

Victorian Bushfires

Our hearts go out to those who have been affected by the recent bushfires.

The Prime Minister has announced a special payment for people who have lost their farm, business or place where they work because of the bushfires. The payment will be made fortnightly for 13 weeks at a rate equivalent to the Centrelink Newstart Allowance. No activity tests or job searches will be required.

Funeral/memorial and related costs assistance of up to \$5,000 is available to the immediate family member of an Australian who has died as a result of the January/February 2009 Victorian bushfires. This assistance is to support families with a funeral or memorial and related costs.

For information on eligibility, contact the Australian Government Victorian bushfires Hotline on **180 2211**.

Immediate government support is providing additional assistance to the people who have been adversely affected by the series of bushfires in the state of Victoria, which commenced on 29 January 2009 and may continue into March 2009. Payments of \$1,000 per eligible adult and \$400 per eligible child, will be available - criteria exist for this payment.

For more information on eligibility or any queries contact Centrelink on 180 2211 or www.centrelink.gov.au

Woolcheque

Have you priced your wool with woolcheque? Bought to you by AWI, Woolcheque is free and does not require the purchase of expensive software, it is simple to use and allows you to independently price your wool clip based on the latest daily or historical wool prices.

Visit www.woolcheque.com.au and follow the prompts.

BWBL Annual Conference

The BWBL Annual Conference will be held at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre on the 18th June 2009.

High profile guest speakers, interactive demonstrations and displays will challenge your thinking and ideas. Admission to the conference is free for BESTWOOL/BESTLAMB group members, Associates \$30 and General Admission \$50 (Sign up for free associate membership on the day and pay only \$30).

For more information about the BESTWOOL/BESTLAMB program visit www.bestwoolbestlamb.com.au or call the Administrator on 03 5355 0531