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FUNDS TO BOOST TOWN AND TOURISM

AN investment of \$429,000 to replace lost community assets in Marysville and erect town signage will help generate a new confidence in the bushfire-affected Murrindindi Shire, Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development and Bushfire Reconstruction, Ben Hardman said today.

Representing the Minister for Regional and Rural Development, Jacinta Allan, Mr Hardman said the grant was made possible through a partnership between the State Government and the Community Enterprise Foundation of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

Each organisation contributed \$2 million to support projects which would provide for economic development and broad benefit to the communities of fire affected areas.

Mr Hardman said a \$300,000 grant would go towards a community meeting space at the new Marysville Community Centre and a \$129,000 grant would be used for signage to attract visitors to the Murrindindi region.

"The Black Saturday fires that swept through the area left Marysville and the surrounding communities with almost no community infrastructure," Mr Hardman said.

"About 500 businesses experienced loss of property, life and income and many more are feeling the indirect impacts of reduced trade.

"The *Community Meeting Spaces in Marysville Project* will contribute to the construction of a community meeting room in the new multi-million dollar Marysville Community Centre.

"The new community centre will be the main local facility and will become an essential part of the town's infrastructure.

"The bushfires caused an estimated 50 per cent loss of employment in Marysville, with the subsequent downturn in tourism and hospitality, however it's estimated that at least 50 jobs will be generated in the building of the community centre."

Mr Hardman said the Marketing Murrindindi Project would involve the installation of new signage to promote Murrindindi Shire as a vibrant place to visit.

"We are already seeing a positive return of visitors to the area, with about 130,000 visitors coming to enjoy this season's excellent snow falls at Lake Mountain and many anglers from around the state coming for the Big Fish competition," Mr Hardman said.

"With Lake Eildon filling fast, local businesses are gearing up for a bumper season of water-based activities.

"The Marketing Murrindindi Project will help encourage people to visit, shop and use local trades and services.

"Signage includes municipal boundary entrance/welcome signs, town/village entrance/welcome signs and service organisation/event signs."

"Local trades people will be targeted for both the manufacture and installation of the signage."

Mr Hardman said funding for both projects was from the \$4 million *Bushfire Recovery Community Infrastructure Program*.

"The *Bushfire Recovery Community Infrastructure Program* is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's charitable arm, the Community Enterprise Foundation, to help rebuild community infrastructure and provide jobs in Victoria's bushfire-affected communities," Mr Hardman said.

"The State Government has provided \$2 million to this program as part of the *Living Regions, Living Suburbs* initiative which helps to deliver on our commitment to provide bushfire-affected communities with greater opportunities for growth by supporting community and economic development."

Photo: Cr Kevin Bellingham, Mayor Peter Beales, Tony Thompson, Shire CEO Margaret Abbey, Mike Fleming Bendigo Bank, Cr John Walsh, Ben Hardman MP



BUXTON CFA UPDATE

After a long period of lobbying Buxton CFA Brigade has recently taken possession of two sets of breathing apparatus thus adding to their fire fighting capabilities.

This will allow fire fighters to enter burning buildings should this be required and also deal with any other incidents that may require breathing apparatus.

The brigade tanker was taken to a CFA workshop where a special locker was fitted to the rear of the truck to accommodate equipment.

The locker is fitted out to take two sets of breathing apparatus and has retractable gear to allow for the apparatus to be pulled out of the locker for ease of fitting.

When out of the locker the apparatus can be adjusted in height to suit the height of the operator who backs up onto the gear, buckles up and is then ready to go.

Specialised equipment is required in the form of a special helmet complete with a full-face mask and a high-density light fitted to the side of the helmet.

Additional protective clothing over and above that which is required for normal wildfire fire fighting is also issued.

In addition to the clothing other safety items are also necessary for such things as testing the air bottles and warning devices that indicate the safe working times when in the building plus the amount of air remaining in the bottles

A rope is another piece of safety equipment that is important. This can be fixed at the entrance of the building and played out as the operators work their way through the building. It can then be used as a guide when exiting the building should the operator become disorientated due to heavy smoke.

The operation requires a minimum team of three. Two BA operators work together in the building where they work closely as a pair and a third person who operates what is known as a TALLY BOARD or, alternatively, a BATTLE BOARD.

This operator records the time in and time out so that a record can be kept of the time when the air supply in the bottles is in danger of being depleted, but leaving enough air in the bottles as a safety margin to allow for the safe exit of the building

Alarms will operate when this stage is reached.

In view of the fact that Buxton Brigade is a Wildfire fighting brigade it was necessary for additional training to be undertaken in the skills of Structural Fire fighting and Urban Fire fighting which was done before the volunteers could undergo the required two training courses for BA operators

The actual BA course consisted of a day of theory at Taggerty and a day of assessment at Wangaratta.

