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## THE LONG ROAD HOME

February 7th 2009, not only had a huge effect on people, but many animals, have also been deeply affected.

Most of us know of family dogs and cats that showed signs of stress and bewilderment for months afterwards, other animals went through an extremely stressful time too.

Imagine a herd of alpaca, intense heat, the smell of smoke and then suddenly being surrounded by flames.

Maria McIntyre's alpaca at Moondai on Buxton Road was one such herd.

Friends arrived the next day and took a number to safety in Alexandra, these were the males that had been in the paddock by the road, with the fences and pasture destroyed, there was nothing to keep them there.

Within a couple of days, other friends had arranged transport to collect the females from the paddock on the other side of the river, and take them to Yarrowonga.

The bridge had been destroyed so when the truck arrived, Maria called the 'girls' and they just walked across the river to where the vehicle was, then up the ramp onto the back of the truck, to the absolute amazement of those present - despite the lack of fences. They were obviously still in shock, but trusted Maria completely.

Pasture was in short supply everywhere, so the males were later moved to an alpaca farm at Taggerty. The females remained in Yarrowonga hand fed on hay etc. until September when all but three arrived at a Marysville alpaca farm.

The last three females arrived in Marysville in November with cria at foot.

Like most animals, alpaca know their regular handlers, and are always very aware when strangers are present, and usually act accordingly.

Maria's alpaca not only had to get used to several 'new' handlers, but also other alpaca herds, which they never fully integrate with, despite being kept in the same paddocks.

After eighteen months away, some fences repaired and water troughs reinstated, twelve of Maria's alpaca

were delivered to Moondai on Tuesday this week, and they seemed delighted to be home, however, their journey isn't over yet.

Along with some of the males at Taggerty, these twelve will shortly be quarantined on another farm in preparation for their transportation to the USA, the first imported to the USA in about seven years from anywhere.

These alpaca carry genes that originated in the US, but have all but disappeared from herds there, thus making these animals desirable now that the borders have been re-opened.

Maria's last few alpaca will return to Moondai, when the others leave for their stay in quarantine.



## BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE RECOVERY FUND

Special funding is available that will assist communities across Murrindindi Shire in regenerating community spaces, preserving history or supporting recovery activities.

Murrindindi Shire Council will administer the Community Recovery Fund that encourages participation on a shire-wide basis and encourages projects between \$1000 and \$25,000.

Murrindindi Shire Mayor Peter Beales said through the support of the shire's Community Recovery Committees, Council would endorse projects that would bring a sense of ownership and participation to communities.

"I would encourage community groups who have a great project proposal that could support youth, record bushfire history within communities or have an idea to improve community information access and flow to consider applying as this is a competitive process," Cr Beales said.

"Council will work closely with Community Recovery Committees in assessing the applications for consideration.

"We want to work with groups in supporting their ideas, but we do have a limited amount of funding available.

"As we continue the recovery process, it is important to recognise that communities outside the main fire-affected regions did play a significant role in supporting those who were devastated in the February 2009 fires.

"This includes towns like Eildon, Alexandra and Yea as they played a vital role in the immediate response and on-going recovery of our communities."

Funding guidelines and application forms are available at [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au) and at Council's Alexandra, Yea and Kinglake offices.

Applications are now open and will be determined on a monthly basis, submissions will be accepted up until November 30, 2010.

The Community Recovery Fund is supported by the Australian Government and the Department of Planning and Community Development.

## REBUILDING BEES AFTER THE FIRES

One of the unfortunate aspects of the Black Saturday bushfires was the loss of numerous bee hives and feral bee colonies.

And everyone knows that bees are crucial to the pollination of our fruit trees, flowers, gardens and many other agricultural or horticultural plantings.

In coming months a group of Melbourne beekeepers who collect swarms of bees over the spring period are keen to help local landowners restore their bee hives.

According to the project's leader Andrew Janiak, the group will endeavour to provide local landowners with a hived swarm just to get them going again as a beekeeper.

The receiver of the swarm of bees will need to have a hive with foundation ready to receive the bees.

Andrew says it is important however that the recipient of a swarmed hive should have some beekeeping experience and basic equipment including a smoker and protective clothing.

"If you do not there is time to learn and develop your own beekeeping skills.

"Keeping bees can be a great hobby for the whole family and a great benefit to your own garden and the gardens around you.

"And some pure honey is just a bonus" Andrew says.

Anyone interested and with some beekeeping experience can register their interest with [andrew.janiak@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.janiak@gmail.com)



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## Mayor's Message

It was a pleasure to attend the opening of the Marysville Rebuilding Advisory Centre (RAC) with Councillors Bellingham and Healy last Saturday. A similar building has been constructed in Kinglake which opened its doors on Monday with an official opening happening on Saturday 28 August. I encourage community members to come along.

Both buildings have been constructed through the efforts of many generous donors and it was very pleasing to see so many of them in attendance. Thank you for your support.

A number of services are already operating from the new Marysville building: UGFM has set up a studio; council's building and planning staff are available weekly; Rebuilding Advisory staff; Community Services Hub available 10am to 4pm week days; visiting government agencies. The contact telephone numbers for the new centres are -Marysville 5908 1704 and Kinglake 57306109.

As part of the RAC opening the winners of the "Design a \$150,000 bushfire home" competition were announced. The two winners de-

signed three bedroom homes which were six star energy rated with a BAL of 40. One of the designs will be used to build a display home in Marysville and Kinglake and be opened for inspection upon completion.

I also had the pleasure of opening the Hume Goulburn Group of the Country Women's Association at the Yarck Hall. I have a great admiration for groups such as the CWA for their commitment to their communities over a long period of time.

I would like to remind you that council's draft budget for 2010-2011 is out for comment and copies of the draft budget are available at all council offices, Eildon Resource Centre and Marysville RAC and in the Public Comment section at [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au). Written submissions are to be received before 5pm Thursday 9 September 2010.

Our younger folk are also reminded to jump online and vote for their favorite logo design for council's new youth website - [www.youthmurrindindi.com](http://www.youthmurrindindi.com).

## BUXTON TV TOWER

The immediate future of television reception in Buxton has been secured by a donation from the Salvation Army.

David Barker, Bushfire Recovery Manager, said "The Salvation Army is assisting individuals, families, communities and small business throughout the state as part of the recovery response to the February 2009 bushfires. In this case, we are pleased to support the Buxton community with funds for the transmitter, recognising that the normal capacity of the community to fundraise has been affected for a while."

Clive Clayton, president of the Buxton Progress Association said, "Our association has sole responsibility for the transmission of 'free to air' television in the Buxton district. Because of the February 2009 fires the ability to fundraise and seek donations has been restricted. In fact until this donation, we were despairing as to how the service could be maintained until the introduction of digital transmission in about twelve months." "Thankfully that anxiety is now relieved. We are hugely indebted to this very timely and generous assistance from the Salvation Army."

"Of course the introduction of digital transmission also means the end of analogue, at which time all transmission will cease at Buxton. There are two solutions to that problem, one being the Buxton Progress Association raising \$100,000 - \$150,000 for purchase of digital equipment to enable terrestrial transmission; the other, assuming the Federal government implements a proposed plan of providing satellite television to all black spots, is for all householders to install satellite dishes. This will cost approximately \$800 for each household with a proposed subsidy of about \$400 to eligible households," Clive said.

The Buxton Progress Association intends to hold a public meeting in the future regarding the continuing television reception, when the picture becomes clearer.

### Gallipoli Park Committee of Management Invite

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