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Works start on the Narbethong Hall



The small community of Narbethong lost their hall on Black Saturday, February 7th 2009. With persistence, dedication and patience, on the 4th of February 2011, a new phase of re-building began for Narbethong. The exciting event took place on the hall site where the first sod was turned to mark the beginning of the new building.

In my opinion the new hall portrays our country timber town's personality and because of this I believe the new hall will really compliment and suit our town. In the future the residents and youth of the community will have an outstanding hall which will enable social gatherings, presentations, meetings, parties and other community events to be held. I believe as part of the youth of our community, our town of Narbethong is moving forward and is on the road to becoming a proud, established country town once more.

(Kiana Barrie-Gresham. Aged 12 years. Resident of Narbethong.)

The Narbethong Hall committee are happy to announce that the building permit has been issued and Hedger Constructions of Alexandra will be building the new hall.

More than 80 people attended the exciting "Turning of The First Sod" ceremony on Friday. It was a rainy day, but the spirit

of cooperation, enthusiasm and achievement could not be dampened. Many shovels were used to express recognition of the contribution of so many.

Mr Ian Dicker, Chair of VBRRRA opened the proceedings, saying the start of works was "a significant milestone for the local community with the construction of a new hall having been identified as a priority". Murrindindi Mayor Peter Beales was not able to attend the event, but issued a statement, describing the project as driven with great community spirit and endeavour. He said "It will be a wonderful community asset at the gateway to our shire."

The rebuild is funded by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund, McDonalds Australia Ltd and insurance payments. Mr Ken Turner, from McDonalds said "it has been fantastic working with the community on such a rewarding project. The hall committee were touched when donations were received from

the Pelverata Hall Committee in Tasmania and from Jay Whitby's Fish Glenelg Restaurant in SA.

The Narbethong Hall committee thanked all for their contributions, notably BVN and Arup, who were engaged probono through Emergency Architects Australia and have provided design, engineering and project management. A large poster displayed in the marquee recorded all the donors including Minter Ellison, Rodney Aujard, Rodney Vapp, Contour, Fitzgerald Frisby Landscape Architects; BSGM Building Surveyors, Airchange, Boral, Grocon, Rinnai and Zip Industries.

The Committee would like to thank the Lions Club, particularly Neil Guscott for the marquee, and Norman Fiske for the P.A. We also thank Michael Jaegar who catered superbly, the Black Spur Inn for providing the seating, and Jan Barnes for donating a new urn. Thanks too, to all the local men and women who helped and celebrated on the day.

