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Marysville survivor reunited with memories

It's so hard to imagine the fear and panic suffered by anyone in the recent devastating fires, but to not have the physical health to escape the firestorm without the aid of others must overwhelm you with fright as others find safety.

For Marysville resident Susan Lucas in her 70's and physically impaired, the smoke, panic and chaos was so very frightening. "It was all just too fast," said Susan in the Darlingford home at Eildon. "if it was not for that SES man Keith, he just picked me up and threw me into the bus."

Susan was one of several evacuated to hospitals by brave locals. "The flames, the sirens, the burnt people coming in, the whole thing was terrifying," Susan explained.

Moved later to Darlingford nursing home and the initial shock now over, the realisation that all her memories were lost and the Lions Club Memorial Bridge built for her late husband Bill, may also be lost was more emotional turmoil.

For nurses at Darlingford it was just too sad, and enquiries soon revealed the Bill Lucas Memorial Bridge across the gentle Steavenson River had just withstood the firestorm of Black Saturday. Phone calls to the Marysville & District Lions Club tracked down a copy of the original bridge photo that had sat so proudly on Susan's wall in her Marysville home. Delice Guscott of the Lions club framed the photo and visited Susan at Darlingford to reunite her with this precious memory.

As Delice gave Susan the photo to cherish again and discussed the frightening ordeal, Susan said "I just cannot believe so many people care, there are just so many people I need to thank".

Lion Delice of the Marysville & District club, who tragically lost several members to the fires said, "we will do everything we can to support our cherished community and this very small contribution means

so much to Susan who has lost everything else. Her late husband Bill was a most valuable founding member of the Marysville & District Lions and we are so pleased we can find some positives amid this crisis. The bridge is well and Susan will soon be with her family again."

Susan said, "I will cherish the photo forever, it means so very much to me and I am so thankful".

Darlingford responded to the disaster taking three residents into the home in Eildon. Nikki Jenkins, unit manager, said, "It has been a challenging time for everyone as our staff and many residents' families live amongst the community. We have responded in any way we can to help and I am just so please this is one small happy contribution for Susan as she deals with the loss of Marysville and all that means to her. We are blessed to live in a community where so many people care and do their best for each other."

Photo and story by Dave Nicholson



In this difficult time people may have lost their cherished photographs.

Dave Nicholson's studio and archives are all saved with many wedding, commercial, family, school, real estate and event photographs. If you think he may have taken photos of you, your family or property and you would like a copy visit

www.nicholsonphotographic.com
or contact Dave on 0400 229 103.
Dave will search his archives and provide a free disc.

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Lion David Jones, District Governor of 201V5 (covering this area) would like the residents of the Triangle and Taggerty in particular, to know that he and the Lions of 201V5 are devastated by the hurt and destruction this fire has caused. Lion David and many, many others have been regular visitors to this beautiful area and he promises to do whatever he can to help restore the lives of all here. He has very fond memories of his Australia Day weekend here, only weeks ago.

**WE ARE WORKING TOWARD RECOVERY FROM
EMOTIONAL DIFFICULTIES**

The stress, anxiety and tension associated with everyday life usually do not require personal help. However, the persistent anxiety about fires during the last several weeks in the Triangle Area, and beyond, has created within the lives of many of us an unrelenting stress, frustration, or perhaps, just a constant irritability.

**You and your friends are invited to join Y.A.N.A. Fellowship of
Emotions Anonymous**
Y...you - A...are - N...not - A...alone

Day: Wednesday

Time: 7.00pm

Place: St Thomas' Anglican Church

Maroondah Hwy, Buxton

Cost: \$ gold coin donation

Emotions anonymous is a twelve-step organisation similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. Our fellowship is composed of people who come together in weekly meetings for the purpose of working toward recovery from emotional difficulties. EA members are from many walks of life and are of diverse ages, economic status, social and educational backgrounds. The only requirement for membership is a desire to become well emotionally.

