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President Ken Adams

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HOW HAS YOUR GARDEN SURVIVED?

Ian & Shelly Board of Plants by Shelian have been collecting information for fire affected gardens. We wish to give you practical advice that you can implement now & into the future.

The number one issue is LOOK AFTER YOUR SOIL

Put back organic matter now, mulch, compost, worm castings, animal manure etc. You only need to put whatever you use on top of the soil, don't dig it in, then let the bugs and rain do the rest.

Do whatever you can to improve your soil. As a lot of us will not be thinking about our gardens until we rebuild, now is the time to rebuild your soil so it's ready for when you need it.

A blueberry grower in Kinglake had his soil tested by an agronomist after the fire. He was told the normal damage depth was 5 - 7 cm.

This grower had soil damage up to 70 cm in places.

We're not suggesting this is the case everywhere but it is worth taking into consideration when thinking about redoing your garden.

At this stage you should let most plants do their own thing. WAIT and see what comes back. Nature is an amazing thing, a lot more resilient than we give her credit for sometimes.

A lot of trees and shrubs that are grafted may be growing back from the root stock, cut this back flush with the trunk if the grafted section above has survived. If the grafted section hasn't survived dig them out. The root stock can be feral and ugly.

Plants that have had their bark burnt all the way around the trunk most

likely will not survive, don't bother with them. If you're unsure, bend a branch to see if it's springy. Springy means there is life inside.

This excerpt is taken from Australian Horticulture magazine March edition,

PLANTS THAT SURVIVED THE BUSHFIRES

"Ash Wednesday was a terrible lesson for Mt Macedon gardeners. They learnt that thin-barked trees like birches & maples burnt badly & died, whereas thick-barked trees like oaks survived, even when badly scorched.

Hedges of evergreen plants like camellias, cherries, escallonias & photinias slowed the fire down. Many plants that were burnt & cut to the ground & forgotten resprouted in spring."

If you have spring flowering bulbs in the ground leave them alone they should come again this year. Most should have been protected by being in the ground.

Rhododendrons can be cut back hard (look at the rhodies at the golf club for an example).

We spoke to Stephen Ryan of ABC Gardening Australia who went through the Ash Wednesday fire at Mt Macedon.

He said to pull any ash away from acid loving plants such as Rhododendron, Azalea, Camellia, Daphne etc.

The ash has lime and other chemicals in it which will affect your plants, not now, but in a few years time. We would hate to lose plants in two to three years time if

we could do something about it now. Once you have removed as much ash as you can mulch these plants.

While on the ABC Gardening Australia subject, Ian and I have managed to secure Jennifer Stackhouse, editor of the ABC Gardening Australia magazine to come and talk to the community. Jennifer went through the fires in Sydney a few years back and has a lot of empathy for what we are going through. At this stage we are looking towards the end of August for her visit and dates will be confirmed closer to the time. She is also looking to bring another ABC team member with her. This will be a question and answer style forum.

We would like to let you know that we are trading at markets throughout the district thanks to the generosity of many of our wholesalers, who have donated stock or helped out in various ways to get us back on our feet.

You can find us at Bedrock Garden Supplies the first Saturday of the month,

Healesville market the first Sunday of the month,

Alexandra market the second Saturday of the month except for Easter,

Marysville market second Sunday of the month except for Easter,

Yarck market the third Saturday of the month,

And always on the mobile
0438 438 241

Good gardening to you all.

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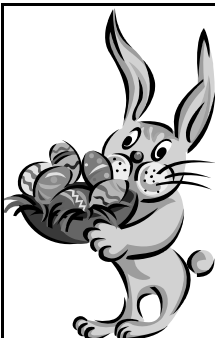
Friday 10th

Sunday 12th

Monday 13th
Monday 20th
Saturday 25th

What's on When

- Good Friday Services Buxton, Marysville & Taggerty (see notice)
- Easter Day Service - Combined - at Marysville
- Alexandra Easter Fair - Rotary Park 10am-3pm
- Lions Community BBQ 4 - 6 pm
- newlife festival—Buxton Reserve 10am - 5 pm
- Highwood Health Centre (see notice)
- Anzac Day, march and ceremony as usual!



**Alexandra
Easter Fair**

SUNDAY 12th APRIL, 2009
ROTARY PARK, ALEXANDRA
10 am - 3 pm - ENTRY GOLD COIN

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- Local Wine Tastings & Sales
- Children's Amusements & Easter Bunny
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An Alexandra Traders and Tourism Association Promotion

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

The Australian Children's Trust & Siemens Pty Ltd have co-operated with the proprietors of the Taggerty Caravan Park to set up a Clean Drinking Water outlet.

