

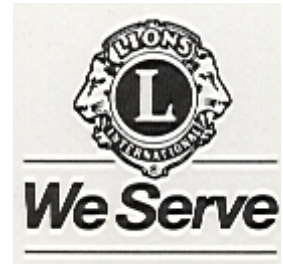
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President Ken Adams

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Oh to be 89 years of age and to have such a sharp mind and memory!

Edna Homan was born in Healesville in 1920 in the Bush Nursing Hospital at Scrubby Creek. Her sister Beryl was just 2 1/2 at the time.

Right after her birth, Edna's family left Healesville on a bullock wagon to join Dad who was working at the Toolangi Timber Mill until it burnt down. They then moved on to Noogee and worked there for the Powelltown Hardwood Company.

Again they were burnt out! So they settled into a one room shed till Edna was about 8 or 9 years of age.

I went to school in Gladysdale – mum had 2 boys and 2 girls there.

The mills went bust in the depression so dad went to work on the dams at Silvan and mum moved with the kids to Chelsea until I got married during WWII. The war changed everything!

Dad would come home fortnightly and mum had another baby girl after 10 years.

I made my debut in Melbourne and joined the Chelsea Life Saving Club and was a Champion Ballroom dancer. I celebrated my 21st birthday in Geelong.

I met my future husband, Ken, at Mornington. He had joined General Macarthur at Mt Martha Cove and was on barges. He went to New Guinea during the war. He was born in Tasmania and was the eldest son of fourteen children.

Ken was demobbed in 1945 and went back to Tasmania and we continued to write. I went across a couple of times to meet his parents. He returned in 1948 and we got married on June 4th.

We had four children and lived in Chelsea in dad's old house as they had built a new one by then.

One weekend Ken came up to the Acheron to do some fishing. On his return home he said "Edna we're shifting". He had a good job on the Chelsea council but decided he wanted to live in the country.

He became a rabbit trapper and worked at Taggerty and all over the Acheron; he sold his rabbits for 1/6d each (15 cents in today's money). Mostly he trapped on Mr George Pucky's land, now known as Stonelea.

We paid 10 shillings a week for an old cottage which we took over from the cows. That needed some cleaning up!

We bought a new car out of rabbits – a new Ford from Jeff Smith at Alexandra Motors.

One day as Ken was drinking in McNairs Hotel a head patrolman came up to him and asked if he was working." No, got a family of 4 to feed so I trap rabbits". This was a job offer so soon Ken was working for Vic Roads and took over as head patrolman and was with Country Roads for 28 years.

At age 65 Ken retired – he had a send-off dinner at Mt Pleasant Hotel and was presented with a gold watch. "He was a wonderful man" says Edna. It's how I know the country so well – because Ken worked all over. He was a country and western singer and I have a daughter and a son who sing.

The '69 fires burnt out all the hills around Alexandra. Came up to our fence, so I know what it is like to run out the gate with flames licking your legs.

I lost a son when he was 24. We had 3 boys and a girl.

At age 70 I moved into my current house and my granddaughter, who was born at Caloundra, Queensland, got sick after having a baby girl so I took baby Sarah in.

She came when she was 5 months old and lived with me until she was seventeen. She went to school in Alexandra. She is the most beautiful girl and now has my great-great-grandson.

I had my 89th birthday in March and I still love dancing, and I have booked a hall for my ninetieth.

The Black Saturday fires were bad. At times there were 9 helicopters at Alexandra, right across from my place. Our fire fighters do a wonderful job.

God bless you Edna!

(as told to TN by Edna. To share yours please call us on 5774 7336 after April 23)

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What's on When

- Sunday 5th April - Lions Community BBQ 4pm
- Mon/Tues 6th/7th - Royal Commission
- Wednesday 8th - Memorial Service - David & Coralie Lynch (see notice)
- Friday 10th - Good Friday Services Buxton, Marysville & Taggerty (see notice)
- Sunday 12th - Easter Day Service - Combined - at Marysville
- Monday 13th - Lions Community BBQ 4 - 6 pm
- newlife festival—Buxton Reserve 10am - 5 pm

MISSING

Four Yellow Ribbons with written messages, from the residents of Marysville.

