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### PARTNERSHIP SEALS MULTIMILLION DOLLAR DEAL FOR MARYSVILLE

A multi-million dollar partnership to transform the Marysville Golf and Bowls Club into a key sporting, community and cultural precinct will deliver a significant boost to tourism and attract new investment in the bushfire-affected town.

The Premier, John Brumby, today announced that the Victorian Government would donate land and provide funding of more than \$1 million towards a redevelopment and that it would feature a Greg Norman-designed golf course.

Partners in the project include the Marysville Golf and Bowls Club, Andrew Fox and Andrew Forrest's Bushfire Recovery Fund and Greg Norman, with support from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund.

Mr Brumby said the club was a key community asset for the region and its redevelopment a vital part of Marysville's restoration.

"We will continue to stand by communities affected by the worst natural disaster in our nation's history," Mr Brumby said.

"The Marysville Golf and Bowls Club is the only community asset in the region that survived the tragic February 2009 bushfires.

"It has been an important meeting place since the Fires and has been the venue for memorial services, community meeting for the broader region.

"Now the club has the potential to become the focal point both locally and also internationally, with world-class facilities."

The Marysville Golf and Bowls Club redevelopment will include a new clubhouse and community facilities, clubrooms.

The clubhouse facilities will also include new rooms for club members including a bar and restaurant area and pro-shop. Preliminary master plan work for the site is being generously donated by Karl Fender and Fender Katsalidis.

The Chair of the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Pat McNamara said the fund is playing an important role in the community rebuilding process.

"The Panel has agreed to support a new community-based facility as part of the redevelopment of the Marysville Golf Club, which has been such an important part of the bushfire recovery process," Mr McNamara said.

"Overall approximately \$302 million in individual and family assistance has been committed through the Appeal Fund while \$73 million in funds has been set aside specifically for important community initiatives to help make a difference to the recovery and rebuilding process in bushfire-affected communities."

Greg Norman, who visited Marysville earlier this year, said his golf course design company would provide their services pro-bono.

The design work by the Greg Norman team, will maintain the unique character and enjoyment of the course, while emphasising the course's strengths.

These works will be completed by GNGCD and are being funded through the partnership between the golf club, the funds raised by philanthropists Andrew Fox, Andrew Forrest, Greg Norman, the Australian Children's Trust and Victorian Government.

"I would like to thank the Fox and Forrest families for their commitment to the people of Marysville, their understanding of the devastation and impact of the tragic events, and above all to their commitment and for keeping their word," Mr Norman said.

As part of this development, the Victorian Government will also fund the purchase of an 8 acre site, immediately adjacent to the site for use of the Golf and Bowls club in a future development.

As a condition of funding, this land will be made available to a prospective investor on a peppercorn lease in the short term or free for the club's use to develop in the medium term.

## Five new first attack dozers boost fire fighting capability

The pre-summer arrival of five new first attack dozers has added even more horsepower to the Department of Sustainability and Environment's (DSE) stable of heavy fire fighting machinery.

The five \$400,000 dozers are upgrades to DSE's existing fleet and will be deployed to DSE and Parks Victoria depots at Wail (South West), Marysville (North East), Noojee (Central), Cann River (East Gippsland) and Nowa Nowa (East Gippsland).

DSE Acting Chief Officer Kevin Ritchie said the Caterpillar D4K dozers, supplied under contract, will play a critical role in the lead up to and during the fire season.

"First attack is often where the battle is won. When we can get our crews and equipment there fast we are more likely to be able to limit the spread and size of a bushfire," Mr Ritchie said.

"We'll be getting these dozers out to where they are needed in the next couple of weeks and our firefighters will start using them straight away in the lead up to the bushfire season. These dozers are really useful and effective for clearing tracks, maintaining fire breaks and for planned burns."

"These 10 tonne machines are prized by our crews, because they are highly manoeuvrable, easily transported on the back of a truck or trailer."

"In addition to the five new dozers, DSE has a fleet of 275 mobile plant and heavy vehicles located across the state, including graders, backhoes, tractors and trucks."

DSE also has access to approximately 2000 registered pieces of heavy plant on a 'call when needed' contract with private operators.

To streamline this contracting process, DSE has just launched a new easy-to-use online web portal where plant owners and operators can register and update information about their equipment, insurance details and safety compliance.

This ends the need for operators to lodge annual hard copy tender documents and means DSE has current and accurate information about plant available for deployment locally.

For more information about fire prevention call the DSE Customer Service Centre on 136 186 or go to [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au)

Murrindindi District Operations Manager Bill Twitchett and Marysville Crew Matt Woehl and John Neal with the new D4 dozer



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