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President Ken Adams

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## Marysville Welcomes Visitors Over Easter

After the Easter weekend there can be no doubt about the popularity of Marysville and peoples love for our town that was so devastated on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. Marysville welcomed back our visitors this weekend and we put on our biggest smiles to say, "yes, you are welcome and thank you for supporting us."

Through the untiring effort of a group of volunteers, visitors to Marysville were reassured that they were welcome and through their continued support our town will rebuild to provide the destination that was so cherished by so many.

Visitor hosts were stationed at three points around the town, the tourist information board adjacent to Our Lady of the Snows, the Visitor Information Centre car park and outside Marysville Bakery. At these places the hosts welcomed newly arrived visitors offering advice on the availability of amenities, food and attractions. Specially produced maps and information sheets were given out to assist visitors with the difficult decisions on what to see and how to show respect to the town. One of the many successes of the weekend was the raising of over \$12,000, through the sale of the "In Loving Memory" books produced by David Casey and Julie Peddie, which will be channelled back to the community and the rebuilding of Marysville.

A donation was given from the community of Labertouche to the community of Marysville. There were many offers of help with fu-

ture volunteer projects, plants and bulbs were given and donations large and small. Easter Eggs were delivered from Yarck that had been collected by Berry Street and brought for us to give to our visitors.

Many of the volunteers have commented that it was an uplifting experience and how enjoyable it was to chat with people that had come from across Australia and around the world to support Marysville.

Overwhelmingly visitors were conscious of the sensitivity in returning to Marysville, and genuinely wanted to help the town they love. The extent of the grief that has affected so many people was evident in the tears and sorrow of many visitors this weekend.

Thank You's are due to the team of volunteers made up from Marysville, Buxton, Taggerty, Alexandra and Melbourne – to Pat Longlands, the Marysville Visitor Centre Coordinator, now based at Alexandra; Sarah Light at the Tourism Department of Murrindindi Council Christine Adams of MMT; and Billy Hawes of the Australian Children's Trust.

For all the accommodation providers, restaurants, cafes, shops, attractions, services and of course the residents, whether permanent or part time, this weekend has been a message of hope to us all and a promise of support for Marysville.

Barbara and Chris Muir

## An Easter Monday Thank you

On Easter Monday 13th April, I found myself admiring the wonderful community spirit that is the Triangle.

I had been asked to help get market stalls of local businesses & regular Marysville market stall holders organized for the New Life Festival at Buxton. As a member of the Gallipoli Park Management Committee & a regular stall holder at both Marysville markets I was happy to help. I knew there was a need for some stall holders to get some income generated as this was their business & sole form of income.

I wasn't sure what to expect but I was so pleased to see what eventuated. A lot of thanks goes to Sherrie Ackerman who, in large organized this wonderful event.

At about mid morning I got the chance to walk around & have a good look at the festival.

Standing back & seeing so many locals doing their bit for our community touch me in a way I haven't felt before. I was so proud of how far we have come since February 7th! The best part was seeing so many people smiling, hearing the children laughing & everyone generally having at good time, I was moved to tears. Tears of

pride & gratitude. Yes we have lost a lot but we have gained so much as well.

Thank you triangle community.

Tarni Cobb  
and Ben  
Fraga show  
off their  
painted  
faces



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**"SLUMDOG MILLION-  
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Monday 20th  
Tuesday 21st  
Wednesday 22nd  
Saturday 25th

**What's on When**

- Highwood Health Centre (see notice)
- AGM - Marysville's Cultural Community
- Marysville & District Historical Society
- Anzac Day, march and ceremony as usual!

**Marysville's Cultural Community Inc.**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 21st at 7:30pm**  
**Marysville Country Club**  
**ALL WELCOME**

**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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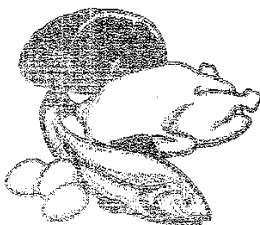
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Billy

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

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## 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.

### Community Support Group.

A group of 8 psychologists from W.A. have kindly offered their services for the people affected by the Black Saturday fires.

There will be a group meeting, and then an opportunity to have family, or single meetings.

Please seize this opportunity to vent/share your troubles, stress, frustrations and concerns for today, tomorrow and yesterday.

This event has been organised by locals, for locals and friends.

ALL WELCOME.

