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GREATER NOOSA, QUEENSLAND: assisting in our recovery

We Australians have a long and impressive history in times of disaster: we bond together and we are right there for each other under all tragic circumstances. Other countries envy us in this distinguishing, national quality. During no time was this remarkable bonding more evident than the week long experience (22/04/09 – 29/04/09) of Buxton and Marysville residents, Maria McIntyre, Eileen Slack, Julia Harris, and David Casey. This wonderful time was experienced during a week-long program designed in Noosa, Queensland, for the fire affected residents of the Triangle Area, and the district beyond. And the truly amazing reality is that this voluntary, Greater-Noosa program will continue over the next several months for many other men, women and children, who are the fire survivors of our nation's most devastating, natural disaster.

With painstaking attention, specific arrangements were made over the phone months earlier by a dear friend of Maria's, Mrs. Marlene Story, in Melbourne, together with Mr. Frank Wilkie, of Hinterland Publishing, in Noosa. Numerous and grand plans were made for us four travellers for this Noosa adventure. We four were there as the very first contingent of residents from our fire affected Victorian community.

The first Noosa goal was to begin our seven days of relaxation, merriment and rest in the Black Mountains' residence and truly splendid, hill-top home of Terry and Alan Clarke-Burrows. Their home and Terry's car (she met us at the airport) were ours for the week and reflected the great heart and mind of their owners. These two generous people vacated their five-star home for us, and have also made their house and car available for those in recovery from several fire-torn townships, who will arrive over the next six months. This will be accomplished while Terry and Alan reside in a caravan off their property, or do their own traveling out of town, or country. How astonishing is that! Further to all this, we have the extensive and

on-going Marysville Lions recovery project, as a partner with the GreaterNoosa Big Sister Program, which is the creative initiative of Jonette Wilton, owner and founder the Hinterland Publishing's GreaterNoosa Living Magazine. It was Jonette who helped pioneer the GreaterNoosa Big Sister Program to give a free holiday to help soothe our experiences of the fire trauma. Jonette's clear and caring, on/going objective is "to help in the survivors' healing and rebuilding process."

Our week's Triangle News (May 1, 2009) detailed for our district's community the extensive program/partners that Jonette Wilton and Frank Wilkie have with the Virgin Blue Airline for travel to Noosa and with other numerous, and generously willing businesses which offered vouchers for us.

It also has to be acknowledged that it is with the inspired and faithful support of our local Marysville Lions Club with its members, Jan and Bob Emblin, and their son, Gayne Emblin of Noosa, that this marvelous adventure for so many, has come about. Gayne is the CEO of Ritek, and the founder of the Mates of Marysville's charity. It's just one of the grand involvements of everyone!

On arrival in the Sunshine Coast Airport on the 22nd, Maria and Eileen were greeted warmly by Terry Clarke-Burrows and Frank Wilkie. (Julia and David had arrived by car, and were equally welcomed by all). We were handed numerous flyers and vouchers from among 50 Noosa businesses. These were presented to us by Frank of the GreaterNoosa Big Sister Program to enjoy in their leisure, while in Noosa. There were experiences like a silent movie in the Majestic Theatre in Pomona, a ferry ride from the Noosa Marina, a visit to the Eumundi Market, walks on the Noosa beach, complimentary meals in several local restaurants including the beautiful River Deck with its spectacular river water views, our joining the Rotary's 40th dinner anniversary in the Tewantin / Noosa RSL Club, our participating in luncheon of the Sunshine Coast Community Hospice, and other amazing activities.

Maria and Eileen found that they became the truly humble Ambassadors of Gratitude from our district. We heard ourselves sincerely thanking people everyday, as we listened to their sincere involvement with our pain.

Each and every person, who met us, greeted us warmly and shared the stories of their own and others' empathetic support, including their time raising funds for the victims of our terrible Victorian bushfires. We heard personal accounts of parishioners from the Noosa Church of England and the Noosa District Catholic Parish raising over \$40,000 from their church-goers, and sending it all to their respective Bishops in Melbourne for distribution to fire ravaged victims.

