Disaster Storytelling – Bridging the divide and building community resilience

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GOAL: RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



TFS Community Development

BUSHFIRE READY NEIGHBOURHOODS (BRN) IS A TASMANIA FIRE SERVICE (TFS) COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO BE BUSHFIRE READY.

The program recognises that individuals, communities and government all play a part and share responsibility to prevent, prepare for, respond and recover from bushfires and other natural hazards.

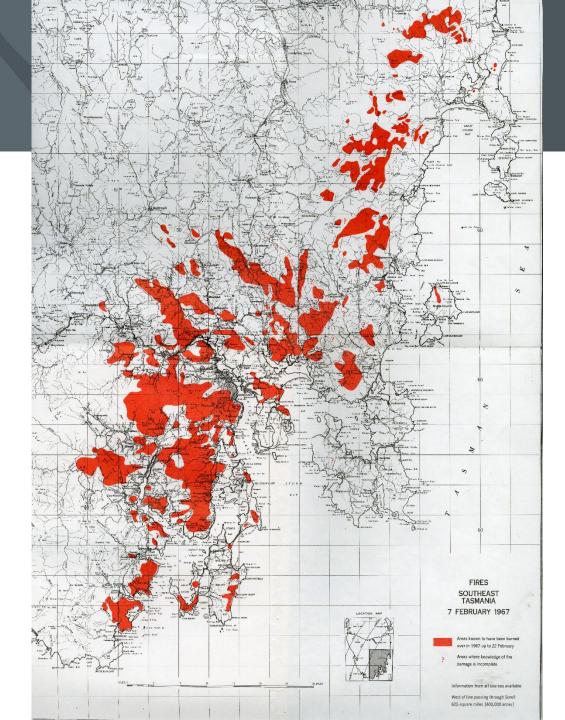




Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods







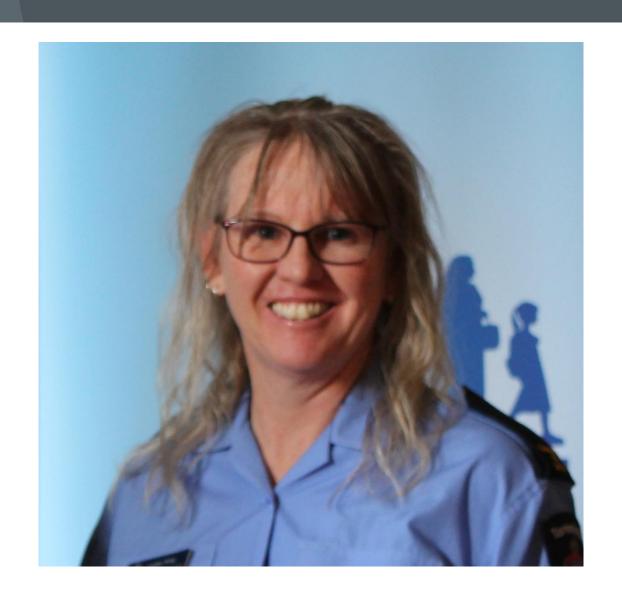
1967 Bushfires

7 February 1967 110 separate fires 2,640 square km 5 hours

62 lives 900 injured over 7,500 homeless

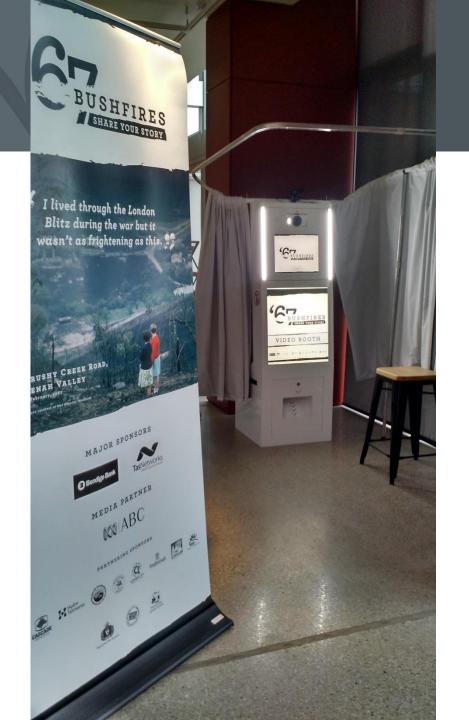
The total damage amounted to \$40,000,000 in 1967 Australian dollar value.

