

Blaze Aid – The Book

One of our volunteers is interested in coordinating the writing of a book about Blaze Aid and we are inviting past and present volunteers to contribute a story, anecdote or photos to share what their experience meant to them.

Our aim would be to document the way the organization grew and how it was able to work so well. We all know what the feeling of camaraderie has been and we want to produce a book that will be a special and inspirational one not only for those involved but for anyone who reads it.

Kevin has been approached by the DPI to document how Blaze Aid has evolved and achieved such great results. From this, Blaze Aid will be used as a model for part of the 3rd phase of recovery after future fire events (1st phase is through the CFA, 2nd phase is through organizations like the Red Cross and Salvation Army.) We feel that it is so important that all the knowledge that has been gained over these past months of Blaze Aid is available as a guide for future recovery events.

As volunteers, you have come from all over Australia and from overseas. Your stories of how and why you came, where you heard about Blaze Aid - and your experiences here -are all important to this story as well.

Why was it that you may have come for a week and stayed six?,

Tell me of the things that made Blaze Aid so special for you?,

What impact have the survivors had on you?,

What other things come to mind when you reflect on your time here at Blaze Aid?...

When you send in your contribution, please ensure that you also complete the permission form. If you do not want your surname or your name published but wish to contribute a story, please state that as well. Any stories, photos, etc that are submitted for possible inclusion in the book will be available to Blaze Aid to use, with appropriate acknowledgement.

It is also hoped that a CD of photos will be produced for distribution to volunteers, sponsors and other contributors.

We thank you in anticipation and look forward to receiving some great photos and stories. Please send in your contributions, with the permission slip, as soon as possible to Blaze Aid, 70 Kilmore East Rd, Kilmore East, 3764, or via email to kevin@blazeaid.com If sending contributions via email, please put "Blaze Aid Book Contribution" in the subject line, and include the permission information on your email.

We'd also like some feedback on whether you'd be interested in buying the book, how many copies would you buy, and what price range would you be willing to pay for a souvenir Blaze Aid book?

Thank you

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