

Are these the last pure dingoes you will ever see?

The Dingo CARE Network invites you to meet these unique and wonderful animals in Marysville on Sunday July 29 prior to their 'WALK TO THE SNOW'.

TN spoke to Julie Fechner from Dingo CARE Network Inc (CARE – Conservation Appreciation, Research, Education) for detailed information.

Julie: The dingo is a unique Australian animal that existed as the top order predator in the Australian eco system for more than 5000 years before European settlement. During the past 200 years baiting, trapping, shooting and dilution of the pure gene pool by interbreeding with domestic dogs have threatened the very existence of the dingo.

Experts have suggested that there will be no pure dingoes left in the wild in 20 years. Dingo CARE Network Inc acknowledges that keeping dingoes in captivity is not ideal, yet we believe this is the only alternative if the dingo is to survive for the next 200 years and beyond.

Recent research conducted by Prof Chris Johnston has shown that where dingoes exist in the eco system there are more small marsupials and fewer foxes, feral cats and rabbits.

The impact of the top order predator is amazing. The following are extracts from a lecture I attended on July 2 2007 which was given by Michael Soule, Professor Emeritus in Environment Studies, University of California, San Diego. Prof Soule is the Co Chair of the Victoria Wild Country Project. His talk focused on the role of the top order predator and he used two illustrations to argue the importance of the dingo.

The first illustration was an event that occurred in the mid-1980's when he was researching bird numbers and diversity in canyons out of San Diego. The research found that canyons that were being visited by coy-

otes had more birds and a greater diversity of bird life than those not visited by coyotes. The coyotes kept the cats away, and the birds were able to prosper.

In 1925 all wolves were removed from Yellowstone National Park. This resulted in aspen trees growing no taller than 3 feet; they were being grazed down by elk. As there were no wolves the elk numbers had increased from 4000 to 15,000. At the same time, the wetland eco systems were declining. In the Park, the wetlands are caused by beavers building dams with willows. As the elk numbers increased they grazed on the willows, and the beaver has no materials with which to build dams. In 1995 wolves were returned to Yellowstone National Park and the beavers returned to build dams and the aspen began to grow again.

Prof Soule began his discussion on the dingo by dismissing the arguments of those who assert that the dingo is an introduced animal. The dingo has replaced the large carnivorous marsupials; therefore it is the top order predator and is most important in protecting our eco systems. Unfortunately it has been harassed since the arrival of European man. The dingo is a pack animal. The alpha animals suppress reproduction of the subordinate animals. Where dingoes exist small marsupials do much better than where there are no dingoes. Some think the dingo is exotic and an alien, but it is the saviour. The dingo preys on rabbits which lead to the return of native vegetation which has been over grazed by rabbits. 'WE HAVE TO THINK LARGE SCALE AND CONNECTED'.

Adds Julie: Farmers are very anti dingoes but we want to find a way to work with them. Alpacas and donkeys are used in the U.S. to protect sheep from the dingo.

TN: Sharon Rivett is the organiser for this unique event 'WALK TO THE SNOW' and

writes: I contacted the Husky Club and Marysville was a venue they suggested. Our walk in the snow will take place just out of Marysville, up Mt Margaret Road. We will hope that there will be snow – if not we will have a nice bushwalk.

Julie: Dingo CARE has been very successful in obtaining preliminary recommendation in support of listing the dingo as a threatened taxon under the FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE ACT. This was thanks to the very hard work of Secretary Ernie Healy, who researched and submitted the nomination. But it is only a beginning in the procedure to save the dingo.

Dingo CARE Network Inc: Would you like to know more about the plight of the dingo? We can provide a speaker for your organisation, with or without a dingo. For more information: www.dingo.org.au

On Sunday 29th July 2007 - Meeting near the Tourist Information Centre in Murchison at 11am.

