mayor, Margaret Rae
- [S6.15.4] Photo, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 2.

- [S6.15.5] ‘Caroline Payne, Murchison St’, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 2.
- Marysville – Caroline Payne, Murchison St – candle shop, ‘Lit & Beyond’, destroyed – new shop near new supermarket
- [S6.15.6] ‘Ashraf Doos, Falls Rd’, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February, 1, 2014, p. 2.
- Marysville – Ashraf and Christine Doos – lost home and business – rebuilt both – Marysville Patisserie
- [S6.15.7] ‘Lachlan Fraser, Murchison St’, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 3.
- Marysville – Dr Lachlan Fraser – lost his clinic and home – injured – Gallipoli Park – Cassandra Church – new house and medical clinic
- [S6.15.8] ‘David Stirling, Murchison St’, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 3.
- Marysville – David Stirling – lost five businesses: pro golf shop, B&B, candle shop, lingerie shop, Taggerty lavender farm – rebuilt ‘Lit & Beyond’ candle shop – Elite Stays accommodation – in 2010 the bought and renovated the Tower Motel – head of Marysville and District Chamber of Commerce – psychological trauma - \$28m hotel and conference centre being built
- [S6.15.9] ‘Julia Harris, Murchison St’, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 3.
- Marysville – Marysville Lolly Shop destroyed – reopened in containers – shop now rebuilt
- [S6.15.10] ‘Bruno Torfs, Falls Rd’, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 3.
- Marysville – Bruno Torfs – Bruno’s Sculpture Garden destroyed – Gallipoli Park – garden replanted
- [S6.15.11] Photos, ‘These images, seared forever in our memories, show the devastation of the Black Saturday fires on people and properties’, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, pp. 4-5.
- 7 photos – including David Tree and Sam the koala
- [S6.15.12] ‘CFA Brigade, Longwarry’, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February, 1, 2014, p. 6.
- Longwarry CFA volunteers – Glenda Mynard – Margaret and Wayne Roots – Pauline Mathews – Tim Hickford – Glenise Smith – Brian Cottle – Gil Mynard
- [S6.15.13] ‘Dan Walsh, Darwin St’, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Black Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 6.
- Marysville - Dr Dan Walsh – Darwin St house survived the fires – wife, Marie, died at Cumberland resort where she had taken shelter

- [S6.15.14] 'St Peter's Anglican Church', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 6.
- Kinglake – St Peter's Anglican Church destroyed – Vicar, Reverend Stephen Holmes – has not reopened yet – due to reopen in March 2014 – received no money from Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund
- [S6.15.15] 'Marg Fiddler', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 7.
- Mary Fiddler, 54 – new house
- [S6.15.16] 'Maria McIntyre, Marysville-Buxton Rd', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 7.
- Maria McIntyre – her 30 alpacas survived Black Saturday – house destroyed – Maria's black cat, Andy, was found one week after the fires – home rebuilt
- [S6.15.17] 'Jonathan Densem, Buxton', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 7.
- Buxton at the time of fires – now in NZ – Jonathan Densem – wife, Emma Smetham – living in NZ during the Christchurch earthquake – featured on the front page of the Herald Sun
- [S6.15.18] Mark Knight, 'Drawn from adversity', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 8.
- Mark Knight's (Herald Sun cartoonist) – Black Saturday – personal account – Tonimbuk
- [S6.15.19] Photos of Black Saturday from front pages of Herald Sun, Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 8.
- Sunday Herald Sun, 8 February, 2009 – Herald Sun, 9 February, 2009 – Herald Sun, 10 February, 2009 – Herald Sun, 11 February, 2009 – Sunday Herald Sun, 15 February, 2009
- [S6.15.20] 'Counselling is available for those affected by the fires', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 8.
- [S6.16.1] Ellen Whinnett, 'How we defied the monster', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, pp. 10-11.
- Personal account – Robyn Dean – Reg Dean – lost their home near Narbethong – Robyn went to the Austin Hospital and then to the Alfred Hospital, for burns to her back neck, arms and legs - pets
- [S6.17.1] Ashley Argoon, 'Money woes, red tape bury hope in the ashes', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 11.
- Personal account – Peter and Vera Gill – owners of El Kanah guesthouse – destroyed and rebuilt – Marysville – rebuilding more expensive than insurance payments because of the new building regulations – Red Cross – distribution of Bushfire Appeal Fund money
- [S6.18.1] Quote, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 1, 2014, p. 35.
- Drouin West CFA captain, Bruce Jewell – quote, re Black Saturday
- [S6.18.2] Editorial, 'Flag flies in defiance', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 2, 2014, p. 70.
- Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake West – Karen Brewer – 173 lives lost – all 35 homes destroyed in street on Black Saturday – Mother Nature – Aussie spirit

[S6.18.3] Lisa Cornish, 'Fires ever more deadly' *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 2, 2014, p. 26.

Bushfires more deadly and destructive than a century ago – urban sprawl into bushland – News Corp Australia analysis – cost of bushfires in the last 90 years – number of lives lost and homes destroyed – number of catastrophic fires increasing – University of Melbourne planning expert, Alan March – Australian Energy Management Institute – Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) – Ash Wednesday – Black Saturday – University of Tasmania environmental change biology professor, David Bowman: fires are 'part nature, part human'

[S6.19.1] 'Pine Ridge Rd: The street of tears', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 2, 2014, pp. 63-67.

Personal accounts – Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake West – 15 people died (including 8 children) on Black Saturday – all houses destroyed

Karen Brewer (pp. 63, 65, 67) – James Brewer (pp. 63, 67) – Wayne McDonald-Price (pp. 63, 64, 66) - Jenny McDonald-Price (pp. 63, 64, 65, 66) – Luke Gaskett (pp. 63, 64) - Mark Gaskett (pp. 63, 64) - Roger Cook, Quote (pp. 64, 66) – Tessie – Jasper - Gwen Fennell (pp. 65, 66) – Phil Fennell (pp. 65, 66) – Carolyn – Ebony

Those who died – [p. 63: Susanne (Sue) Evans, 46 – Robert (Bob) O'Sullivan, 48 – Jon Le Gassick, 18 – Haydn McMahon, 17 – Kaya Mehmedoff, 18]; [p. 64: Rolands family: Paul, Karen, Caitlin, Nicola – Tina Wilson – Sam Gents – Krystal Breeze – Nathan Breeze – Teagan Haynes – Rex Norris – Eileen Gillespie]

Trauma and stress – post traumatic stress disorder (pp. 63, 65)

Buster the cat survived – emerged 10 weeks after Black Saturday (p. 64)

p. 65: Murrindindi Shire – Marysville – increase in rates

p. 66: Christine Nixon – praise for

[S6.24.1] (writer not known), 'Huge fire risk for Victoria', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 3, 2014, p. 5.

Hot weather – five days above 30C predicted – Total Fire Ban for whole state for today – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – blaze near Dargo – residents of Goongerah ordered to evacuate

[S6.24.2] Matthew Johnston, 'Power to the people: Laws ban planned blackouts for electricity maintenance on hot days', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 3, 2014, p. 5.

Victorian Energy Minister, Nick Kotsiras – laws planned to prevent energy companies from cutting power for maintenance on days 40C or over, Code Red or Total Fire Ban days – SP AusNet plans to turn off power at Hurstbridge, which is in a high-risk bushfire area, for scheduled maintenance – Hurstbridge Primary School against power cut – Napthine Government – previously, power was cut to Thoona, near Benalla on a 40C day for scheduled maintenance

[S6.25.1] Holly Reid, CEO, Variety, Letters, 'Deliver kids good news', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, p. 20.

Fifth anniversary of Black Saturday – Variety (a children's charity) – supports children affected by Black Saturday – Brian and Moiree Naylor – many kids struggling financially, emotionally and socially – family breakdowns and displacement – VICKIDS program

- [S6.25.2] Joe Milbourne, Flowerdale, 'Respect, but move on', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, p. 20.

Fifth anniversary of Black Saturday – professionals saying that many people are still suffering stress – Whittlesea Council putting up a monument on the Whittlesea/Yea Road at Kinglake West: should have been in a less conspicuous location – also a road sign 'Respect and never forget' does not help those of us trying to forget

- [S6.25.3] Marcie Swincer, Chum Creek, Letters, 'Minister, do your job', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, p. 20.

Complained by email to Kim Wells about the dreadful VicEmergency website – never received a reply – new website worse

- [S6.25.4] Matt Johnston, 'Saving on levy: 60,000 get fire break', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, p. 8.

Fire Services Levy – funds CFA and MFB – unfair application of charge to residential properties – Naphthine Government – Treasurer, Michael O'Brien – 60,000 affected across Victoria

- [S6.25.5] McKee, Werribee, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, p. 21.

Fifth anniversary of Black Saturday – five years on and have we learnt anything? No

- [S6.25.6] Ottie, Wangaratta, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, p. 20.

The truth remains, this country burns – people who move to the bush should realise this

- [S6.25.7] Ashley Argoon, 'Black Saturday five years on: Scars still so very raw', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 6, 2014, p. 12.

Fifth anniversary of Black Saturday – 173 died – towns hardest hit have opted for low-key gatherings – Marysville resident, Merran Guest – Victorian Government has chosen to commemorate Black Saturday at the Melbourne Museum two days after the anniversary out of respect to fire victims

Two and a half tonne tree, crafted by blacksmiths from all over the world is ready to be presented to the community of Strathewen, which lost 27 of 200 residents – project manager, Amanda Gibson – tree to be installed on Chads Creek Rd

- [S6.25.8] Mitchell Toy, 'Hero Ken still on full alert', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 6, 2014, p. 12.

Fifth anniversary of Black Saturday – Leading Senior Constable, Ken Dwight – Woods Point – Marysville – helped lead 200 residents to safety – Royal Commission – no room for complacency

- [S6.26.1] Jon Anderson, 'AFL great chips in to aid Black Saturday recovery', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 7, 2014, p. 4.

Gary Ablett Sr – Black Saturday – ambassador for Smouldering Stump – post traumatic stress – Ablett donated five framed and signed No. 5 Geelong guernseys – fundraiser – professional counselling – Darren Scerri, chairman Smouldering Stump – Middle Kinglake Primary School – one student died in fires – in five years since numbers have dropped from 150 to 70

- [S6.26.2] Vox Pop, 'Is Victoria doing enough for the victims of Black Saturday?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 7, 2014, p. 61.

Laura Mulroney, 31, Brunswick East: Yes – Neil Pain, 40, Glen Iris: low key and local at the moment. Should be doing more on a state level – Josie Carney, 57, Penrith, NSW: Probably not. Rebuilding slow. Government needs to fast-track it – Dorothy Lambert, 59, Airport West: No. Families need more support, especially psychologically

- [S6.26.3] Quote, Ken Dwight, Police Officer, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 7, 2014, p. 61.

- [S6.26.4] Tim, Frankston South, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 7, 2014, p. 61.

Praises Mark Knight's article – see [S6.15.18]

- [S6.27.1] Ashley Argoon, 'Mentally burnt out: Black Saturday victims fear compo fight will go on for years', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 7, 2014, p. 23.

Fifth anniversary of Black Saturday – Horsham class action – 219 claimants – years before money comes through – some victims have opted to accept 50% less – victims mentally exhausted – lead plaintiff, Laurie Thomas – Powercor – John Priestley, bushfire victim – Powercor spokesman, Drew Douglas – Kilmore East fire – Marysville fire – Maddens Lawyers, Brendan Pendergast – Mark McIntyre lost his golf pro shop in Horsham blaze

- [S6.27.2] Andrew Ford, CEO, Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria, Letters, 'Day of somber reflection', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 7, 2014, p. 60.

Fifth anniversary of Black Saturday – Ash Wednesday, 1983 – preparation is the key to dealing with Victoria's fire risk

- [S6.27.3] Name and address supplied, Letters, 'Grateful to public', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 7, 2014, p. 60.

Fifth anniversary – thanks those who donated to the bushfire appeals – Salvos

'few thanks to local, state and federal bureaucracies that provided little but empty advice and supposed "facilitation"'

Three years on, the recommendations of the Royal Commission appear to be more about politics than true on-ground improvements

- [S6.28.1] James Dowling, 'Horror fire danger: Threat from cool change', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 9, 2014, p. 4.

Worst fire conditions for five years (since Black Saturday) – Gippsland – 40C temperatures – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – SP AusNet plan to cut power in Hurstbridge today for maintenance – SP AusNet spokeswoman, Sarah Ward

- [S6.29.1] 'Fire fight', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 10, 2014, p. 1.

Thousands flee – houses destroyed – as 37 blazes rage across the state in the worst fire day since Black Saturday, residents in singlets and thongs fought the flames with buckets and towels

- [S6.29.2] Mark Dunn, Aleks Devic, Lucie van den Berg & Michelle Ainsworth, 'Bucket brigade fights blazes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 10, 2014, p. 2.

37 fires raging across Victoria in the worst conditions since Black Saturday – water bombers – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – warnings – evacuations – extreme heat – Victoria Police – arson being investigated – Police Commissioner, Ken Lay – Premier, Denis Napthine – response to these fires better than on Black Saturday – lessons learnt – better warning systems – emergency services working together better – community more alert – Warrandyte – Gisborne – Mickleborough

- [S6.29.3] Emily Portelli, Laura Armitage, Melanie Gardiner & Angus Thompson, 'Homes gone as flames take toll: Supermarket a haven when fires threatened', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 10, 2014, pp. 4-5.

Warrandyte – IGA supermarket owner, Julie Quinton – rostered a skeleton staff on extreme fire days as part of a post-Black Saturday fire plan: 15 customers, 9 employees, 3 dogs, sheltered in store – at least three homes in Warrandyte destroyed

- [S6.29.4] Aaron Langmaid & Michelle Ainsworth, 'State's power under threat', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 10, 2014, p. 7.

Gippsland – evacuation around Morwell – Hazelwood and Yallourn's power stations under threat – aerial bomber planes – Energy Australia

- [S6.29.5] Steve, Pyalong, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 10, 2014, p. 20.

Napthine said we have learned valuable lessons from Black Saturday and must not forget the Black Saturday victims – yet millions in bushfire funds sit idly and the Royal Commission recommendations haven't been implemented

- [S6.30.1] 'Saved', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 11, 2014, p. 1.

700 fireys battling raging blazes – police hunt arsonists – at least 18 homes lost – towns cut off

- [S6.30.2] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Victorian fires: Relief and recovery assistance available', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 11, 2014, p. 8.

- [S6.31.1] James Dowling, Andrew Jefferson, Matt Johnston & Samantha Landy, 'Houses go and more in danger: Towns to city's north under threat', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 11, 2014, p. 5.

At least 18 houses destroyed – fires across Victoria – emergency warnings – aircraft – police chief, Ken Lay – arson suspected – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley

- [S6.31.2] Quote, Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 11, 2014, p. 23.

[S6.31.3] Editorial, 'Bushfire forewarning', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 11, 2014, p. 24.

Victoria again has a bushfire emergency – less catastrophic than Black Saturday – worst conditions since Black Saturday – risk will increase in future, according to CSIRO (more extreme weather days, longer fire seasons)

Causes – Mother Nature – lightning strikes – (accidents – power lines) account for 32% - arson

More lives lost in Victoria than any other part of Australia – 475 since 1851 – Black Thursday, 1851 – Black Friday 1939 – Ash Wednesday, 1983 – Black Saturday, 2009

Lessons learnt from Black Saturday and subsequent Royal Commission have largely been enacted and effective – communication to public better – co-operation between agencies improved

Suburbs expanding into rural areas – people fighting fires in singlets and thongs not prepared – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – some emergency messages not received until after fire (eg Warrandyte)

[S6.32.1] Advertisement, CGU, 'Bushfires: We are now supporting our customers affected by the current bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 11, 2014, p. 11.

[S6.32.2] Advertising, AAMI, 'If you've been affected by bushfires, AAMI has your home covered', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 13.

[S6.33.1] D. Dolly, Yallambi, Letters, 'Alert to the season', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 26.

Complacency – Mother Nature – fifth anniversary of Black Saturday – praise for firefighters - heroes

[S6.33.2] Martin Elks, Fairfield, Letters, 'An easy target', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 26.

Brendan Sokaluk an easy target for Herald Sun – Churchill fire – the term, 'Victoria's worst mass killer' is unfair, inaccurate, stigmatizing and incendiary – arson conviction – simplistic assessment of Sokaluk: fascination with fire, misfit, monster – sidesteps serious and relevant issues – autism – intellectual disability

[S6.33.3] Alan Batten, Moe, Letters, 'Miss directed', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 26.

