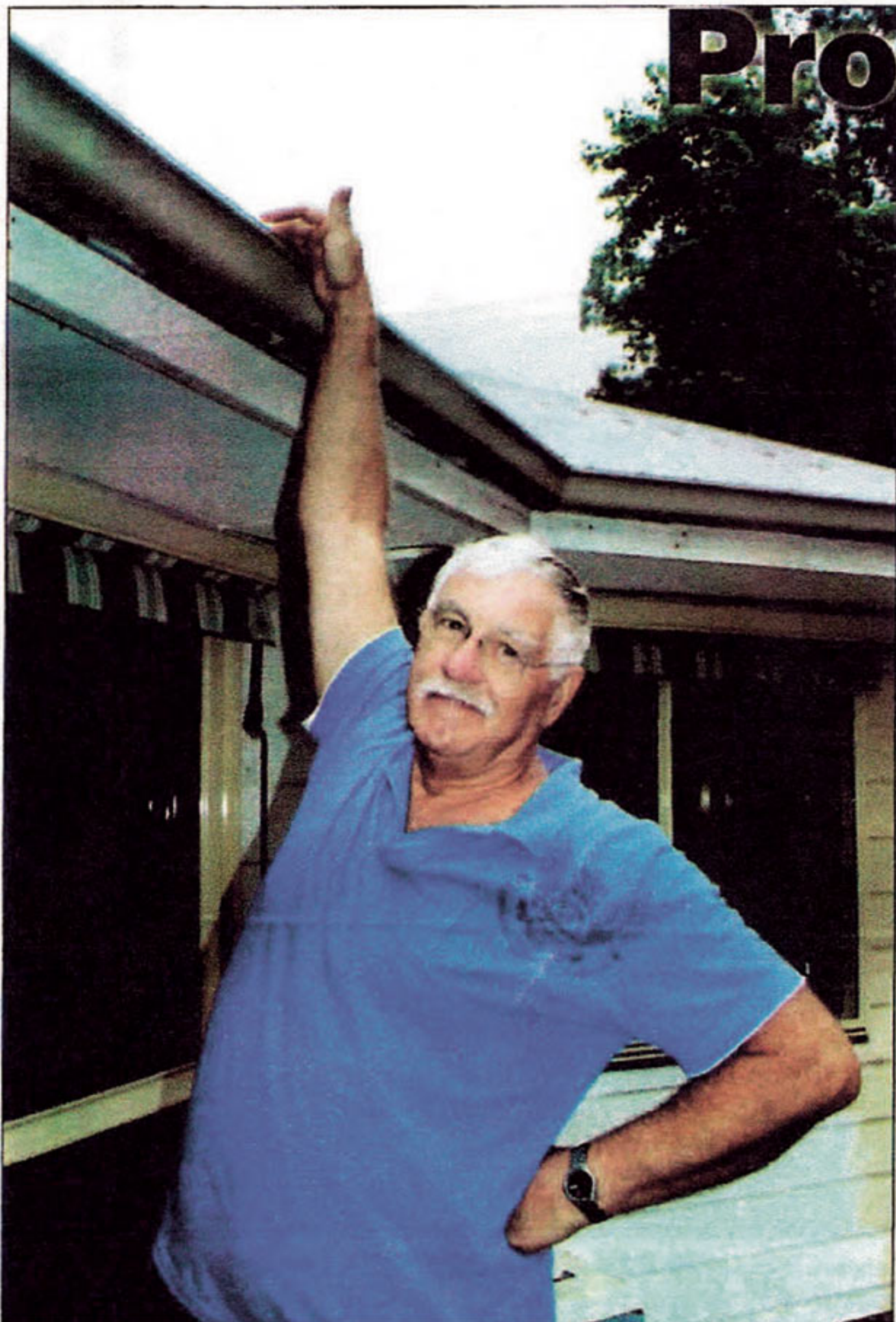


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Protect gutters from

FIRE prone South Gippslanders are being urged to get their minds in the gutter.

A Darlimurla couple say the recent addition of AllClear Leafguard to their gutters stopped leaves from collecting on the roof and were pivotal to saving their home from bushfires.

Harvey and Mary Beruldsen's property is surrounded by bush and came under extreme ember attack.

"The AllClear Leafguard meant I didn't have to think about fires starting in the gutter and the amount of pressure that took off as we battled the fire was wonderful," he said.

"When there are no leaves on the roof, there's nothing to burn, so the embers just sit and then go out."

Harvey and a mate, Max Nelson of Traralgon, worked all day and night to save three homes, all with AllClear Leafguard in the vicinity of Darlimurla Road.

An Inverloch CFA tanker arrived later to assist them.

A recent article in the *Herald Sun* on fireproof living advised that gutters and downpipes should be fitted with metal leaf guards and

systems for water retention.

AllClear Leafguard will provide advantages for the Beruldsens all year round.

"I used to have a lot of trouble with bats going under the corrugation, but now with the AllClear it is bolted up underneath, so they don't get in," Harvey said.

"Also we have hundreds of birds around, because we feed them, and they like to sit in the gutter and droppings gather, but they don't anymore because it's not comfortable for them."

The monthly chores of cleaning leaves out of gutters and unblocking downpipes are things of the past.

Leaves have also stopped accumulating under the eaves.