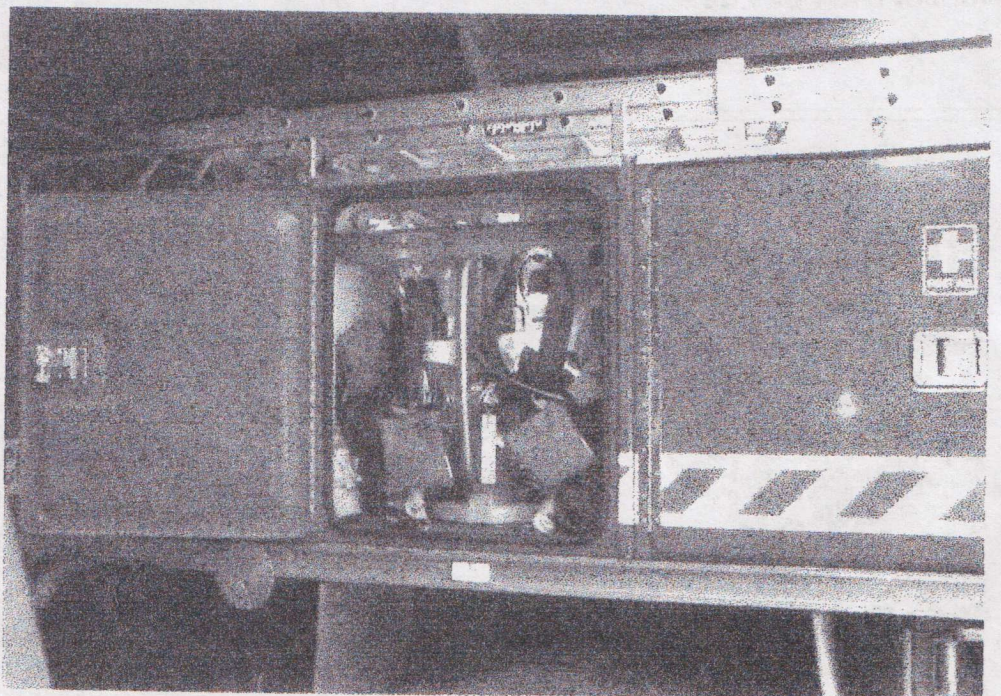
To maintain the qualification it is necessary to re-certify by completing the assessments annually.

There are a total of five qualified operators in the Brigade at present and it is hoped that, as more courses become available, this number can be increased with more members volunteering to undertake the necessary training courses.

Buxton Brigade would like to increase the number of members in the brigade in order to ensure that more fire fighters are available for any call outs that may occur.

Any body interested in joining can contact the Brigade Captain Mark Somers on 57747411 (mob 0408995683) or the Brigade Secretary Graham Eddy on 57747411.

They will be only too pleased to answer any questions or supply any information that you may require.



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Footy Back Next Year

Last Saturday night, Marysville District Football & Netball Club Members and Friends gave an enthusiastic response to the news that the Club will be fielding a team next year.

At a Dinner Dance at The Crossways, it was announced that the team would play in the Veterans (Over 35) section of the Yarra Valley Mountain District Football League in 2011. This decision came after the club recently advertised for expressions of interest from potential participants. The results were extremely encouraging and at a meeting on Saturday 16th October, the Committee passed a unanimous vote to proceed.

The CEO of the YVMDFL, Mr Steve Walter had recommended this option to MDFNC President, John Phillips following the formation of the Club and has strongly endorsed the decision. "This is a great way for the Marysville District to re-develop football in the area. Vets football is family orientated, not as demanding to run as mainstream football and will provide a good guide to community response and possibilities for later on, as the area re-develops," Mr Walter said after hearing of the decision.

In addition to a strong response from potential players, the Club has had 2 approaches for the coaching position, both of whom are quality candidates.

The Club is also hoping to get a favourable response from Murrindindi Council and the Gallipoli Park Recreation Reserve Management Committee to its plan for upgrading the Trevor Harrow Oval. The Victorian Country Football League strongly supports the upgrade, and if successfully undertaken, would assist the MDFNC in bringing significant sporting events to Marysville on an ongoing basis, according to John Phillips. "There are specific high level grants available to communities for this type of project but they need Council endorsement and support. We are looking forward to meeting with the decision makers and outlining the exciting possibilities for Marysville as a sporting destination", he said.

If you are interested in a role with Football in 2011, please contact Terry Ross 0419 512363, Greg Elder 0430 135506 or Wayne Bisset 0408 370390

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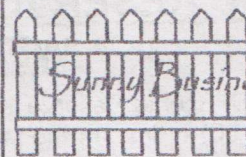
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