Navigator device not aware of deadly fires and other dangers

[S6.33.4] Sunny, Morwell, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 27.

Praise for firefighters – true heroes

[S6.33.5] Dean Godde, Wangaratta, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 27.

Make a law to lock up all known firebugs on total fire ban days and high-risk days

[S6.33.6] Firefighter, Gippsland, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 27.

'makes me angry when the media plasters photos and videos of people trying to fight bushfires in shorts, no shirt and thongs' – leave to people who are trained and equipped

[S6.33.7] Patricia Woodyard, Lara, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, February 12, 2014, p. 27.

Did anyone save the deer? – re Herald Sun, 10 Feb – see [S6.29.4] – photo



[S6.33.8] Cheryl Addinsall, Stawell, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, February 12, 2014, p. 27.

We have houses destroyed and out of control fires – but headlines are of a convicted drug smuggler released (Schapelle Corby) – shame on television channels – give us the important news first

[S6.33.9] Bruce Lovett, Werribee, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 26.

Victorian Government did not bring Elvis this bushfire season – but there is an Elvis impersonator out there

[S6.33.10] Roy, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 26.

Helicopter that looks like Elvis getting water from a backyard swimming pool as swimmers look on – caption reads, ‘Thank you very much!’ coming from the helicopter pilot

[S6.33.11] Gary Clarke, Bundoora, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 26.

Media focus should be on apprehension of firebugs, not the release of a drug smuggler

[S6.33.12] (writer not known), ‘Insurance bills fall’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 12.

Insurance bills of Victorians fell by about 11% between June and September last year as companies removed the Fire Services Levy – levy was collected by insurance companies, but now collected by councils – Fire Services Levy Monitor, Prof Allan Fels, yesterday released quarterly report – Australian Bureau of Statistics data

[S6.33.13] James Dowling, Annika Smethurst & Aaron Langmaid, ‘But the worst is yet to come as hunt for firebugs gets going’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, p. 5.

Bushfire threat eases but worse may be to come – at least 34 homes destroyed – fires across Victoria – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – no deaths – police suspect firebugs – grass fire – aircraft – firefighter from Point Cook injured – power line likely cause of Mickleham fire – police roadblocks (some residents upset) – police chief, Ken Lay

[S6.34.1] (writer not known), ‘Animals suffer too’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 6.

Native animals caught in bushfires – injured – Pastoria East Wildlife Shelter owner, Marcus Ward

[S6.35.1] Andrew Jefferson, Annika Smethurst & James Dowling, ‘Desperate families defy police blocks to see fire damage’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 7.

Tension between residents and police at roadblocks – Wallan – Craig Lapsley

[S6.36.1] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, ‘Where you can go for bushfire help’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 18.

[S6.37.1] Barry, Benalla, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Offers to share his copied of the bushfire recovery report with those who missed out

[S6.37.2] Joe, Hot Topic, ‘Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Thanks to all emergency services – air cranes – Dr Napthine – Mr Lapsley – Mr Lay

[S6.37.3] Elayne, Hot Topic, 'Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Thanks to all emergency services – trees near houses dangerous – clear area around house

[S6.37.4] Sui Ting, Hot Topic, 'Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Thanks to all emergency services

[S6.37.5] Marion, Hot Topic, 'Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Tone down dire warning and doomsday prophecies and that CFA can't contain some fires – publicity inspires arsonists

[S6.37.6] Sonja, Hot Topic, 'Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

On a total fire ban day, saw fire works while driving along Eastlink towards the city – disrespectful to those fleeing fires – dangerous

[S6.37.7] Ray, Hot Topic, 'Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Warrandyte a storm waiting to happen – blames Manningham and Nillumbik councils and environmentalists

[S6.37.8] Ais, Hot Topic, 'Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Not hard to predict bushfires – high grass and fuel on forest floors everywhere

[S6.37.9] M, Hot Topic, 'Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Thanks to all emergency services workers

[S6.37.10] Ms, Hot Topic, 'Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Hopes someone seriously looks at how many fires were sparked by power lines – 'Deliberately lit' is an easy scapegoat

[S6.37.11] Zak, Hot Topic, 'Victorians are expressing gratitude for our emergency services', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Salutes emergency services workers

[S6.37.12] Allan, Wodonga, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Grampians – top job done by fireys and DSE

[S6.37.13] Terry Lindsay, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Protective clothing should be worn when fighting fires – people could have died – fools

[S6.37.14] Steve, Werribee, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Amazed at people fighting fires in shorts and singlets

[S6.37.15] W. & H. Cusworth, Riddells Creek, Letters, 'Our debt to CFA', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Ash Wednesday – Riddells Creek – praises CFA: dedication, courage, skills – water bombers – communication – deserve gold medals

[S6.37.16] Peter D. Surkitt, Hampton, Letters, 'Lapsley impresses', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 13, 2014, p. 26.

Appointment of Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – praise for

[S6.38.1] Joe Milbourne, Flowerdale, Letters, 'Tears flow for all', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 14, 2014, p. 72.

Remembers fires five years ago (Black Saturday) – arson fills me with rage and frustration – no lives lost so far – loss of personal things such as photos, scrap books, etc, the worst losses

[S6.38.2] Joy Braybrook, Warrandyte, Letters, 'Take a bow, CFA', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 14, 2014, p. 72.

Praise for CFA – Warrandyte narrowly missed catastrophe – fire plans good – fuel loads dangerous – Crown and City of Manningham not reducing fuel loads on their land

[S6.38.3] Maree Hall, Moe, Letters, 'Train line hazards', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 14, 2014, p. 72.

V/Line should remove hazardous long, dry grass along railway line abutting Moe CBD

[S6.38.4] Anne Allen, Red Hill South, Letters, 'Hard work axing trees', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 14, 2014, p. 72.

Re Elayne (Hot Topic [S6.37.3]) – some councils don't allow people to clear trees on their blocks – permits

[S6.38.5] Daniel Pearn, Deniliquin, NSW, Letters, 'Dressing down foolish', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 14, 2014, p. 72.

People need to wear protective clothing when fighting fires – wearing singlets and thongs is counter to common sense

[S6.38.6] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Bushfire arson: It devastates.', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 15, 2014, p. 12.

Bushfire arson a crime – can kill or injure – devastates communities and lives – penalties up to 25 years in prison – up to half of all bushfires in Australia deliberately lit – report behaviour

[S6.38.7] Name and address supplied, Letters, 'We did what we could', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 15, 2014, p. 29.

Not all houses can be saved by firefighters

[S6.38.8] Kay Rimbaldo, Bentleigh East, Letters, 'Let's remember fireys', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 15, 2014, p. 29.

We need a National Firefighters Day – donations to help families of firefighters who have been injured or killed – perhaps the day could be in February, the worst month for bushfires

[S6.38.9] W. De Lacey, Ringwood East, Letters, 'Arson or nature', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 15, 2014, p. 29.

How can police determine if a fire is deliberately lit? – lightning strikes – faulty exhausts/motors/compressors/pumps, cigarette butts – all start bushfires

[S6.38.10] Gaye, Mornington, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 15, 2014, p. 29.

Honour our fireys – don't forget helicopter pilots

[S6.38.11] Dianne Anderson, Bundoora, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 15, 2014, p. 29.

Can we stop using the cutesy term 'firebugs' – they are arsonists

[S6.38.12] Maz, Macedon, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 15, 2014, p. 29.

Re Patricia, Text Talk [6.33.7] – most of the 350 fallow deer survived, only tired and distressed

[S6.38.13] Sophie Aubrey, 'Nasty surprise for bushfire-hit family', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 15, 2014, p. 8.

Looters pilfer after family forced to evacuate as bushfires threaten – police roadblocks

[S6.39.1] Brendan Lucas, 'Farm alive with hope: Home safe for couple and deer', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 15, 2014, p. 14.

Deer survived – bushfires in Gisborne – hero helicopter pilot, Julian Chatfield

[S6.39.2] Greg Gade, Ingle Farm, SA, 50/50, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 16, 2014, p. 64.

Praise for firefighters

[S6.39.3] Reformed smoker, Leongatha, 50/50, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 16, 2014, p. 64.

Why is it that smokers can light cigarettes outside on a total fire ban day?

[S6.39.4] Kevin, Macedon, 50/50, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 16, 2014, p. 64.

Some drivers flick cigarette butts outside car windows – dangerous, inconsiderate morons

[S6.39.5] Ian Macdonald, Traralgon, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, February 16, 2014, 2014, p. 64.

Fighting fires in shorts, tanktops and thongs – not prepared

[S6.39.6] Jordan and Matt, Warrandyte, Text Talk, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 16, 2014, p. 65.

Thanks firefighters from North Warrandyte

[S6.39.7] Sue, Wallan, Text Talk, *Sunday Herald Sun*, February, 16, 2014, p. 65.

Thanks CFA

[S6.39.8] K. Bishop, Macedon, Letters, 'It's butt stupidity', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 17, 2014, p. 20.

Drivers flick cigarette butts out of their car windows despite fire danger – Royal Commission – there should be much harsher penalties for these inconsiderate morons

[S6.39.9] Editorial, 'Red alert on red tape', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 17, 2014, p. 22.

Five years after Black Saturday – 173 died – many still struggling to rebuild their damaged communities feel extra red tape and building costs too much to cope with – Black Saturday survivor, Rob Hyndman, faced with \$450,000 for upgrading driveway as per new regulations – positives from the Royal Commission are improved warning systems, better equipped firefighters, and improved fire insurance cover

[S6.40.1] Ashley Argoon, 'Bushfire fund anger: Survivor calls for inquiry into how \$401m of public donations was spent', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 17, 2014, p. 17.

Black Saturday survivor, Bev Rice, has called for an inquiry into how the \$401m was spent – Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake (West) – Bev lives in a Department of Human Services house in Echuca – up to 20 years before she can be relocated closer to family and friends - \$18m allocated but still unspent in bushfire fund – Pat McNamara, Chair of Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Advisory Panel – Kinglake resident, John Griffiths – Peter Gill, from Marysville, who owns El Kanah – Red Cross – money from fund not to go to enterprises

[S6.40.2] Ashley Argoon, '“Idiotic” new laws plague victims', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 17, 2014, p. 17.

Black Saturday survivor, Rob Hyndman, Whittlesea – facing a bill for \$450,000 for upgrading his driveway to meet new regulations – other extra costs totaling \$40,000 – Planning Minister, Matthew Guy – Royal Commission

[S6.40.3] (writer not known), 'Swan adds fuel to fire', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 17, 2014, p. 17.

A black swan caused a grass fire after hitting power lines and bursting into flames

[S6.40.4] Annika Smethurst, 'Thieves aim at brigades', Black Saturday, Five Years On, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 17, 2014, p. 17.

Thieves took more than \$100,000 worth of goods from CFA last financial year, including more than \$1500 during the week of the Black Saturday anniversary – some details of thefts given – Police and Emergency Services Minister, Kim Wells

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- [S7.1.1] Vox Pop, 'Should there be an inquiry into how Black Saturday funds were spent?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 18, 2014, p. 19.
- Julie James, 61, Gordon: Yes – Jessica Smith, 35, Bendigo: Yes – Andrew Backers, 45, Ballarat: Yes – Joel Larsson, 26, CBD: Yes
- [S7.1.2] Quote, Bob Hyndman, Black Saturday survivor, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 18, 2014, p. 19.
- Red tape adding to victims' trauma
- [S7.1.3] Amanda, Kilmore, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 18, 2014, p. 19.
- Re [S6.38.8] - National Firefighters Day a fantastic idea – praise for CFA
- [S7.1.4] Adam Clark, Craigieburn, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 18, 2014, p. 18.
- Someone who deliberately lights fires that cause massive damage and loss of life ought to be considered a terrorist
- [S7.1.5] (writer not known), 'Preying on fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 19, 2014, p. 13.
- Con men posing as tradies swindling bushfire victims – Riddells Creek area – Consumer Affairs Minister, Heidi Victoria
- [S7.1.6] P. Stanley, Wantirna, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 19, 2014, p. 21.
- \$401m raised for bushfire victims – some still not in housing – Government has a lot to answer for
- [S7.1.7] Graeme, Wonthaggi, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 20, 2014, p. 29.
- Can someone explain why a Royal Commission can cost \$100m?
- [S7.1.8] Alan Arnup, Wallan, Letters, 'Firewood fees a farce', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 20, 2014, p. 29.
- Need to reduce fuel loads – fees for firewood removal – councils – VicRoads – we pay to save authorities money – costly to remove trees after fire goes through – praise for firefighters
- [S7.1.9] (writer not known), 'Warnings "ignored" on Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 21, 2014, p. 2.
- Victorian residents ignored police requests to evacuate on Black Saturday – Assistant Commissioner, Steve Fontana – class action against SPI Electricity – Assistant Commissioner, Bob Hastings – Kilmore East fire – lead plaintiff, Carol Matthews – SPI negligent in maintaining power lines – also being sued are the CFA, police and DSE over failure to warn communities
- [S7.1.10] June Ferrie, Bentleigh, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 21, 2014, p. 34.
- Will never donate to a Black Saturday type appeal again – would rather put cash in victim's hand
- [S7.1.11] Al, Traralgon, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 21, 2014, p. 35.
- CFA FireReady and VicRoads apps hopeless – not updated

- [S7.1.12] Ed Gannon, 'It's natural to want an end to drought relief and red tape', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 21, 2014, pp. 32-33.
- Is drought a natural disaster? – discussion – Greens' view that drought is man-made – climate change – 173 deaths on Black Saturday – Blaze Aid founder, Kevin Butler – 2009 fire, Marysville, Kinglake – damage to fencing in recent fires worse than Black Saturday
- [S7.2.1] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Bushfire arson: It devastates.', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 22, 2014, p. 17.
- Penalty of up to 25 years in prison – up to half of all bushfires in Australia deliberately lit – public to report suspicious activity
- [S7.2.2] Charli, 6, Darraweit Guim, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 22, 2014, p. 29.
- Praise for CFA
- [S7.2.3] Editorial, 'Selfless and superb', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 23, 2014, p. 66.
- Praise for firefighters – worst fires since Black Saturday – CFA – MFB – Wallan
- [S7.2.4] Brianna Blackburn, Miners Rest, Letters, 'Raise CFA applause', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 24, 2014, p. 21.
- Praise for CFA – should receive more recognition
- [S7.2.5] P. Carter, Benalla, Letters, 'Train the jobless', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 24, 2014, p. 21.
- CFA volunteers having pay docked or forced to take leave by employers – the unemployed should be trained to help
- [S7.2.6] Rod Matthews, Fairfield, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 24, 2014, p. 20.
- Droughts and bushfires remind us that climate change requires urgent action
- [S7.2.7] Vicki Simpson, Riddells Creek, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 28, 2014, p. 38.
- Mother Nature is wonderful – I could see a faint green haze on the ground blackened by the fires
- [S7.2.8] James Dowling, 'Peril from above: Powerlines remain risk', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 3, 2014, p. 4.
- Two years since a \$200m plan to upgrade dangerous power lines in bushfire-prone zones was announced – only 10 have been buried
- None of the 100,000km of dangerous single-wire earth return or high-voltage lines has been upgraded – Royal Commission recommendation – too expensive – Baillieu Government – Powercor and SP AusNet electricity customers slugged \$500m to upgrade networks by 2022 - \$62.5m committed in 2012 budget (state) – Royal Commission Implementation Monitor chair, Neil Comrie – Powerline Bushfire Safety Program – bushfire expert, Kevin Tolhurst – Opposition energy and response spokeswoman, Lily D'Ambrosio – Energy Minister, Nicholas Kotsiras – Dandenong Ranges – Otway Ranges
- [S7.3.1] Ellen Whinnett, 'It's time to get buried: Underground power cables, rail call', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 7, 2014, p. 13.
- Proposal to bury powerlines in Melbourne suburbs – federal Environment Minister, Greg Hunt – for housing, parks (no mention of burying powerlines to prevent bushfires – but see editorial below [S7.3.2])