Taken from four of the Oak trees in what is left of the main street of Marysville.

On Sunday 29th or Monday 30th March.

To the person or persons responsible : Replace the ribbons on the Oak trees from which you stole them.

Cate Blanchett's message is not on the stolen ribbons, but there are many important meaningful and heartfelt messages, written by the Marysville Community on them. These Yellow Ribbons were to be kept as a part of the "New History of Marysville" and in loving memory of the residents we lost on February 7th 2009.

Police are investigating, and anyone with information can ring : Senior Sergeant Ralph Willingham Ph : 0419 339 402 or Kerrie Bantick Ph : 59 633420

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

If people would like to leave their children at the golf club while they go into the town please could they call Kerry on 0418125518
If she has no calls, they will not come and I will put up a notice in the club house

Billy

WHY \$4B SHOULD BE SPENT ON FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

is a thought-provoking article put together by Karl Grimm, (B. Eng Elec) spelling out his thoughts on how we can prevent another disaster like February 7th.

If interested, you can view/download it from www.firetales.com/stories.html click on Karl Grimm

ALEXANDRA CINEMA

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Saturday April 4 at 4.00pm & 7.30pm

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Tuesday 7th at 1.30pm

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Walt Disney's "BOLT" (G)

Thursday 9th @ 4.00pm; Saturday 11th @ 1,30pm AND Tuesday 14th @ 4.00 pm

"CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC" (PG)

Ann's Story at Marysville.

This was the story my mother Ann Thomas 1907-1999, told me of that terrible 8th January Black Friday in 1939. Ann was a long time resident of Marysville and an Historian.

"The fires had been burning for weeks all over the State. Shortly before the fires, a man had set fire to some dry scrub and the fire raced around the south end of the town, forming a fire break. Our house, half finished, was just outside that perimeter, opposite the Catholic Church.

The day dawned hot and the wind tossed the trees so that the leaves rattled. I'd hung out (five months old,) baby Ted's washing. The washing was ready to bring in when I'd finished hanging it out. That's how hot and windy it was.

Never the less, Baby and I were enjoying ourselves, singing songs and cleaning the house when through the door rushed husband Les. Les I said, what ever is wrong. Why aren't you at work? He said, "Quickly Ann, there's a fire coming over Mt Gordon." I'll set the canary free, you grab what you need for baby."

Within a minute we were flying out the door. Les, a 6".2 and very fit, had baby Ted in one arm, put one hand under my arm and my feet hardly touched the ground as we ran at top speed. We reached the store verandah where the rest of the town's people had congregated and I sat gratefully on a bag of wheat.

The store was not like a modern shop. It was more like a farm storage shed, never locked, with groceries in bulk. In business hours sugar, flour, dried peas etc were decanted into brown paper bags at what ever weigh the customer required.

The fire was putting out a deafening roaring. The sky grew dark. Fire balls flew over head and lit the next mountain and the radiant heat increased dramatically. It was a spectacular scene. The smoke thickened. We backed into the store, trembling in fear. I heard a disturbance and realized men were holding Les by the arms. He fought and ran out of his coat through the smoke, back to our house. Les had heard that my brother Lloyd Gould was at our house fighting the fire. I cried as I thought of the danger they were in.

Our situation looked very grim for everyone. Then heavy rain started to fall and everyone cheered. The rain put out the fire and the sky cleared. We were grateful to have our safety restored. We went back to our homes.

Les and Lloyd had thankfully saved our home. Only one house had been burnt in Marysville. That house was in Darwin Ave, the only house in that street. For many years after the fires, right up to the 50's, the chimney of that house still stood, amongst thick saplings.