Situated at the front on the right side of the Car park there is a 1,000 litre tank with a tap to fill drinking receptacles available from 7th April '09

ALEXANDRA CINEMA

0416 241 872

Thursday 9th at 1.30pm - Walt Disney's **"BOLT"** (G)

Thursday 9th @ 4.00pm; Saturday 11th @ 1.30pm
AND Tuesday 14th @ 4.00 pm

"CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC" (PG)

Saturday 11th @ 4.00pm & 7.30pm

"HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU" (M)

Tuesday 14th @ 1.30 AND Thursday 16th @ 1.30pm

"MADAGASCAR 2 - ESCAPE TO AFRICA" (PG)

Anzac Day 2009 – 'business as usual'

The Marysville RSL invites the citizens of Marysville and surrounding district to the 2009 Anzac Day ceremony.

The Marysville commemoration this year is being given priority support from the Army; and there is likely to be a very big turnout, even though the village itself will still be sparsely occupied.

Anzac Day 2009 in Marysville will be significant in two main respects.

First, the theme this year will not only commemorate the Anzac spirit but also celebrate the contemporary expression of that spirit. On and after Black Saturday, we witnessed many heroic and selfless acts of ordinary citizens. As well, the community was given unstinting professional support by the Army, the Police, the Country Fire Authority, the paramedic organisations, and all the other volunteers who helped us through the first few weeks of the recovery process. Anzac Day 2009 is an opportunity for all citizens to recognise these actions, as well as to commemorate the fallen.

Second, there will be many more veterans marching this year. Veterans from all over Australia will be joining local veterans in a show of solidarity and support. These will include Major General John Cantwell, the Chief of Operations of the Reconstruction Authority.

All Marysville-Triangle veterans and citizens are encouraged to invite former comrades and veterans from elsewhere to attend and to participate.

Other VIP guests who have already accepted invitations to attend include Ms Fran Bailey and Mr. Ben Hardman, local Federal and State members respectively, and Deputy Commissioner Kieran Walshe of the Victoria Police. The Mayor of Murrindindi Shire and the CEO of the CFA have also been invited.

The march will be down the main street as usual, commencing at 11 AM, from the traditional start point, at the roundabout opposite the ruins of Keppel's Hotel. The ceremony will be conducted at the cenotaph at the lower end of the village.

All citizens, as well as veterans, are invited to the Crossways for refreshments at the conclusion of the formal ceremony.

Craft Donations

For those who lost their possessions in the bushfires, there will be a sense of sadness around some things which have particular significance. For those people who have hobbies, the loss of their tools and equipment will be difficult. It will also be difficult being unable to engage in their hobby to relax.

Women in Eildon and elsewhere are mindful of this, and have been collecting craft supplies for those women who lost theirs in the fires. New and secondhand donations continue to come in – knitting wool, patterns, dress fabrics, quilting and patchwork supplies, craft books, pins, needles, sewing machines, a spinning wheel, embroidery thread, tapestry wool, unfinished craft projects, craft kits, buttons, lace, ribbon, cord, and much more.

The donors are keen for the supplies to go to those who most need them. What you lost in the fires can't be exactly replaced. Some of the donated goods might better resemble what you lost - there are old knitting patterns, dress patterns and craft books that can't be found in the stores. There are also new goods.

If you would like to have something from the donated supplies, let your Bushfire Case Manager know or call Margaret on 5774 2404 or 0419 538 589.

Margaret McLauchlan - Community Health Support Worker

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Mr and Mrs Malcolm Turnbull become members of the Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club.

This week a number of Marysville golfers enjoyed playing at Alexandra Golf Club.

On Wednesday 1 April three ladies played with the Alexandra members in their Monthly Medal event. Lesley Rundle (30) of Marysville won the medal with a nett 64 and Marg Arnold (32) was the runner-up in C Grade with nett 71.

On Saturday 4 April ten Marysville men and one lady played a stroke round at Alexandra. Sean Williams finished with nett 65 and Travers Stow was runner up with nett 68.

Helen Howard recently represented Marysville at the Guest day at Riversdale Golf Club. Helen thoroughly enjoyed the day and would like to thank the Riversdale ladies for their kind hospitality.

The Marysville Men's Pennant team played at Eildon on Sunday. At the time of writing the results were not available.

There is still an enormous amount of work to be done on the restoration of the golf course and bowling green. Greenkeeper Rob Christie and a number of volunteers are working long hours to restore the course to its former glory. The main task at the moment is to restore power to the golf course so that the irrigation system can be reinstated.

A number of members are also working hard to raise funds to pay for the restoration. A website has been developed from which information can be obtained regarding various fundraising initiatives including the 'Adopt a Hole' project. The website is www.marysvillegolfandbowls.com Anybody who is interested in supporting the fundraising efforts are invited to look at the website.

