



Strath Creek / Reedy Creek Rural Fire Brigade

The Granite Mountain Hotshots

A heartfelt message from half a world away: our condolences for your loss, our comfort for your pain, your tears, your suffering; and our prayers for those who have lost so many.

We salute the bravery and commitment of those nineteen who stood before the flames, who gave their lives to protect the community they loved. Doing the job they loved.

Our hearts weep for their families, their friends and colleagues, for you all at this dreadful time. As you honour their lives and their memory, we shall remember them, men we may not have met but whose loss we nevertheless feel deeply, dedicated men mourned half a world away.

Gavin Hodge,

Captain.

Jim Darling,

1st Lieutenant

Strath Creek and Reedy Creek are small communities in the hills of central Victoria. Both still bear the scars of the massive Black Saturday wildfire of 2009.

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