- [S7.3.2] Editorial, 'The future underground', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 7, 2014, p. 38.
- Proposal to bury powerlines in Melbourne suburbs – mention of the recommendations of the Royal Commission (but proposal not aimed at fire-prone areas)
- [S7.3.3] Sophie Aubrey, 'Our burning shame: Family violence rises after disasters', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 8, 2014, p. 22.
- Increases in family violence in bushfire ravaged areas – taskforce to prevent families descending into violence after fires and floods – Craig Lapsley – grief – trauma – mental health – research reveals a shortfall in support for men – Herald Sun's Take A Stand campaign – research by Women's Health Goulburn North East and Monash Injury Research Institute found women facing increased levels of abuse from husbands after Black Saturday – men turning to drugs and alcohol – researcher, Debra Parkinson – Denis Napthine
- [S7.4.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Farnham property fire fears', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 8, 2014, p. 4.
- Tree falls on power lines – causes blaze – Manningham Council
- [S7.4.2] Sid Plummer, Carnegie, Letters, 'A fiery debate', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 8, 2014, p. 37.
- State of the Climate* report says Australia being hit by more days of extreme heat and high fire danger
- [S7.4.3] Matt Johnston & James Dowling, 'Free to fire up: Arsonists not tracked', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 12, 2014, p. 23.
- Judges – Adult Parole Board – not using new powers to track arsonists with GPS program – no person convicted solely of arson wearing the device – statistics on arson charges and deliberately lit fires – Australian Bushfire Arson Prevention Initiative researcher, Janet Stanley, said less than 2% of arsonists were caught – Corrections Minister, Edward O'Donohue
- [S7.4.4] (writer not known), 'Fire contained at last', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 12, 2014, p. 16.
- A bushfire burning for almost two months in Gippsland has been contained – caused by multiple lightning strikes in mid-January
- [S7.4.5] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Reducing fire risk with planned burns', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 15, 2014, p. 7.
- Department of Environment and Primary Industries – Parks Victoria – planned burns
- [S7.5.1] Peter Rolfe, 'World to see our fire heroes parade', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 16, 2014, p. 6.
- Black Saturday heroes – honoured at Melbourne Grand Prix – CFA – MFB – SES
- [S7.5.2] Natalie Savino, 'Compo chance for fire victims', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 19, 2014, p. 19.
- Maddens Lawyers (represented residents who lost property on Black Saturday) – senior partner, Brendan Pendergast
- [S7.5.3] Evonne Barry, 'Firebug kids to see the light: Eye on child arsonists', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 22, 2014, p. 11.
- Child fire-lighters referred to intervention programs – CFA – MFB – program director, Murray Talbot – The Juvenile Fire Awareness and Intervention Program launched in Victoria in early 1990s – Royal Children's Hospital psychiatry department – Dr Robert Adler



- [S7.6.1] Wayne Flower, 'Bushfire ruling a relief for accused', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 22, 2014, p. 10.
- Grahame Code, 76, charged with recklessly and without lawful excuse causing a bushfire – Aberfeldy – charges dropped
- Found guilty of lesser charge of leaving a fire that was lit without taking all reasonable precautions to prevent it spreading – convicted and fined \$2500
- [S7.6.2] Sophie Elsworth, 'Insurance payback: \$12 million order on fire levy cash', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 24, 2014, p. 9.
- Hundreds of thousands of Victorians overcharged – Fire Services Levy – Fire Services Levy Monitor, Prof Allan Fels – Suncorp – CGU – QBE – Allianz – changes from insurance-based charge to rates-based charge in July 2013 – Royal Commission – RACV – Insurance Council of Australia spokesman, Campbell Fuller
- [S7.6.3] Jon Kaila, 'Fireys' fury over mine gases', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 25, 2014, p. 4.
- Firefighters exposed to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide at Hazelwood mine – United Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – MFB - CFA
- [S7.6.4] (writer not known), 'Stay clear of burnoffs', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 25, 2014, p. 7.
- Planned burnoffs in Laverton, Keilor East, Powelltown and Kalorama – residents warned to stay clear of blazes – heavy smoke expected
- [S7.7.1] (writer not known), 'Praise for fire heroes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 8, 2014, p. 11.
- Governor General, Peter Cosgrove – praise for Victoria's bushfire volunteers – BlazeAid – Lady Cosgrove – Barefoot Investor, Scott Pape (and family) – Chintin
- [S7.7.2] (writer not known), 'Burn-off warnings', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 8, 2014, p. 2.
- Planned burnoffs expected today – Department of Environment and Primary Industries – fire activity and smoke build-up – Port Phillip region – Montrose, Rosebud, Frankston, Cairnlea, Gladysdale, Officer
- [S7.7.3] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Reducing fire risk with planned burns', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 17, 2014, p. 6.
- FireReady – planned burns being carried out
- [S7.8.1] Michelle Ainsworth, 'Families slam level of post-fire care', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 21, 2014, p. 2.
- Black Saturday victims – lack of support – fifth anniversary
- Concerns: coronial process – an offensive difference between the value of a life compared to a home – 173 killed on 7 February 2009 – The Black Saturday Bushfire Bereaved Advisory Group report – trauma – Government spokeswoman, Jessica Jackson
- [S7.8.2] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Reducing fire risk with planned burns', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, April 22, 2014, p. 10.
- FireReady – Department of Environment and Primary Industries – Parks Victoria – carrying out planned burns

[S7.8.3] (writer not known), 'Top job for fire chief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 2, 2014, p. 17.

Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley, appointed in 2010, has been appointed Victoria's first Emergency Management Commissioner as from 1 July 2014 – Emergency Services Minister, Kim Wells

[S7.8.4] Ed Gannon, 'New approach could be an answer to bush's hot topic', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 2, 2014, pp. 30-31.

Black Saturday – Black Friday – Ash Wednesday – government plays two central roles re bushfires: suppression and prevention – the latter is the most contentious because it is when philosophy and management really come into play – fighting fire with fire, the best way – planned burning – Royal Commission recommended burnoffs – buy backs – the government is behind burnoff targets – Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) does not have resources to meet burnoff targets – should consider outsourcing

[S7.9.1] Paula Beauchamp, 'All-Australian solution: Sprinklers to douse fire threat', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 7, 2014, p. 56.

Bushfire protection sprinkler system – inventor Jamie Boyle, of Gippsland – Platypus Sprinkler – Industry Capability Network Victoria – Advantage Engineering in Braeside, managing director, Jamie Foster - CFA

[S7.9.2] Editorial, 'Troubles on the fire front', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 12, 2014, p. 22.

20 CFA stations have been either closed or cannot meet emergencies because of critical shortage of officers – stations are in danger areas named by the Royal Commission – claimed 173 lives – United Firefighters Union, Peter Marshall – CFA firefighters being forced to work dangerously long hours – firefighters and public at risk – Napthine Government promise of 342 permanent firefighters not met – lessons of Black Saturday – expenses of CFA executives

[S7.10.1] Advertisement/open letter, State Government, Victoria, 'Thank You', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 12, 2014, p. 8.

Denis Napthine, Premier of Victoria, thanks firefighters and other emergency services and volunteers for their dedication during the 2013-14 fire season

[S7.11.1] Jon Kaila, 'CFA under pump: Union in plea for staff', *Herald Sun*, Monday, May 12, 2014, p. 5.

20 CFA stations have been shut, partially closed or have vital lifesaving vehicles off the road since the start of the year – in high-risk areas identified by the Royal Commission, include Mornington, Geelong, Melton, Hoppers Crossing, Dandenong, Frankston and Eltham

Some fulltime firefighters being stretched to breaking point – Peter Marshall, Victorian secretary United Firefighters Union – union says Coalition has reneged on promise to hire an additional 342 permanent firefighters – CFA spokesman, Gerard Scholten, said stations were not closed when career firefighters were not available, but switched to volunteer staff

[S7.12.1] Editorial, 'Smoking gun threatens CFA', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 13, 2014, p. 20.

Praise for CFA – Black Saturday, 173 lives lost – CFA reputation besmirched – taxpayers' money splurged on food, drink, accommodation and travel - \$230,000 over 26 months on corporate credit cards - \$51,000 spent on food and drinks – Deputy Chief Officer, John Haynes – CFA Chief Executive, Mick Bourke and Chief Officer, Euan Ferguson's jobs may hang in the balance – 33 senior CFA officers hold credit cards – must be an immediate inquiry – Denis Napthine

[S7.12.2] Advertisement, Australian Government & State Government, Victoria, 'In an emergency, your mobile phone may be sent a warning based on your location', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 14, 2014, p. 6.

[S7.12.3] Editorial, 'Victorians burnt by red tape', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 21, 2014, p. 20.

Thousands of Victorians' properties are worthless after the Black Saturday bushfires – new building codes – Red Tape Commissioner, John Lloyd – Denis Napthine – people paying off loans on land they cannot either build on or sell – some suicides may be connected to situation – Cockatoo – Opposition Leader, Daniel Andrews

Areas most affected – Dandenong Ranges, Yarra Ranges, Gippsland, Mornington Peninsula, Otway Ranges, Surf Coast, Alpine areas, Mt Macedon, Daylesford, Hepburn Springs and Nillumbik

Compensation ruled out because of cost and complexity in identifying those unfairly affected – administration of new regulations being mismanaged by local councils and CFA – the Napthine Government must tackle the problem – many who were affected by Black Saturday are now facing financial flames

[S7.12.4] Quote, Arthur & Angela Jones, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 21, 2014, p. 19.

Arthur and Angela Jones of Buxton – Black Saturday survivors – land now worthless

[S7.13.1] Karen Collier, 'Third World phone fears', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 22, 2014, p. 8.

Poor mobile phone coverage in some areas in Victoria – emergency and residents cut off from phone service and critical text message warnings during January's fires in Wimmera, Mallee and Grampians – federal Government has pledged \$100m to improve coverage – St Andrews Community Centre chair, Sue Aldred – Black Saturday – about 40,000 Victorians live in mobile black spots areas – telecom firms blame complex laws, high rents for Crown land and the cost of power supply

[S7.13.2] Lyn Findlay, Montrose, Letters, 'Wake-up call, Denis', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 23, 2014, p. 37.

Re editorial [S7.12.3] – Denis Napthine – government must reimburse those suffering financial loss as a result of its new building regulations

[S7.13.3] Barry Reynolds, 'Rebirth of a town', *Herald Sun*, Weekend, Saturday, May 25, 2014, p. 27.

Marysville – Black Saturday photographic exhibition (at Marysville Mountain Lake Visitor Information Centre) – Marysville District Historical Society – Mary Keneally – Bruno's art and sculpture garden – Steavenson Falls – Marysville Garden Cottages (accommodation) – Marysville Patisserie

[S7.14.1] Kathryn Powley, 'Victorians shine in top award categories', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 9, 2014, p. 6.

Janette Cook – Order of Australia (AM) – principal Middle Kinglake Primary School – school burnt down on Black Saturday

[S7.14.2] Queen's Birthday Honours, 'Order of Australia', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 9 2014, p. 26.

Member in the General Division (AM) – Ms Janette Ann Cook – significant service to the community of Kinglake area in the aftermath of the 2009 Victorian bushfires

[S7.14.3] Editorial, 'State of the nation', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 9, 2014, p. 24.

Queen's Birthday honours list – Janette Cook, principal of Middle Kinglake Primary School, which was burnt down on Black Saturday – honoured for rebuilding community

- [S7.15.1] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, '100% of your fire levy goes to our fire services', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 11, 2014, p. 13.

New Fire Services Levy – fairer – Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission

- [S7.15.2] James Campbell, '\$500m Black Saturday payout', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, July 15, 2014, p. 3.

Settlement - expected to be biggest payout in Australian history – about \$500m - class action – Kilmore East fire on Black Saturday – 119 people died

Those sued – State Government – SP AusNet – Utility Services Group – about 10,000 will share payout – Justice Jack Forest will rule on settlement early in 2015

- [S7.16.1] Kathryn Powley & Ashley Argoon, '\$500m eases inferno fight: Victorians' cold comfort', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 16, 2014, p. 10.

Biggest payout settlement in Australian history for class action – Kilmore East-Kinglake fire – lead plaintiff, Carol Matthews, lost her son – 119 people died – 1242 houses destroyed – settlement, subject to court approval – Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, Andrew Watson

Payout details – total \$494m – SP AusNet \$378.6m – State Government \$103.6m – UAM (Utility Assets Management) \$12.5m

Case centred on a power conductor that failed when struck by lightening and whether residents were properly warned – Maurice Blackburn Lawyers will receive about 7% and barristers and experts about 5%

- [S7.16.2] Quote, Carol Matthews, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 17, 2014, p. 25.

- [S7.16.3] Robert Thompson, Ocean Grove, Letters, 'Where will money go?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 18, 2014, p. 35.

How will payout for Kilmore East-Kinglake class action be spent? – donations to Black Saturday were fund \$392m: only \$289m spent, \$103m being held

- [S7.17.1] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, '100% of your fire levy goes to our fire services', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 18, 2014, p. 8.

New Fire Services Levy – fairer – Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission

- [S7.18.1] Stephen Drill, 'Gatto fires up for mate', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 21, 2014, p. 10.

Mick Gatto – Peter Marshall, secretary United Firefighters Union – Christine Nixon refused to accept Mr Gatto's offer to build a new community hall in Marysville after Black Saturday – Gatto raised \$900,000 for CFA after Black Saturday

- [S7.19.1] Matt Johnston, 'Insurance company refuses fire refunds', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, July 24, 2014, p. 2.

Fire Services Levy – CUG Insurances over-collected \$1.5m and refuses to refund money to policy holders – money donated to CFA instead – Fires Services Levy Monitor, Allan Fels – councils now collect levy

- [S7.19.2] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, '100% of your fire levy goes to our fire services', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 1, 2014, p. 12.

New Fire Services Levy – fairer – Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission

- [S7.19.3] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Planned burns in your area', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 1, 2014, p. 13.

Draft Fire Operations Plans – DEPI (Department of Environment and Primary Industries) – Parks Victoria

Fuel reduction: planned burning – slashing – mowing – clearing – track works – construction of fire breaks

- [S7.20.1] James Campbell, 'Logging raises risk: Study finds fire intensity increased', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 4, 2014, p. 2.

Kinglake and Marysville fires killed 159 people on Black Saturday – clear fell logging of forests to have made fires worse, scientists believe

Landmark two-year study of Kilmore East and Murrindindi Mill fires – Professor David Lindenmayer, Australia's leading scientist of forest ecology, headed the study – figures given on destruction

- [S7.20.2] (writer not known), 'Bushfire homes hope', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 8, 2014, p. 19.

Police and Emergency Services Minister, Kim Wells – traffic management – earlier return of residents – livestock management – Inspector-General for Emergency Management, Tony Pearce

- [S7.20.3] Advertisement, Public Notice, 'Proposed Settlement – "Kilmore East Kinglake Bushfire" Class Action', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 11, 2014, p. 8.

Terms of proposed settlement of Kilmore East Kinglake Bushfire class action

- [S7.21.1] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, '100% of your fire levy goes to our fire services', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 25, 2014, p. 18.

New Fire Services Levy – fairer – Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission

- [S7.21.2] Karen Collier, 'Power hike shock: Tax increase to be passed on to consumers', *Herald Sun*, Friday, September 5, 2014, p. 5.

Powercor – AusNet Services – will have to pay extra tax on loans made by State Government to make power lines safer in bushfire prone zones - can pass on extra tax they will have to pay to consumers – Australian Energy Regulator – Energy Minister, Russell Northe – Black Saturday – Australian Tax Office (ATO) – Bushfires Royal Commission

- [S7.22.1] Karen Collier, 'Fire safety tax slug: Companies win right to up price', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, September 20, 2014, p. 8.

Powercor – AusNet Services – loans received from Victorian State Government to make power lines safer in bushfire-prone zones - can pass on extra tax they will have to pay to consumers – Australian Energy Regulator – Victorian Energy Minister, Russell Northe – federal Treasurer, J Joe Hockey – Department of State Development, Business and Innovation – Bushfire Royal Commission

- [S7.22.2] Wes Hosking, 'Schools on fire alert: Evacuation drills part of seasonal preparation', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 30, 2014, p. 13.

Bushfire rules for non-government schools – The Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority – Education Department's Bushfire At-Risk Register – Authority director, Lynn Glover – Black Saturday – Code Red days – Independent Schools Victoria chief executive, Michelle Green

- [S7.23.1] Caitlin Guilfoyle, 'Bushfire victims join \$50m class action', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 3, 2014, p. 18.

Fran and Reg Cleland – lost home and pets on Black Saturday – have joined more than 150 property owners from Michelham-Kilmore region class action against AusNet Services – AusNet will vigorously defend

- [S7.23.2] (writer not known), Agenda, 'Our Sin City', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 5, 2015, pp. 31-32 & 61.

New book, ; Once Upon a Time in Melbourne' – reference to Christine Nixon, photo p. 32

- [S7.24.1] Michelle Ainsworth, 'CFA accused of permit snarl for victims', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 14, 2014, p. 3.

Rebuilding – red tape – CFA – planning applications – Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) – Red Tape Commissioner, John Lloyd – Chief Fire Officer, Euan Ferguson – Planning Minister, Matthew Guy – CFA spokeswoman, Kayla Maskell

- [S7.24.2] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Reducing fire risk with planned burns', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 17, 2014, p. 4.