On Saturday 28 March towards the end of the club AGM Malcolm Turnbull, his wife Lucy and Federal member for McEwan Fran Bailey walked in unannounced. When the Turnbulls asked what 'they could do to help' a member suggested they become members of the club! This they did, wrote a cheque and walked out of the door proudly wearing a Marysville Golf Club shirt.

Easy! **LR**

photo - L-R Fran Bailey Federal Member for McEwan, Malcolm Turnbull Federal Leader of the Opposition, his wife Lucy, and Nic Jans President of the Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club outside the club on Saturday 28 March.



Anyone interested in receiving details of a special offer from Austar to install TV quickly, please contact Leigh on 0417 344 833 to register your interest.

It is hoped installation will happen very shortly. However, it has been noted that TV is available at some spots in the Marysville area, using a Set-Top Box. As these will be necessary in the near future unless you are planning to purchase a digital TV, it may be worth investigating this avenue.

CAMPERS ASKED TO BE RESPONSIBLE OVER EASTER

The Department of sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria are reminding people planning a camping holiday or visiting Victoria's parks and forests to be careful with campfires.

DSE North East Manager of Land and Fire, Alan Dobson, said despite recent rainfall, the state continued to remain dry.

"We urge people to be very careful with their campfires and not let their actions result in a fire," Mr Dobson said.

"If people choose to have a campfire they must take extra care to build the fire safely, watch it constantly and put it out properly. Most campfires escape when they are left unattended."

Mr Dobson said it was imperative that campfires are extinguished using water, not dirt.

"DSE attends about 100 cases of unattended campfires in parks and forests each year. It is essential that campers are responsible and vigilant when lighting a campfire and comply with safety regulations."

Fire safety is everybody's responsibility. If you choose to have a campfire, remember:

- Check restrictions before lighting a campfire. If you are unsure of restrictions, do not light a campfire.
- Where permitted, light a campfire in a properly constructed fireplace and an adult must be at the site at all times.
- The area within a distance of three metres around and above your campfire must be clear of flammable materials to reduce the chance of your campfire escaping.
- Keep your campfire small, no larger than one square metre in size.
- You must never leave a campfire unattended, even if it is only to go for a short walk.

Visit www.dse.vic.gov.au for campfire safety information. For further information about camping in parks, contact Parks Victoria on 13 19163 or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

For information on fires in Victoria and general fire safety, please contact the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) on freecall 1800 240 667

Councillor Comment

Child care

As people want to return to work or need some time to attend to rebuilding their lives and their properties the demand for child care has stretched current capabilities to the limit. This has become a major issue in Murrindindi since the fires.

Child care places lost in the fire

The fires claimed a large number of child care places across the shire. Two homes were lost where care had been provided for up to seven children and three other properties were damaged and could not operate for several weeks, our 35 place child care centre at Kinglake was destroyed, as well as the 15 place occasional care at Marysville. Murrindindi also lost kindergartens at Marysville, Flowerdale and Kinglake and while these do not provide formal child care they do provide early education for children, a chance for four year olds to mix with their peers, and some time out for parents.

Change in demand

There is increased demand in Alexandra from families who have moved in from Marysville, Buxton or Narbethong and in Yea from families who have moved from

Glenburn, Hazeldene and Flowerdale. Many Kinglake families have had to find care in outer Melbourne suburbs until a long day care service is set up.

Free child care

Thirteen weeks free child care is available for families affected in any way by the fires. This is subsidised by the federal government so carers are paid but there is no cost to the family.

New carers needed for home based child care

Council runs a shire wide service where children are cared for in a carer's home (Family Day Care) or a family's home (In Home Care). There are families waiting for care and so there is an urgent need for new carers especially in Alexandra, Flowerdale, Kinglake and Buxton. If you are already caring for children please consider joining our team so that the families can take advantage of the free child care offer and you can be paid.

Please phone 5772 0356 if you would like to help families who need child care, and earn a good income at the same time.

Cr. Bob Flowers, Redgate Riding

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.

Kerbside Waste/Recycling Services:

There will be no change to the normal kerbside waste or recycling collection services over the Easter period.

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For the calendar- Kochies Business Builders episode filmed at Narbethong on 29th March

The Victorian Bushfire Special will air on Channel Seven on **Sunday, 19th April 2009** at 11am.

Mayor's Chair

Murrindindi Recovery Newsletter

I am sure everyone is aware of what a great role the Fire Bulletins and more recently the Murrindindi Recovery Newsletter have played in providing updates and raising awareness of key issues since the fires. Effective this week, the Murrindindi Recovery Newsletter will be moving from a daily release to three times weekly release (Monday/Wednesday/Friday – excluding Easter Monday). This is a welcome indication that things are, step by step, on the way to a more stable environment. I applaud the efforts of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, the Country Fire Authority and council staff in the incredible effort in keeping the community informed. Well done!