Next day, sad people tramped passed our house from the mills. Their houses and possessions were burned. They too were grateful to be safe. The mill houses were flimsily built of rough sawn timber, some not even lined. The mill owners knew that the millable timber would cut out soon and the mill would have to be moved to a new site. The mills did have dug-outs, rooms dug into the earth on the side of a hill. They began with a tunnel and opened out into a room big enough for the number of people to stand. A bag hung at the entrance to keep out the heat and smoke.

There were a few of these dug-outs along the roads also. People who knew the bush understood the danger of fire and this was a safety feature of the timber-workers and their family's lives. There had been several severe fires before the '39 fires. Strangely, there were no dugouts in the town of Marysville that I remember.

Les was known as a man of courage and fortitude and he was called upon to assist in bringing out the dead who had been trapped along the Acheron Way."

From that day on my parents always remembered the signs of a fire danger day. I would hear them say, "fire day today."

I got to know these signs also:- Grass and leaves that crackled under foot; .A hot day when wet clothes dried as you hung them on the line; .A wind that tossed the trees

At our Fire Ready CFA meetings each year we are taught that the fire will come. It's a case of, NOT IF, BUT WHEN, the fire will come.

In these days of sophisticated communication, weather measurements, water bombers, fire fighting equipment of every kind, enough to make a boy's eyes shine, wouldn't you think we could cope with wild fire storms? No, once again, man is so puny when nature hits with a vengeance.

Our hearts go out to all who are suffering from the fires in any way.

Nancy Leslie.

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AMNESTY ON FIREARMS, PRIVATE SECURITY AND WEAPONS LAWS FOR BUSHFIRE AFFECTED PERSONS

Victoria Police has announced an amnesty on firearms, private security and weapons licensing, registration, approval and authority holders for people injured or displaced by February's bushfires.

Until 31 December this year, Victoria Police has granted an amnesty for licence, registration, authority, or approval holders under the *Firearms Act 1996*, *Private Security Act 2004*, and *Control of Weapons Act 1990*.

To be eligible for the amnesty, you must complete the Bushfire Notification Form available from Victoria Police's Licensing Services Division, contactable on 1300 651 645 or by emailing licensing@police.vic.gov.au

The amnesty will provide a deferment of licence fees and temporary suspension of certain statutory requirements during this difficult time.

The full terms of the amnesty for eligible entities are:

Fees for the issue of duplicate licences will be waived.

The requirement to notify change of the holder's permanent place of residence within 14 days will be waived. Notification of postal address and ordinary storage address (where applicable) is required as soon as practicable.

The requirement on private security businesses or holders of a private security individual operator's licence or registration to notify changes to the holder's business address within 7 days will be waived.

Notification of postal address and ordinary temporary address (where applicable) is required as soon as practicable.

The requirement of notification of the destruction of a firearm within 24 hours has been waived. Notification is to be as soon as possible.

Any licence, registration, authority or weapon approval expiring during the period of the amnesty will be automatically extended by a period of 12 months.

A licence condition requiring a training re-qualification to take place during the period of the amnesty will be automatically extended by a period of 12 months.

In regard to handgun target shooters, the Chief Commissioner has power to provide exemption from part or all of the participation requirements on a case by case basis. A request seeking exemption can be submitted as soon as practicable.

The Chief Commissioner's delegate reserves the right to exercise discretion where appropriate to ensure that persons injured or displaced by the bushfires can continue to lawfully fulfil their obligations under the Act.

This amnesty only applies to licence, registration, authority, or approval holders injured or displaced as a result of the Victorian bushfires who have completed the appropriate 'Bushfire Notification form'.

Licence holders are reminded of their ongoing responsibility to ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to ensure the security of firearms and weapons in accordance with legislative requirements.

Alexandra Art Co-operative Labyrinth: All Welcome to Walk throughout April!