These are to be held at the Marysville Community Centre, (Marysville Golf Club) :

Friday 17/04 from 1.30pm

Saturday 18/04 from 8.00am

Sunday 19/04 from 9.00am

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## BUSHFIRE AUTHORITY AND MURRINDINDI SHIRE CREATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Bushfire affected residents from the Shire of Murrindindi will have a greater opportunity to provide input into the planning and rebuilding of their communities following the development of a new partnership agreement between the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority and the Murrindindi Shire Council.

Chair of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, Christine Nixon, and staff from the Authority met with Murrindindi Shire Council Councilors and staff this week to develop a partnership model designed to facilitate engagement between fire affected communities, representative community groups, the Authority and the Council.

Chair of the Authority, Christine Nixon, said both the Authority and the Council recognised the need for all community groups across Murrindindi Shire to have a voice in the rebuilding process.

“This partnership agreement will provide the broadest possible consultation process and allows communities to best address any issues arising for Murrindindi residents,” Ms Nixon said.

Deputy Mayor of Murrindindi Shire Council, Cr Kevin Bellingham said the agreement would ensure a strong working partnership between the Council and the Authority.

“A significant area of the Shire of Murrindindi was devastated by the Black Saturday bushfires and we know the rebuilding process will be a massive task.

“We will work closely with each of the fire affected communities to ensure they are able to participate in the planning and rebuilding,” Cr Bellingham said.

The agreement allows for the establishment of a Committee of Council under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The Committee’s membership will include Murrindindi Shire Councilors and staff from the Authority, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Planning and Community Development

The Committee’s primary role will be to focus on long term strategic management of the rebuilding process and ensure each community’s economy, infrastructure and transport, environmental, and health and wellbeing requirements are determined and met.

The Committee will also ensure the activities of the Authority, Murrindindi Shire Council and other state and federal government departments are coordinated. It will have the delegation to make decisions to assist the long-term recovery process.

The Committee will consider recommendations provided by up to six Advisory Groups representing fire affected areas within the Shire of Murrindindi. The Advisory Groups will comprise representatives of local community and community groups which existed before the fires and those which have evolved as a result of the disaster. People who nominated for consultation roles proposed by Council will also be considered.

Advisory Groups will be set up to represent the Kinglake Ranges, Marysville District, Flowerdale Valley, and communities along the Melba Highway with potential for Advisory Groups to be set up in Yea and Alexandra/Eildon.

## LEARN TO FISH AT EILDON PONDAGE

Victorian families looking for a free fun outdoor activity for both kids and parents should make their way to the Family Fishing Festival at the Eildon Pondage on Saturday 18 April, the Acting Executive Director Fisheries Victoria, Anthony Hurst said today. Mr Hurst said the Eildon Pondage event has proven to be a wonderful success over recent years, with families coming to Eildon from as far away as Shepparton, Point Lonsdale and Seaford for the opportunity to catch a fish of a lifetime.

“This is a great initiative that introduces kids and even mum and dad to a fun and healthy outdoor family activity, fishing,” Mr Hurst said

“The aim of these festivals is to provide opportunities for families to catch a big fish, while learning more about a sport that is keenly followed by hundreds of thousands of Victorians, and the safeguards that are in place to keep it sustainable.”

In the months leading up to the festival the pondage has been stocked with hundreds of ready to catch rainbow trout, including some fish weighing up to 4 kg each.

The free festival starts at 9.00am and includes instructed fishing workshops, casting and knotting clinics led by angling club and fishcare volunteers and informative talks by local Fisheries Officers.

The day will be topped off with a jumping castle, fishing prizes, giveaways, displays, and entertainment for the whole family.

Families interested in attending the day are strongly encouraged to pre-register their children to reserve limited workshop places.

Registered children will be provided with fishing equipment and bait to use during the workshops and all members of registered families will not require a fishing licence on the day.

To pre-register for the workshops, or for more information, ring the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136186. Family Fishing Festivals are a major component of the Brumby Government’s \$3.2 million Go Fishing in Victoria initiative launched in 2006.

To view a timetable of activities for the Eildon Pondage Family Fishing Festival or to learn more about the Go Fishing in Victoria initiative visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/gofishing](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/gofishing) or call 136 186.



## Councillor Comment

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all in our community and beyond who have volunteered their time, donated goods and services, opened up their homes to our displaced residents and cared for our injured animals. We also acknowledge the work of our emergency services including the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Victoria Police, State Emergency Services and Ambulance Victoria. Their critically important contribution during this crisis will never be forgotten.