Draft Fire Operations Plans – DEPI (Department of Environment and Primary Industries) – Parks Victoria

Fuel reduction: planned burning – slashing – mowing – clearing – track works – construction of fire breaks

- [S7.24.3] Advertisement, State Government, Victoria, 'Fire Action Week Nov. 16-23: Protect your family by planning ahead this summer', *Sunday Herald Sun*, November 16, 2014, p. 6.

Fire Action Week – preparation – Leave and Live – FireReady

- [S7.25.1] Michelle Ainsworth, 'Job Cut Storm', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 17, 2014, pp. 1-2.

CFA slashing 164 jobs – state prepares for potentially catastrophic bushfire season – 'Creating Our Future Together' restructure to save CFA \$16m a year – United Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall – CFA spokesman, Gerard Scholten – Bushfire Royal Commission – 173 lives lost – Premier, Denis Napthine – Fire Action Week – Emergency Services Minister, Kim Wells

- [S7.27.1] Editorial, 'CFA smoky on job cuts', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 17, 2014, p. 24.

CFA job cuts – Creating Our Future Together program – Black Saturday – nation's greatest natural disaster – 173 deaths – flawed evacuation plans – inadequate bushfire warnings – more than one million animals, including wildlife, died – economic impact of bushfires estimated to be billions of dollars – Bushfire Royal Commission

- [S7.27.2] Stephen Drill, 'CFA wary of playing with fire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 28, 2014, p. 13.

Victorian election (29/11/14) - Labor Party – CFA reform – further risk of another Black Saturday – Daniel Andrews – Andrew Ford, chief executive, Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria – United Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall – Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB)

- [S7.27.3] Stephen McDonald, Canterbury, Letters, 'Praise for our top cop', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 6, 2014, p. 60.

Reference to Christine Nixon – 'And I know for sure that if we have another bushfire crisis, you won't have to drag Ken [Lay] out of the hair salon'

[S7.27.4] Matt Johnston, 'Fire risk sparks call to leave and live', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 8, 2014, p. 12.

'Leave and live' campaign by State Government – Premier, Daniel Andrews – Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – CFA research shows 3/4 of Victorians believed emergency services should tell them when to leave their homes – 4 out of 5 deaths occur close to home, often because people leave it too late

[S7.28.1] Photos, Weekend, 'The Best Pictures of 2014', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 20, 2014, p. 4.

Photo no. 4: deers in a grass fire, see [S6.29.4]

[S7.29.1] Photos, Weekend, 'The Best Pictures of 2014', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, December 20, 2014, p. 6.

Reference to photographer, Jason Edwards covering Black Saturday bushfires five years ago

[S7.30.1] (writer not known), 'Man charged with lighting 23 fires', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 21, 2014, p. 10.

Man charged with 23 fires lit in past five years – Great Western and Concongella areas of Stawell Shire

[S7.30.2] Shannon Deery, 'Firebug locked up: Man faces at least 20 charges', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 23, 2014, p. 2.

Arson – Andrew Briggs, 47 – suffered from depression, anxiety, diabetes, asthma – Concongella - faces more than 20 charges

[S7.30.3] Emily Portelli, '\$494m fire win: Court approves Black Saturday compo settlement', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 24, 2014, p. 9.

\$494.7m comp settlement approved by Supreme Court Justice Robert Osborn – lead plaintiff, Carol Matthews – Sam Matthews died on Black Saturday in their St Andrews home – Darrin Gibson – Kilmore East Kinglake fire

Breakup of settlement: AusNet \$378.6m – UAM \$12.5m – State Government \$103.6m

Fire killed 119 people – injured more than 1000 people – destroyed or damaged 1727 homes and properties - estimated \$1b damage

Rory Walsh, Maurice Blackburn – a trial over the Murrindindi-Marysville blaze is expected next year

[S7.31.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, 'Christmas comes to Kinglake', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 24, p. 23.

People shown living in a caravan with a Christmas present labeled 'Bushfires Payout'

[S7.31.2] Vox Pop, 'Can the \$494 million compo for Black Saturday victims fix lives?', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 26, 2014, p. 73.

Dusan Uhrin, 34, Hampton East: not sure, but money helps – Alex Dobes, 51, Brisbane: I don't think it will – Min Dutton, 60, Southbank: hope it goes someway to fixing what they went through – Chris Mills, 67, Townsville Qld: doesn't know, but glad they are getting something

- [S7.31.3] Chris Thompson, Mia Mia, Letters, 'Flaming madness', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 29, 2014, p. 21.

Criticism of 'leave early or kill your family' bushfire safety advertisements – before Black Saturday we were told to leave early or properly prepare and defend, or our families were at risk – if they died it would be our fault

Now we are being told the opposite – just leave early – the authorities have figured out nowhere is safe – hypocrites

The implication now is that everyone who stayed and defended on Black Saturday and died deserved what they got because they didn't do what we are now being told – what a gutless transference of guilt

- [S7.31.4] Fireman Sam, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 30, 2014, p. 27.

Re 'Flaming Madness' – see [S7.31.3] – use your common sense – if you can't defend, get out – don't rely on TV ads

- [S7.31.5] Editorial, 'Cop's cop a loss to state' *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 30, 2014, p. 28.

Praise for retiring police commissioner, Ken Lay – reference to Christine Nixon – criticises her performance on Black Saturday – head of VBRRA

- [S7.31.6] Michael Binney, Bittern, Letters, 'How to retain Lay values', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 31, 2014, p. 22.

Appointing police commissioners from outside Victoria a disaster (Nixon, at least, implied)

- [S7.31.7] Lyndell Thompson, Gisborne, Letters, 'Victoria's finest', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 31, 2014, p. 22.

Ken Lay best Chief Commissioner in more than 30 years

- [S7.31.8] Wendy Kent, Werribee, Letters, 'Great job, great bloke', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 31, 2014, p. 22.

Praises Ken Lay

- [S7.32.1] Editorial, 'Our burning issue', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 1, 2015, p. 22.

Reference to Black Saturday heat – 173 died – 'Stay or go' replaced by 'Leave and live'

- [S7.32.2] Alex White & Annika Smethurst, 'Fire fears for extreme heat', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 2, 2015, p. 2.

Temperatures of 30-40C – Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – Total Fire Ban across Victoria – Extreme and severe fire danger warnings – CFA

- [S7.32.3] Editorial, 'Leave and live', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 3, 2015, p. 32.

High temperatures – Black Saturday – total fire bans declared – strong winds – temperatures to reach more than 40C – 'leave and live' is the message – 173 died on Black Saturday – 'stay or go' abandoned after Black Saturday – staying to defend your property may lead to further loss of life – Victorians must take responsibility for themselves by monitoring the media and online apps and being prepared to leave well ahead of fires



[S7.32.4] Editorial, 'Stay alert and alive', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 5, 2015, p. 24.

Disaster averted yesterday – bushfires in SA – no loss of life

75 people died in SA and Victoria in the Ash Wednesday fires of 1983 – Black Saturday, 2009, 173 died

Traffic jams on the Mornington Peninsula as people fled fires on weekend (Jan, 3-4)

[S7.32.5] Pathetic, Ferntree Gully, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 5, 2015, p. 23.

When it's over 40C, arsonists deserve maximum penalty – but what's the bet they get a slap on the wrist?

[S7.33.1] Susie O'Brien, 'Leave and live: Many homes can't be safely defended', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 6, 2015, pp. 22-23.

Change of advice from 'Stay or go' to 'Leave and live' – Black Saturday, 2009, 173 died – no longer 'people save houses and houses save lives' – SA fires – Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews – Ash Wednesday – Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre – Black Saturday: 140 perished inside or near their homes – only 21 people died in cars or roadways while fleeing fires – Bushfire Royal Commission

[S7.34.1] Quote, John Gaylor, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 6, 2015, p. 21.

'I lost everything, the whole caboodle. I am devastated' – John Gaylor's timberyard in Hastings was destroyed by fire at the weekend

[S7.34.2] Paul Stewart, Boronia, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 6, 2015, p. 21.

Praise for firefighters

[S7.34.3] Lindsay Vesty, Shepparton, Letters, 'Ready to flee fires', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 8, 2015, p. 24.

Canada's West – fuel reduction burn that got away – residents load a trailer with treasured possessions ready to leave when evacuation called

[S7.34.4] Jen, Kilsyth, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 9, 2015, p. 27.

Praise for firefighters

[S7.34.5] Dino Tomisic, Redesdale general store, Letters, 'Fire app a fizzer', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 9, 2015, p. 27.

FireReady app – showed a fire at Redesdale – no fire

[S7.34.6] Angus Thompson, 'Fire levy sting: Insurer denies deceit', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 9, 2015, p. 20.

Fire Services Levy – overcharging – Fire Services Levy Monitor – MEcon Insurance failed to refund policy holders – levy money goes to CFA and MFB – councils collect levy from July 2013

[S7.34.7] Advertisement, FireReady, State Government, Victoria, 'Four out of five bushfire deaths happen close to home. It's your responsibility. Leave early.' *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 9, 2015, p. 13.

Check Fire Danger Ratings and warnings regularly – leave and live

- [S7.35.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Dead End: Locals say road closure creates fire death trap', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 18, 2015, p. 24.

Tarilta Rd, Vaughan, near Castlemaine – only one way in and out – Mount Alexander Shire closed down bridge across to town, because of cost of repairs – Bushfire Royal Commission – Black Saturday, 173 people killed

- [S7.35.2] Advertisement, FireReady, State Government, Victoria, 'Temperatures can reach 800 degrees during a bushfire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 23, 2015, p. 20.

Before you travel check the fire danger rating – never travel to a fire-risk area on a code red day – leave and live

- [S7.36.1] Alex White & Rebekah Cavanagh, 'Firebug alert: Fire warning for Black Saturday anniversary', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 6, 2015, p. 2.

Sixth anniversary of Black Saturday – 173 people killed – high-risk fire danger this month – police to monitor known firebugs – Operation Firesetter – Minister for Emergency Services, Jane Garrett – CrimeStoppers – arson – Fire Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley

- [S7.36.2] Padraic Murphy, '\$300m payout over Marysville' *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 7, 2015, p. 22.

Sixth anniversary of Black Saturday - \$300m settlement for Marysville fire – Australia's worst bushfires

Payout from – AusNet Services – Utility Asset Management - Department of Environment and Primary Industries – CFA – State Government – have agreed to settle without admitting liability – AusNet (\$260m) – UAM (\$10m) – State Government (\$29m)

Marysville fire killed 40 people and destroyed more than 500 homes – Dr Katherine Rowe, lead plaintiff, lost her husband

Justice John Dixon – Black Saturday killed 173 people – earlier a record \$494m settlement for about 5000 Victorians over the Kilmore East fire, which killed 119 people – psychological and emotional strain for witnesses and victims

- [S7.37.1] Rebekah Cavanagh, 'Keep an eye on firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 7, 2015, p. 11.

Police to watch known firebugs – majority of fires caused by carelessness – burn-offs – BBQs – campfires – people lighting fires on total fire ban days – people using equipment like angle grinders – farmers slashing grass

- [S7.37.2] (writer not known), 'Black Saturday now a symbol of hope', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 8, 2015, p. 2.

Anniversary of Black Saturday – symbol of courage, hope and profound sorrow – 173 lives lost – Emergency Services Minister, Jane Garrett – Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley

- [S7.37.3] Advertisement, FireReady, State Government, Victoria, 'Temperatures can reach 800 degrees during a bushfire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 13, 2015, p. 25.

Before you travel check the fire danger rating – never travel to a fire-risk area on a code red day – leave and live

- [S7.38.1] Mark Dunn, 'Match made in hell', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 14, 2015, p. 17.

Police monitoring more than 300 firebug suspects – Operation Firesetter – Arson and Explosives Squad – Black Saturday, 173 lives taken – CrimeStoppers

- [S7.38.2] David Penberthy, 'When fire comes, face the facts and just get out', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 15, 2015, pp. 66-67.

Kinglake – Black Saturday, 7 February 2009 – 173 died – the deadliest natural disaster in Australian history – recent fires in SA – Ash Wednesday, 1983, 75 died

Journalist contends that the main difference between Victoria in 2009 and SA in 2015 was 'almost everyone got the hell out of there' – that the 'Stay or go' being replaced by 'leave early'

Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authority Council (AFAC) – fire expert, Dr Richard Thornton

- [S7.38.3] Skater, Hoppers Crossing, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 19, 2015, p. 27.

'How can police watch 300 firebug suspects over summer, when they couldn't watch Man Monis [a terrorist who killed 2 people at Lindt Café in Sydney] on a terror watch list?'

- [S7.39.1] Learn, 'Fire', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 23, 2015, p. 40.

What is a bushfire? – How do bushfires start? – Why are bushfires so dangerous? – What can you do during a bushfire?

The aftermath: rebuilding after a bushfire – Black Saturday: 7 February 2009 – 173 lives lost – one of Australia's worst natural disasters – Bushfires Royal Commission – photos

- [S7.40.1] Advertisement, Public Notice, 'Notice of proposed settlement: Murrindindi Bushfire Class Action', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 26, 2015, p. 19.

Proposed settlement of Murrindindi Bushfire Class Action for bushfire on Black Saturday, 7 February, 2009 - \$300m to be paid by defendants, including legal costs and without admission of liability

The application for settlement will be heard in the Supreme court on 13 and 14 May, 2015.

- [S7.40.2] (writer not known), 'Battered by storms', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2015, p (?).

From November 2014 to February 2015 there were about 4250 grass and bushfires – Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – in December 2014, more than 350 fires were ignited by lightning – national telephone alerting system

## Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 8: 6 March 2015 – 12 February 2016

- [S8.1.1] Learn, 'Heatwave', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 6, 2015, p. 72.
- Why are heatwaves so dangerous? – Black Saturday 2009 – 173 died (but 374 people died in the heatwave that occurred in the week before the fires) – heatwaves can affect the dryness of bushfire fuel, increasing the risks of fire
- [S8.2.1] Vox Pop, 'Would a higher fire levy be reasonable to fund the CFA pay rise?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2015, p. 19.
- Bill Mortimer, 71, Truganina: firefighters should be paid more, but not from levy – Daniel Ho, 18, Glen Waverley: extent of rise unnecessary – Trisha Hives, 60, Mooroolbark: pay rise over the top; smaller increase to levy ok – Prieta Hanani, 27, Reservoir: other sources and levy should fund the pay rise
- [S8.2.2] Quote, Peter Tuohey, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2015, p. 19.
- CFA's 30% pay rise is outrageous
- [S8.2.3] Dean, Ballarat, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2015, p. 19.
- UFU (United Firefighters Union) being unreasonable
- [S8.2.4] Marty, Rosebud, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2015, p. 19.
- Re CFA pay rise (sarcasm?)
- [S8.2.5] Ian, Mount Mercer, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 10, 2015, p. 19.
- 32% increase for CFA a joke
- [S8.2.6] J. Milbourne, Flowerdale, Letters, 'Fired up over greed', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 11, 2015, p. 21.
- Against CFA claim – union greed and their don't-give-a-damn attitude
- [S8.2.7] Geoff Phillips, Wonga Park, Letters, 'They save lives', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 11, 2015, p. 21.
- In favour of a CFA pay rise.
- [S8.2.8] Ken Mival, Flowerdale, Letters, 'Fire frustrations', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2015, p. 37.
- Re J. Milbourne [S8.2.6] – 207 out of 324 houses destroyed in Flowerdale on Black Saturday – agrees that firefighting union is greedy – high cost of rebuilding
- [S8.2.9] Advertisement, 'Temperatures can reach 800 degrees during a bushfire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 13, 2015, p. 17.
- Before you travel check the fire danger rating – never travel to a fire-risk area on a code red day – leave and live
- [S8.3.1] Matt Johnston, 'Alpine grazing bans', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 18, 2015, p. 3.
- Cattle grazing to lower fuel loads – Andrews Government proposes to ban practice – former Coalition Government allowed cattle grazing in Wonnangatta Valley to test if fuel loads reduced – Labor suspended trial – Environment Minister, Lisa Neville – cattle grazing doesn't reduce bushfire risk in alpine areas and they damage the environment – Mount Cattlemen's Association