* Only first names are used. * EA respects the confidentiality of its members at all times. * As a spiritual programme, there is an emphasis on a higher power. * Experience has shown that the EA programme works well for those with or without religious beliefs or affiliations. * EA provides a warm and accepting group setting in which to share experiences without fear of criticism. * You will discover that you are not alone in your struggles. * The programme was founded in 1971. As of 2007 there are over 1000 EA chapters in 35 countries including the U.S.A. and Australia.

EA is not a medical or psychiatric service, nor does it provide personal or family counselling. Leadership of group meetings rotates and is non-professional. The leader's function is simply to conduct the meeting, not to serve as an authority. Meetings are structured to assist individuals who want to achieve and maintain emotional health.

A pamphlet with more description may be obtained at the Buxton General Store.

You may choose not to attend Emotions Anonymous but please, if you are suffering, see somebody for help.

Property clean-up

The Commonwealth and Victorian Governments have announced that they will fund and deliver the site clean-up and demolition program for properties devastated by the bushfires. The program will be voluntary and will be provided free of charge to those property owners who take up the offer.

Currently, the Victorian Government is finalising negotiations with a project manager for the program. Details on the cost of the program, the name of the contractor and details of program registration will be released by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments once negotiations are finalised.

For those persons who have already engaged their own contractors to conduct the demolition and clean-up works at their property, they will be reimbursed.

Property owners and contractors must note that Waste Transfer Stations and Landfills within the Murrindindi Shire are not licensed to accept Prescribed Industrial Waste, which includes asbestos. Any demolition material being transported to Waste Transfer Station or landfill sites within our shire will be checked for asbestos and, if found, directed to a suitably licensed landfill site.

Details on accredited prescribed industrial waste treaters, disposers and transporters can be found on EPA Victoria's website at www.epa.vic.gov.au or by calling EPA direct on (03) 9695 2722

Marysville Cricket Club meets the stars

On Sunday, 22nd February, Marysville Cricket Club went to the MCG accepting an invitation from Cricket Victoria to watch the Grand Final of the Ford Ranger Cup between Victoria & Queensland.

Jamie our Coach driver (who donated his time) picked us up in a Greyhound Coach (again donated) from Alexandra, after picking up various club members between Alexandra and the MCG.

We arrived just in time for Kellan Fiske to toss the coin to start the game.

Lukas Nilsson and Bronte Fiske carried the Victorian and Queensland flags leading the teams onto the ground. Then it was down to business as Queensland went in to bat.

Cricket Victoria put us in the Legends Room with the Kinglake Cricket Club and supplied us with heaps of food & drinks while watching the game in air conditioned comfort without any smoke haze.

At the completion of the Queensland innings we all got the opportunity to walk out on the actual playing field of the MCG. Wickets, bats and balls appeared and we had a game of backyard style cricket with a roving camera taking film, at some stage most of us appeared on the big screens. Kellan & Lukas each had an interview and a chance to thank everyone, then it was time for Victoria's inning, but that's another story.

Unfortunately, Victoria lost, but we all had a great time as this was organised with only 48 hrs notice, it was great to see a good roll up.

Special thanks to:

Madeline Marchetti our organiser

Cricket Victoria our host

Greyhound Coaches our transport

Jamie our driver

who all donated their services.

At the end of the day Kellan & Lukas were each presented with signed cricket bats and Kellan received the coin he tossed mounted in a piece of the MCG pitch.

Marysville Cricket Club will be back bigger and stronger next season.
Enquiries 0409 252 189 or 0409 008 716

The Library Bus ... Wednesday 17th February 2009

As a user of this magical bus that visits Buxton every Tuesday, I wish to put in writing that seeing the bus in town this Tuesday was a joyous occasion. I saw it as an act of moving us all forward into some kind of normality.

We move around still in a daze - smoke filled eyes and throats, hoping the worst is over. Still not believing the fact that we have all lost friends in Marysville, and of course the beautiful town itself, plus many in Buxton losing their home.

Cate was in charge of the Bus this day, and as the sensitive soul she is wondered if the Bus appeared intrusive parking in Buxton. I said what I have typed.

Cate had in the Bus a cold water dispenser, special lemon drink and sweets - also some light reading and magazines. Wonderful!

People are amazingly generous and we are all grateful, but this sight of the Bus was a positive move toward the future. Maybe few used this service this week as reading is of a low priority at the moment - but a cold drink and a sweet - great!!!

