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SUSPICIOUS FIRES - APPEAL FOR INFORMATION IN MURRINDINDI MILL AREA

Phoenix Task Force detectives are treating the fires that occurred in the Marysville, Buxton, Narbethong and Murrindindi region as suspicious.

Detectives are appealing for information in relation to a fire which started in the vicinity of the Murrindindi Mill on Saturday February 7.

Investigators would like to speak to anyone who was in the area of the Murrindindi Mill near Wilhelmina Falls Road on that day.

Murrindindi is located between the townships of Glenburn and Yea and the mill area can be accessed from the Melba Highway or a number of other local roads.

Detective Superintendent Paul Hollowood said that there must be some one out there who saw something on the day, that can assist us with this investigation.

"We need to hear from anyone who was in this area on the day. It may not be immediately obvious that they saw something unusual or of possible value, but it is important that we speak with them."

"These fires were absolutely devastating and are causing immense pain and loss to many people," Mr Hollowood said.

There is a popular camping area and swimming hole not too far from the mill, however it is likely that the extreme weather conditions on Saturday 7 February may have kept most people away.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit their website www.crimestoppers.com.au

Marysville & District Lions get together at last.

On Monday this week, Lion Neil Guscott received a call from current serving District Governor David Jones advising that Lions International 2nd Vice President Sid Scruggs (Chair of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) - humanitarian aid) and wife Judy from USA, International Director Ken Bird, and David wished to visit our club on Tuesday.

A helicopter had been hired and the plan was to travel to Bendigo, drop in at Marysville and then return to Braeside.

After an hour or so on the phone, most of the members had been contacted and had confirmed they were able to be present, some travelling from Daylesford, Benalla and Melbourne suburbs.

A phone call early on Tuesday, telling us that permission to land had been denied due to Marysville's legal status, was followed by several anxious hours and many phone calls until finally permission was granted.

In his role as Chair of LCIF, VP Sid had seen many areas affected by many different disasters around the world, but was visibly moved by the severity and the enormity of this firestorm.

The visit by these distinguished Lions was greatly appreciated by the our Lions, many of whom had not been able to meet with other members since the fire.

The members are extremely grateful to all who helped make this happen, including Member for Seymour Ben Hardman, Premier's Department, Department of Justice, Victoria Police Superintendent Ross McNeill, and Victoria Police Operations Co-ordinator, Homicide Jeff Maher and Senior Sgt Ralph Willingham Police Forward Commander, Marysville.



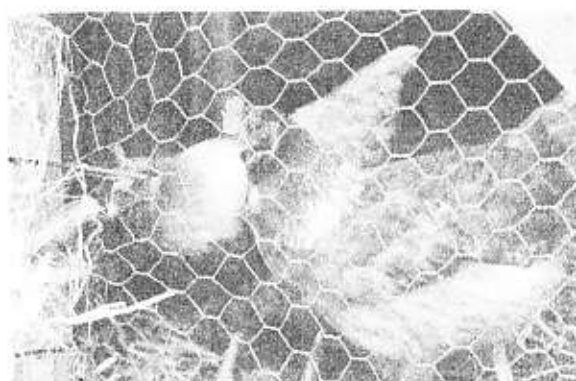
Marysville & District Lions members and Lions VIP's

SURVIVORS

Here's a story that in the midst of such tragedy will, I hope, give us a moment to rejoice in the miracle of life.

These 5 little ladies (see pic) lived on a farm approximately 4 kms from Marysville. They are part of the Perry family who are fourth generation locals first arriving in the 1800s.

The fires swept down on their home with merciless ferocity - as you can see by the posted picture the family homes were destroyed and everything in the fire path was completely engulfed - that is except for our five little ladies whose home miraculously was spared. How? We'll never know.



So who were these ladies? Well I don't know their names but they are chicks, yes the Perry chicks. David Perry, their owner, smiled genuinely as he related coming home to the absolute devastation and discovering the girls - a little singed - but still on the job!

Dave tells me they cleaned out the girls home - their straw in their nesting boxes had burned and there were several hard roasted eggs, but the girls were already hard at work - the attached picture shows their morning's work 4 eggs! (one of the girls had de-layed shock).

I am told of the symbolism of this - eggs signifying new life and the promise of rebirth.

Story and photos courtesy of Graeme Haycraft

The **Victorian Bushfire Case Management Service** is providing all Victorians affected by the bushfires with the support they need to access assistance with matters including accommodation, finance, personal assistance, employment, education, counselling, health and legal services during this difficult time.

Call 1800 050 400 to register and your own personal case manager will call you back within 24 hours. The case manager will help you to decide how and where you wish to rebuild your lives with the aid of counsellors and other support staff.

PAYMENT OF WATER ACCOUNTS EXTENDED

Customers of Goulburn Valley Water in Broadford, Waterford Park, Most of Kilmore and Yea would have received their water account over the past month. The Corporation wishes to advise these customers that it has extended the due date for payment until 31 March 2009.

Goulburn Valley Water's managing Director Peter Quinn said that the Corporation understands the stress that everyone is under at the moment and extending the payment period is one way of helping.

Payment of your account may be made in the following manner:

- In person at Goulburn Valley Water's Office in Shepparton;
- By mail;
- B-pay - for details see the back of your account;
- At any branch of Australia Post;
- POST Billpay - for details see the back of your account;
- Direct debit through your bank account;
- Pay by phone using your credit card (Visa, Bankcard or Mastercard);
- Centrepay Deduction; and
- EasyWay Payment Card.

