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BlazeAid hits Birchip

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BlazeAid has set up camp in Birchip following fires in the Watchem, Watchupga and Woomelang areas that recently destroyed many kilometres of fencing.

BlazeAid is a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Working alongside the rural families, its volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed.

The base camp opened on 8 February 2017 at the Birchip Recreation Reserve. The camp will act as a home away from home to volunteers and their caravans.

BlazeAid is looking to hear from farmers in the area who may be looking for assistance in erecting replacement fencing. Farmers supply the materials and BlazeAid can help with the manpower and tools to get the job done.

On the other side of the coin, BlazeAid is also reaching out to the community to help cater for the influx of volunteers or to indeed help erect fencing.

If you can volunteer your time cooking, cleaning or helping out with the day to day tasks involved at the camp, BlazeAid would love to hear from you.

“Council has got behind BlazeAid by donating \$1,500 to help establish the base camp in Birchip. We are also providing different furniture and other materials to help with the set up as well as helping out some administrative support. I urge anybody who can help out to please do so”, said Mayor, Cr David Pollard.

For all enquiries please contact BlazeAid’s Birchip camp on **0438 952 116**, email blazeaid.birchip@gmail.com or visit www.blazeaid.com

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