Come see these beautiful indigenous animals – this will be a rare photo shoot opportunity

(This is a TN feature story – phone 5774 7336 to alert us to a newsworthy event or to suggest a story)



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July

Thursday 26th

- Marysville Fire Brigade training

Tuesday 31st

- Cricket Club Meeting

August

Wednesday 1st

- Christ church Ladies Guild

- Marysville & District Lions Club Work Meeting

- Watoto Children's Choir - at ESA, 7.00pm

Thursday 2nd

- Marysville Fire Brigade training

Monday 6th

- SES Training

Tuesday 7th

- Mystic Mountains Tourism AGM

Wednesday 8th

- Chamber of Commerce meeting

Thursday 9th

- Marysville Fire Brigade training

Sunday 12th

- Marysville Community Market

Monday 13th

- Gallipoli Park C.O.M. Meeting

Tuesday 14th

- Parish Council (Christ Church)

Wednesday 15th

- Lions Club Dinner Meeting

Thursday 16th

- Marysville Fire Brigade training

Tuesday 21st

- SES Training

Thursday 23rd

- Marysville Fire Brigade training

MARYSVILLE CRICKET CLUB MEETING

The next cricket meeting will be on the
31st July at 7.30pm at Koorunga.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Mystic Mountains Tourism Inc
Is holding its Annual General Meeting on the
7th of August 2007
at Koorunga Guest Resort, Marysville
at 7.00pm



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It's a Dinner meeting!!

All members are welcome- a fun night is planned!
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Bookings to the VIC on 5963 4567 by the 1st of August

Further information can be directed to the secretary on 5963 7121

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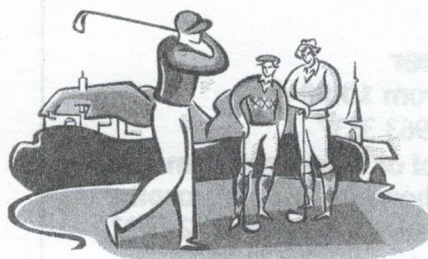


The CEO, Danny Hogan is available to meet with residents and
ratepayers on an appointment basis at various locations throughout the
Shire on a rotating basis.

This process is to provide advice and resolve issues, as well as providing
information to clarify uncertainty about Council actions or positions taken.

The visiting schedule can be viewed on council's website at
www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au click on the heading Council then
Management. Otherwise details and appointments can be obtained by
calling Tammy Blakeney on 57 720 337

Marysville Golf Report



Saturday was the annual contest between the "city" and "country" teams, and we were rewarded with a lovely but very cold day.

Country won the day with a team average of 23.94 Stableford points to the city average of 22.11 points.

It was also the "Captain's Trophy" day and the winners were: mens - Steve Kreuger with

34 points in a countback from Murray Edwards. Barbara Birkett was the clear winner of the ladies trophy with a good 36 points.

Daily trophy winners were Andrew Cleary from Alexandra on 33 points and Helen Howard on 30 points.

Simmons won the Junior Trophy with 33 points from Brendon Tobias on 28 points.

Nearest the pin went to: 4th Murray Curnow - 9th Beau Simmons - 11th Liz Amos - 18th Dean Connell.

The longest drive competition was a family affair for the bishops with Graham taking the men's Laurie the Lady's.

Congratulations to Peter Phillips for running a great day.

Wednesday gave us the classic excuse for not running a competition - SNOWED OUT!

Thursday was a winning day for Laurie Wright with a net 34 on the front nine. Neale Johnson was runner up with 36

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Secondly, the Chamber is in the process of developing a new **Town & District Business Map** which will be available free to visitors to our district.

So why not consider the benefits of belonging to an independent group of local business operators with the purpose of advancing our mutual interests and an opportunity to network with other business people?

Join us now ... \$95.00 will secure your membership, the full website listing of your business, participation in the new town map and the opportunity for inclusion in business development activities and events in the district. (Note that if you are already a member of another similar local organisation the membership fee is reduced to \$75.00.)

In addition, the Chamber is holding a **Wine & Finger Food Social Evening** at the Buxton Hotel on **Tuesday the 31st of July** commencing at 7.00pm. Members, friends and business people are all welcome. Please RSVP to David Barton on 0428 753 751 by the 29th of July.

Please also note that the **next Meeting** of the Marysville & District Chamber of Commerce will be held on **Wednesday the 8th of August** at the **Black Spur Inn** commencing at **8.00pm**. Members and prospective new members are welcome to attend and are also invited to have dinner at the Black Spur Inn prior to the commencement of the meeting.

For further Information please contact either David Barton on 0428 753 751 or David Sebald on 5963 3254.

All district business operators are encouraged to become involved in the Chamber's activities.