"If any customers are struggling with payment or have suffered losses please contact our customer Accounts and Services on 1300 360 007 and our trained staff can help sort out a payment plan as we can help with hardship payments."

Pat Whittingham of Pat's Hairdressing hopes everyone is as well as can be and is thinking of you all.

CHURCH NOTICES

Anglican Church Service is to be held at St Thomas' Buxton 9 am each Sunday until such time as services may be resumed in Marysville.

MT CATHEDRAL BAPTIST

Services to be held at St Thomas' Buxton, 11 am each week until further notice
(TO BE CONFIRMED)

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LOST ALL YOUR PHOTOS?

Dave Nicholson advises that he has an enormous archive of local photographs—weddings - commercial - family - real estate & many events. If you think there may be photos of you or your loved ones, go to www.nicholsonphotographics.com or contact Dave on 0400 229 139 and he will search his archives and provide a disc of photos free of charge.

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PLEASE CONTACT
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**PUPPIES FOUND AT MARYSVILLE – INFORMATION RE
OWNER SOUGHT**

Police are seeking to identify the owner of two pit-bull puppies who were discovered by police in Marysville this afternoon.

The dogs were located at 4pm today at Granton Rd (near Stricklands Spur track) when police were conducting a patrol of the area.

Picnic chairs and an esky were found nearby and police are now concerned about the whereabouts of the owners.

Anyone with information about who may own the dogs are asked to contact police so it can be determined whether they are missing or currently accounted for.

The puppies, one black and one tan, have suffered burns and are currently being aided by the Yea RSPCA.

If anyone has any information in relation to the dogs or their owner is asked to contact the Alexandra Police Station.

The Show Must Go On!

Narby Bush Dance

now at The Black Spur Inn

**Saturday 21st
February**

**Call Judy Johnston - 5963 7013
or Black Spur Inn - 5963 7121
for further details**

WATER QUALITY ISSUES

Goulburn Valley Water is preparing for potential water quality issues that may arise as a result of rainfall after the fires.

Goulburn Valley Water's General Manager Technical Services, Mr Allen Gale said that the Corporation has identified the potential risk of water quality problems from runoff after the fires for each of its water systems. "A number of catchments in our region have extensive fire damage so if there is heavy rainfall event then ash and debris from the fires could be washed into the waterways that we draw our water from for drinking water supplies."

"A number of our systems have off stream storages and for these systems we will stop diverting water into them prior, during and after a rainfall event," said Mr Gale. "Stopping the diversion will ensure that runoff does not enter our water supply. This could be for a day or two or up to several weeks."

Mr Gale said that the systems that do not have off stream storages will need special attention. "We will need to use a number of different approaches depending on the size and treatment facilities for each system. In an extreme case tankering of drinking water may be required."

Mr Gale said that when the runoff occurs it will be most important for customers to use as little water as possible.

"We have been speaking to a number of our counterparts in other water corporations who have experienced bushfires and water quality issues from rainfall events," said Mr Gale. "We are doing everything we can so that we are prepared for any deterioration in water quality."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I extend my deepest sympathies to the many people impacted by these tragic fires.

Many people have lost their lives, family members, homes, friends, animals and the things they care most for.

The resilience of the people in our local community and the support of the surrounding communities has been heartening to say the least.

There will remain a fire danger for the rest of this fire season and I encourage people to be prepared.

I thank the many emergency and relief services and staff for their work, their courage and their unwavering and inspirational care for the victims of the fires.

The efforts toward fighting fires by volunteers will be ongoing.

The effort towards recovery will need many people for a very long time and I encourage people to continue to give their skills and assistance.

My staff and I will make the recovery our highest priority for the foreseeable future and I encourage people to call on 57992760 if they need assistance.

Yours sincerely

Ben Hardman
Member for Seymour

FIRE RELATED ENQUIRIES DPI RURAL RECOVERY CENTRE - 5761 1528

- Livestock
- Fencing
- Farm dams
- Stock containment areas
- Pest weed and animals
- Soil conservation
- Whole farm planning
- Native vegetation

FODDER

Andrew Embling VFF 0418 266 038
VFF 1300 882 833

WILDLIFE

Wildlife Help 0417 380 687
Wildlife Victoria 1300 094 535
Animal Aide (domestic pets) 9739 0300
RACV Wildlife Connect 13 11 11

RUBBLE CLEARING

Victorian Volunteer Hotline 1300 366 356

DANGEROUS FIRE TREES

Shire of Murrindindi Recovery 5772 2454

FIRE SUPPRESSION WATER LOSSES

Shire of Murrindindi Recovery 5772 2454

ROAD CLOSURES

VicRoads Website vicroads.vic.gov.au
VicRoads Bushfire Road Closures 1800 240667

WEBSITES

VicRoads vicroads.vic.gov.au
DPI dpi.vic.gov.au
DSE dse.vic.gov.au

OTHER HELP

Dr Margaret Miller will see patients on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9-11am in Buxton
Phone Buxton Store to make an appointment
5774 7301

Centrelink, DHS & RACV Insurance Claims are available at Buxton Reserve daily from 10am - 4pm

Fuel is available at the Igloo Roadhouse

New & Secondhand clothing and small household items are available at Buxton Hall - also available at Narbethong at the Black Spur Inn

Free Food is available in the building at the corner of Buxton-Marysville Rd & Highway - also available at the Black Spur Inn, Narbethong

Marysville/Narbethong/Grantton Mail is currently held at Healesville PO. Can be picked up from there, or re-direction forms are available from Buxton PO (free re-direction to wherever).

Water no longer needs to be boiled for drinking.

Pat's Hairdressing is available please phone 5774 7016 for appointment