Thank you LIBRARY BUS - see you next week.

Beth Page

BLACK SATURDAY

Saturday 7th of February - an ode to Marysville

*Black Saturday was brought to us
We were prepared without much fuss,
to deal with what may lie ahead
A day that we will always dread.*

*A little town, a raging fire
Rising like an awesome spire
Climbing 'til it touched the blue
With unchecked power like no one
knew.*

*Urgent messages, safety calls
Protect the town at Steavensons Falls
Save the houses, save the shops
Hold your ground until it stops.*

*An army of men just had no way
To hold a fire on that day
With wind gusts way beyond the scale
Our dusty earth so brown and pale.*

*And during that disastrous day
Our family's lives were snatched away
Doing what they knew was right, to
stand their ground and make a fight.*

*Well, time now shows we're far apart
Your souls will stay within our hearts
And memories will ensure you live
Of friends who had their all to give.*

*The fire's gone, the smoke has passed
And only now our memories last,
of those who left this world as one
The day our state burned like the sun.*

David Donehue

Thursday 12th February 2009

CHURCH NOTICE

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.

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Mansfield – Yea – Flowerdale – Melbourne VLine Coach Service

	Mon - Sat	Mon - Fri
	To Melbourne	From Melbourne
Mansfield	7:30am	8:55pm
Yea	8:35am	7:55pm
Flowerdale (Hotel)	8:55am	7:35pm
Melbourne (Southern Cross Station)	10:30am	6:01pm

The VLine Mansfield – Melbourne service is operating over an altered route between Flowerdale and Melbourne via Strath Creek and Hume Freeway between Normal Timetable between Flowerdale (3). Normal timetable between Flowerdale (3) and Mansfield.

Contacts for further service details and bookings: VLine: 136196 or www.vline.com.au / VicLink: 131638 or www.viclink.com.au

Alexandra – Molesworth – Yea – Seymour

There is now an additional Alexandra to Seymour return service. This service is now running twice daily and seven days until further notice.

	Mon, Tues, Thur, Sat & Sun (Not Wed)	Wed Only	7 days	7 days	7 days
	To Seymour	To Seymour	From Seymour	To Seymour	From Seymour
Alexandra	9:00am	08:25am	11:15 am	12:30pm	5:00pm
Molesworth	9:15am	08:40 am	11:00 am	12:45pm	4:45pm
Yea	#9:30am	08:55 am	10:45 am	1:00pm	^4:30pm
Trawool	9:55am	09:20 am	10:10 am	1:25pm	4:05pm
Seymour Railway Station	10:00am	09:30 am	10:15 am	1:30pm	4:00pm

* 09:30am arrival in Seymour on Wednesdays to provide for Go TAFE students

#Connection from Flowerdale at Yea and ^Connection to Flowerdale at Yea

Contact for further service details and bookings: Fallon's Bus Lines (Alexandra): 03 5772 1768

Alexandra– Buxton – Taggerty- Narbethong

(This is a free service from the Department of Transport)

Two return trips per day, five days per week, until further notice. Effective from Monday 23 February 2009.

	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri
	Alexandra to Narbethong	Narbethong to Alexandra	Alexandra to Narbethong	Narbethong to Alexandra
Alexandra	8:55am	10:15m	2:00pm	3:45pm
Taggerty	9:05am	10:05m	2:10pm	3:30pm
Buxton	9:15am	9:55m	2:20pm	3:20pm
Narbethong	9:30am	9:40am	2:35pm	3:05pm
Narbethong (Hotel)	9:35am	9:35m	2:40pm	3:00pm

Contacts for further service details and bookings: Fallon's Bus Lines (Alexandra): 03 5772 1768

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Flowerdale - Yea - Seymour and connecting train services

	Mon, Tues, Thur, Sat & Sun	Wed Only	Mon -Sun	Mon, Tues, Thur, Sat & Sun	Mon, Tues, Thur, Sat & Sun
	To Seymour	To Seymour	From Seymour	To Seymour	From Seymour
Flowerdale	9:00am	08:25am	11:15am	12:30pm	5:00pm
Yea	#9:30am	08:55am	10:45am	1:00pm	^4:30pm
Seymour Railway Station	10:00am	09:30am	10:15am	1:30pm	4:00pm