- [S8.3.2] Advertisement, 'Planned burns in your area', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 20, 2015, p. 6.
- Planned burns reduce bushfire risk
- [S8.3.3] Editorial, 'Burning up money', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2015, p. 20.
- Black Saturday – Australia's greatest bushfire disaster – buy backs – Minister for Emergency Services, Jane Garrett – Flowerdale survivor, Joe Milbourne – properties bought back have not been resold because Government asking too much for blocks that cannot be built on
- [S8.3.4] Alex White, 'A flaming ghost town: Bushfire sites caught in red tape', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 23, 2015, p. 15.
- Black Saturday – red tape – buy backs – blocks bought by Government, but cannot resell – asking too much for blocks that cannot be built on – Flowerdale bushfire survivor, Joe Milbourne – Emergency Services Minister, Jane Garrett
- [S8.4.1] L. Gibson, Traralgon, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 30, 2015, p. 21.
- Cattle ban – Labor and Greens against – must accept responsibility when fires burn hotter
- [S8.4.2] Advertisements, 'Planned burns in your area', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, April 2, 2015, p. 9.
- Planned burns reduce bushfire risk
- [S8.4.3] Annika Smethurst, 'Fire jibe sparks ire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 17, 2015, p. 4.
- GST – WA Premier, Colin Barnett, argues that Victoria should support WA having a larger share of GST because WA gave Victoria \$1m after the Black Saturday bushfires that took 173 lives
- [S8.4.4] Alex White, 'Fire levy to raise \$628m for CFA, MFB', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, May 6, 2015, p. 8.
- FSL - \$627.9m – collected by councils – United Firefighters Union secretary, Peter Marshall – Emergency Services Minister, Jane Garrett
- [S8.5.1] Rebekah Cavanagh, 'Flaming awful luck: Family who beat Black Saturday lose home to a \$10 lamp', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, May 20, 2015, p. 14.
- Michelle and Leigh Dunscombe – Robertsons Rd, Kinglake – survived Black Saturday fires – worst bushfires in the nation's history – house burnt down due to an electrical fault in a floor lamp on April 11
- [S8.5.2] Quote, Michelle & Leigh Dunscombe, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 21, 2015, p. 25.
- Michelle and Leigh Dunscombe survived Black Saturday, but house burnt down on April 11
- [S8.5.3] Andrew Jefferson, '\$300m inferno compo on way', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 28, 2015, p. 19.
- \$300m settlement for Black Saturday Murrindindi-Marysville bushfire – approved by Supreme Court – nation's second-biggest class action
- \$494m settlement approved for the Kilmore East-Kinglake bushfire in December 2014
- \$300m – electricity provider AusNet Services (formerly SP AusNet) will pay \$260.9m – maintenance contractor UAM \$10m – State Government \$29.1m
- No admission of liability – Maurice Blackburn, principal, Brooke Dellavedova
- \$20m goes to Maurice Blackburn – lead plaintiff, Dr Katherine Rowe, who lost her husband

- [S8.6.1] Annika Smethurst, 'Bushfire our 9/11 – Monis', *Herald Sun*, Friday, May 29, 2015, p. 11.
- Sydney siege gunman, Man Haron Monis, wrote to the then Victorian Premier, John Brumby, in 2009, claiming the Black Saturday bushfires were 'Australia's 9/11'
- Monis provided a mathematical formula that he said linked the East Kilmore fire to the September 11 terrorist attack
- [S8.6.2] Alex White, 'Bushfire land for sale: Black Saturday buyback properties hit market', *Herald Sun*, Monday, June 22, 2015, p. 15.
- Black Saturday – buybacks – properties bought under scheme – no homes or structures allowed to be built – fear that properties are worthless – Emergency Services Minister, Jane Garrett – Bushfire Royal Commission – Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) – Kinglake – Hazeldene – Murrindindi Shire acting CEO, Michael Chesworth
- [S8.6.3] Elissa Doherty & Wes Hosking, 'Mine blaze youth link: Accused played in bushfire band', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 27, 2015, p. 14.
- Arson – anniversary of Black Saturday 2014
- [S8.6.4] Les Twentyman, 'With the will, we can defeat homelessness', *Herald Sun*, Monday, August 3, 2015, p. 23.
- Reference to Black Saturday re generosity of Australians and the problem of homelessness
- [S8.7.1] Kathryn Powley, 'Cool on fire safety', *Herald Sun*, Friday, August 21, 2015, p. 25.
- Black Saturday – Bushfire Royal Commission – Harkaway Primary School – pupils wrote and illustrated a guidebook, 'Rules of the Fire Season'
- [S8.7.2] Editorial, 'Memories of a black day', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 24.
- Black Saturday – not all lessons learned – positive outcomes: residents advised to flee instead of defending their homes – bushfire apps – National Emergency Alert System – state's greatest natural disaster
- Black Saturday 173 died & 414 injured – burn-off near Lancefield out of control – Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – Federal Environment Minister, Greg Hunt – Premier, Daniel Andrews – Victorian Environment Minister, Lisa Neville
- [S8.8.1] Insert (booklet), 'Herald Sun: 25 Year Anniversary', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015.
- On page 3, photo of fire truck and text, 'When the Black Saturday bushfires killed 173 Victorians, injured hundres more and made thousands of others homeless...'
- [S8.8.2] Vox Pop, 'What would you rate the biggest news story of the past 25 years?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 23.
- Nathan McCarron, 22, CBD: Black Saturday – others said 9/11, tsunami 2004, 2002 Bali Bombing
- [S8.8.3] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 23.
- Re Lancefield burn-off – sign reads, 'Controlled Burning Off Today – DELWP' – comment reads, 'Controlled is debatable'

- [S8.9.1] Andrea Hamblin, Monique Hore & Tom Minear, 'Blazing Bungles', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, pp. 1&4.
- Burn-off near Lancefield – out of control – Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – DELWP – failure to oversee burn the following day – Environment Minister, Lisa Neville
- [S8.9.2] Andrea Hamblin, 'Angry locals demand answers on damage', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 5.
- Lancefield burn-off – out of control – residents angry
- [S8.10.1] Sharyn, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.
- Victorian Government should compensate those who lose homes due to planned burns – do them in late autumn or winter
- [S8.10.2] Rick, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.
- Bureaucrats ignored long-range weather forecast and went ahead with 'controlled' burn – must compensate for resulting property damage and personal injury
- [S8.10.3] Jennifer, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.
- Conditions unprecedented in early October – hindsight is a wonderful thing – stop blaming politicians and become a volunteer to help with the back burning
- [S8.10.4] Elaine, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.
- control of burn-offs should be given to the CFA, who take notice of weather reports
- [S8.10.5] Walter, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.
- Heads should roll – cannot believe absolute lack of thinking – Daniel Andrews
- [S8.10.6] Keith, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.
- Environment Minister, Lisa Neville said conditions were not originally predicted – not true
- [S8.10.7] FM, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.
- Poorly planned burn-off
- [S8.10.8] Michele, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.
- Failure to check weather forecasts
- [S8.10.9] Mary, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.
- Glad not to live in a bushfire area in summer

[S8.10.10] Paul, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.

Fires like these happen because governments pander to greens

[S8.10.11] Joy, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.

Unnecessary fires because of burn-offs

[S8.10.12] Andrew, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.

Damned if they do, damned if they don't

[S8.10.13] Peter, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.

Don't they look at the seven-day forecast?

[S8.10.14] Ray, Hot Topic, 'Controlled burning came in for criticism...', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 8, 2015, p. 22.

Thanks to Victoria's volunteer firefighters – Victorians should support you

[S8.10.15] E. Moreno, South Morang, Letters, 'Reduce fire risk to state', *Herald Sun*, October 8, 2015, p. 22.

More can be done to protect us from bushfires – proper fuel reduction – allow High Country grazing – arson laws enforced – Craig Lapsley has temerity to stress that it's residents' responsibility to keep their properties safe and properly cleared

[S8.10.16] P. Burford, Hurstbridge, Letters, 'Burn-offs wrong', *Herald Sun*, October 8, 2015, p. 22.

Burn-off blunder at Lancefield – use fire levies with some forethought

[S8.11.1] Vox Pop, 'Do you have complete faith in Victoria's fire authorities?', *Herald Sun*, October 9, 2015, p. 61.

Matthew Merryfull, 26, Altona: No – Carolyn Nicholson, 64, Diamond Creek: No – Istvan Czehmester, 73, Maldon: Yes – Kristina Mojsoska, 28, Newport: No

[S8.11.2] Mark Douglas, Kangaroo Flat, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 9, 2015, p. 61.

Will the DELWP be fined for causing a bushfire, as would a normal person?

[S8.11.3] David Pini, Wangaratta, Letters, 'Playing with lives', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 9, 2015, p. 36.

Nothing has changed since Black Saturday – CFA volunteers treated with contempt – bureaucrats incompetent

[S8.11.4] Phyllis Vespucci, Reservoir, Letters, 'Fires predictable', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 9, 2015, p. 36.

The unseasonal hot weather was predicted a week before the Lancefield fire



[S8.11.5] Julie McArthur, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 9, 2015, p. 36.

Maybe we should give control of planned burns to Aboriginal elders – they have been getting it right for thousands of years

[S8.11.6] John Jessup, Cranbourne, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 9, 2015, p. 36.

Why does the Department of Environment do planned burn-offs when high temperatures are forecast? – and leave the CFA to combat fires caused by their stupidity

[S8.11.7] Macca, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 9, 2015, p. 36.

Shows a burn-off scale pointing to ‘What the hell were we thinking burn-off’

[S8.11.8] Neil Hodgins, Morewell, Letters, ‘Spreading like fire’, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, October 10, 2015, p. 55.

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- We need to look after our emergency services workers – Black Saturday
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- Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – monitoring bushfire risks, including arson
- [S8.13.5] Ben, Traralgon, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 16, 2015, p. 37.
- When will the department of frequent name change be held responsible for planned burns?
- [S8.14.1] Ed Rogers, Lake Boga, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, October 20, 2015, p. 18.
- Do the activities of DELWP count as suspicious fire activity?
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[S8.21.5] James Dowling, 'Summer of fire threat', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 27, 2015, p. 7.

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Photo – Wye River – Separation Creek – bushfire on Christmas Day, 25/12/15 – 116 homes destroyed
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- [S8.28.7] Scott Carbines, 'Holiday town open, but heed warnings', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 27, 2015, p. 7.  
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[S8.29.2] Paddy Naughtin, 'Return to ashes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, pp. 2-3.

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[S8.29.5] Eliza Sum, 'Furry friends in care', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 8.

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[S8.29.6] Ewa Staszewska, 'Lorne back in business', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, pp. 8-9.

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[S8.29.7] *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 9.

How to help – Help available – Assistance and insurance – How to cope

[S8.29.8] Murray, Hot Topic, 'where blame lies for bushfire carnage, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

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[S8.29.9] Shawn, Hot Topic, 'where blame lies for bushfire carnage, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

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[S8.29.10] Russell, Hot Topic, 'where blame lies for bushfire carnage, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

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[S8.29.12] Trevor, Hot Topic, 'where blame lies for bushfire carnage, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

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[S8.29.13] Mark, Hot Topic, 'where blame lies for bushfire carnage, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

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[S8.29.14] Michael, Hot Topic, 'where blame lies for bushfire carnage, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

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[S8.29.15] Ron, Hot Topic, 'where blame lies for bushfire carnage, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

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[S8.29.17] Dennis, Hot Topic, 'where blame lies for bushfire carnage, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

Trees too close – but no lives lost

[S8.29.18] Chris, Hot Topic, 'where blame lies for bushfire carnage, *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

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[S8.29.20] Martin Newell, Melton South, Letters, 'Bush life makes no sense', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 24.

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CFA fire truck with a surfboard

[S8.29.22] Editorial, 'Heroes in our time of crisis', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 28, 2015, p. 26.

Christmas Day bushfires – spirit and friendship of community – most destructive blazes since Black Saturday in 2009 – 3 firefighters injured – Daniel Andrews – Wye River – Separation Creek – tourists encouraged to visit

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[S8.30.3] John Dobinson, Balwyn North, Letters, 'Safety in clearance', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 29, 2015, p. 16.

Wye River – people should clear properties – Black Saturday

[S8.30.4] R. Smith, Bacchus Marsh, Letters, 'Proud of our fireys', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 29, 2015, p. 16.

Fireys make us proud

[S8.30.5] Graham Jenkin, Wodonga, Letters, 'Crews deserve praise', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 29, 2015, p. 16.

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[S8.30.6] Gregory Brown, Newborough, Letters, 'Cost cutting danger', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 29, 2015, p. 16.

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[S8.30.7] F. Stewart, Mt Martha, Letters, 'Get real, Peter', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 29, 2015, p. 16.

Praise for firefighters



- [S8.30.8] Quote, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 29, 2015, p. 27.
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- [S8.30.9] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 30, 2015, p. 53.
- Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull’s visit to Great Ocean Road bushfires compared to Cabinet room
- [S8.30.10] Graham Colling, Benalla, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 30, 2015, p. 53.
- Wye River – councils and Greens should require clearing around homes
- [S8.30.11] Percy, Wyndham Vale, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 30, 2015, p. 53.
- Re front page [S8.29.1] – Why are firefighters laughing? – no humour in situation
- [S8.31.1] Ellie Prior, Dernancourt, SA, Letters, ‘Looked after in Lorne’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 30, 2015, p. 52.
- Thanks to all who helped us
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- [S8.31.3] R. Rowley, Mt Eliza, Letters, ‘Tree policy wrong’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 30, 2015, p. 52.
- Local councils should allow residents to clear trees from their properties
- [S8.31.4] Patrick O’Brien, Benalla, Letters, ‘Spare houses, and me’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 30, 2015, p. 52.
- No sympathy for those who lost holiday homes in Wye River
- [S8.31.5] Paddy Naughtin, ‘Race on to beat return of heat’, *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 30, 2015, p. 14.
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- [S8.33.1] Cathy Soulsby, Clonbinane, 50/50, *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 3, 2016, p. 68.
- Writer survived Black Saturday with a home designed to CFA standards and an active fire plan – we should be building houses to survive fires, not for looks

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- [S8.33.3] Denis Shelton, Paynesville, Letters, 'Bushfire levy the key', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 3, 2016, p. 68.

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- [S8.33.4] June Stafford, Lorne, Letters, 'Wing and a prayer', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 3, 2016, p. 68.

Praise for firefighters and aircrew

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Praise for firefighters

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- [S8.34.1] Mark Buttler & James Dowling, 'Turn up the heat: Powers to GPS track firebugs being ignored', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 4, 2016, pp. 1&2.

Dangerous arsonists should be required to wear tracking devices – cause of recent fires

- [S8.34.2] Editorial, 'Turn up heat on firebugs', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 4, 2016, p. 24.

Arsonists cause of recent fires – serial arsonists should be forced to wear GPS tracking devices

- [S8.35.1] Jon Kaila, 'Hope from ashes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 4, 2016, p. 8.

Locals and visitors get together in Lorne after bushfires

- [S8.35.2] Robin Bishop, Riddells Creek, Letters, 'Forces against fire', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 4, 2016, p. 22.

Volunteer firefighters are heroes – army and airforce should also be trained to fight fires

- [S8.35.3] N. Parker, Kilmore, Letters, 'Multi-skilling in order', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 4, 2016, p. 22.

CFA volunteers serve their communities – MFB are not able to fight bushfires as they are not trained

- [S8.35.4] Matt Johnston, 'Firebug GPS tagging to grow', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 5, 2016, p. 15.

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Hundreds of firefighters diverted from Otway fires because of a blaze deliberately lit in Sunbury

- [S8.36.4] Editorial, 'Please come back', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 7, 2016, p. 26.

Great Ocean Road bushfires – heroic firefighters – holiday makers and day trippers urged to return – help reboot local economies

- [S8.36.5] Christopher Gillett, 'Wye River blaze still burning', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 8, 2016, p. 7.

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- [S8.36.6] Peter Mackinlay, Geelong, Letters, 'Revise regulations', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 10, 2016, p. 72.

116 homes lost along Great Ocean Road at Christmas – due to excellent management by CFA and emergency services, no loss of life – 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires – tighter building regulation needed

- [S8.37.1] Trevor Paddenburg & Kate Campbell, 'Obliterated: Two dead as massive blaze destroys town', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 10, 2016, p. 17.

Photos – Yarloop, WA, bushfire – two dead

- [S8.37.2] Carleen Frost, 'This will burn for months: Two dead and 143 properties gone in monster fire', *Herald Sun*, Monday, January 11, p. 6.

Bushfire in Yarloop, WA – two dead – at least 143 properties destroyed on Thursday night (7/1)

- [S8.38.1] (writer not known), 'WA fireys cop heat over blaze', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2016, p. 9.

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- [S8.38.2] Grant H., Waverley, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2016, p. 23.