Enter... Lesley King



The value of archives

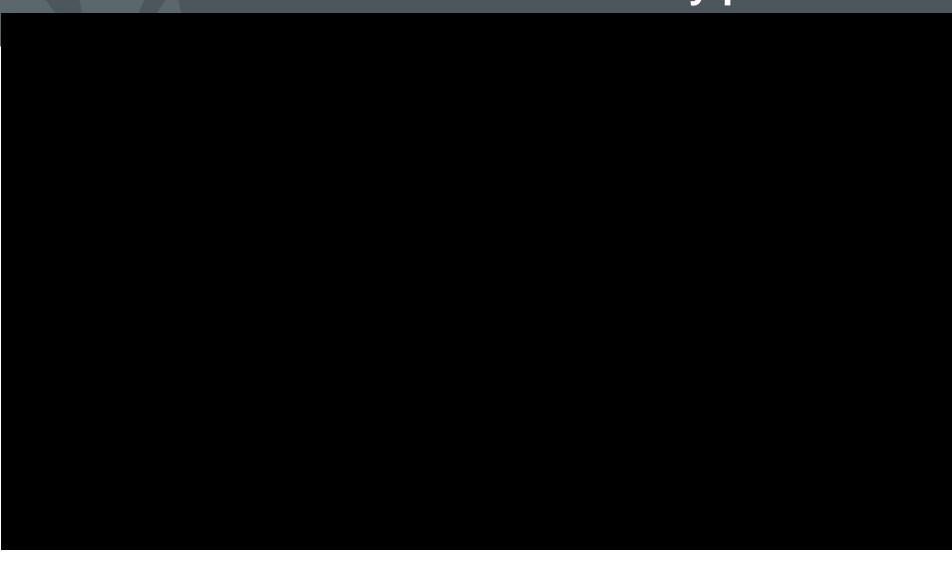




A touring video booth



ABC Archive introductory piece



Capturing the stories...