Connection from Flowerdale at Yea to Seymour

^ Connection to Flowerdale at Yea from Seymour

Contact the local bus Operator Dennis Hodge on 03 5780 1221

The Victorian Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority

Since taking over as Acting Head of the Victorian Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority (VBRRA) on 12 February, I have visited most of the Triangle communities at least once. I was deeply shocked at seeing your beautiful towns and surroundings damaged and destroyed, and know that I cannot begin to understand the sense of loss and disbelief that you all must feel. The only thing I can say to you is that we will all work as hard as possible to help you recover and rebuild.

So far I have travelled to Marysville several times to see the damage and talk with many of you and I have also spent time over the weekend with community members in Narbethong, Buxton and Taggerty. I particularly appreciated the chance to talk with a large proportion of the community last Sunday afternoon, the 22nd of February, at the Marysville Golf and Bowls Club. In all my meetings with the different community groups, I hope you got the message loud and clear that things are beginning to move towards recovery, despite the very understandable frustration that you must be feeling about the delay in returning to your properties. I can assure you that the essential work of the Coroner is being completed as quickly and thoroughly as possible, which is the first step to beginning the recovery process.

As I outlined at the Marysville meeting on Sunday afternoon, the Government has announced that it will fund the clean-up of damaged and destroyed properties. For those that "opt in" to this program, once we receive notification from the Police that access to your properties is possible we will make sure that the sites are free of immediate threats (such as unstable walls or chimneys) and then you will have an opportunity to search your properties. Given the risk of asbestos and other hazards, it is essential that you wear protective masks and clothing during your search. The local authorities will give you advice on the details of these arrangements. The key message in this regard is that we will not commence large scale clearance operations until you have had an opportunity to discover any relics that survived the fire.

The clearance of debris from the Triangle will be part of a State wide clean-up effort, the details of which will be provided to communities as soon as possible. These arrangements will definitely provide opportunities for local tradesmen and workers.

Finally, can I repeat the advice I provided at my meetings with you over the weekend: the needs and wishes of your community will be a key factor in planning and carrying out the rebuilding of the Triangle towns and surrounding areas.

I look forward to seeing you again in the near future, and to helping you on the road to rebuilding.

Major General John Cantwell, AO
Acting Head & Chief Operations Officer
Victorian Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority

JUNCTION HILL CLEARING SALE

A/c Junction Hill
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**Saturday 28th
February
10.30 am**

**Farm Machinery
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5772 3110
0418 266 038**

Mayor's Chair

Restoring Services A Top Priority For Murrindindi

The sheer scale of the bushfires has meant that pockets of the Murrindindi Shire are only just being reached so isolated communities can begin to receive the support they need and services can be restored as soon as possible.

Murrindindi Shire Mayor, Lyn Gunter said "As I travel across the Shire it breaks my heart to see first-hand the tragic loss and despair felt by everyone, but one of the strengths of any rural community is how people support each other in tough times."

"We have been strengthened by the community spirit and it is this quality that will rebuild, rejuvenate and restore our wonderful shire".

Ms Gunter said all Federal, State and Local Government resources were being focused on getting services up and running as soon as possible.

"When devastation has been total in some areas we are having to simply start from scratch and that means having to systematically work to restore all basic services and amenities to those areas most in need first."

As response to the bushfires moves from relief to recovery some small communities that have been isolated are only just now being reached.

Ms Gunter said she has been touring the region as quickly as she can but also trying to spend time with families to share their grieving.

"I trust everyone understands that we are working round the clock to ensure every little pocket of Murrindindi receives the support they need and that no one will be forgotten."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Amongst the many things lost in the fires that devastated Marysville is the entire collection of memorabilia in Marysville Historical Society's Hall. Reg and Mary Kenealy carried out the emergency plan of removing the most valuable items into a trailer but events moved so quickly that the trailer could not be evacuated. The Kenealys must be highly commended for their dedication to the preservation of Marysville history despite the emergency.