Make bunkers mandatory

- [S8.38.3] Glen Jenkins, East Ringwood, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 12, 2016, p. 23.
- Praise for Big 4 Holiday Park at Wye River
- [S8.38.4] Michelle Ainsworth, 'Approval for Wye backburn', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 14, 2016, p. 7.
- Backburn approved to control bushfire before it hit Wye River on Christmas Day – lightning caused original fire on 19/12/15 – 116 homes destroyed in Wye River and Separation Creek
- [S8.38.5] Ashley Argoon & Chanel Kinniburgh, 'Helter swelter: State faces brutal heat, storms', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 14, 2016, p. 7.
- Extreme weather – 1100 lightning strikes
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- [S9.37.1] Matt Johnston, 'Politics compromises any hope for fire solutions', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 20, 2017, pp. 30-31.

CFA dispute continues – Daniel Andrews – considering splitting CFA and MFB structures and creating separate organisations for volunteers and career firefighters – UFU – CFA board sacked – Jane Garrett resigned – Federal Government introduced laws protecting CFA – Royal Commission – EBA – Peter Marshall

- [S9.38.1] Steve Warrington [Chief Officer, CFA], 'We must never forget the lessons of Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 7, 2017, pp. 18-19.

Victoria's worst natural disaster – Black Saturday – 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary – 173 died – CFA – 2000 homes lost

- [S9.38.2] Matt Johnstone & Anthony Galloway, 'Slow burn standards: Nod for Black Saturday build rules', *Herald Sun*, February 7, 2017, p. 13.

New building standards – Black Saturday – Royal Commission – to be implemented within weeks – 8 years after Black Saturday – 173 died – hospitals – schools – Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) – The Victorian Building Authority – Inspector-General for Emergency Management – Denis Spooner, who lost wife Marilyn, and eldest son, Damien, on Black Saturday – Nillumbik Shire just starting to implement some of the 67 recommendations of Royal Commission

- [S9.39.1] Keith Moor, 'Nixon "frees" cops: She admits OPI had no power to lay charges', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 10, 2017, p. 6.

Christine Nixon – Office of Police Integrity (OPI) – Police Integrity Act didn't allow OPI to Commence criminal proceedings in first 4 years – Paul Mullett

- [S9.39.2] Mark Dunn, 'Fire fight: Satellites to stay a step ahead of danger', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 15, 2017, pp. 14-15.

High-resolution imagery from space to monitor bushfires – available next fire season – Black Saturday

- [S9.39.3] Editorial, 'Court errs in firebug case', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 7, 2017, p. 22.

Arson – Black Saturday – 173 died – destroyed 2029 homes – about 60,000 bushfires each year in Australia – experts believe one third are deliberately lit – 550 people killed by bushfires in the past century

Churchill – Brendan Sokaluk, currently serving minimum of 14 years of a 17 year sentence – 10 people died

- [S9.40.1] Wayne Flower, 'Fires comp in the mail: Eight years on, \$496 payout to Black Saturday victims', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 31 2017, p. 9.

Black Saturday survivor, Chris Hobbs, home destroyed - \$496m class action settled for Kilmore East-Kinglake and Murrindindi fires – Kilmore East-Kinglake bushfire resulted in 119 deaths, 1242 homes destroyed, damage to a further 1084 homes, burning more than 125,000ha of land – 40 people died in Murrindindi fire and about 500 homes destroyed – both fires caused by powerline faults – SP AusNet – settlement in July 2014: Supreme Court approved in December 2014 – Maurice Blackburn administering settlement distribution for more than 10,000 claimants – distribution of settlement by category – highest class actions in Australian history

[S9.40.2] Lucie van den Berg, 'Roach link to fire risk', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 1, 2017, p. 22.

Black Saturday – survival of cockroaches – most returned after fires, but some struggling to re-establish – break down litter on forest floor – lack of cockroaches can lead to excessive fuel on forest floor





## **Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 10: 29 April 2017 – 21 December 2018**

- [S10.2.1] Justin Smith, 'Crude to be kind: How a simple act of kindness turned one firefighter's life upside down', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, April 29, 2017, pp. 36-37.

David Tree – Sam the koala died in August 2009 – Black Saturday – Sam on display at Museum Victoria

- [S10.4.1] Ashley Argoon, 'Our new hangout: By gum, we're on the road to Kinglake', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 11, 2017, p. 5.

Black Saturday – koalas transferred from French Island to Kinglake – DELWP

- [S10.5.1] Editorial, 'Premier pours fuel on fire', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, May 20, 2017, p. 36.

Daniel Andrews – UFU control over CFA – Peter Marshall – Fair Work Commission – splitting volunteer and paid firefighters into separate organizations – 60,000 CFA volunteers – proposed Fire Rescue Victoria for paid firefighters – Royal Commission – James Merlino

- [S10.6.1] Kathryn Powley, 'Black Saturday victim fights back', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 3, 2017, p. 9.

Chantell Gaspari, bushfire victim, who lost her house – PTSD – put on weight and lost it – Weight Watchers – Black Saturday

- [S10.7.1] Matt Johnston, 'Revamp weakens CFA – QC', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 14, 2017, p. 1&4.

Daniel Andrews – Royal Commission – Jack Rush, QC – Black Saturday – Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria – proposed restructure of fire services – James Merlino – Opposition Leader, Matthew Guy – 60,000 CFA volunteers

- [S10.8.1] Jack Rush, QC, 'Bill a risk to firefighting: Reform divisive, unfair', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 14, 2017, p. 4.

Royal Commission – CFA – proposed legislation by Andrews' Government – Rush against Bill – Black Saturday – UFU – Daniel Andrews – Fire Rescue Victoria (for paid firefighters) – weakens the CFA and its volunteers

- [S10.9.1] Editorial, 'Politics ahead of fire safety', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, June 14, 2017, p. 22.

Royal Commission – Black Saturday – Andrews' Government's proposed Bill – Jack Rush, QC – weakens CFA – proposed Fire Rescue Victoria – 173 died – Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria – UFU control over CFA – lack of consultation

- [S10.9.2] Brian, Dingley, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, June 15, 2017, p. 23.

Jack Rush, QC – Daniel Andrews – dismantling CFA

- [S10.9.3] J. Ritchie, Kinglake, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 17, 2017, p. 37.

CFA volunteers in Kinglake – Black Saturday – public safety

- [S10.9.4] Anthony Galloway & Matt Johnston, 'CFA denies revamp talk', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, July 26, 2017, p. 21.

Andrews' Government's failure to consult CFA volunteers – CFA Chief Officer, Steve Warrington – Jack Rush, QC – Daniel Andrews – Fire Rescue Victoria for paid firefighters

[S10.10.1] Matt Johnston, 'When it comes to our fire services, it's just the vibe', *Herald Sun*, Friday, July 28, 2017, pp. 34-35.

Daniel Andrews – restructure of Victoria's fire services – Fire Rescue Victoria for paid firefighters – CFA for volunteers only – EBA – Royal Commission – lack of consultation on proposed restructure – UFU, CFA Chief Officer, Steve Warrington – Peter Marshall

[S10.10.2] Rebakah Cavanagh, 'SMS fires off flood warnings', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 3, 2017, p. 5.

Advanced SMS emergency warnings – Emergency Management Commissioner, Victoria, Craig Lapsley – the technology allows all active mobile phones in emergency areas to be alerted

[S10.11.1] (writer not known), 'LA burns as 230,000 flee', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 8, 2017, p. 35.

US – Los Angeles – inferno – over 230,000 people evacuate

[S10.12.1] Ian Royall, 'The big dry: Fireys on high alert as state ready to burn', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 17, 2017, p. 28.

Gippsland dry – increased risk of bushfires – Forest Fire Management Victoria – CFA Chief Officer, Steve Warrington – DELWP – Parks Victoria – Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – aircraft fleet

[S10.12.2] Anthony Dowsley & Andrea Hamblin, 'Police on alert for firebugs', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 17, 2017, p. 28.

Arson – summer – Operation Firesetter – Victoria Police – profile of a firebug: low IQ, immaturity – penalties – electronic ankle bracelets can be fitted to convicted arsonists on parole

[S10.13.1] Craig Lapsley, 'Be aware to stay safe this summer', *Sunday Herald Sun*, December 31, 2017, p. 52.

Message from Craig Lapsley, Emergency Management Commissioner Victoria – VicEmergency App

[S10.13.2] Graham Dwyer, 'When fire comes you need a plan', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 7, 2018, p. 52.

Message from Dr Graham Dwyer, postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Melbourne and Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre – fire safety and preparation – Wye River bushfires in December 2015 – Black Saturday – recent backburn at Lancefield – inevitable another major bushfire will occur in Victoria, perhaps even this summer

[S10.14.1] Genevieve Alison, 'Fire fear as heat ramps up', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 27, 2018, p. 5.

Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – hot weather – lightning strikes

[S10.14.2] Editorial, 'First fault on mass blackout', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 30, 2018, p. 20.

Power blackouts – heat – Opposition Leader, Matthew Guy – 48,000 homes affected – Daniel Andrews – sick and elderly – problem now new – Black Saturday – 5 of 11 major fires caused by electricity assets, including Kilmore East, which killed 119 – Royal Commission – United Energy – CitiPower – Powercor

[S10.14.3] Chanel Kinniburgh, 'Memories of deadly bushfires', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 7, 2018, p. 9.

9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – Australia's worst natural disaster – 173 died – 414 injured – 3500 buildings destroyed, including more than 2000 homes – RSPCA estimated up to 1 million animals died – Kinglake – Marysville – Narbethong – Flowerdale – CFA

[S10.15.1] Alex White, 'Firefight in dark: Victoria to test aerial water bombing of bushfires at night', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 26, 2018, p. 7.

Helicopters to drop water on controlled blazes at night – Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – Emergency Services Minister, James Merlino – Black Saturday – details of size of aircraft fleet

[S10.16.1] Advertisement, 'Travelling? Be prepared for fires', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 9, 2018, p. 9.

Advice on travelling over summer – VicEmergency App

[S10.17.1] Alex White, 'Memorial for fallen heroes', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, March 14, 2018, p. 6.

Memorial for emergency services workers who lost their lives in the line of duty – to be built in Treasury Gardens – CFA, MFB, SES, Fire Forest Management, Ambulance Victoria, Life Saving Victoria – Black Saturday

[S10.17.2] Editorial, 'CFA on the fire front', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 20, 2018, p. 20.

CFA praised – 60,000

[S10.18.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Alarmist Greens are wrong again', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 22, 2018, p. 13.

Greens – global warming – Black Friday, 1939: 75 died

[S10.19.1] D. Brown, Brighton, Letters, 'No justice among ashes', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 6, 2018, p. 32.

Royal Commission – Black Saturday – 173 died – SP AusNet – Maurice Blackburn Lawyers – settlement \$800m less legal fees of \$80m, leaving \$720m for claimants – SP AusNet's faulty power lines caused Kilmore East and Murrindindi fires

[S10.19.2] Barry McArthur, Wangarratta, Letters, 'Fireys not so special', *Herald Sun*, Monday, April 9, 2018, p. 25.

Firefighters are no more special or deserving than many others – eg police, teachers, farmers

[S10.19.3] Claire Sutherland, 'Go to blazes: Morons biggest bushfire threat', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, April 18, 2018, pp. 22-23.

Black Saturday – 173 died – campers in the bush a danger – campfire lit on total fire ban day

[S10.20.1] Editorial, 'Only truth can douse fire', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 20, 2018, p. 36.

Peter Marshall accuses Daniel Andrews of making a secret deal prior to 2014 state election – Daniel Andrews denies this – says that what he pledged before the election is all – Marshall says he will reveal details prior to upcoming state election on 24 November

New MFB chief, Dan Stephens (from UK) – UFU unhappy with appointment – not consulted – proposed establishment of Fire Rescue Victoria expands UFU membership – undermines CFA – 60,000 volunteers – EBA – UFU control over CFA & MFB – Jane Garrett resigned – CFA board sacked – cost Bill Shorten the last federal election

[S10.20.2] Matt Johnston, 'Crossing the line', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 20, 2018, p. 36.

UFU – Peter Marshall claims secret deal with Daniel Andrews – details to come out soon – Opposition Leader, Matthew Guy – UFU/CFA dispute ongoing for over 3 years – James Merlino – UFU against appointment of Dan Stephens (from UK) as MFB chief

[S10.21.1] Matt Johnston, James Dowling & Alex White, 'All for nothing: Victorians left with cost blowouts and shattered CFA volunteers after Premier's pandering to union backfires', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 20, 2018, p. 1&4.

UFU – Peter Marshall – Daniel Andrews – split – Andrews denies secret deal and tape

Legacy of pandering: blowout in fire services funding – CFA volunteers smashed – chiefs forced out – Jane Garrett forced out – Bill Shorten's 2016 election campaign derailed – Human Rights Commission report into bullying – fire services decimated – restructure stalled

Dan Stephens appointed new MFB chief – James Merlino – proposed Fire Rescue Victoria – Opposition Leader, Matthew Guy

[S10.22.1] Table, 'Favours and pain for Marshall', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 20, 2018, p. 4.

List by year of events from 2014 – 2018

[S10.23.1] James Campbell & Monique Hore, 'Eruptions, tantrums in special relationship', *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 20, 2018, p. 5.

Daniel Andrews – Peter Marshall – special relationship – UFU – Jane Garrett resigned – MFB – EBA – Turnbull Government passed legislation to protect volunteer firefighters – Fair Work Commission – proposed new fire structure – Marshall against appointment of Dan Stephens as MFB chief

[S10.24.1] Andrew Bolt, 'I feel sad for divisive Deb', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, May 17, 2018, p. 13.

Deborah Cheetham writes in a new book that she sang our National Anthem in 2009 at a memorial service after the bushfires in Victoria – 173 died – Marysville – Kinglake – Strathewen

[S10.25.1] (writer not known), 'California fire death toll rises', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 30, 2018, p. 19.

US – wildfire savages northern California – 38,000 residents flee homes – 500 buildings destroyed – 5 killed – President Donald Trump declares a state of emergency

[S10.25.2] (writer not known), 'Nation begins to bury dead', *Herald Sun*, Monday, July 30, 2018, p. 19.

Greece – wildfire – 86 dead

[S10.25.3] (writer not known), 'Emergency boss to quit', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, August 7, 2018, p. 2.

Victoria's Emergency Services Commissioner, Craig Lapsley – appointed in 2014 when position created – will step down – bullying allegations with Emergency Management Victoria – Black Saturday – UFU – Peter Marshall

[S10.25.4] Tom Minear, 'Remembering Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, September 4, 2018, p. 11.

State memorial service for 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – 173 died – thousands of homes and properties destroyed – more than 450,000ha of land burned – Emergency Services Minister, James Merlino – John Brumby

[S10.26.1] Rita Panahi, 'We need a force, not a service', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 5, 2018, pp. 20-21.

Police force weak in Victoria – Christine Nixon may be long gone but her influence lingers on

[S10.26.2] John Richardson, 'Heat is on and it's up to you and your community', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, September 19, 2018, p. 25.

Hot summer predicted – nearly 10 years ago, the worst bushfire in our recorded history tore through Victoria – hundreds of homes and 173 lives lost – research on the Black Saturday bushfires by the University of Melbourne and the Red Cross found that after 5 years, more than 2 in every 10 people affected by the disaster were still experiencing a serious mental health problem – better preparation needed for bushfires

[S10.27.1] Daniel Andrews, 'Message from the Premier', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 10, 2018, p.?

Daniel Andrews – Fire Action Week, 7-14 October 2018 – advice on preparing for the hot summer ahead

[S10.27.2] Advertisement, 'Fire Action Week: The right time to prepare', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, October 10, 2018, p. ?

It's your responsibility to be ready this summer – advice on how to prepare

[S10.28.1] Chloe Hooper (writer), 'On the trail of an arsonist', *Sunday Herald Sun*, October 14, 2018, pp. 32-33.

Chloe Hooper's book, 'The Arsonist', recently published – this is an extract – book about Brendan Sokaluk, who was convicted of lighting 2 fires in Churchill on Black Saturday – 10 died

[S10.30.1] Stephen Drill, 'Meter up to \$500m: Cabbies' law suit against illegal Uber imminent', *Herald Sun*, Friday, October 19, 2018, p. 9.

Class action by Melbourne cabbies against Uber – if the case is successful it would eclipse the \$500m paid out to victims of Black Saturday by power company SP AusNet

[S10.30.2] Ed Gannon, 'Black Saturday lessons are still being ignored', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, October 25, 2018, p. 23.

Lessons of Black Saturday not learned – 173 died – Royal Commission – 67 recommendations – 3 important ones not implemented: fuel reduction, Neighbourhood Safer Places, increase in the number of incident controllers (actually less now) – CFA – Jack Rush, QC

[S10.30.3] Editorial, 'Hot days spark warning', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 1, 2018, p. 22.