We listened to the stories from many sources of children offering and emptying their piggy banks to help the fire fund. Adult male and female sports clubs, newsagents, knitting clubs, children's cricket and hockey clubs, local employees of numerous businesses, hundreds of individuals across the Noosa community dug deep to offer in some small way, or in some very generous, big way, their bonding with us in this horrifying loss of life and destruction of public and private property. A dozen photocopies of Noosa articles from their newspapers after the February 7th tragedy were bundled together by M/s Sue Scott, a powerhouse community-minded citizen, and given to us to share with the Marysville Lion's Club. These newspapers detailed Noosa's total and creative commitment to our recovery.

In writing this account, both Maria and Eileen know that some details may have been omitted and others may be slightly inaccurate. Overlook this, please, and know that we both wanted you all to know that this overwhelming bonding of Australian heart happened for us, as it will for others of our Victorian survivors.

Be assured that the four of us knew we had aligned ourselves in Noosa with the most loving, professional, caring and inspiring voices, minds and hearts north of us.

Maria and Eileen

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Sunday 17th

Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

Sunday 24th

Wednesday 27th

What's on When in May

- Parish Council 11.45 am - 14 Gould Terrace
- 10.00 am first broadcast from Marysville's radio 98.5 fm
- 11.30 am Official Opening of Temporary Village
- 1.00 pm Regional Arts Victoria Annual General Meeting
- 2.00 pm Address by Jack Munday in marquee
- Vegetarian Cooking Demonstrations
- MOPS Committee 7.30 pm
- Lions Dinner Meeting - 7.00 for 7.30 pm
- Triangle Community Dance Group (see notice)
- Marysville Christian Fellowship re-opening 10.30 am
- Historical Society Meeting 1.30 pm

Marysville & District Historical Society

The May meeting of the Historical Society will be at our new temporary home - the little cottage next to the Crossways, on Wednesday, May 27th at 1.30pm
New members welcome
Please bring a folding chair
Enquiries M Kenealy 0417 596 433

A day of new beginnings, Sun 17 May, Marysville

****PROGRAM UPDATE****

You are invited to attend a day of special activities to be held on **Sunday 17 May 2009 in Marysville**. A number of new initiatives will be launched.

At 10:00 am **Radio Murrindindi (Marysville)** will begin its first three hour broadcast. Supported by UGFM, Regional Arts Victoria and funded by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, the first show will be hosted by broadcaster Jill Singer and will feature a number of special guests including Greg Champion. The frequency for this new station in Marysville is **98.5 FM**.

At 11:30 am, the Premier John Brumby, Christine Nixon and special guests will officially open the Marysville Temporary Village. The official proceedings will be broadcast by Radio Murrindindi, live from the new UGFM Marysville studio. Following the formalities, guests will be invited to take a tour of the village with one of the residents, enjoy a sausage sizzle or view an installation of beautiful photographs by Marysville photographer David Casey. Children's activities, including a jumping castle and quad bikes, will be provided.

At 1:00 pm, Regional Arts Victoria will hold its Annual General Meeting, hosted by Marysville Cultural Community at the Marysville Golf Club. RAV's Patron, the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser, will be in attendance.

This will be followed at 2:00 pm by an address in the Marquee at the Golf Club by Jack Munday, Director of the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team. Jack has had direct experience in the immediate aftermath of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina.

We all look forward to seeing you all there

Lions Tools for Tradies Appeal

Free tools available for tradespeople who lost their tools in the bushfires

Lions clubs have organised for the donation of quality power tools and hand tools and these are now available free for bonafide tradespeople who lost their tools during the recent bushfires.

To collect the tools you need, please contact your local Lions club representative for an application form which will then be passed onto the coordinating Lions group.

More information?

Contact Rob Tunney: 9874 5163

0419 894 013

Fax 9874 5509



Marysville Resource Recovery Centre (Waste Transfer Station)

Residents within the Marysville district are advised that works have commenced at the Marysville Resource Recovery Centre to allow us to reopen the site to the public.

Works to clear debris from the site and to reconstruct the tipping wall destroyed in the fires are currently being carried out. Trenching and reconnection of the power supply to the site has been programmed for Monday and Tuesday the 18 and 19 of May. It is anticipated that the site will then reopen on Wednesday 20 May.

To enable residents to have greater access to the site, the following extended operating hours will be in place until 28 June;

- Mon: 10am – 4pm
- Wed: 10am – 4pm
- Fri: 10am – 4pm
- Sat: 9am – 4pm
- Sun: 10am – 4pm

To assist with the clearing of vegetation material from properties, residents can dispose of green waste free of charge until 28 June. Commercial contractors will incur standard disposal charges for green waste. Disposal of all other materials will be subject to normal charges.