Media Reports

Over the past week or so, there has been a great deal of media coverage – regarding perceptions of council not wishing to work alongside the state government or the government appointed Victorian Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority. This has become a hot topic and one that needs explanation.

There is full support by council of Chief Executive Officer Mark Henderson in his role – we are all proud of the achievements of the council, staff, contractors, etc. to date. It has been an exceptionally difficult time and we are absolutely committed to recovery of the community and the shire.

We continue to have regular discussions and meetings with Christine Nixon, Major General John Cantwell, the state and federal governments and government agencies (DHS, DSE, etc) with one overall goal in sight. That is to source for the COMMUNITY all the support, assistance and advice available to rebuild, rehouse and recover. It is still early days, we have a mammoth task ahead of us but your council is here for you.

Community Hubs

Please note that as the demand on the Department of Human Services and Centrelink decreases the hours of the Community Services Hubs may change from week to week. The updated hours of operation for

the hubs is included in the Recovery Newsletter or you can always contact the Murrindindi Shire Council on 5772 0333 to enquire on new hours.

Councillors have attended the following meetings and events in recent time: Community consultations (Buxton/Narbethong) w Christine Nixon; Great Australian Bike Race; Baptist Church Eltham North Memorial Day,

Accommodation officer - Kew
Boroondara City Council has offered Murrindindi residents use of the Hamer Court Hostel in High Street, Kew. A recently refurbished hostel, fully equipped with linen, towels, toiletries – with a lovely courtyard, Hamer Court offers short or long term (up to 3 months) respite. Clean and secure, individual units with en suites are available – close to transport, communal kitchens and laundries – this can be the ideal place to reside while waiting for rebuilding, or just a long weekend. (No smoking and no pets though). Contact Aileen at Boroondara on 9278 4444.

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Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities... because it is the quality which guarantees all others. Winston Churchill

Relief Payment for Local Government Announced

Bushfire-affected councils will share in \$9 million from the Victorian Bushfire Relief Fund, to deliver disaster-related services that directly benefit, residents in the form of Relief Payments for Local Government.

The Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority headed by Christine Nixon will have oversight of this payment in consultation with Local Government Victoria.

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Quilters, Embroiders, Knitters and all Crafty People: We would like to announce the name of our newly founded group - **Creative Triangle** - for ladies in the Triangle area who would like to meet and stitch, knit or create. We meet weekly on Thursdays between 1.00 and 3.00 PM at **Butters Café**. We will be holding patchwork/quilting classes for beginners commencing after Easter, and later on advanced classes for those who want to develop and/or share their skills. Pop in and meet us, all are welcome.

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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.

If you have free time to help or would like further information please contact Barbara Muir
0408 972539



CHURCH NOTICES

Anglican Parish of Marysville

Priest in Charge: Father Norman Hart

Good Friday, 10th April, 2009

9.00 am Morning Prayer - Buxton

10.30 am Morning Prayer - Marysville

Sunday, 12th April, 2009

10.00 am Combined Churches Easter Service in the Marquee at the Marysville Golf Course. The Bishop of Wangaratta will be present at this Service.

All people are invited.

After the Service, you are invited to The Crossways for a lunch, consisting of a roast and sweets—\$20 a head.

If you intend coming for lunch please notify Andrew on 5963 4441 or mobile 0428 399 953 no later than Thursday.

At 2pm, the Bishop will bless the site of the Church.

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

FUNERAL NOTICE

Jamie Bowker and Nicole Jefferson - funeral will be held at HERITAGE FUNERALS Boronia Rd, Wantirna Wednesday 15th April at 10 am. No flowers by request- envelopes will be left for any donations to the Marysville CFA and Lions Club, and will be forwarded.

For People Rebuilding

Would you like to have a property/house number to place on your block?

Marysville & District Lions Club are prepared to have property/house numbers made.

Specifications: Material white colourbond (same as refrigerators are made from)

Size: 150mm high and 200mm wide

With large number – e.g. 32 – in black lettering and in smaller lettering, the wording 'Rebuilding together' and Lions Emblem

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How to order: An order list will be at the Buxton General Store – place your name, the house number you require and your phone number.

Collection: A Lions member will phone you when your house number is ready to be picked up from the Buxton General Store.

This is a Marysville and District Lions Project

Marysville & District Historical Society

There will be a meeting of the Historical society at Crossways country Inn on Wednesday April 22nd at 12.30 for light lunch and meeting afterwards.

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Council supports Chief Executive Officer

Murrindindi Shire Council reaffirms the Council's support for its Chief Executive Officer, Mark Henderson.