AllClear Leafguard is not even noticeable from the ground surrounding the Beruldsen's home.

The lack of leaves being caught in the gutters will also prolong their life.

"There's no muck building up in the gutters to hold the water and eat into the spouting," Harvey said.

Another bonus of the AllClear Leafguard is that even during a heavy downpour at Darlimurla, water did not flow over the gutters.

AllClear Leafguard was developed by Ron Lienert after 20 years in the home improvement business.

It is made of Colorbond steel so it won't melt in fire or perish and become brittle.

Amazingly, AllClear Leafguard can safely give you a 20-year warranty.

The Australian made AllClear Leafguard has proven extremely successful in the past couple of years and has been recognised as the more superior leafguard on the market in the eastern mainland states.

AllClear staff has been trained in all aspects of leaf and gutter problems to help bring this remarkable product to you.

AllClear Leafguard and Gutter have their own manager focusing on eastern Victoria. His name is Scott Maxwell.

Obligation free quotes and good advice are available by calling AllClear Leafguard and Gutter on free-call 1800 426 607.

As for Harvey, he is telling all his neighbours about how good the product is.



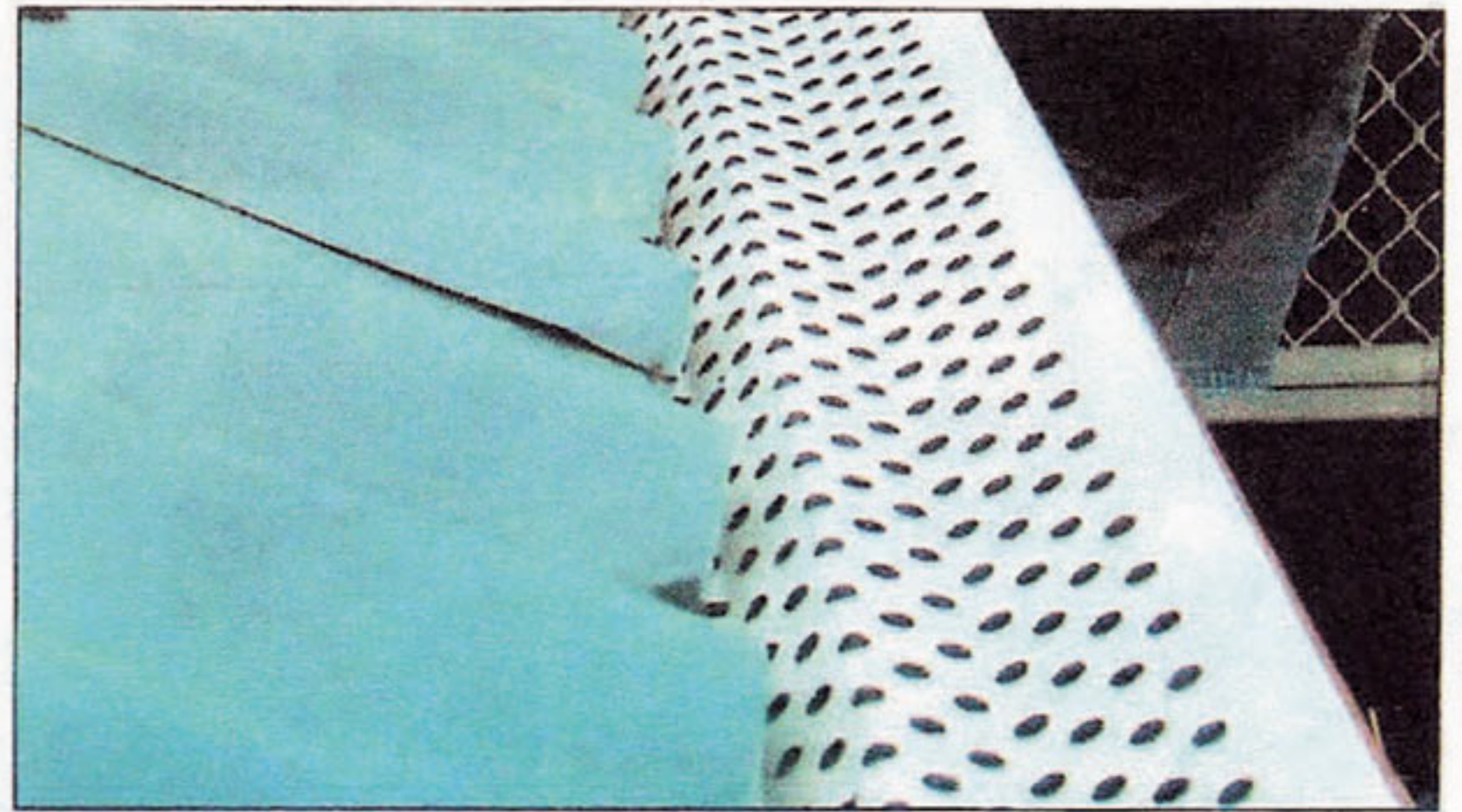
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bushfire scourge



Black day: fire almost surrounded the Beruldsen's Darlimurla home earlier this year.



Best protection: AllClear Leafguard is available for iron and slate roofs.

Home saved: Mary and Harvey Beruldsen say AllClear Leafguard helped in the bushfire battle.