On the evening of Friday 20th March, at the back of the Alexandra Art Co-op (52 Downey Street), local artists and the community made a temporary sand labyrinth, with sand kindly donated by Bedrock Garden Supplies, and funded by Regional Arts Victoria. The labyrinth is open daily for anyone to visit, and experience the ancient walking meditation. Taking the solitary path to think about the difficult events of the last two months, can be a very healing way to take some time out and find some inner peace. Children also love running around labyrinths, although please be mindful of other 'walkers' if you take children with you. Labyrinths can be a sacred space for many and are helpful for people experiencing grief and loss, and for those who may require an outlet for their spiritual needs, while not necessarily being associated with any particular religion or dogma.

We had a wonderful evening launching The Youth Arts Festival with Berry Street, led in song by music therapist Leah Marlow (founder of the Rocky Road Choir, Healesville) and face painting was provided by the Stone Soup Artists Group. The Murrumbidgee Climate Network supported the event and have lots of free information on display at the Co-op (Open Sat-Tues 9am-5pm). Two community artworks were made, and are currently on display at the Co-op for the duration of the Youth and Climate Change Exhibition which opened on Friday 27th March for the month of April.

Discussions about installing a permanent labyrinth in Alexandra, made from salvaged bricks from the fires are underway, and the Co-op are interested in hearing from anyone wanting to be involved.

Julia Peddie
03 5963 7050
design@juliapeddie.com

An excerpt from my next book about Marysville entitled "Razed and Raised".

A Sense of Place

Whilst I am keenly aware of the distress and trauma to the people of Marysville, I can also feel a sense of trauma in Marysville itself.

She is a grand and gracious old lady of 144 years, suffering from the pain of fire.

Dr Fiona Woods has said the pain of burns is one of life's greatest traumas.

A burns victim must receive gentle, careful nursing and small grafts and transplants and much rest.

This is how we must treat our district. We don't need massive surgery and amputations but gentle pruning and treatment, individually and block by block.

Marysville's life blood is still flowing but she will need regular transfusions of rain to bring on more new life.

Already trees are sprouting, tree ferns are sending up new fronds. Bracken, ground ferns have re-appeared. The Autumn bulbs are coming up - the autumn Crocus, Madonna Lilies and Pineapple Lilies. In my own garden a burnt, blackened Waratah has new shoots at the base. The Silver Birch trees at the Local History Centre also have sprouted.

We mustn't rush our beautiful area into the future. The strength and re-growth comes from deep within the plants. A lesson for us all surely!

Beauty and strength come deep from within each of us, we must nurture that. Our first priority is to grow as people and then community will then grow again naturally. It is not something that can be superficially imposed by bureaucrats, government or even well-intentioned city folk.

At one time in Marysville's history there were but nine families living here. They quietly and steadily persevered against overwhelming odds.

There were no grants, no handouts—just sheer determination, hard work and patience brought it back to life then.

I can come back to life again, but we also must be patient, steady and strong as were those original pioneers.

The pioneers of our new Marysville can do it too. Our town and environment will be beautiful again!

Mary Kenealy

P.S. Copies of "A High Way to Heaven" are available free of charge. (The Golf Club & Bakery have copies. As they run out they will be replenished)

Compliments of Marysville & District Historical Society.

Murrindindi Shire Council

WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICES OVER EASTER

Resource Recovery Centres (Waste Transfer Stations):

Murrindindi Shire Council's Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Good Friday (Friday April 10). All sites will operate as per normal for the remainder of the Easter holiday period.

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Mayor's Chair

Council rates put on hold

Due to the devastation of the bushfires, payments of council rates have been put on hold. Your council is very aware of the personal hardship suffered by many and we send our condolences to those who have lost family and friends.

With such a small rate base it is difficult to provide the necessary services across the shire and we don't want to burden the community with any further costs at this time and we are trying to help out where we can as much as possible.