Many communities in the Shire of Murrindindi have been devastated by the Black Saturday bushfires and Council has been working around the clock to coordinate and deliver an extensive range of relief, response and recovery services.

The fires have affected 19 townships in our shire, with more than 40% of the municipality directly impacted.

Approximately 1200 homes and 25 community buildings across the shire were destroyed, and many more have been damaged.

The magnitude of this tragic bushfire, has never before been experienced in Victoria, and is unprecedented for our shire which is the shire most affected.

"The entire organisation, led by Mark and his dedicated team, has been doing an outstanding job under incredibly difficult and stressful circumstances.

"Sometimes, sections of the community may not agree with some of our decisions, but we are deeply committed to doing everything in our power to help our communities to recover.

"Our priority is to provide all necessary support, advice and assistance to ensure people can rebuild their homes, their businesses and their lives in the easiest way possible.

"We are committed to working together as a council, together with the community; the Victorian Bushfire Recovery and Reconstruction Authority; and the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments to streamline rebuilding efforts.

"After the tragedy that has so deeply touched us all, Council wants to remain focused on getting our communities through the recovery process in a united way.

"My fellow councillors and I fully support Mark and are proud of the work the Council has been undertaking," Cr Gunter said.

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THE BERRY STREET STORY

'Berry Street believes all children should have a good childhood'

The following story for Berry Street was written just prior to the week of February 7th. We now need to add the following prologue:

David Hall and his team are now busier than ever due to having been appointed Bush Fire Case Managers for the eastern part of the shire. They are currently employing another 16 or 17 people as well as back-filling Berry Street people who have moved onto Bush Fire Case Management. They are currently looking after around 200 fire affected people and those numbers will increase.

This is our original story on Berry Street:

TN asked Berry Street Senior Manager, David Hall to share the Berry Street story with us.

Berry Street originated in 1877 as an Infant Asylum. It had various changes of name and direction throughout the 60's and 70's and in the late 1980's was a training centre for Mothercraft nurses.

The early 90's saw a major change in direction – the State Government who handled foster care handed it over to various agencies.

Berry Street took over the foster care of out-of-home care in the northern, southern and Gippsland and Hume areas of Melbourne.

We're also the longest provider of care for troubled teenagers. The project in Alexandra started in 2002 and we're funded by a private philanthropist's trust which has a particular interest of this area of the state and wishes to remain anonymous.

We have been able to use a Community Development model to identify issues which particularly effect young people, and to develop programmes which are sustainable and transferable, and as a result developed the ELF programme (Early Literacy Programme for 0 -5 years) to ensure readiness to learn when children commence school. The programme now operates in Yea, Mooropna, Seymour and has a dedicated worker at head office to further spread the programme through Victoria.

Another programme we're developing is the Year 10 Pathway aimed at preventing young people from leaving school at the end of year 10 and supporting them with study, employment and training direction. That programme also operates in Yea and Euroa and is about to be picked up in the Shepparton group of secondary schools.

Another project is our Safe and Caring Community Project. The project was dealing initially with reducing bullying at our local secondary college but now has developed as a whole community approach for the reduction of violence and other unpleasant community behaviours. The project has now been picked up by the communities of Mansfield, Rutherglen, Myrtleford and Numurkah.

Because of our main street location in Alexandra we have also taken on the role of a Centrelink Agency as previously locals had to travel to Lilydale or Seymour for Centrelink services. Three years ago we took on the delivery of Emergency Relief from the Shire of Murrindindi. Emergency relief is provided to local people when they experience short term financial problems. We have supplemented the programme with a community based food-share programme. This has allowed us to provide non-perishable fresh foods but now we have just been able to acquire a refrigerated food van which is being delivered as we speak. This is to enable us to pick-up produce from around the shire. The bakery gives us day old bread which we freeze and when the hospital has excess meals they are frozen also.

One benefactor came in recently with a cheque of \$500 and promised another in mid-winter and another prior to Christmas.

We are looking to develop community spirit supporting the community: Locals provide us with excess food from their own gardens and others will pick up a few extras whilst supermarket shopping and drop them in.

Emergency Relief money from the government nowhere meets the needs of the community.

Other programmes we promote are the Cathedral Youths Art Project for non-sporting young people. Did you see the mural on the back of the kindergarten in Marysville? That was an example of it. Other projects are State Government supported for youth participation and access; this is a part-time position to support troubled young people in our community.

This office also provides accommodation for family care and their family support workers and rural housing. In the area of mental health, an early psychosis worker, Pathways, homelessness worker and Mitchell Community Health, Family Violence and Drug and Alcohol workers.

TN: How many staff members do you have David?

Just 3 ¼ ! But we also operate as a volunteer response centre to recruit and train locals to support all voluntary agencies in the community. Many people who settle here find that working as a volunteer also opens up a way of meeting others.

