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## Tree Huggas converge on Marysville's main street

Marysville's Murchison Street trees are getting some added help to make it through the warmer months with Murrindindi Shire Council installing Tree Hugga tanks.

As part of the \$1.35 million Murchison Street and Town Amenity project, Murrindindi Shire Council and the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority (VBRRA) have replaced 18 trees, and the latest stage of the project will see Tree Huggas\* placed around all trees in the main street.

Cathedral Ward Councillor Kevin Bellingham said the installation of the tanks would take place throughout October.

"The concept of the Tree Huggas was outlined at a community site meeting when the Murchison Street works were ready to roll out," Cr Bellingham said. "They will play an important role in providing a regular water supply and protecting the trees from inadvertent vehicle impact.

"The device comes in two parts and holds up to 560 litres of water. They are easy to install and there will be minimal disruption to traffic while they are placed around the trees."

Marysville Community Recovery Committee spokesman Tony Thompson said the continued roll-out of projects in the town was pleasing.

"The work in the main street has been carried out with minimal disruption and the consultation proc-

ess has meant people are updated on the reconstruction process," Mr Thompson said.

"It is important that Council, the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority and their contract partner Bovis Lend Lease continue to keep the community informed.

"We are excited by the roll out of projects including Marysville Community Centre Stage II and the Gallipoli Park precinct works which includes the Kin Playspace adventure playground, skatepark, the New Life Sculpture and the development of the reflective garden on Murchison Street."

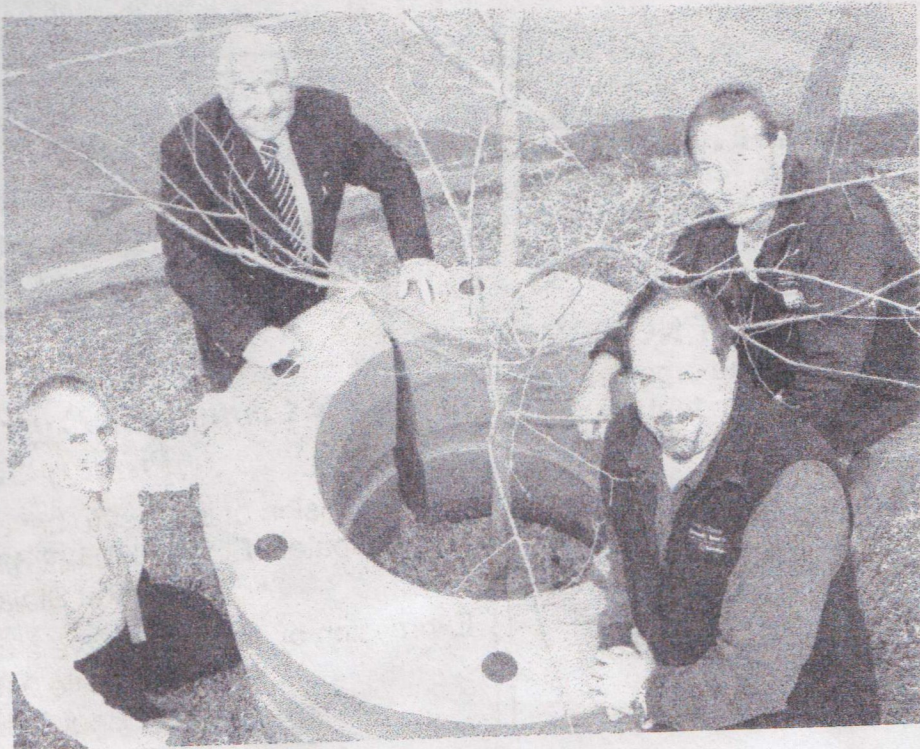
The \$1.35 million Murchison Street and Town Amenity project has been funded by the Victorian Bushfire

Appeal Fund on behalf of donors from across Australia and the world.

The Tree Hugga tanks are re-useable and will be used by Council for other projects across the shire.

\*Please note Tree Hugga is a registered trademark.

**Photo:** Love the huggas: Council's Senior Project Manager Bushfire Recovery Mark Leitinger, Cr Kevin Bellingham, Department of Human Services Hub Captain Marysville Ray Siegersma and the Community Recovery Committee's Tony Thompson are impressed by the Tree Huggas that will look after Murchison Street trees.



## Forest littering offences face tougher scrutiny

Illegal dumping of domestic and industrial rubbish in local forests and on other public land is under closer scrutiny by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and partner agencies.

DSE recently held a regional litter enforcement workshop in Benalla training investigators and field staff from the DSE, the Environmental Protection Authority and Parks Victoria.

Senior Forest Investigator with DSE's Compliance Support Group, Greg Chant, said the workshops highlighted the powers available to authorised officers under the *Environmental Protection Act 1970*.

"In Victoria, illegal dumping offences reported by DSE officers range from domestic rubbish such as general household litter and garden waste, industrial waste such as tyres, renovation waste and asbestos, and agricultural litter, particularly dead sheep and cattle," Mr Chant said.

"Dumping rubbish on public land has the potential to cause serious environmental degradation through the pollution of waterways and the introduction of weeds into relatively natural and stable ecosystems.

"It also generates increasing clean-up and disposal costs for taxpayers when rubbish is dumped on public land including reserves, State Forests and National Parks."

Mr Chant said the officers who participated in the workshop are now better prepared to effectively conduct an investigation into illegally dumped rubbish on public land.

Under the Act, illegal deposit of litter and failure to remove litter under the written order of an authorised officer can attract fines up to \$4760.

Increased penalties - fines up to \$7140 and/or imprisonment for one month - apply to some types of litter including glass and dangerous materials.

A recent case involving an abandoned vehicle being dumped in forest at Morgan's Mill Reserve, Ulupna resulted in the owner being convicted at Coram Magistrate's Court on August 18 and fined \$1000.

In the past year to June 30, DSE and Parks Victoria issued 123 EPA infringement notices, 13 official warnings and pursued 8 related cases through the courts.

DSE's Statewide Compliance Manager, Rick Burton, said DSE investigators were responding to increasing reports of incidents of illegal rubbish dumping and needs to protect the environment, including local bushland, parks and waterways.

"More than 40 reports investigated by DSE this past year related to litter dumped in state forest across the state - along tracks, roads and camping grounds. Litter in national parks, recreation sites, rivers and lakes is also of concern," Mr Burton said.

"Dumping offences in isolated forest areas or near council tips outside of their operating hours appear to be becoming more common. A lot of the illegal dumping of household goods or domestic waste is occurring when occupants of a house relocate."

Anyone encountering environmental crime or suspicious activity is encouraged to contact the DSE Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

### Photo:

"North East Litter Workshop participants: Annie Leschen from Parks Victoria with guest speaker EPA Litter Enforcement Program Officer John Karner, DSE Compliance Officer Gary Dash and DSE Environmental Planner David Donehue."

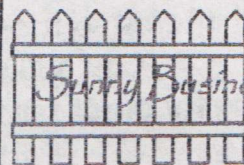


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