The full payment of rates was due to be paid by 15 February 2009 with third instalment due by 28 February 2009. At last weeks council meeting new dates were set for the payment of the rates and services charges as follows:-.

Properties destroyed by fires

If your house or other major buildings have been destroyed, your property will be subject to a supplementary valuation and you will receive a revised rate notice showing an amended property valuation. It is anticipated that the revaluation process will be finalised by 31 May 2009. The due date for full payment on the revised notices will be **30 June 2009**.

For those ratepayers who have paid their rates in full and have lost buildings in the fires, the same process of supplementary valuations will be undertaken, and if applicable **refunds will be issued in June 2009**.

Properties not affected by fires

- If your property is NOT in the bushfire affected areas the due date for the full outstanding amount on your 2008/09 rate notice is now 17 April 2009.
- If you have vacant land or a house which was not destroyed within the bushfire affected area the date of payment for your full outstanding amount for rates

has been extended to 31 May 2009.

Domestic pet registrations

- Animal Registrations will be sent out soon with the due date for payment being extended from 10 April 2009 until **31 May 2009**.

Many residents have unfortunately lost their pets. If your family cat or dog was taken by the fire, so as not to cause you any further distress please contact your nearest council office so your renewal notice can be cancelled.

Next Gen Farmers Grants

Applications for the Next Gen Farmers are now open and must be received by 9 April 2009. The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries are offering grants of up to \$50,000 for projects to improve leadership and representative skills of young people entering or involved in primary industries, particularly in the context of the challenges and opportunities in these industries as a result of a changing climate.

If you are interested in applying for the grant visit the web site www.daff.gov.au

Councillors have attended the following meetings and events in recent time – Bushfire recovery meeting, Kinglake West playgroup opening, community BBQ Flowerdale, changeover luncheon for Legacy Group, day of reflection.

As you can imagine it's been a hectic time but I remain optimistic and enthusiastic that, with your support, Murrindindi will recover, rebuild and revitalize our community.

Thought for the week – "I keep my ideals, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart" Anne Frank.

Lyn Gunter - Mayor
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Community Health

Local health service reaching out to the community

Mitchell Community Health Service continues to respond to the needs of the bushfire affected community by providing counselling and personal support to the residents of Murrindindi and Mitchell.

Here, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chris McDonnell, speaks about the organisation's response to the recent bushfire crisis.

"Mitchell Community Health Service is responsible for coordinating all bushfire counselling and personal support services for both municipalities and we are committed to the health and wellbeing of the community in this unprecedented time of need," said Mr McDonnell.

"Because the fires have been such a deeply shocking event, there are a lot of people in the community who are using our services at the moment who have never used our services in the past," Mr McDonnell continued.

"A crisis like the one experienced in February can make it really hard for some people to function. Decisions that individuals made easily before the fires can become quite crippling and this can have a huge impact on these people's lives and the lives of those around them," he continued.

"Seeking some assistance in getting back on track, problem solving and adjusting to changed life circumstances is just one step in the recovery process, but it's a really important one."

"Mitchell Community Health Services staff are currently located in the fire affected areas, at recovery sites and community service hubs. This has been done deliberately to ensure our services are available where people need us to be right now," Mr McDonnell said.

"I would urge any individual who is feeling overwhelmed by what has happened to contact Mitchell Community Health Services on 1300 773 352 to access our counselling and personal support services. Alternatively, please speak with a member of the Mitchell Community Health team at your nearest recovery centre or community service hub."

"Face to face counselling services are currently available at the following locations: Alexandra, Broadford, Buxton, Flowerdale, Kinglake Central, Kinglake West, Marysville, Narbethong, Seymour, Wallan and Yea," Mr McDonnell concluded.



CHURCH NOTICES

Anglican Parish of Marysville

Locum Priest: Father Norman Hart

Sunday, 5th April 2009:

10.30 am Holy Communion - Marysville at 14 Gould Terrace

Good Friday, 10th April, 2009

9.00 am Morning Prayer - Buxton
10.30 am Morning Prayer - Marysville

Easter Day, 12th April, 2009

10.00 am Combined Churches Easter Service in the Marquee at the Marysville Golf Course

An invitation is extended to all people of the Triangle area to join in this special service.