Maybe areas you could look at for follow-up stories are: Intervention Programme – Hand-on Support Programme – Community Support - The Alice Sloan Project, where up to 10 local youth go off on an outdoor expedition and they are supported in a self-development project and civic pride. Alice Sloan was a young girl who was killed when a tree fell on her tent and her family and friends set up this project.

The Fame or Flop programme is for young people to express their musical and dramatic talents and the top acts are chosen to perform at our Alex Agricultural Shows to entertain the crowds. The CARMA (Creative Arts Recreation Music Alexandra) group recently bought their own drum kit.

TN: David, perhaps we could encourage a couple of your young people to write about their experiences for us. About the Alice Sloan and CARMA projects for example.

That's a good idea!

BERRY STREET CAN BE CONTACTED ON 5772 3383 Note: Since writing, Berry Street has moved to the northern end of Grant Street

(this has been another TN feature story. Call us on 5774 7336 to share yours or suggest another. We will follow through with the suggestion that we ask some of the young people from the Alice Sloan and CARMA projects to contribute stories later on in the year).

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Michael Chesworth, acting CEO for the Council, said "The council understands the significance of Marysville's majestic oaks, especially those lining the main street, Murchison Street. Many were planted by the early settlers of Marysville whose great or great-great grandchildren still reside in the area.

"Our objective is to do everything in our power to preserve as many of these trees as possible. But as you can imagine, with the near total loss of the Marysville township, the trees have taken a severe battering as well. Some were lost completely, many have had their entire canopy burnt or at least severely scorched with many having their trunks blackened from the intense radiant heat from the buildings that were destroyed nearby.

In an effort to stabilise and assist in the regeneration process, heavy pruning is currently being undertaken. This involves the removal of cracked or broken tree limbs where there is an immediate safety concern. In addition some of the more heavily burned branches are also being removed.

A number of smaller and younger trees are completely beyond saving and will require removal. These will be replaced by healthy and mature trees of the same or similar species. Having stabilised things to the best of our ability, we'll let nature take its course over the next few months and review the situation in spring. If, after this review, we feel some of the trees need removal, it is our intention to hold a consultative meeting with the locals prior to making any firm decisions." Mr Chesworth said.

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- Diabetes Education
- Sexual Health
- Wound Management
- Podiatry (private service)
- Myotherapy (private service)
- Counselling (Mitchell Community Health)

To find out when these services are next visiting Buxton
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Morecrofts Podiatry Services wishes to advise
that business is as usual for our usual Marysville
patients, at the Buxton Medical / Community Health
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month, Bookings can be made on 5772 0800.
As we try to re-build our lives from the horrific disaster
of a little over a month ago, it seems almost a myth in
our past when we look at the regrowth of our
Australian Bush in such a short time.
We will never forget those friends that we lost or our
homes of pride and joy, but like nature we must
bounce back and re-organise our lives in some format
or another.
I will be working at the Buxton Community Health
rooms and look forward to again catching up with
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GVW PREPARED FOR RAINFALL ISSUES

Goulburn Valley Water has contingency plans in place for its water supply systems likely to have raw water quality issues as a result of rainfall in bushfire affected areas.

Goulburn Valley Water's General Manager Technical Services, Mr Allen Gale said that up to nine of the Corporation's 54 water supply systems are at risk, to varying degrees. "We have sought advice from North East Water, Gippsland Water, East Gippsland Water and other authorities around Australia who have all experienced water quality issues after bushfires," he said. "We have also worked with Goulburn Broken CMA, G-MW and DSE to evaluate the potential impact on river water quality."

"This information helped us to develop our contingency plans and put measures in place so that we are ready to deal with the expected situation," said Mr Gale. "We also have backup plans in-case the situation is worse than predicted, such as the experience of North East Water in 2003 when they faced an extreme one in 500 year rainfall event."

Outlined below are the contingency plans for the various systems.

Thornton Water Supply System draws water from the Rubicon River. This system is small enough to tanker water to meet the requirements of the residents if required.

Eildon Water Supply System is supplied out of Lake Eildon. There is equipment on site at the Eildon Water Treatment Plant that can be made operational if required, which will add an additional treatment process to the raw water before it goes through the plant.

Seymour & Alexandra Water Supply Systems are supplied from the Goulburn River. The water treatment plants at both these towns have capacity and ability to cope with the predicted water quality issues.

Yea Water Supply System – is supplied from the Yea River. There is equipment at the Yea Water Treatment Plant supplied by East Gippsland Water that can be made operational if required. This equipment will add an additional treatment process to the raw water coming into the plant.