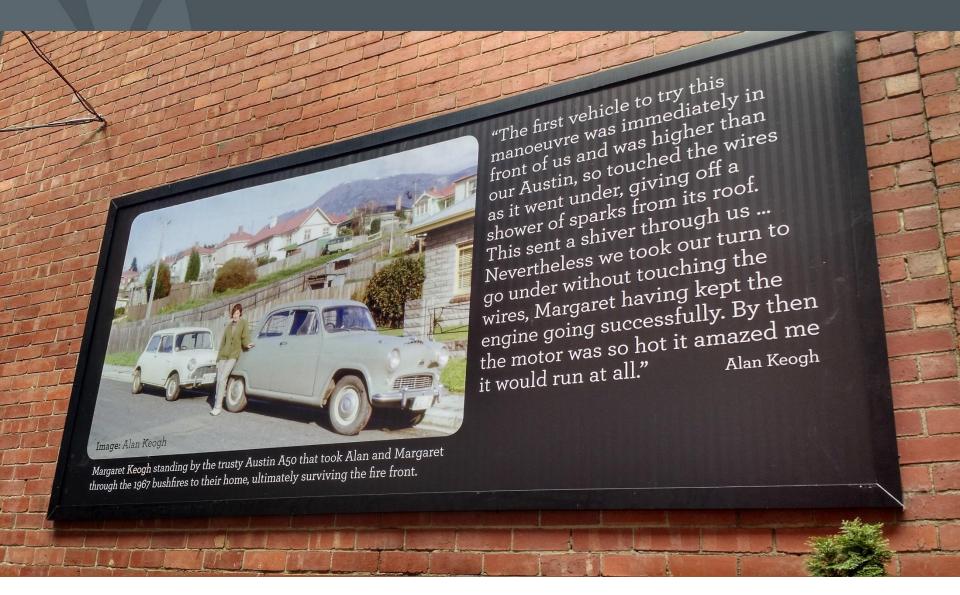








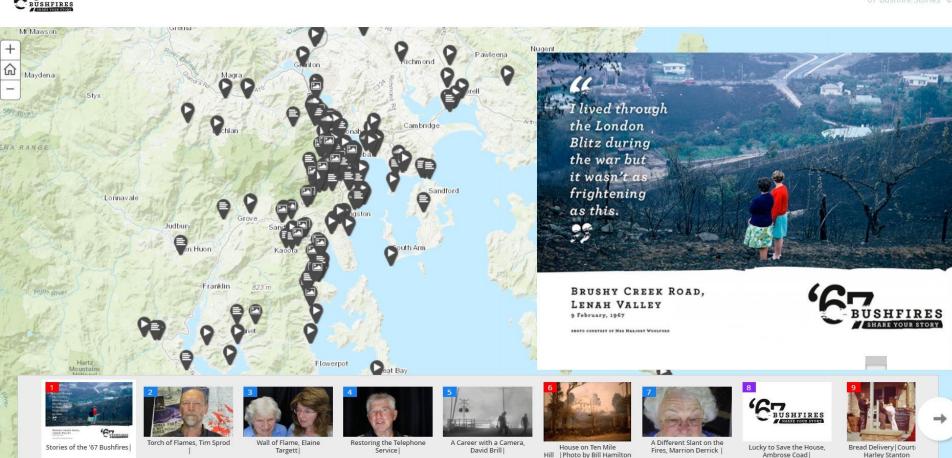
Stories used as public art...



The online resource – http://67bushfires.fire.tas.gov.au

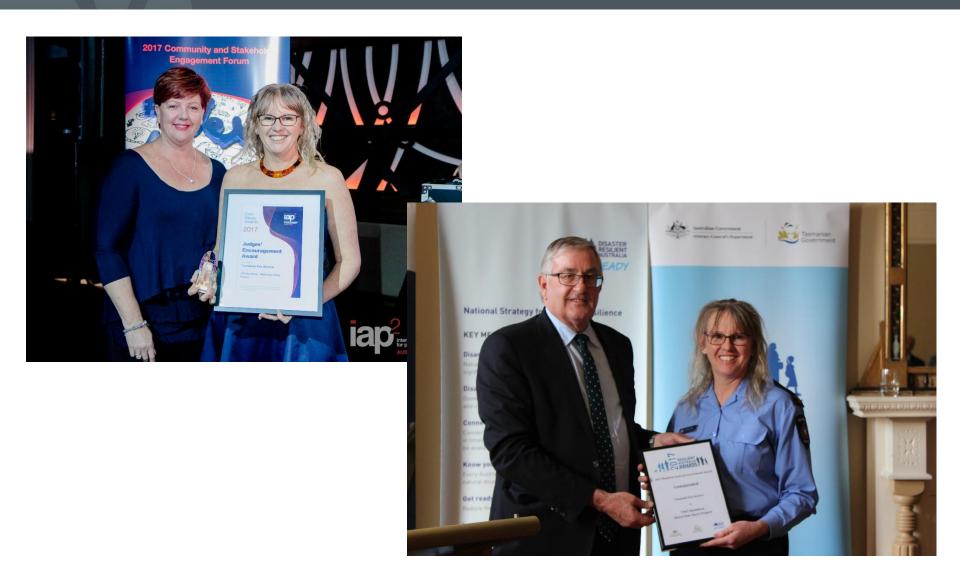
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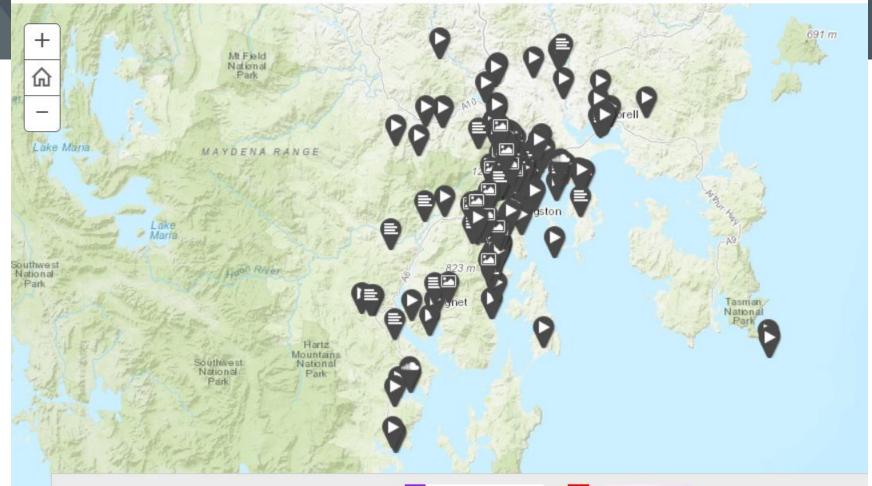




Why was this project successful?











The Farms on Fire, Peter Wood|



Saved by Tourists, Margaret Mead |



The Balls of Fire, Dianne Coad |



Howard Rampton Inspects the Damage | Courtesy



Travelling Home by Bus, Suzette Seabourne |

Building resilience??







The Lessons for Us....

