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ECG TO DELIVER BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT

ECG – Education Centre Gippsland has been awarded a Commonwealth Government contract to deliver the Bunyip Ridge Bushfire Recovery project to replace farm and community infrastructure destroyed during last Summer’s devastating bushfires.

The project will provide paid employment for 30 people for a six month period with preference given to job seekers whose jobs or livelihood has been impacted by the fires.

ECG Manager Jeff Tellefson said ECG was seeking enthusiastic people to work in the team on projects such as building fences, tree planting, landscaping, garden restoration and more.

“Training opportunities will also be provided for people to build their skills as part of their employment in areas such as horticulture, occupational health and safety, First Aid and other relevant skill-areas identified through the project.

“The aim is to provide people with meaningful work that benefits the community and those affected by the fires, and at the same time builds the jobs skills and confidence of people unemployed or looking for a new career option.”

Mr Tellefson said the Bunyip Ridge Fire, which impacted on properties in the Labertouche, Drouin West, and Jindivick areas, had affected more than 50 properties and many houses were destroyed.

“The project also involves ECG liaising with fire-affected communities to assess and prioritise works needed.

“We are urging people impacted by the fires to contact ECG as the project team may be able to assist them to replace lost infrastructure.”

The Bunyip Ridge Bushfire Recovery Project is set to start in October and will run until June 2011.

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