Please note that waste materials from any building clean-up operations (eg: bricks, concrete, timber and other building rubble) can not be accepted at any waste management facilities within the Shire of Murrindindi. These materials need to be disposed of at suitably licensed landfill sites.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst the Marysville site has been out of action, but look forward to having it fully operational in the next few weeks.

For further information, please contact Council's Coordinator Waste Management, Darren Ritchie, on 5772 0333.



We will be reopening on the 6th June 2009

The team at Cross Country Ski Hire have been working hard to ensure that we are up and running for the commencement of the ski season beginning the Queen's Birthday weekend in June.

The site of the old shop has been cleared by the Grocon contractors and portable units are being erected to house the ski hire business, toilets with baby change and our new on-site coffee shop for the 2009 season.

The shop will look a bit strange from the outside but inside we'll have plenty of brand new, quality stock and are looking forward to your custom during what we're hoping will be a bumper season.

In recognition of the generous support we have received from the Australian public, the hire prices on snow play clothing and toboggans will remain unchanged from 2008. Furthermore, our children's snow-play-package will remain at \$16.

We look forward to making your snow experience a positive and memorable one.

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POSTCARD FROM PARIS

Monday - Walking Tour One of Paris

Flew into Charles De Gaulle Airport at 11.30 pm last night. Came in over the city and the skies were clear, so our first sights of Paris (say 'Pa-ree' from now on when you read that) were from the air, all lit up. We could see the Eiffel Tower and the Seine River winding through the city - gorgeous! Arrived at our hotel in Montmartre a bit before 1am local time (thankfully Morocco is two hours behind France, so body time was only 11 pm). Got up to our room (more like a broom cupboard!) on the top floor just in time to see the hourly light show from Le Tour Eiffel - lovely introduction to our time here.

Had a bit of a late start today after getting in late last night - or should I say early this morning. Set off late morning on foot to explore the sights this side of the river. Wandered down to the Marais district and the Beaubourg area, where there are many great examples of classical old French architecture. Had our first experience of over-priced Paris...10.6 euros (over \$22 Oz!) for a coffee and a hot chocolate!

Checked out the lovely old Hotel de Sens, then on to Place de la Bastille to see the site of the start of the French Revolution. The outline of the walls of the Bastille are marked in the pattern of the cobblestones. Took a look at the Pompidou Centre and the Stravinski Fountain which are much more modern examples of French design and style.

Came back to our hotel via the Canal St Martin area (much seedier than the guide book had suggested) and Sacre Coeur which was huge and stunning. Found a petit general store around the corner from our hotel so picked up a baguette, some fromages and a few other yummy bits and pieces, and went back to the broom closet for a self catered picnic dinner, accompanied by duty free bebies and a million dollar view of the pointy thing - after seven hours and 13.5ks of walking, it doesn't get much better than this!

A few photos of today's sight-seeing for your perusal:

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Tuesday - Walking Tour Two of Paris

Up and going before 9 am today as we have lots to do and see! First up we walked down to Le Tour Eiffel, where it took over an hour of queuing for tickets and queuing for lifts before we were at the top with a 43 storey high view across Paris. Numb fingers from the cold by the time we got up there, but it was great to wander around (in the indoor heated area!) for a while, and pick out all the various landmarks across the city. After spending an hour or so checking out the various floors of Le Tour, we walked up to L' Arc de Triomphe, then promenaded down the Champs Elysees, passing (among other things), all the shop fronts for the famous Paris fashion houses - Chanel, Dior, Prada, Louis Vuitton, Nina Ricci...and here's me in my 'Vintage-is-chic-\$10-Alexandra-garage-sale' number from the Sta gg Leather collection of winter of about 1968!

On to Place de la Concorde and the famous obelisk (which was nicked from the Egyptians!), wandered through the lovely Jardin des Tuileries and on through the grounds of the Louvre. Did the classic walk along the cobblestoned edge of the Seine under the lovely old bridges, and continued on to Isle de la Cite and Notre Dame Cathedral. Checked out the Latin Quarter including the Luxembourg Gardens, the Sorbonne University, and the Pantheon, before heading back to Montmartre and our hotel.