Enquiries: 0434 896 404
If you cannot reach Father Norman, ring 5963 4441

Mt Cathedral Baptist Church

Pastor Ivor Jones

Normal services- whilst the Buxton Community Hall is being used as a relief centre are held in the; Taggerty Hall every Sunday @ 10:00 ---except for Easter see below--

Easter Friday 10th April service Taggerty Hall @ 9:00am
Easter Sunday 12th April is a Combined Church service In the Marysville Golf Club Marquee @ 10 am - All Welcome

Further enquiries
Ivor Jones 0414430951

MEMORIAL SERVICE

LYNCH

A memorial service for the late Mr David Neil and Mrs Coralie Jean Lynch will be held at The Black Spur Inn, 436 Maroondah Highway, Narbethong on Wednesday April 8 at 2:30 pm. No flowers by request, as an alternative, donations to the Bushfire Appeal would be appreciated.

Volunteers Required

Easter Weekend

Marysville is open to visitors, let's welcome them.

Volunteers are required to meet and greet the visitors that will come to Marysville.

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Please advise in writing as soon as possible to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Re-habilitation of fire affected areas

As a result of the recent fires, various authorities, agencies and private timber plantations, have commenced the process of re-habilitation of land under their management. As a result, the clean-up of land has resulted in large quantities of fire damaged timber off-cuts being stockpiled.

Due to the large quantities of combustible timber/material, a decision has been made by the CFA, local brigades and the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, to issue 'permits to burn' where appropriate. All permits issued will have stringent conditions placed on them, to ensure public safety.

The community is being asked for its support and patience while the proposed burns are being conducted.

Prior to commencement of proposed burns, the local radio station, UG/FM, will broadcast notifications of the location of the burn-off.

The Murrindindi Shire Council is also promoting stockpiling of suitable timber for firewood at various locations throughout the Shire, which is not to be confused with the proposed permits being issued in this notice.

For further information about the proposed burns, residents are able to call the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer on 0408 576 712 or 5772 0331.

REGISTER YOUR PET AND PREVENT THE HEARTBREAK OF LOSING THEM

Dog and cat owners must ensure their pets are properly identified and registered with their local council to give them the best chance of being reunited with them if they become lost. Bureau of Animal Welfare Licensing and Audit Officer Steven Moore said the recent bushfires had highlighted the need for animals to have good identification, with many animals separated from their owners and local councils working to reunite them.

"A number of councils in bushfire-affected areas have been offering free micro-chipping and registration to ensure dogs and cats are properly identified in the future," Mr Moore said.

In Victoria it is mandatory for every cat and dog three months of age and older to be registered with a local council. Owners who fail to register their pet or renew their pet's registration by April 10 risk a \$227 on-the-spot fine or a fine of more than \$1100 if the matter went to court.

"The heartache of losing a pet and never finding it again is well known to many Victorian families," Mr Moore said. "A council collar marker combined with a microchip implant gives the best chance of a lost pet being returned."

Mr Moore said pet owners could substantially reduce the cost of registering their pet through discounts for a range of responsible pet-ownership measures, including desexing and micro-chipping their pet.

"The registration fee gives owners more than just a lost and found service. It covers the return of animals to their owners, training of officers to handle animals humanely and provides an appropriate pound or shelter to look after a pet's welfare if they are found after becoming lost," Mr Moore said.

In addition to these council services registration fees fund:

- Services to remove wandering and aggressive dogs from the streets, so you and your pet can walk in safety.
- Services to deal with nuisance problems like barking dogs, cat trespass and un-owned animals.
- Control of dangerous, menacing and restricted-breed dogs.
- Council monitoring of animal welfare standards in pet shops, kennels, catteries, breeding and training businesses.
- Education programs for the general community and for children in preschools and primary schools (visit www.pets.info.vic.gov.au for details).
- Research into dog and cat welfare and control issues, including dog attack prevention.

