

The Tree Project



The Tree Project is a call to blacksmiths around the world to forge stainless steel and copper gumleaves to send to Victoria. The leaves will be used by Australian blacksmiths to create a steel gumtree. This tree will be a memorial to the people who lost their lives in the February 7 bushfires, to honour the tireless people who defended others and to stand as a symbol of regeneration for the community.

The idea for the project was suggested on an online forum by an Australian blacksmith a few days after the fires. The response to the initial suggestion was overwhelming. Within hours, blacksmiths across Australia, the USA and Canada pledged to make leaves for the memorial tree. In recent weeks blacksmiths from England, Germany, Finland, the Ukraine, New Zealand, Ireland, Sweden, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain and Russia have become involved in the project.

If you'd like to sponsor a leaf for the tree, a blacksmith will make a leaf on your behalf. You can have your initials or name stamped on the leaf, or someone else's name if you wish. Sponsorship will cost \$20 for a stainless steel leaf, \$40 for a copper leaf. You'll receive a photo of your leaf via email when it's completed. All proceeds will go towards material for the trunk and branches, welding materials and installation costs. Come to the demonstration to sponsor a leaf or email us via the website: www.treeproject.abavic.org.au

Blacksmiths will be forging leaves for the tree outside the Kinglake Council Offices, 19 Whittlesea Rd. Kinglake
on MONDAY 27th APRIL from 8.30am
as part of the ABC Kinglake Ranges Radio Morning Show
Come and meet the blacksmiths. All welcome.



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