We have been very saddened by the extensive loss of loved family members and friends suffered across our community. Some of the other statistics associated with the devastation of the fires include: homes destroyed = 1,225; businesses/shops destroyed = 75; shire area burnt = 1,539 sq kms; fencing destroyed = 3,533 kms; other (sheds only on vacant land) = 234; council bridges damaged/lost = 24 – 8 major; community/government facilities = 16 total losses – 9 partial. Stock losses (inclusive of Department of Primary Industry and Council figures): cattle = 496; sheep = 880; horses = 40; alpacas = 19; goats = 25; poultry = 476; domestic animals = 35; farmed fish = 160 tonne; other wildlife = 726.

Some of the good news items coming from the recovery process include: four new community tennis courts for Flowerdale Recreation Reserve; Kinglake Ranges Kindergarten provided with a Education Department demountable; \$20,000 towards equipment for Maternal & Child Health from the Department of Early Childhood Development; \$292,000 boost to restore vital sporting infrastructure at Kinglake; construction of five bores across Kinglake, Kinglake West, Flowerdale, Glenburn.

### Climate Change

Climate change will affect all areas of council's operations and services.

At the March meeting, Council endorsed the corporate and community greenhouse gas inventory, forecast and reduction targets.

Council endorsed the goals to:

- reduce Council's corporate emissions by 25% of the 2007/08 levels by 2020/21 with an interim target of a 10% reduction by 2011/12 and;
- seek a reduction in community emissions by 15% of the 2006 levels by 2020.

### Bulk Buy Solar Community Program

The Murrindindi Shire Council is committed to assisting the community in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. To this end, the Murrindindi Shire Council will support the Northeast Greenhouse Alliance (NEGHA) in the Solar Communities Bulk Purchase Program, a program entitled "Pure Local Energy".

It is the aim of NEGHA and our council to help the community benefit from the Australian Government photovoltaic grant under the Solar Homes and Communities Plan (SHCP). This grant program will end in July 2009 with applications to be submitted no later than June 2009. Once the grant approval has been received (approximately 6-8 weeks after lodging the application), the householders are then given a time span of nine months to have the PV systems installed. In order to support our local economies, the providers are required to sub-contract local installers where ever possible.

*Cr Sally Abbott-Smith*

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More information?

Contact Rob Tunney: 9874 5163

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Fax 9874 5509



## Mayor's Chair

The onset of autumn has brought a welcome change of scene in the shire – finally seeing some green on the trees and the welcome return of our native animals. A pleasing sign of the recovery process we are all experiencing.

Last weekend was the extraordinary football match at the Kinglake Memorial Oval – with the Lakers winning in a great match against Emerald. Enormous thanks must go to the organisers of the day – and to the staff and volunteers – some famous but mostly local community people. Thankyou to all. It was a touching and successful day for the whole community.

The State Government also announced an allocation of almost \$300,000 to help rebuild and repair the oval, tennis courts and the facilities damaged on 7 February. A most welcome and appreciated contribution.

I had the privilege to attend the Moonee Valley Freeza Festival at Queens Lake Park on Sunday 5 April. It was a great day – with thousands of people gathering against the elements. Moonee Valley City Council and the Murrindindi Shire Council have come together to support each other's Youth programs – something we know will be of mutual benefit in the years to come.

As time goes on and people get back to a sense of routine and a kind of normality in some cases, it's still important to recognise and thank all the contributions made by our local businesses and organisa-

tions who continue to give of their time, efforts, resources and products. We would be lost without these selfless and tireless people. There are literally too many to mention, but none of you are forgotten or taken for granted. Thank you from all of us.

"One who is wise is filled with good, even if one accumulates it little by little" Buddha

It's great to see that Dyson's Bus Service has greatly increased it Greensborough to Kinglake service from one service a day to up to eight on weekdays and Sundays and nine on Saturdays. This is a great boost for the community and will assist greatly with people who deal with the daily commute. Details on the Dyson's Bus schedule is available at [www.dysonsbuss.com.au](http://www.dysonsbuss.com.au)

Councillors have completed the following activities lately: UGFM and ABC radio spots on a regular basis; meeting with the Municipal Association Victoria in Wangaratta, met with the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, Alexandra Art Show.

I truly hope Easter gave you a bit of a break from the events of the past two months.

### "WELCOME BACK" FLAGS

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## CREATIVE TRIANGLE

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.

Thank you to our volunteers

Buxton Progress Association Inc. would like to thank those members of the public who volunteered their time and efforts to help and assist during the last 8 weeks in the running of the relief centres in Buxton.