In the evening we wandered up to La Place du Tertre which in the classic French square in all pictures of Montmartre, where all the famous artists have hung out over the centuries. Found an o-so-typical French restaurant, complete with red gingham table cloths, had snails for dinner, and drank red wine and ate cheese while the pianist and singer played and sang 'La Vie en Rose' by Edith Piaf - doesn't get much more French than that! Mind you, they also played Waltzing Matilda and the Bee Gees when they found out we were Aussies - didn't have the heart to tell them the Bee Gees weren't really Australian!

Got back to the closet in time for the final light show for the evening before Le Tour shut down its lights for the night, then collapsed into bed after today walking for nearly 11 hours and doing over 18 ks.

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So come in the gate with your trailer, ute, truck - or even your wheelbarrow if you feel like the exercise - and drive / walk away with a free load of fresh mulch for the garden.

For any queries regarding mulch or general Resource Recovery Centre enquiries, please contact Council's Coordinator Waste Management, Darren Ritchie, on 5772 0333.

TELEVISION ONCE AGAIN AVAILABLE TO MARYSVILLE RESIDENTS

TX Australia owns and operates the Marysville Television Translator site located on Mt Gordon. Channels Seven, Nine, TEN, ABC & SBS transmit from this site on analogue and digital channels.

The 7th February wildfire caused extensive damage to the tower, antennas and cables. The transmission equipment housed inside the cement brick shelter was not damaged.

After considerable restoration works, all of the services were restored on the 5th May at 4:30 PM.

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Planning underway for Alexandra Open Gardens Weekend

Despite the ravages of sustained drought and bushfires in our region, the Alexandra Open Gardens Committee is well underway with planning for this year's Open Garden weekend.

The Open Gardens committee is pleased to welcome Elizabeth Coles as president this year. Elizabeth will be continuing the excellent work undertaken by Jenny Ryssenbeek who has left the district. Supported by secretary Ann Barkla and treasurer Mandy Valsinger, Elizabeth leads an enthusiastic small committee who have big plans for the Open Gardens weekend this year to be held on Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October. Mark this weekend in your diary now as there will be much to celebrate in the garden world.

In previous years the Open Gardens committee has been fortunate to have offered to the public magnificent gardens in Marysville, Narbethong, Buxton and Taggerty as well as in the Alexandra area. However this year, because of the fires and damage to many gardens in the south of our district, the focus will be on gardens closer to Alexandra. The Open Gardens committee extend their best wishes to owners of all properties affected by the fires and hope that regeneration of their gardens will be swift and rewarding. The committee looks forward to including some of these gardens in the district open weekend in the future.

As part of the Open Gardens weekend this year, there will be a dinner and guest speaker at Stonelea on the evening of Saturday 24th October. Further details of the dinner and the gardens open to the public will be announced in the coming months. There will be an excellent range of local gardens open this year despite the difficult conditions experienced by everyone. For further information as the Open Garden weekend draws closer, see the website: www.alexandraopengardens.com.au

Seasonal tip: Autumn heralds the glorious colours of deciduous trees in our district. In your garden make sure these gems are raked up and composted or run over them with the mower and spread them on your garden beds as mulch. As they break down the leaves are a valuable source of nutrition for



THANKS

Karl, Kaylea and I would love to take this opportunity to thank all our family and friends for their amazing support over these last 3 months.

We have lost so much yet have gained so much through your constant generosity. How could we ever repay you all?

We also want to thank you all for coming to our "still very beautiful" Marysville for our Wedding Day this Saturday 16th of May.

Karl and I want to spend the rest of our lives here, love living here and really hope you see Marysville's beauty, the way we do, everyday.

It truly will be a special day for us.

Karl, I really can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. The last 7 years have been tough at times, more so this last 3 months than ever, but I hope you know I will always love you, always be beside you, forever.

With love ALWAYS to my amazing husband-to be,
Karen Camilleri (very soon to be GRAF)



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Councillor Comment

Last Sunday, with fellow members of the Yarck Fire Brigade, I attended a horrific car crash on the Maroondah Highway where a teenage girl was severely injured and orphaned with both parents and her aunt being killed. There were four others injured in the crash.

As well as ourselves, Merton Fire Brigade, SES units, police, ambulance and air ambulance attended to extinguish fires, tend the injured, control traffic and clean up the site.

I was heartened by the fact that yet again here were members of our community, professional and volunteer, coming together in a time of trouble to help strangers in need. It is sad that needs arise where we have to keep doing this. It is uplifting that throughout our shire and neighbouring shires there are always people who are committed to helping others.