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Pharmacy deliveries to Buxton and Marysville from Alexandra:

Alexandra Community Pharmacy, 101 Grant Street, Alexandra - Phone: 5772 1018 Fax: 5772 2039

Community Health Services

available to residents of the Triangle area

Alexandra District Hospital now provides the services previously provided in the Triangle area by Murrindindi Community Health Service

District Nursing: - Mon-Fri 8.30am—12.30pm or by arrangement Phone 5963 3244

Dietitian - for diet/nutrition information and support

Physiotherapist - for exercise & fitness advice, back care + musculoskeletal complaints

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Community Health Nurse - for diabetes, asthma, wound management, sexual health, continence advice + pap smears

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for your appointment or for more information



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Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday,
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Enq: 5963 4441 (Andrew)

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pants sail from Melbourne to Osaka
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sphere and travel through three
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ing fatigue.

Please ring the library on 5772 0349
if you would like a lift to this evening
session, salty nibbles and wine sup-
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Watoto Children's Choir ***- Live in Concert -***

Date: 1st August, 2007 at 7.00 pm

Venue: ESA Camping & Conference Centre
959 Buxton Road, Marysville

Phone: 5963 3303 for further information

*The children in this choir are orphans from Uganda in
East Africa and are being cared for by the Watoto Child
Care Ministries who have 1500 children in 'homes' of
eight children and a 'mum'. The choir of 18 children will
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pel songs with enthusiasm and energy. Come along and
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The choir's music and multimedia presentation is a soulful fusion of gospel
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dren's enthusiastic song and energetic dance has moved audiences world
wide.

A love offering will be taken during the concert, giving an opportunity for
you to support the work of Watoto in Uganda.

CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH !

On Wednesday July 18 Marysville Girl Guide, Hannah Nilsson added the Baden Powell Award to her impressive list of achievements.

This is one of the top awards for Girl Guides – along with the Junior B.P. and the Queen's Award.

Hannah is the first Marysville Girl Guide to achieve this award.

Lord Baden Powell (1857 – 1941) founded the Boy Scout movement. His experiences as a soldier in the British Army convinced him that British boys needed more physical training and experience in outdoor life than they had been receiving. This prompted him to start the Boy Scouts in England in 1907.

With his sister, Agnes Baden Powell, he organised Girl Guides in England two years later. She served as first Commissioner of Girl Guides and helped organise the Girl Guides Association. By 1910 the Girl Guides movement had spread to many countries of the world.

To obtain the B.P. Awards guides must complete 18 activities within 6 sections: Guiding Traditions, Promise & Law, Services, Outdoors, World Guiding and Patrol System.

Suggestions were included in a book but the girls could use their own ideas. Hannah planned and carried out all the projects.

Guide Leader, Sherrie, evaluated. She tested Hannah on the subjects – along the guidelines in the Guide Book.

The whole process took over 3 years and included the highly successful Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council at Marysville P.S. in 2006.

Hannah spent a day at Patrol Headquarters for the Patrol System section. For Outdoors she completely organised a camp at Mt Cathedral for the Junior Girl Guides.

A presentation ceremony was held in the Scout Hall. Regional Leader, Andrea Hardwick, travelled from Benalla to attend. Another ceremony will be held in Melbourne at Strathcona Girls School. There Hannah will be presented with a certificate.

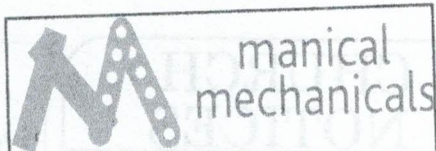
On Wednesday all enjoyed a delicious cake to help celebrate the occasion.

Hannah attends Billanook College and enjoys it very much.

Girl Guides learn ideals of character and patriotism. They enjoy a programme of work and play and companionship. They learn to protect their health, practice useful skills and become good citizens of their communities.

In our own community Marysville Girl Guides certainly play their part. They appear in parades; Anzac Day, Australia Day; and raise funds for worthy causes such as Red Shield Appeal and Anzac Badges. They also raise money for their camps etc.

WELL DONE ALL! CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH!
(article submitted by Elaine Postlethwaite)



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**Murrindindi Regional Tourism Association
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Geoff Proctor, Chairperson

**Are you interested in having a
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