Bureau of Meteorology – El Nino – Emergency Management Commissioner, Andrew Crisp

[S10.31.1] Stephen Drill, 'Fire probe chief: UFU crisis hurts state', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 5, 2018, pp. 1&2.

Bernard Teague (former Royal Commission Chairman for Black Saturday bushfires) – UFU control over the CFA not in the public interest – Peter Marshall – Black Saturday – John Brumby – EBA – veto powers for UFU – Jane Garrett resigned – Daniel Andrews committed to restructure fire services if re-elected – 'stay or go' replaced by 'Leave early and live' – 5% burnoff target revised to focus on high-risk areas

[S10.31.2] Editorial, 'UFU politics a fire danger', *Herald Sun*, Monday, November 5, 2018, p. 24.

Black Saturday – UFU agenda to reshape fire services (CFA/MFB) – UFU control over fire services – Bernard Teague, former chairman of Royal Commission – UFU puts public at risk – 173 died – fuel load risk ahead as high as prior to Black Saturday in some areas – Peter Marshall – Daniel Andrews – Jane Garrett – Jack Rush, QC

[S10.32.1] Shelley Hadfield, 'Inside the mind of a killer firebug', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 10, 2018, p. 17.

Review of Chloe Hooper's book, 'The Arsonist' – Black Saturday – Churchill bushfire – 10 died – Brendan Sokaluk, convicted of arson for lighting those fires

[S10.32.2] Rob Harris, 'Kingslake up for \$750,000 makeover', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 15, 2018, p. 2.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday approaching – Federal Opposition Leader, Bill Shorten, pledges \$750,000 for Kingslake's town centre to be transformed – Murrumbidgee Shire Council

[S10.32.3] Ed Gannon, 'CFA row still has heat to burn Labor', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 15, 2018, p. 23.

CFA dispute – forthcoming state election in November (this month) – UFU deal with Daniel Andrews – Black Saturday – proposed legislation to split fire services and create Fire Rescue Victoria failed to pass Parliament – Government suppresses bad news on CFA before upcoming election – drop in the number of volunteers – UFU control over CFA – low morale amongst volunteers

[S10.33.1] Editorial, 'UFU war may yet cost Labor', *Herald Sun*, Friday, November 16, 2018, p. 50.

Labor victory at 2014 state election – union help – Black Saturday – UFU control over CFA – EBA – Peter Marshall – UFU wants Jane Garrett to be placed last on ballot papers – Daniel Andrews accuses UFU of bullying – Trades Hall president says UFU's tactics a disgrace – state election on 24/11/18

[S10.33.2] (writer not known), 'Firestorm failure: Authorities count loss of life from evacuation plan panic', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, November 17, 2018, p. 38.

US – evacuation panic – poor mobile phone coverage – late warnings – 56 dead – 300 people unaccounted for – Paradise, California

[S10.34.1] Stephen Drill, 'Andrews slammed over CFA', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 21, 2018, pp. 1&10.

Black Saturday – Jack Rush, QC – risk to community safety – budget blowout – state election on 24/11 – James Merlino – Peter Marshall – Jane Garrett resigned – EBA – how-to-vote cards should put Garrett last according to UFU – Daniel Andrews and Trades Hall have labeled UFU actions as bullying – Bernard Teague, former chairman of Bushfires Royal Commission – dispute could affect result of election on 24/11 – fires in California

[S10.35.1] Jack Rush, 'It's up to us to defend the CFA', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, November 21, 2018, pp. 28&53.

Almost 10 years since Black Saturday – 173 died – Daniel Andrews, forgets or ignores important lessons learned – UFU/Andrews intends to gut CFA, tear it apart – Andrews recommitted to restructuring fire services: dividing volunteers and paid firefighters – proposed Fire Rescue Victoria – surrender of community safety – self interest of union bosses – EBA – UFU control over fire services – Jane Garrett bullied – Brumby Government – Fire Services Levy

[S10.36.1] Andrew Bolt, 'Public needs to hear the truth', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, November 22, 2018, p. 13.

Christine Nixon wrong on crime statistics for Sudanese Australians

[S10.37.1] Peter Rolfe, 'Rescue from from ashes: Leading rural golf club's desperate plea for a saviour', *Herald Sun*, December 3, 2018, pp. 16-17.

Horsham Golf Club destroyed in Black Saturday bushfires – rebuilt – needs urgent injection of funds to survive – General Manager and Golf Director, Paul Riley

[S10.38.1] Andrew Dowsley & Patrick Carlyon, 'She just wants to be wanted', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, December 4, 2018, pp. 6-7.

Lawyer X – photo of Christine Nixon with caption

[S10.38.2] (writer not known), 'Air tankers pump up bushfire defences', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 6, 2018, p. 10.

Federal Government funding – additional air tankers – new SMS warning system – new fire fire danger rating system

[S10.38.3] Mother Nature, Phil Moorby, Port Melbourne, Letters, 'Adding fuel to the fire', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, December 6, 2018, p. 24.

Mother Nature gets blamed for bushfires – in fact, the blame lies with humans, especially in respect to fuel reduction

[S10.39.1] Editorial, 'Fire season heat now on', *Herald Sun*, Monday, December 10, 2018, p. 26.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday soon – evacuation – ariel water bombing – relief centres – severe fire danger warnings – total fire ban – drought – CFA – authorities have forecast the worst conditions since Black Saturday – 173 died – people need to prepare – Gippsland – Otways – Murray region – Forest Fire Management – El Nino – Victoria better prepared than on Black Saturday

[S10.39.2] Advertisement, 'Plan and Prepare: The reasons are black and white', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, December 12, 2018, p. 10.

Your responsibility – advice on preparation – Fire Danger Ratings – VicEmergency website & App

[S10.39.3] David Hurley, 'Cops put heat on firebugs', *Herald Sun* Friday, December 21, 2018, p. 2.

Firebugs – zero tolerance – last summer 95% of fire-related offences caused by recklessness (eg using tools, machinery)

[S10.40.1] Editorial, 'Fire crisis still burns', *Herald Sun*, Friday, December 21, 2018, p. 56.

CFA lost more than 1000 members in past year – CFA crisis – MFB budget blowout, OT – Daniel Andrews – after 4 years time to resolve CFA/MFB crisis or see more volunteers depart and costs soar





## **Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 11: 5 January 2019 – 21 March 2019**

- [S11.1.1] Ashley Argoon, Aneeka Simonis & Genevieve Alison, 'Arson Probe', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 5, 2019, p. 1.
- Arson – Rosedale bushfire
- [S11.2.1] Aneeka Simonis, 'Power in meltdown', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 5, 2019, p. 6.
- Power blackouts – Powercor – CitiPower
- [S11.3.1] Aneeka Simonis, Ashley Argoon & Ryan Tennison, 'Arson suspected', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 5, 20129, p. 7.
- Arson – Rosedale bushfire
- [S11.3.2] James Dowling, 'Tributes recall Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 8, 2019, p. 13.
- 10-year anniversary of Black Saturday – 173 died – state commemoration, Royal Exhibition Building, February 4 – Kinglake – Marysville – Beechworth – West Gippsland – Emergency Services Minister, Lisa Neville – funding – mental health
- [S11.4.1] Joshua Fagan, 'Mercury to head north', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 15, 2019, p. 3.
- High temperatures – close to those on Black Saturday
- [S11.4.2] Genevieve Alison, 'Bushfire threat looms: Homes saved but power cut adding to fears', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 16, 2019, p. 4.
- Arson – Kinglake – planned power cut – no water during high-risk fire day – AusNet – Black Saturday, 120 killed – 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Leisa Zaninelli
- [S11.5.1] Advertismement, Victorian Government, 'Travelling? Be Prepared for Fire: The reasons are black and white', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 23, 2019, p. 11.
- Check Fire Danger Ratings – VicEmergency App – advice
- [S11.5.2] Aneeka Simonis, 'Dob in fire fools', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, January 24, 2019, p. 10.
- Dob in reckless fire behaviour – police – campfires unattended – burning off without a permit – using machinery that sparks – Crime Stoppers
- [S11.5.3] Tom Minear, 'Fireys' digital radio rollout extinguished', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 25, 2019, p. 6.
- Digital radio – black spots – UFU – Peter Marshall – CFA – Emergency Management Victoria
- [S11.6.1] Rob Harris & Monique Hore, 'Fry Day: Melbourne faces hottest day since Black Saturday', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 25, 2019, p. 1.
- Risk of power blackouts – hottest day since Black Saturday – Australian Energy Market Operator
- [S11.7.1] Tamsin Rose, 'Heat set to melt records', *Herald Sun*, Friday, January 25, 2019, p. 7.
- Melbourne set to swelter through hottest day since Black Saturday – BOM

- [S11.7.2] Tom Minear, Monique Hore & Tamsin Rose, 'Mercury's Gone Mad: Black Saturday temperature records smashed as state swelters', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, January 26, 2019, pp. 6-7.

Black Saturday temperature records smashed statewide – Emergency Services Commissioner, Andrew Crisp – Ambulance Victoria – Healesville Sanctuary – power outage – rail network

- [S11.8.1] Anthony Dowsley, 'My night in the flames of hell', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 27, 2019, pp. 24-25.

Leading Senior Constable Cameron Caine – Kinglake – PTSD – Black Saturday – Senior Constable Roger Wood – Ross Buchanan

- [S11.9.1] Rebekah Cavanagh, 'Power blame game: Station blackouts add to "once in a decade" failure', *Sunday Herald Sun*, January 27, 2019, p. 4.

Power blackouts – Jeff Kennett – Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) - 200,000 homes and businesses left without power on Friday (25/1) – Energy Minister, Lily D'Ambrosio – hottest day since Black Saturday

- [S11.9.2] Alanah Frost, 'Firebomber crashes', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, January 29, 2019, p. 1.

Helicopter – airframe crashes into a dam in Gippsland at night

- [S11.9.3] Rita Panahi, 'Police inaction a green light for violence', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 30, 2019, p. 24.

Christine Nixon – soft policing

- [S11.9.4] Kieran Rooney, 'Depleted defences: Dam crash grounded choppers', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, January 30, 2019, p. 12.

Australia's fleet of Erickson Airframe firefighting helicopters temporarily grounded – crash into dam in Gippsland

- [S11.10.1] 'Black Saturday 10 Years After', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 1, 2019, p. 2.

Herald Sun advertising a special report on Black Saturday in tomorrow's paper for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- [S11.10.2] 'Black Saturday 10 Years After', *Herald Sun* Saturday, February 2, 2019 p. 1.

Announcing a special report for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday in today's paper

[S11.11.1] Andrew Rule, 'Black Saturday 2009: 10 Years After', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 2, 2019, pp. 33-34 & 55-57.

p. 33: Marysville 10 years on – 38 lives lost

Kinglake: 121 people perished

Australia's worst natural disaster – Wandong – Humevale – Steels Creek – St Andrews – Strathewen – Callignee – Koornalla – toll 173 died

p. 34: Black Friday, 1939 – Bec Buchanan – Jan Clark(e) – Danny Clark(e) – stay and defend policy flawed

p. 55: David Tree (and Sam the koala)

p. 56: Brian and Moiree Naylor – Coombs Rd, Kinglake West – Joe Ropar – Pine Ridge Rd, Kinglake West – Gallipoli Park, Marysville – Daryl Hull – Steavenson River

p. 57: Len Postlewaite – worst fires caused by faulty electricity lines – Brendan Sokaluk, Churchill fire killed 11 – Anthony Sexton, Callignee – David Tree – Jay Russell, Humevale

[S11.11.2] Editorial, 'Devastation to inspiration', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 2, 2019, p. 58.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – Marysville – Kinglake – Kinglake West – Narbethong – Flowerdale – Strathewen – 78 rural communities affected by 2009 Black Saturday bushfires – record temperatures (46.4) – 173 died – Kilmore East – Murrindindi – Churchill – Beechworth – Mudgegonga – Bendigo – 2130 homes destroyed – lessons learned – 67 recommendations of Royal Commission – the deadliest bushfire in Australian history

[S11.12.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: Why I'll never just walk away', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 2, 2019, pp. 6-7.

Kellan Fiske – Marysville – Elizabeth and Dalton Fiske died – 40 died in Marysville fire – Marysville fire started by a power pole near the Murrindindi Saw Mill – Gallipoli Park – Glen Fiske

[S11.12.2] Jeff Maynard, 'Forensic account of bushfire tragedy', *Herald Sun*, Weekender, Saturday, February 2, 2019, p. 16.

Review of book by Peg Fraser, 'Black Saturday: Not the end of the story'

[S11.13.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: Flag is a symbol of resilience', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 2, 2019, p. 7.

Marysville – memorial service – Victoria Police Commissioner, Graham Ashton – Aeumporn Baker

[S11.14.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: Repaying kindness', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 2, 2019, p. 8.

Marysville residents thankful for kindness shown

[S11.14.2] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: A way to remember', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 2, 2019, p. 8.

John Brumby – plans for a permanent Black Saturday museum and education centre – 173 died – Australia's worst natural disaster – Ash Wednesday – Black Friday, 1939

[S11.14.3] Tony Thompson, 'The long journey: Hard road to healing', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 2, 2019, p. 8.

Black Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Victorian Bushfire and Recovery Authority – reconstruction

[S11.15.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: Finding a way to live again', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 2, 2019, p. 9.

Rod Liesfield – Elizabeth, James and Matthew Liesfield died – lead plaintiff in class action against SP AusNet – Emergency Management Victoria has not learned lessons: back burning – Christine Nixon 'derelict in her duty'

[S11.16.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: My dad died a hero', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 3, 2019, pp. 10-11.

Brian and Moiree Naylor died - Owen and Jane Bayliss – the worst natural disaster in modern Australian history – 173 died – Coombs Rd – Pine Ridge Rd

[S11.18.1] Andrew Coghlan, 'Disaster that was felt by all', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 3, 2019, p. 47.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – 173 lives lost - \$380m donated – Red Cross – Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund

[S11.18.2] Kevin Tolhurst, 'Fire analysis is a key tool that saves lives', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 27.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – fire predictions – Royal Commission – FBAN – Phoenix RapidFire

[S11.19.1] Victor, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

A great story

[S11.19.2] Anthony, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

A national treasure

[S11.19.3] Carlos, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Beautiful story

[S11.19.4] Sean, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Could happen again – don't defend your house – leave

[S11.19.5] Peter, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Brian couldn't have done more

[S11.19.6] Brett, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Inspirational family

[S11.19.7] Cameron, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Grew up watching Brian Naylor

[S11.19.8] Lynne, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Tragic death

[S11.19.9] Simone, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Courageous final act

[S11.19.10] Richard, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Will never forget Mr Naylor reading the news

[S11.19.11] Steve, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Horrific memories

[S11.19.12] Julia, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Loved Brian – huge loss

[S11.19.13] Karen, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Brian was lovely

[S11.19.14] Leanne, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Thanks for sharing your story

[S11.19.15] Rohan, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Selfless act

[S11.19.16] Kel, Hot Topic, 'TV newsman Brian Naylor's selfless act on Black Saturday was lauded', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 28.

Hard to believe it's been 10 years

[S11.20.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'PM pays tribute', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 6.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – Prime Minister, Scott Morrison – 173 died – commemoration today – Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton, at 4.30pm

[S11.20.2] Aaron Langmaid, 'We're not ready for a repeat', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 6.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – authorities accused of ignoring lessons learned – Australia's worst natural disaster – Scott Morrison – Daniel Andrews – 173 died – Kevin Tolhurst – Emergency Management Victoria – fire behaviour analysis (FBANs) – Minister for Emergency Services, Lisa Neville – Emergency Management Commissioner, Andrew Crisp

[S11.21.1] Andrew Langmaid & Tamsin Rose, '“Act immediately to survive” blaze: Fire crews issue dire warning as inferno closes in on towns', *Herald Sun*, Monday, February 4, 2019, p. 7.

Emergency Management Commissioner, Andrew Crisp – lightning causes fires

[S11.22.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'The sounds of hope: Warbling magpie the first sign of recovery from devastation', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, February 5, 2019, p. 9.

Dr Kathy Rowe, Marysville – husband, Ken, died – 173 died - State commemoration marking 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – Scott Morrison – Bill Shorten – Royal Exhibition Building

[S11.22.2] John Morrissey, Hawthorn, Letters, 'Blame polities, not police', *Herald Sun* Tuesday, February 5, 2019, p. 18.

Christine Nixon – soft policing

[S11.22.3] Tom Minear, 'Fireys' deal in limbo: Discrimination test case', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 6, 2019, p. 17.

