



Art From The Extended Region

BARFOLD HALL MEMORIAL



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Mike Jones and Christine respond to the details

This hall, the former Emberton State School (1874) and later the Barfold Mechanics Institute (1895), became known as the Barfold Hall in 1956.

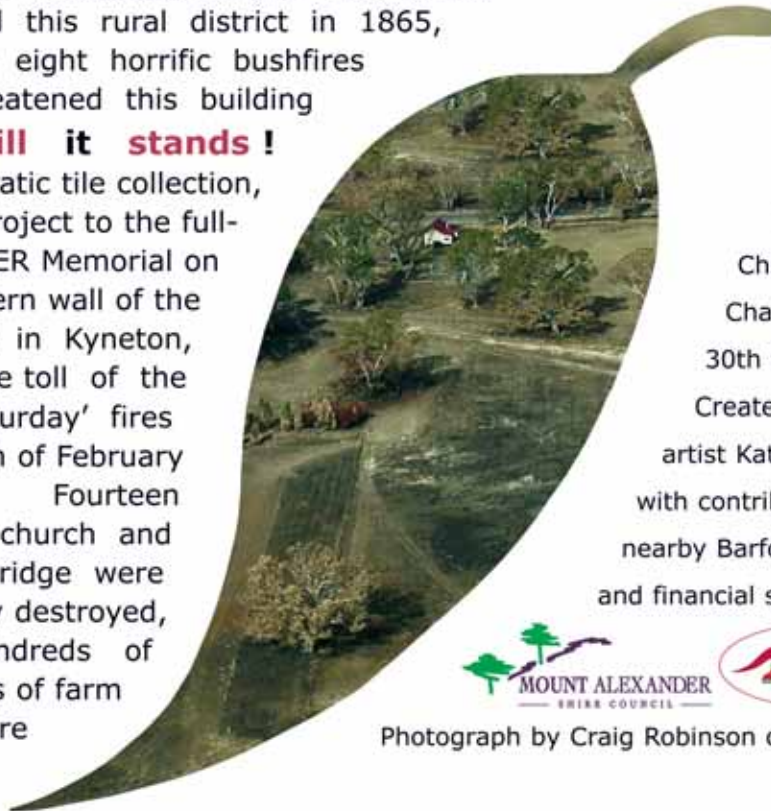
Since the catastrophic wild fires which decimated this rural district in 1865, a further eight horrific bushfires have threatened this building

and still it stands!

This dramatic tile collection, a sister project to the full-scale AFTER Memorial on the northern wall of the Town Hall in Kyneton, marks the toll of the 'Black Saturday' fires on the 7th of February in 2009. Fourteen homes, a church and a road bridge were very sadly destroyed, many hundreds of kilometres of farm fences were burned and

10 000 hectares of pasture was severely damaged. All the surrounding paddocks became blackened by the signature of a ferocious flaming rage.

Barfold Hall then served as a recovery centre for nearly two years.



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