An important issue that we need to reflect on, is that in the State each year we lose and injure far more people on the roads than we did in our worst fire in history. With the fires we are rightly striving to do everything from a Royal Commission down to revising personal fire plans to try to ensure as a community, or as individuals, we never suffer as greatly again. But with the road fatalities we seem to accept the status quo. We pass an accident such as that the other night, slow down for a while or even for a day or two and then the old "It won't happen to me" syndrome cuts back in.

I don't want to see another accident like I saw last week and I hope that the lessons learned from the fire stay with us on a personal level longer than the lessons from road accidents.

Cr. John Walsh, Koriella Ward

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State Government 'about turn' in bushfire assistance welcome

Nationals Member for Benalla, Bill Sykes, says a shift in funding guidelines to allow farmers and small business hit hard by the February bushfires access to bushfire recovery assistance is a welcome development.

"I and my National Party colleagues, in particular National Party Leader Peter Ryan in his capacity as Shadow Minister for Bushfire Relief have been tackling the issues of shortfalls and limitations in funding guidelines for fire affected farms and businesses since mid February," Bill Sykes said. "Peter Ryan wrote to the Prime Minister at the beginning of April requesting an urgent review of Commonwealth benchmarks – specifically that primary producers affected by bushfires were not eligible for government assistance unless they could prove 51% of their income is derived from on-farm income. Under these guidelines many farmers missed out on clean up and recovery grants.

"Farmers have further been denied access to funding through the Bushfire Relief Fund due to an ATO ruling which prevents the Victorian Red Cross from assisting primary producers officially classified as a business," Bill Sykes continued.

Two new grants have been announced.

- **\$5000 Rural Property Owners Grant**

This grant is for rural property owners with a holding of five hectares or more who missed out on the Clean-Up and Restoration Grant. Farmers who made application to Rural Finance for the Clean-Up and Restoration Grant and were unsuccessful have been contacted by Rural Finance and invited to apply for the Rural Property Owners Grant.

- **\$5000 Special Circumstances Bushfire Relief Grant**

Announced by the Victorian Government this week the \$5000 Special Circumstances Bushfire Relief Grant is to assist small businesses whose total taxable income is less than 51% and land holders of less than five hectares.

The one-off grant is also available to farmers and business owners who earn less than \$100,000 from other income sources and have not already received other bushfire assistance available through the Australian and Victorian Governments or certain property related payments through the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund.

"The funding shift is welcome. It was unrealistic, after more than 10 years of drought, to expect small farms and businesses to derive more than 51% of their income from on-farm or business activities," Bill Sykes said. "I hope this shift is extended to Drought Assistance funding."

"I am concerned however by the 'small print' – that is the Special Circumstances Bushfire Relief Grant is available to farmers and small business owners who *'have not already received other bushfire assistance available through the Australian and Victorian Governments or the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund'*. It is my belief farmers may have been able to access certain funding assistance – I hope this does not then preclude them from accessing the Special Circumstances Grant," Bill Sykes said.

"After all at the end of the day \$5,000 will only pay for one kilometre of fencing, buy 20 tons of hay or repair part of a shed," said Bill Sykes. "There is still a long way to go in terms of assistance measures for fire affected farmers."

Application forms for the grants can be found at www.ruralfinance.com.au or by phoning 1800 255 925 or collected from Bill Sykes' Electorate Office at 2/55 Carrier Street, Benalla.



Anglican Parish of Marysville

Priest in Charge: Father Norman Hart
Locum Priest: The Rev Philip Gale
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Sunday, 17th May, 2009

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

Mt Cathedral Baptist Church

Pastor Ivor Jones
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**Further enquiries
Ivor Jones 0414430951**

MOPS

Thins are slowly moving to re-establish a MOPS precinct; we will be having another committee meeting on the 19th and we hope to be able to report more after that meeting. Meanwhile because of the scattered whereabouts of many of our volunteers, we would appreciate any people who would like to join us when we get up and going in the not too distant future.

MARYSVILLE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP RE-OPENING

**SUNDAY, 24th May, 2009
at 10.30 am**

961 Buxton Road, Marysville
(opposite the Golf Club)

Come for a time of thanksgiving and warm fellowship as we celebrate gathering together once more.

Please stay for lunch and bring a plate to share.

