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Andrew says "thank you"

Now that the mad rush of opening and Christmas/New Year has passed, I feel I can now draw breath and sit back and reflect on what's been a hectic month. Yes, it's one month since Marysville Pharmacy opened and I thought it was about time I publicly expressed my thanks to everyone who helped me in setting it up and have supported me since opening.

First of all, the local traders in Marysville and particularly in Marysville Central have been an inspiration and have picked me up when I've been struggling to cope. Special mention must go to Dianne, Ken and the staff of Marysville Triangle Real Estate who have always gone out of their way to help me whenever and however they can, always with a smile on their faces and a supportive word. Dianne was one of the first people I spoke to about the plans for a pharmacy and she has been as instrumental as anyone in seeing that it got off the ground.

Murrindindi Shire Council have also been very helpful, especially Bob Elkington and Kevin Bellingham, initially in trying to find me a site for the shop, and then in giving business support through Sandra Slatter, and finally in helping with publicity for the opening.

Tony Thompson was the very first person in Marysville I spoke to about the concept and he was typical in his enthusiastic and encouraging response. The Victorian Government and Bruce Bayley from the VBBIF have also offered support which is much appreciated.

There are many individuals and companies from the pharmacy industry who have offered words of advice and encouragement, and in some cases material support. So thank you to Peter Allen, Michael and Kim

Khoo, Stuart Baker and Bev Gorr as well as to Andrew Cruickshank at Sigma and Nic Koomen at API (wholesalers), Tony Carollo (Carollo & Houghton insurance), Ritchie Congleton (Smarterpharm) and Libby Watt (Respironics).

Naturally, family support is crucial in everything we do and my biggest thanks must go to my beautiful wife, Kumi, who many of you met at the opening. She believes absolutely that what I'm doing is right. My father, Nigel, and my sister, Philippa also helped out with all the myriad little things that are needed to set up a business from stacking shelves to installing EFTPOS machines, and again, they kept me going when my spirits were flagging.

Finally, I want to thank the people of Marysville and surrounds who almost without exception have only had kind words for me and what I'm attempting. More importantly, they have backed these words up by bringing their custom to me and that is the most crucial thing of all for a business just starting up.

So now it's up to me to justify the faith and confidence you've all shown in me. I'll be doing my best to earn my stripes in the community and hopefully can repay some of the kindness you've all shown me in the only way I really can, and that's by providing the best and most professional pharmacy service possible.

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Narbethong Hall to be rebuilt

Reconstruction of the Narbethong Community Hall is set to commence following the announcement of the successful tenderer, Hedger Constructions of Alexandra. The tender process was managed by the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction Authority (VBRRA), and the tender was awarded by the project control group comprised of the Hall Committee, VBRRA, Murrindindi Shire, design team and the Department of Sustainability and Environment. A spokesman for the Narbethong Hall Committee described the appointment as an important milestone for the project, after a long and difficult process. It could not have been achieved without the generous assistance of Emergency Architects Australia, BVN Architects, Arup and Contour, who have provided architectural, engineering, project management and planning services free of charge over the past two years. The Committee is very pleased to have Hedger on board for the project, indicating the appointment of a local contractor would not only benefit the Hall, but also support the local economy. Funding for the reconstruction comes from insurance, the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund and a donation from McDonalds. Construction is expected to be completed by August this year.

The Narbethong Hall Committee would be thrilled if the local community could come and help us celebrate the exciting ceremony of the turning of the first sod for your community hall. It will be held on the 4th February at 2pm. Any enquiries please ring Catherine on 59637190