"Your local council may also provide dog poo litter bins in parks, off leash areas, discount microchipping days and other education resources and incentives for pet owners," Mr Moore said.

Dog and cat owners should contact their local councils for more information about the requirements and benefits of registering their pet.

UPPER GOULBURN WINES & FOOD ON SHOW APRIL 25 & 6

Twenty two wineries who are members of the Upper Goulburn Winegrowers Association invite all members of the community interested in the high quality, distinctively flavoured, cool climate wines being produced in the Upper Goulburn Region to celebrate the 2009 vintage.

The UGWA vintage celebration will be held in High Street Mansfield on Saturday 25 April commencing from 11.30 am until 5 pm.

The purchase of a \$5 tasting glass will enable the vinous produce of the region from the twenty two member wineries to be sampled and matched to delicacies also produced from the local region which has a growing, quality food culture. As this is Anzac Day no wine sales will be permitted before 12 noon in deference to the Anzacs.

There will also be entertainment from the Syncopaters Society Four and other local entertainers from the region.

A Kids Corner will be provided to keep younger people fully entertained whilst their parents and carers sample and taste.

On the following day Sunday 26 April the Upper Goulburn Long Lunch will be held at The Orchard at 640 Goughs Bay Road Mansfield sponsored by local firm Crawford Kitchens.

A delectable repast of four courses matched to the very best wines of the region will be on offer. The Long Lunch cost will be \$90 a head.

Tickets to the Long Lunch need to be booked and paid for in advance by contacting Susan Kinloch on 03 5777 3447.

The Orchard has been selected as the venue because it is a private property on the Delatite River where selected local chefs will present their signature dishes within the transformed original dairy shed.

As a major vintage celebration the twenty two wineries participating are based in Alexandra, Buxton, Eildon, Mansfield, Merton, Tallarook and Yea including both the well recognised wine labels as well as the newer emerging boutique producers. Comments and reviews from the leading wine writers and an evolving wine show awards tally indicate that the Upper Goulburn region is fast emerging as an impressive source of quality wines.

For information on both functions or to make a booking for the Long Lunch contact Susan Kinloch on 03 5777 3447 or for accommodation bookings for the weekend Mansfield-Mount Buller Info should be contacted



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- Counselling (Mitchell Community Health)

To find out when these services are next visiting Buxton
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Murrindindi Shire Council

Community Development Officers

Can you help rebuild fire-affected communities?

We need 4 extraordinary people to assist communities in the Murrindindi Shire as they recover from the devastation caused by the fires of February 7.

If you are passionate and committed to community development principles and can demonstrate success in areas such as disaster recovery, community strengthening, social wellbeing, economic development, natural resources and/or built environment, you may be the right person to become part of Council's multi-disciplinary recovery and community building team.

These challenging and rewarding positions are full time (38 hours) for a period of 18 months, with a salary commencing at \$1194 per week. Some out of hours work will be required.

Further information and a position description can be obtained from www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au or by contacting Anne Leadbeater 5786 1522 or Jenny Branton 5772 0345.

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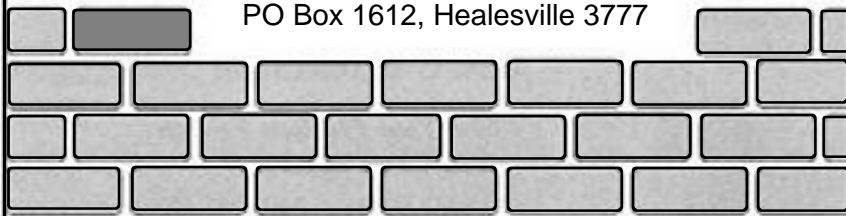
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