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RISING FROM THE ASHES - A TIME FOR HEALING

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Dear Parishioners and other Supporters

I write on behalf of our Shoalhaven Bushfire Recovery Organising Committee, to invite you to participate in a major event - *Rising from the Ashes – A Time for Healing*. The event is scheduled for Saturday 29 February in the grounds of the Ulladulla Civic Centre from Midday – 4 pm. An Official Ceremony will take place from 1 - 1.30 pm.

As you well know, our Shoalhaven communities, along with other Australian communities, have suffered greatly from the recent bushfires. We cannot undo the devastation that has befallen our people, their homes and other properties, our fauna and flora. However, we can support, bring comfort to, and engage with those who are already regaining their spirits and planning for a preferred future.

In addition to the wonderful support already being offered at the Ulladulla Disaster Recovery Centre, by people second to none, we believe it's timely for this kind of event. Hopefully, by gathering our neighbours, including their children, we'll create a golden opportunity for many people to come together in a welcoming, playful and safe environment.

Whilst the Catholic Communities of Milton, Ulladulla, Sussex Inlet - and beyond - have initiated this event, we are collaborating with various volunteer organisations, community service groups, local clubs, businesses, schools and churches. Already there is an enthusiastic response from these groups.

We do hope you can participate in this event, an event designed to assist our community to heal and move forward. Please broadcast this initiative to your stakeholders, staff, customers, clients, *et al*, and come along with them.

I realise you have many competing commitments at present. Nevertheless, our Bushfire Recovery Committee hopes you will attend *Rising from the Ashes - A Time for Healing*.

Thank you in anticipation!

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Fr Michael Dyer Resident Priest – Milton Catholic Parish