A huge thank you especially to Linda and Arthur and Linda, Wendy and Lance for your coordination and running of these centres.

Thanks to Barbara and Chris for organizing a meet and greet to the many visitors in Marysville this weekend.

We enjoyed the time we spent meeting and greeting, and the many visitors that stopped and chatted also appreciated the time volunteers took to answer their many questions. Well done Barbara and Chris on this initiative.



## CHURCH NOTICES

### Anglican Parish of Marysville

Priest in Charge: Father Norman Hart

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2009**

10.30 am Holy Communion - 14  
Gould Terrace (off Falls Road)

#### Pause and Plan

It is timely, after almost ten weeks, for us all to look to the future and have a positive plan to do all we can to rebuild the spirit of our community. We see all around the signs of new growth, as green shoots appear on trees and the joyful laughter of the kookaburras. May all this point to a re-growth of Marysville - we shall rebuild in every way!

#### Visit of Bishop of Wangaratta

The Bishop of Wangaratta, the Right Reverend John Parkes blessed the site of Christ Church on Sunday last; he was also present at the Combined Christian Churches Service on Sunday morning.

#### New Rector of Euroa

The Reverend Patti Matthews has accepted the Bishop's invitation to become the next Rector of Euroa; be assured of our prayers as you shortly begin your ministry there.

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#### Thank You Easter Bunny

To the very kind and secretive person who left an Easter Bunny (chocolate) on my door mat on Sunday Morning - thank you  
Andrew

*Thankyou to the Easter Bunny for leaving a little rabbit in our Letter box on Easter Sunday. It truly was appreciated Chris and Ken*

## The Foundation for Young Australians searches for the

### 2009 Young Social Pioneers of Australia

Young Social Pioneers invests in the power and promise of Australia's young leaders. Launched on 1 April 2009, the program, which is an initiative of The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), strengthens, supports and celebrates the role of young people in creating positive change in their communities.

In its first year, Young Social Pioneers is based on the International Youth Foundation's global initiative, which has supported 140 young social pioneers from 55 countries, including nine Australians. It recognises that in the face of urgent social challenges - poverty, climate change, HIV/AIDS, homelessness - young people are exercising their leadership potential like never before. Their energy and instinct for making a difference drive them to take risks, to look beyond obstacles, and to develop innovative solutions.

Adam Smith, CEO of FYA said, "*Young Social Pioneers is about empowering socially conscious young people, who create positive change in their communities, to become successful leaders. The program offers them ideas, resources and connections that will make their great work even more impactful and sustainable.*"

Ten to fourteen aspiring young leaders, who are up to something great in their communities, could gain a place on the all expenses paid program. The program enables young leaders to harness their pioneering spirit by creating collaborative learning environments that maximise their valuable contributions to their communities. They will be provided with professional mentoring, training, networking, skill building, learning and recognition for their work.

- § Applications open on 1 April and close 26 June
- § Applicants must be between 18 and 29 years of age and have been actively working on an idea for six months
- § Areas of work can include education, environment, health, human rights, performing and visual arts, politics, science and technology, social justice and wellbeing

Past recipients of the global initiative from Australia include Anna Rose, Co-Director of AYCC; David Bacon, Founder of Carpets for Communities; Richard Lenn, Foundation of YouthGAS; and Jonathan Greenacre, Founder of Step Safe. For further information, profiles of past global recipients or to apply visit [www.youngsocialpioneers.org.au](http://www.youngsocialpioneers.org.au).



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### Community Health in Buxton

(Temporary location for Marysville Community Health.)

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- Counselling (Mitchell Community Health)

To find out when these services are next visiting Buxton please call Alexandra Community Health (03) 5772 0800.

### Marysville Medical Clinic

Dr Lachlan Fraser is available to see patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment after 10.00am by calling 5772 0888

Request for appointments may be made during the week by leaving a message on the above number, and your appointment time will be confirmed.

**Morecrofts Podiatry Services** wishes to advise that business is as usual for our usual Marysville patients, at the Buxton Medical / Community Health Centre. We will be there on the first Thursday of each 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 many friends I have made over the years at Marysville, Buxton and Narbethong.

With kind regards

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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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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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If you are concerned about issues related to the lead-up to Black Saturday, the day itself, or what followed afterwards, then we need to hear from you, as it is vitally important that our community views are formally heard and legally recognised by the Royal Commission.