Marysville & Buxton Water Supply System is supplied from the Steavenson River and has the large off stream Aub Cuzens Reservoir. The Corporation is keeping the levels in Aub Cuzens Reservoir at near full capacity, to provide enough supply for four months for the normal occupancy levels. This means the reservoir can be isolated in the event of poor water quality in the river.

Kilmore/Wandong/Heathcote Junction Water Supply System is supplied from Sunday Creek Reservoir and via Hollowback Reservoir, which is a large off stream storage. The Corporation is keeping Hollowback as full as possible to maintain supply if Sunday Creek water quality is affected. The contingency plans for these towns also include supplying water from the Goulburn River via the new Broadford water supply pipeline and/or from the Melbourne System.

Broadford Water Supply System is supplied from the Goulburn River. There is also a large off stream reservoir at Broadford with a capacity exceeding four months supply which is being kept as full as possible to use if the Goulburn River water quality deteriorates.

Mr Gale said that the impact on water quality in the Goulburn River downstream of Lake Nagambie is not expected to be as significant and existing water treatment plants will be adequate. "If we do experience an extreme rainfall event we have plans for additional treatment at the various water treatment plants."

"When we do experience poor quality runoff it may be necessary to reduce flow rates through our treatment plants to maintain good quality water," said Mr Gale. "In this situation it will be important for our customers to use as little water as possible. We will advise customers if this does eventuate."

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All Marysville-Triangle residents are invited to a community workshop on Sunday, 3 May. This will be the first in a consultative 2-stage process to allow ALL community members to contribute to the re-building and re-generation process.

This first stage will get us to explore the following questions:

As a community:

- who are we?
- what do we care about?
- what do we feel is 'special' about our area and our community?
- in terms of this 'specialness', what do we want to carry forward?

Why?

This first stage will form part of the foundation for a second stage a few weeks later (at a date to be advised).

In the second stage, the community will address the following questions.

As a community:

- where do we want to go?
- what do we want to become?
- what the guidelines we want to establish for the rebuilding of our community?

(These guidelines might be aimed at issues such as: services and infrastructure; re-building planning & regulations; business and employment opportunities; arts and culture; community networks and activities; etc, etc.)

Who?

The meeting is open to all business owners and ALL residents - both 'permanents' (current and relocated) and 'part-timers' (weekenders, holiday-home owners, etc, etc).

When and where?

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ART FROM THE ASHES

Last week a group of interested locals and artists gathered at the Marysville golf club to discuss the possibility of creating a very special place in Marysville where we could all reflect on what has happened to our beautiful town. Aspects that were suggested to be included were a beautiful garden of rhododendrons and ferns, a sculpture/structure made from mosaic pieces and objects salvaged from our properties, and of course a fire-safe community centre which could also serve as a gallery space/sport clubrooms/auditorium etc. Also discussed at this meeting were the possibilities of a Steiner school and children's garden, and re-establishing of El Kanah counselling/café space. Present at the meeting was a renowned sculptor from Melbourne who is generously willing to donate time and expertise in this future project, and of course our very own local artist Bruno.

Obviously concepts discussed at this meeting raise a lot of questions for our entire community. It is early days and we all have a lot to do. At this stage we just encourage everyone to salvage anything from their properties they would like to see incorporated into some kind of memorial artwork/building. We are asking everyone to drop off any items they wish to be used in the artwork at three locations in Marysville: items of special significance to Bruno's, ceramic items to Sharon on Racecourse road, and metal items at Lachlan's at Sedgewick street. Any pieces can be incorporated and we really encourage the whole community to be involved.

Minutes from the "Culture and Well-being" meeting posted on marysvillecommunity.net

TASKFORCE PHOENIX - SATURATION PHASE

Having invested more than 40,000 hours of police investigation into the devastating fires that raged across Victoria on Black Saturday, police believe they are closer to finding the person responsible for the Murrindindi/Marysville fire.

Assistant Commissioner Danyne Moloney said he needs to hear from people who were in the area of Wilhelmina Falls Road, in Murrindindi. "We know the fire was deliberately lit and we want to apprehend and prosecute the person(s) responsible. We would like to hear from people who were in any of the camping areas, trail bike riding, or who were in the vicinity of Wilhelmina Falls Road on the day," he said.

Since its inception, Taskforce Phoenix investigators have worked tirelessly for almost two months looking at whether the fires were deliberately lit and to investigate all fire related deaths and prepare the Coronial Brief for the Coroner.

The following numbers demonstrate the enormity of the task that investigators have faced and will continue to face in the months ahead:

- 150 to 250 police investigators working on the taskforce across Victoria on a daily basis
- 370 police investigators have participated in the investigation
- 1110 witness statements taken across Victoria
- 3000+ witness statements still to be taken across Victoria
- 1886 + homes destroyed
- 760 damaged vehicles examined
- 1300+ calls to Crime Stoppers resulting in 436 Information Reports for further inquiry

Whilst the emergency support phase of the investigation has concluded, investigators are now in the saturation phase, requiring a high concentration of investigative resources tasked to capture evidence and witness accounts before they deteriorate.

