

On February 7th, 2009, devastating bushfires raged through many communities across Victoria. On this day, 173 people lost their lives, over 2000 families lost their home, and many thousands of people had their homes, farms, businesses and communities significantly impacted.

After the fires, the trauma and despair experienced by so many was met with extraordinary compassion and a desire to help by people both near and far. They wanted to show their support, or their hurt, or their care for others, and did so in many different ways. This mural expresses artistically, the lasting thoughts and memories of many people from many places.

It is a wonderful testament to the creative spirit and strength of communities, and to the great care, courage and tenacity of Australians.

**We will rebuild, we will recover and we will remember.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christine Nixon'.

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