Issues we need to speak up about include:

- **Before the fire:** personal and community preparation; fuel loads; communications.
- **During the fire:** early warning; communications; emergency response; evacuation; refuges; roadside vegetation.
- **After the fire:** denial of access; communication with residents; removal of vehicles; road closures; further damage to private property; response of authorities.

If you have an opinion about these or similar issues, then please participate in the formal Royal Commission process with us. Even if you don't wish to appear before the Royal Commission, we need to know your views anyway so we can form a comprehensive consensus position from the Marysville, Narbethong, Granton, Buxton and Taggerty communities. Free legal advice will be provided if required.

### **Please contact ASAP:**

Eamon O'Flaherty (Narbethong) Mob: 0427 339 441 or email: [amazing-place@hotmail.com](mailto:amazing-place@hotmail.com)

David Barton (Marysville) Mob: 0428 753 751 or email: [davidbarton@netspace.net.au](mailto:davidbarton@netspace.net.au)

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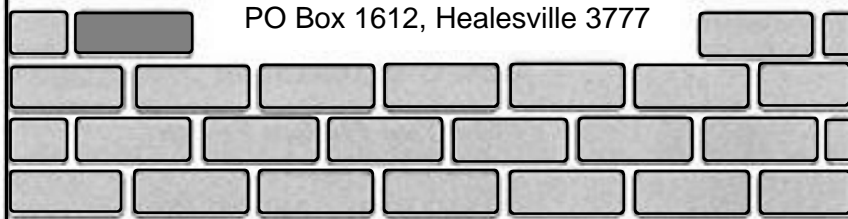
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## **\$85,000 ARTS FUNDING FOR BUSHFIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES**

Acting Minister for the Arts Jacinta Allan today announced funding totaling \$85,000 to support arts and cultural activity in bushfire affected communities.

Ms Allan said the arts can play a vital role in the recovery process and help bring communities together.

"Already a number of arts projects and events have taken place in response to the Black Saturday fires, ranging from concerts and festivals and school-based projects that are helping people to express and make sense of their experiences," she said.

Ms Allan said that affected regions including the Murrindindi, Nillumbik and Yarra Ranges Shires are home to strong and vibrant artistic communities.

Regional Arts Victoria will oversee a \$50,000 Arts Recovery Quick Response Grants program and will provide funds of up to \$2500 for local artists to work in their communities on arts recovery projects.

"This fund aims to cut the red tape and provide quick and flexible grants to help get arts projects off the ground," Ms Allan said.

The Murrindindi Shire has been identified as a priority area and \$35,000 will go to the recruitment of an Arts Recovery Project Officer who will work primarily within the local area.

"The Arts Recovery Project Officer will work with the local arts community to set up artist residencies, exhibitions and projects that will run over the medium and long term recovery process," Ms Allan said.

The position will also be supported by Regional Arts Victoria (RAV) and the Arts Centre and will be managed by Regional Arts Victoria.

This announcement follows meetings between Arts Minister Lynne Kosky and artists and arts workers in some of the bushfire affected regions.

Applications for the Arts Recovery Quick Response Grants program will be open from Tuesday 14 April. For more information go to [www.rav.net.au](http://www.rav.net.au)

The position of Arts Recovery Project Officer will be advertised in the week commencing Monday 13 April.

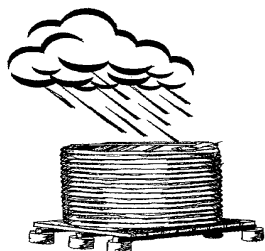
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### From Community Health Managing Grief

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**Accepting your Feelings** - There is no right or wrong way to feel after losing someone or something you care about. Accepting the feelings you have and acknowledging you are going through a stressful experience may be helpful in managing your reactions.

**Allow Yourself to Cry** - You don't have to be over your feelings in anyone else's time except your own.

**Take Time Out** - Friends and relatives may have deep feelings of grief as well. The way they manage these feelings may be different to you, which can mean that people's reactions to things are exaggerated. Things that would not usually stress people out may do so. If you are having trouble coping with other friends or relatives it may be a good idea to take time out - go for a walk, listen to music, spend time with friends, kick a footie

**It's OK to Smile** - It may be helpful to talk about the memories and good times you have had. There are likely to be many happy memories and fun times. It is OK, to enjoy those memories and have a laugh about the fun you have shared.

**Saying Goodbye is Important** - Part of the grieving process is letting go of the person who has died or the house that has gone. There is no right or wrong way for doing this - it must be in your way in your time.