But all is not lost! Still a bit dazed, Marysville Historical Society is still active and starting to work out how to rescue or preserve Marysville's history before it is dissipated in the rebuilding of the town and the inevitable loss of knowledge from the community. Historical Societies all over Victoria have already been in contact to offer not only assistance but also portions of their own collections that relate to Marysville - and even a place to store it all until we have our own Hall again.

Just as importantly, our community has knowledge and items of historical value still in their heads and homes today. Marysville Historical Society dearly wants to know about these - if only to record or copy them - so we are asking the community to tell us about them.

As a (rare) non-displaced local, I am coordinating this restart. Anyone with information or items to contribute should contact me: Graham Eddy 0423.562.448 graham.eddy@gmail.com. Alternatively, Norm Fiske 0408.103.086 nfiske@bigpond.net.au.

Please don't let Marysville's history be lost forever. We need to act quickly.

Regards,
Graham Eddy, Buxton
Committee Member, Marysville Historical Society

TO THE EDITOR

At this stage, the Royal Commission into the recent bushfires in Victoria is yet to be convened. However, the Age newspaper sees fit to criticise the DSE in regard to the Marysville fire, in its article "DSE silent on tower warning" Feb 21st, 2009. Further, it seeks to use innuendo to denigrate a single employee of the DSE.

The article states "the department has refused to answer a list of detailed questions put by The Age about the timing, content and use of fire information gathered from the Mt Gordon tower on the afternoon of February 7."

Surely, this is the very reason why a Royal Commission has been instigated and it does not reflect well on The Age newspaper to presume that it has the right to open its own investigation, and expect answers to their questions ahead of the Royal Commission.

The people of Victoria have been told this bushfire was unprecedented. They have been told that this bushfire travelled at an unbelievable pace and in an entirely unpredictable manner. Despite this, The Age Newspaper feels it is able to criticise the DSE for its failure to give adequate warning. Presumably The Age newspaper had this specific information in its keeping prior to the bushfire. Why didn't it published such a warning? Why didn't it publish a list of all communities under threat?

However, if these newspaper reporters are only being clever in retrospect than they should be thoroughly condemned and be told to "shut up" and, like the rest of us, await the due process of the Commission

P.S. Bunn
Beechworth

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

Watch this space for announcements of further services.

RACV & CGU Insurance representatives are available at the Marysville Golf Club AND Buxton Reserve.

Buxton CFA - Information Update Meeting

Daily at 5.00 pm

In the Army Tent at Buxton Reserve

Until further notice

Fuel is available at the Igloo Roadhouse

New & Secondhand clothing and small household items are at time of printing still available at Buxton Hall - also available at Narbethong at the Black Spur Inn. Watch this space for updates.

Support from Far & Near:

A further, very large consignment of donated goods will be available as soon as these can be sorted. This particular consignment has arrived bearing the banner: "Goldfields Donations for The Victorian Bushfires" and have come from the Kalgoorlie area. The generosity of people in even these depressed times is amazing!

Free Food and drinking water is available in the building at the corner of Buxton-Marysville Rd & Highway - also available at the Black Spur Inn, Narbethong. Watch this space for updates

Anyone needing hay delivered, call Andrew Embling on 0418 266 038

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). Roadside deliveries have resumed where possible and previously available. Contact Buxton store on 5774 7301.

Drinking water should be boiled for all Buxton and Marysville residents.

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

Triangle Advertisers

I am hoping to resume regular advertising in the next week or so, it would be appreciated if you could advise whether or not you wish your advertising to be included at this stage.

My preferred method of contact is via email: delice.guscott@bigpond.com or fax to 5963 3353

or in the short term only, you may phone 5963 3342 and leave a message if no answer

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Andrew Embling VFF 0418 266 038
VFF 1300 882 833

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RACV Wildlife Connect 13 11 11

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Victorian Volunteer Hotline 1300 366 356

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Shire of Murrindindi Recovery 5772 2454

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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

There is someone to help!

The Victorian Bushfire Case Management Service is available now to help you.

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 the
**Victorian Bushfire Case Management
Service Line**

1800 050 400

or speak with staff at recovery centres