Fair Work Commission – UFU – MFB – criticism of some aspects of proposed EBA, including on the basis of discrimination against women

[S11.23.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: Research beat the monster', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 6, 2019, p. 12.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – David Barton – Marysville – Australia's worst natural disaster – PhD thesis, 'Disaster in Relation to Attachment, Loss, Grief and Recovery: The Marysville Experience' – see RMIT website

[S11.23.2] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: Victims struggle with dark memories', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 6, 2019, p. 12.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – Tony Thompson, Marysville – commemoration on Monday at Royal Exhibition Building - 1500 attended – Scott Morrison – 173 died

[S11.24.1] Craig Lapsley, 'Reflect on what we lost but also what we have', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 6, 2019, p. 23.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – 173 died – more than 2000 homes destroyed – 5000 homeless – Black Saturday is the most significant bushfire in our narrative – Royal Commission – Fire Services Commissioner – Emergency Management Commissioner – Craig Lapsley

[S11.25.1] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: Phoenix a symbol of hope', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 15.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – Phoenix Macek, born one week after Black Saturday, on Valentines Day – Kinglake – Craig Macek and Bec Macek (Skepper in 2009) – Zander Macek

[S11.25.2] Aaron Langmaid, 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: Not everything can be rebuilt', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 15.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – Glen Fiske – Marysville – Wife, Elizabeth and son, Dalton, died – 173 died – Kerry McFadzean – Gallipoli Park

[S11.26.1] John Brumby, 'Nature at its worst, humans at their best', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, pp. 22-23.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – John Brumby was Premier of Victoria on Black Saturday – 173 died - Bushfire Appeal Fund, \$379m – Cameron Caine – learn lessons from Black Saturday – Royal Commission – climate change – California fires – Kinglake – Lakers Football Club

[S11.27.1] Diane Dolly, Briar Hill, Letters, 'We'll never forget them', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 24.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – pain and suffering

[S11.27.2] Phil Truslove, Portarlington, Letters, 'What has changed?', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 24.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – now more important to learn from mistakes – if this catastrophic event happened tomorrow, would the outcome be the same?

[S11.27.3] Peter Burford, Hurstbridge, Letters, 'Obscured by trees', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 24.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – commemoration at Marysville – not prepared for another bushfire – no fire breaks

[S11.27.4] Newton Reynolds, Croydon South, Letters, 'The other black day', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 24.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday

Black Friday, 1939: 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was on 13/1/19 - 71 died – Royal Commission – not remembered at Black Saturday memorial service at Royal Exhibition Building

[S11.27.5] Barbara Fraser, Burwood, Letters, 'Real action needed', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 24.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – the worst in Australia's recorded history – climate change – Lachlan Fraser

[S11.27.6] Bruce Bowering, Drouin West, Letters, 'Fires: Let me decide', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 24.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – Royal Commission – 'stay and defend, or leave early' changed to 'leave and live' – California fires: clogged roads, accidents – against compulsory evacuations

[S11.28.1] Mark Knight, Cartoon, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 25.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – depicts CFA firefighter, a koala and a echidna – caption reads, '10 years'

[S11.28.2] Dr John Iser, Victorian chair, Doctors for the Environment Australia, Letters, 'The burning issue', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 25.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – 173 died – better prepared – climate change driving these events

[S11.28.3] Sharon, Hepburn Springs, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 25.

Thanks firefighters who saved town



[S11.28.4] Bert, Viewbank, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 25

Praise for firefighters

[S11.28.5] Lofty, Mitcham, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 25.

Bit rich Christine Nixon being at the Black Saturday service – she wasn't there on the day

[S11.28.6] 'Black Saturday 10 Years After: Life from the ashes', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, February 7, 2019, p. 1.

Promoting 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary articles on Black Saturday in today's paper

[S11.29.1] Quote, former Marysville CFA captain, Glen Fiske, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 8, 2019, p. 49.

'I felt a real need to rebuild and to stay on ... to keep their memory alive' – lost his wife and son on Black Saturday

[S11.29.2] M. Mould, Mentone, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 8, 2019, p. 49.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – Black Friday, 1939 – Ash Wednesday

[S11.29.3] Doc, Traralgon, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 8, 2019, p. 49.

Re: Dr John Iser, see [S11.28.2] – Black Friday – Black Saturday – climate change is not the difference between these fires

[S11.29.4] Irene Forsythe, Murrumbidgee, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 8, 2019, p. 49.

Praises Mark Knight's cartoon, see [S11.28.1]

[S11.29.5] Ron, Beechworth, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 8, 2019, p. 49.

Praises Mark Knight's cartoon, see [S11.28.1]

[S11.29.6] Geoff, Mentone, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 8, 2019, p. 49.

Christine Nixon appearing at the Black Saturday service is like a groom missing the wedding but turning up at the reception

[S11.29.7] Name and address supplied, Letters, 'Wandong wronged', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 8, 2019, p. 32.

Re: John Brumby's article, see [S11.26.1] – referred to Wallan, but should have been Wandong

[S11.29.8] Chris, Westmeadows 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 8, 2019, p. 32.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – praises Mark Knight's cartoon, see [S11.28.1]

[S11.29.9] Jan, Dingley Village, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, February 9, 2019, p. 56.

The Marysville fire was the result of arson or electricity fault – no 'climate change action' could have changed this

[S11.29.10] John Bell, Heidelberg Heights, Letters, 'Selfless and strong', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 10, 2019, p. 51.

Re: story of Brian and Moiree Naylor, see [S11.16.1] – Aussie community spirit

[S11.29.11] Bron Dahlstrom, Inverloch, Letters, 'Think of those who live trauma every day', *Sunday Herald Sun*, February 10, 2019, p. 51.

Black Saturday – Steeles Creek – continuing trauma of and compassion shown for this once off event – compares to our lack of compassion for refugees who have lived through war and persecution for years

[S11.30.1] Ed Gannon, 'Farmers' plight is quite simply a catastrophe', *Herald Sun*, Friday, February 15, 2019, p. 51.

Black Saturday disaster – compared to 7 years of drought followed by recent floods in QLD

[S11.30.2] Advertisement, State Government of Victoria, 'Understand the ratings: The reasons are black and white', *Herald Sun*, Wednesday, February 20, 2019, p. 9.

Explains purpose of Fire Danger Ratings – VicEmergency website – app

[S11.30.3] Anthony Dowsley & Patrick Carlyon, 'Family disowns lawyer', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 2, 2019, p. 2.

Ref to 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday in terms of Lawyer X's uncle, Sir James Gobbo, retired Supreme Court judge

[S11.31.1] Alanah Frost, 'Blazes threaten homes', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 2, 2019, p. 3.

Lightning started fires

[S11.31.2] Grant McArthur & John Masanauskas, 'Blazes rage across state', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 3, 2019, p. 3.

Lighting started fires – Mother Nature

[S11.31.3] Monique Hore & Brianna Travers, 'Residents flee as blaze bears down on homes', *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 4, 2019, p. 5.

Two refs to Black Saturday – déjà vu – Mark Knight

[S11.31.4] Cartoon, Mark Knight, *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 5, 2019, p. 45.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black Saturday – caption, '2019. 10 years on remembering Black Saturday, I'm back at that same swimming pool trying to demonstrate to my grown-up boys what it was like back then'

[S11.32.1] Aaran Langmaid & Monique Hore, 'Brave hearts', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 5, 2019, pp. 1&6.

Black Saturday Royal Commission – failure to act on recommendations

[S11.34.1] Rachel Baxendale & Monique Hore, 'Where was the help this time?', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, March 5, 2019, p. 7.

Black Saturday – Mark Knight – no firefighters to help in 2019

[S11. 35.1] Aaron Langmaid & James Dowsley, 'CFA: We didn't abandon you', *Herald Sun* Wednesday, March 6, 2019, p. 10.

CFA Chief Officer, Steve Warrington denies CFA abandoned those in need – Daniel Andrews – inadequate backburning – lightning caused some fires – Lisa Neville – ref protocols introduced after Black Saturday

[S11.36.1] Rod Matthews, Fairfield, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2019, p. 24.

There must be a more hi-tech and sophisticated way to fight fires

[S11.36.2] J. Blackwell, Garfield North, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2019, p. 24.

Praise for firefighters – ground and air

[S11.36.3] Yvette Black, Gembrook, Letters, ‘Volunteers risk all for us’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2019, p. 24.

Natural disasters – recent criticism of firefighters in Gippsland not justified

[S11.36.4] Jane Phillips, Warragul, Letters, ‘Backburn fallacy’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2019, p. 24.

Daniel Andrews – little, if any, backburning done in eastern region

[S11.36.5] Kaye Gooch, Prahran, Letters, ‘Sympathy for Knight’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2019, p. 24.

Sympathy for Mark Knight – praise for Knight’s cartoon on March 5, see [S11.31.4]

[S11.36.6] Terry Mills, Conargo NSW, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2019, p. 25.

Greens oppose fuel reduction

[S11.36.7] Bill Brooks, Edithvale, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2019, p. 25.

Daniel Andrews – does not understand the difference between controlled burning (for reducing fuel loads) and backburning (used to slow a fire)

[S11.36.8] Les, Wangaratta, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2019, p. 25.

Need for more Elvis helicopters to fight bushfires

[S11.36.9] Andrew Crisp, Emergency Management Commissioner, Victoria, ‘Tackling bushfires is a job for the entire community’, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 7, 2019, pp. 22-23.

Andrew Crisp – Steve Warrington – in answer to criticism, explaining why firefighters could not help some people in recent fires

[S11.37.1] Greg Ettridge, Penhurst, Letters, ‘Don’t mess with Mother’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 8, 2019, p. 56.

Aborigines used controlled burning – Daniel Andrews – Mother Nature – Royal Commission – lack of controlled burning

[S11.37.2] Judith Swanton, Echuca, Letters, ‘Seasons for burning’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 8, 2019, p. 56.

Daniel Andrews – backburning

[S11.37.3] D. Griffiths, Keilor East, Letters, ‘Starve fires of fuel’, *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 8, 2019, p. 56.

Essential for fire – heat, oxygen, fuel – remove one and no fire – fuel is the easiest one to remove – Greens against fuel reduction

[S11.37.4] Jan Holt, Boolarra, Letters, 'Inaction stokes risk', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 8, 2019, p. 56.

Climate change – lightning – Greens and councils prevent fuel reduction – cattle grazing stopped

[S11.37.5] Paul, Rosanna, 50/50, *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 9, 2019, p. 54.

Daniel Andrews not getting backburning done

[S11.37.6] Mark Knight, Cartoon, 'An open letter to CFA', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 9, 2019, p. 55.

Praise for CFA

[S11.38.1] Val Budge, Ferny Creek, Letters, 'Feeling for fire victims', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 10, 2019, p. 52.

Mark Knight – lightning – deliberately lit fires

[S11.38.2] Malcolm Just, St Kilda East, Letters, 'Burning line of enquiry', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 10, 2019, p. 52.

Black Thursday, 1851 – regular occurrence of catastrophic fires, irrespective of climate change

[S11.38.3] Lennie Gore, Warrnambool, Letters, 'CFA Comp limited', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 10, 2019, p. 52.

CFA volunteer firefighter permanently disabled due to fighting fires on Black Saturday – lack of compensation – James Merlino

[S11.38.4] Cameron Adams, 'Concert for farmers: Gudinski's new project to provide drought relief', *Herald Sun*, Friday, March 15, 2019, p. 3.

Michael Gudinski – Black Saturday Sound Relief fundraising concert – proposed concert to support farmers affected by drought

Sound Relief: Sydney & Melbourne: performers: Kylie Minogue – Coldplay – John Farnham – Taylor Swift – Kings of Leon – Jack Johnson – Barry Gibb – Olivia Newton-John

[S11.38.5] Editorial, 'Music to help farmers', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, March 16, 2019, p. 58.

Michael Gudinski – proposed fundraising concert for drought affected farmers

Sound Relief concert for Black Saturday raised more than \$8m – held in Melbourne & Sydney on March 14, 2009 – 80,000 attended in Melbourne, 40,000 attended in Sydney – performers: Jimmy Barnes – Leonard Cohen – Kylie Minogue – Taylor Swift

[S11.38.6] Annika Smethurst, 'Shorten's fire warriors: Bold plan to fight blazes from the sky', *Sunday Herald Sun*, March 17, 2019, p. 11.

Federal Labor's election promise to increase fleet of firefighting aircraft in Australia

[S11.38.7] Paul, Rye, Text Talk, *Herald Sun*, Thursday, March 21, 2019, p. 25.

Andrew Crisp says bushfire 'preparedness' is the entire community's responsibility, see, [S11.36.9] – I'm off to cut down some trees, clear some undergrowth and plough some firebreaks



## **Supplementary Black Saturday Bushfire Series, Folder 12: 22 June 2019 – 11 November 2019**

- [S12.1.1] Tom Minear, 'Hire and fire: Handpicked MFB chief to be snubbed as new agency boss', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, June 22, 2019, p. 4.
- CFA dispute – restructure of fire services – UFU, Peter Marshall – Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) – Emergency Services Minister, Lisa Neville – CFA chief, Steve Warrington – Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria chief, Adam Barnett – Daniel Andrews
- [S12.2.1] Editorial, 'Fire fight sidelines bush', *Herald Sun*, Monday, 24 June, 2019, p. 22.
- CFA dispute – Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) – Andrew's Govt – UFU, Peter Marshall – restructure of fire services
- [S12.2.2] Matt Johnston, 'Labor alarm at fire services probe', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, 27 July, 2019, p. 1 & p. 8.
- CFA dispute – restructuring of fire services – UFU, Peter Marshall and Daniel Andrews, secret deal – Lily D'Ambrossio – IBAC
- [S12.2.3] 'Sift for truth in burning questions', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, 27 July, 2019, pp. 8-9.
- p. 8 How the CFA dispute unfolded – timeline – restructure of fire services
- p. 8 Outline of key players from UFU, CFA and others
- [S12.2.4] Matt Johnston & Tom Minear, 'A rolling crisis that never went away', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, 27 July, 2019, p. 9.
- CFA dispute – restructuring of fire services – Emergency Services Minister, Lisa Neville – Daniel Andrews – UFU, Peter Marshall – Fire Rescue Victoria – What the Herald Sun has asked IBAC (a list of questions)
- [S12.3.1] Matt Johnston, 'Tree huggers arrested: Police move in as forest fight heats up', *Herald Sun*, Friday, 6 September, 2019, p. 21.
- Reference to Black Saturday – saving trees that survived Black Saturday
- [S12.4.1] Jack Paynter, 'Conditions under fire: Black Saturday brigade fights for funding', *Herald Sun*, Saturday, 21 September, 2019, p. 33.
- Kinglake West Fire Brigade – station deteriorating – need for more equipment – Captain, Frank Allan – Emergency Services Minister, Lisa Neville – reference to Black Saturday
- [S12.4.2] Ed Gannon, 'We have a right to know if we'll be safe this summer', *Herald Sun*, Thursday, 31 October, 2019, pp. 24-25.
- Reference to Black Saturday – fuel loads high – Black Saturday Bushfire Royal Commission fuel reduction targets changed by government – DELWP
- [S12.5.1] Editorial, 'Comms flaw unacceptable', *Herald Sun*, Tuesday, 5 November, 2019, p. 18.
- Reference to Black Saturday – Royal Commission – CFA communications not up to task – 173 people perished on Black Saturday – Andrew's Government – UFU – Fire Rescue Victoria

- [S12.5.2] Name supplied, Hurstbridge, Letters, 'We're reseeding tomorrow's infernos' *Sunday Herald Sun*, 10 November 2019.

Owners told to clean up properties, while councils leave roadsides cluttered with dead vegetation – the mind boggles why housing is permitted in highly flammable hills and gullies – reference to Black Saturday – it is not the weather causing fire disasters, it's the flagrant stupidity of climate purists embarking on reforestation with flammable species near buildings and infrastructure, on top of a slack winter fire maintenance

- [S12.6.1] Alex White, 'Ads a burning issue: Confronting Vic bushfires campaign launched', *Herald Sun*, Monday, 11 November, 2019, p. 8.

Confronting bushfire ads – reference to Black Saturday – Daniel Andrews – Emergency Services Minister, Lisa Neville – blazes in QLD and NSW – Gippsland at risk because of low rainfall – Emergency Services Commissioner, Andrew Crisp

- [S12.6.2] Anthony Piovesan, 'Bushfire school's new pain', *Herald Sun*, Monday, 11 November, 2019, p. 3.

Equipment donated to Kinglake West Primary School after Black Saturday stolen