**Avoid Bottling Stuff Up** - Keeping things to yourself may mean that the tension builds up inside you. Finding a way to express how you are feeling may help you to feel better. You may like to talk to someone, write your thoughts down, draw or punch some pillows.

**Talk to Someone** - Talking to someone you trust about how you are feeling may be helpful. This may be a family member, friend or professional. It may help to share your experiences with others who have had similar experiences.

If you are finding it hard to cope with day-to-day stuff then it may help to talk to someone like a counsellor. Phone 1300 773 352 to get counselling locally. Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800 or Lifeline 131 114 are available 24 hours a day.

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## *Anyone for football?*

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The Marysville Football Club was disbanded some years ago, leaving behind one of those beautiful country ovals in a magic setting, but no more football.

Footy at Marysville is an ambitious 3 stage plan to get football back to the town as a vital part of its re-building process.

Broadly speaking, these stages are as follows:

- Restore and Upgrade of the ground and infrastructure.

The pavilion was destroyed in the fire, but we believe there has been a wonderful gesture to pay for a replacement which will double as a Community Centre. The ground surface is good although there is a bit of a dip on the outer wing (Steavenson River side). We need goal posts, coaches boxes and a scoreboard to complete the story. We already have some funding promised which will help to cover these costs.

- Utilisation of the Oval

Once these upgrades are complete we want to get footy played there ASAP. We would welcome use by schools, social groups and neighbouring leagues or even suburban competitions who may need to re-locate games for various reasons. We will also look to the AFL to assist with things like Auskick and kids footy clinics, etc. This would naturally be in consultation with Council and the ground management committee.

- Revival of the Marysville Football Club.

This is the really ambitious target of the plan and is obviously a longer term project. Country leagues are tending to rationalise rather than expand these days and there are often demands to field netball teams as well, which we would fully support. We will need to talk to these people and ascertain the options available. It may be logical to start with a couple of junior sides next year, followed by Seniors in say 2-3 years time, with the Juniors coming through.

The ultimate result would be a Saturday at Gallipoli Park with junior and senior Marysville sides taking the field in their traditional Gold and Green.

Anyone prepared to assist in the re-formation of the Marysville Football Club to contact Wayne Bisset or John Phillips on email [marysvillefooty@optusnet.com.au](mailto:marysvillefooty@optusnet.com.au).

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## MAKE A MOVE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THIS YOUTH WEEK

Celebrating Youth Week Environment, Minister Peter Garrett today called on young environmental champions from right around the country to nominate for the Banksia Foundation's *Environment Minister's Young Environmentalist of the Year Award* for 2009.

"This award recognises the stake our young people have in the health of our environment, and the fantastic work so many of them are doing to invest in it for their own and future generations," Mr Garrett said. "Youth Week's theme for 2009, *Make a Move*, is a powerful message that can easily be applied to the environment. As we tackle climate change and a host of environmental challenges facing our country and world, now is the time for everyone to *Make a Move* towards sharing innovative ideas, living more sustainably and conserving our natural resources".

Last year's inaugural Minister's Award winner, Larissa Brown, was recognised for her work in establishing the Centre for Sustainability Leadership at the age of 24. The centre's flagship program, Future Sustainability Leaders, brings young environmentalists together with leading thinkers and influencers to create the next generation of environmentally responsible leaders.

Mr Garrett said with young Australians increasingly demonstrating their commitment to creating a cleaner, greener future, the release today of *Living Sustainably*, the Australian Government's new National Action Plan for Education for Sustainability, was very timely.

"This plan sets out how we can equip Australians with the knowledge and skills to achieve our environmental, economic and social aspirations and to ensure they are pursued in harmony with each other".

Mr Garrett said *Living Sustainably* complements the Government's existing suite of programs related to sustainability, including measures to build community knowledge and skills and engagement within Caring for Our Country. It also supports and deepens the impact of initiatives such as Water for our Future, Solar Cities, Sustainable Households, Green Precincts and the National Solar Schools Program. The Plan has been developed through community consultation on the needs of education for sustainability in Australia.

"I would like to thank the many organisations and individuals who contributed submissions and comments towards the plan's development," said Mr Garrett.

For details of the Banksia Environmental Foundation awards, visit [www.banksiafdn.com](http://www.banksiafdn.com). And for further information about Youth Week activities near you visit [www.youthweek.com](http://www.youthweek.com). *Living Sustainably* is available at [www.environment.gov.au/education/nap](http://www.environment.gov.au/education/nap)