In Jenni and David Littlejohn's absence on holiday, please ring Vera and Peter Gill for further information:

5963 3464 or M: 0414 564 309

Council plays its part in Business Recovery

Since Black Saturday the Economic Development Department of the Murrindindi Shire Council has been helping people re-establish their businesses.

"Following the immediate relief efforts our key objective has been to help businesses reopen their doors as quickly as possible" says Economic Development Manager Bob Elkington.

Many business owners are unaware that temporary premises can be quickly approved by Council. Such temporary arrangements are not subject to the same level of planning and building approvals needed for new and permanent buildings.

"A huge number of businesses were completely destroyed by the fires and we've been helping many in the process of fast tracking temporary premises so that local operators can re-open sooner rather than later" says Mr Elkington. In particular we have helped people to provide the necessary information and paperwork to the right departments to ensure a speedy approval process."

In Marysville, one of the most affected townships, the Economic Development Department has been working closely with the local ski hire operators to establish a commercial hub for the fast approaching ski season. Working in collaboration with the Australian Children's Trust (ACT), a number of possible sites have been identified, to enable the establishment of temporary buildings. Accordingly at least three ski operators will be open for business in time for this year's expected bumper snow season.

Billy Hawes of the ACT says it was imperative that the ski operators be in business in time for the winter snow season. "Working with Council officers we've been able to find both suitable land in Marysville together with temporary and commercially suitable buildings for the ski operators." she said.

The business hub comprises two large commercial quarters together with a sea container in which operators can secure their stock.

Derek Reynolds, owner of one of the four Marysville ski hire businesses destroyed on Black Saturday said he was very pleased with the Council's flexibility and assistance. "In developing our proposal I was somewhat apprehensive about getting it through council in time for this year's snow season, however Council officers were quite proactive in helping us achieve a suitable outcome."

In other fire affected areas the Economic Development Department has worked with Grocon to prioritise and then fast-track the cleanup of sites requiring specialist expertise. The service stations at Pheasant Creek and Kinglake, both required specialists to undertake the clean up. "We made sure, with great help from Grocon staff, that these sites were given priority to allow the fastest turnaround in the rebuilding of these essential services for the community." said Bob.

"People need to know that Murrindindi Shire Council officers from many departments including building, planning, health and local laws, are here to help and assist as best we can in the re-establishment of businesses. This is vital to our future economic growth and development."

Anyone needing assistance in re-establishing their business should contact the Economic Development Department at Murrindindi Shire council on 03 57720318.

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Marysville Medical Clinic

Clinic is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am until 5 pm.

Dr Fraser is now seeing patients at the Buxton Community Health building.

When Dr Fraser is unavailable, patients will be seen by:

Dr Rod Trevena (Thursdays) or

Dr Stephen Trumbe (Tuesdays)

For appointments please call 5772 0888 and leave a message.

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Sunday May 17 2.30pm
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[Stay on for the Lions Club sausage sizzle]

HOPE IN CRISIS SEMINAR

Mr. Jack Munday visited Victoria in the days following the fires and is returning to various parts of the State to spread the news of HOPE.

Jack is international head of the RAPID RESPONSE TEAM based in North Carolina, USA. Since 9/11 Jack and his team have had over 75 deployments around the world to disasters like ours and has just returned from the tragic earthquake in Italy.

RRT is an initiative of the Billy Graham organisation and is a Christian based seminar of hope in times of crisis.

Jack is a warm, friendly and genuine man, who has helped so many hurting people worldwide.

There is no charge for this event, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Contact - Ivor Jones Phone.....0414 430951....

- Norm Hart Phone.....5963 3281...

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THANK YOU !

to all those who have already sent a submission on what you would like to see incorporated into the new multi-purpose hall. We appreciate your input

We also want you to tell us what facilities you believe are necessary within Gallipoli Park itself.

It is necessary to change the old Master Plan, so now is your opportunity to help shape the future park, for your benefit and that of future generations.

Don't delay, send your submission to:

The Secretary, Gallipoli Park
C.O.M., PO Box 83,
Marysville, 3779, so that concept plans and community consultation can commence.

Alexandra Visitor Information Centre

If you like meeting new people, promoting our wonderful area and have a few hours a month spare. The Alexandra Visitor Information is seeking volunteers to assist in the Centre. It is vital to our centre to keep the doors open. Maybe you could help, training available, only requirement is a smile.

For further information please contact Pat P: 5772 1100
E: alexvic@virtual.net.au

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