



2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission

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COMMISSION HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR GIPPSLAND

The Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission will hold its second week of regional hearings in Traralgon commencing Monday, 19 October 2009.

These hearings will investigate the Churchill fires that claimed the lives of 11 people on 7 February 2009.

The format of the hearings will be similar to those held this week in Myrtleford and Horsham, where between 60 and 70 people have viewed the hearings each day.

“People are encouraged to attend and view the proceedings”, said a Commission spokesperson, “but unless they have been formally notified, they will not be able to provide evidence”.

“The Commission continues to welcome submissions from individuals and organisations who wish to provide information relating to its terms of reference,” he said.

The hearings will not be web-streamed from regional venues, however proceedings will be recorded by television networks and transcripts of the evidence will be posted on the Commission’s website.

The venue for the Gippsland hearings is Traralgon Vineyard, 140 Burnetts Road, Traralgon.

Further details will be made available on the Commission’s website www.royalcommission.vic.gov.au closer to the date.