"It is important for the community to know that the police have relentlessly worked on the fires from the beginning and will continue to do so."

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To fill the need satisfactorily, an application form has been set up for those needing their musical instrument/s replaced. The form is only accessible through this emailed link. Whether the lost instrument was a \$30 uke or a violin worth thousands, we know how important it is to get people playing again quickly, so this is an appeal designed to match ALL needs, great and small.

If you have lost a musical instrument due to the fires, please click on the link <http://www.mca.org.au/resoundbushfireappeal> to fill out the form.

If you know of someone who has been affected in this way, please forward this email to them so that they can access the form.

All applications will be considered and we intend to start replacing instruments as soon as possible.

If you know of someone interested, or if you are interested in donating an instrument, please don't hesitate to contact me directly, or go to http://www.mca.org.au/web/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=249&Itemid=1

Thank you for your assistance with this.

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News Update from MATDG

Comments from MATDG Chairman – Doug Walter

It's been a hectic few weeks for MATDG committee members as work on the recovery and reconstruction work proceeds.

One of the major items of the week has been the Royal Commission Community Consultations for fire-affected communities which were held at the Marysville Golf & Bowls Club.

The purpose of the consultations were for individuals from fire-affected communities to discuss their views about key issues in relation to the inquiry to be conducted by the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.

The consultations were very well attended with everyone having the opportunity to air their views on a broad range of issues and solutions. Participants were divided into groups with each reporting on their response to three questions - What was the impact of the fires on the community? What worked well to prepare the community? And, what didn't work well and should be done differently.

Local Contractor Concerns

MATDG has received a number of concerning reports from local contractors who feel they are being overlooked by the official contractor of the cleanup.

Our discussions with Christine Nixon and her team from the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority (VBRRA) led us to believe that wherever possible local contractors would be engaged.

It is of obvious concern that local contractors feel they are being "fobbed off" for a variety of reasons including not being suitably qualified.

With this in mind, MATDG along with the CFMEU, are holding skill training courses to comply with the OH&S requirements. These courses are free of charge with the first scheduled for 21st April. Full details of the courses offered can be found on our website MATDG.com

The contractor concerns will be one of the key points for discussion with Christine Nixon and her team who are to meet with MATDG shortly. Other objectives of the meeting is to discuss the Authority working closely with MATDG to develop a strategic plan that will be presented the state government

Discussions with non-resident property owners

MATDG has also had fruitful discussions with a group representing the interests of the many property owners whose principal place of residence is elsewhere. Though not residents they comprise a very large proportion, around 40%, of the triangle's population, especially on weekends and holidays.

John Cann, the group's spokesperson expressed their group's desire to work closely with MATDG. More than 60 people are represented by this group and Marysville's future growth is very dependent on encouraging these people to rebuild and return.

Progress for the Marysville Temporary Village well advanced.

Positioned on the ESA land adjacent to the Marysville Golf and Bowls Club the first portable chalets, sponsored by Andrew Forrest, are in place and services connected. A further 10 four-bedroom chalets are also on the way together with a portable kitchen, mess, laundry and cool room all of which are expected to be completed shortly. Some recreational facilities are also planned.

Up to 40, 2 bedroom, flat pack houses which have self catering and private facilities are also in the pipeline. The first of these have now been completed and more will be erected in the next few weeks.

Residents should be able to move in this month, the only hold up being the installation of a large power transformer due soon.

The Department of Human Services have also located their community hub in the car park of the ESA site as has MATDG with the office now open.

Expressions of interest from anybody interested in living at the temporary village can still be sent to info@matdg.com or you can call MATDG Coordinator Kim Wilkie on 0407513245.

Special MATDG General Community Meetings

MATDG has arranged a meeting for all interested business owners in the Triangle for **2pm Saturday 18th April**.

This will be preceded by a light lunch. The objective of the meeting is to ensure the views of everyone are heard and a united approach is developed.

To celebrate the end of the Emergency Response phase and the start of the Recovery Phase MATDG two events are also planned for **Saturday 2nd May 2009**.

The first is the official opening of the Marysville Temporary Village commencing at 1pm. This will be followed at 2pm by a **special MATDG General Meeting**.

Open to all interested people in the Triangle, the meeting will provide the opportunity for discussion and agreement on the processes and community involvement in MATDG's future. In addition the meeting will explore a community approach to the redesign of the Marysville township.

A dinner, to which everyone is invited to stay for, is planned following the meetings.

Further information and updates log on to matdg.com

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