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Triangle trails get the tick of approval from Council

Taking in the tranquility of Taggerty, Narbethong and Buxton will soon be enhanced with the approval of three specially built paths.

The Triangle Community Trails project has been endorsed by Murrindindi Shire Council and will see the development and construction of three paths that will allow for a range of activities.

The trails and their distances are:
Buxton: The North trail "Meeting of the Waters" is 1.3 kilometres and offers a high quality environmental experience taking in the Acheron River. The East Trail is three kilometres long and is designed to take in the Steavenson River.

Taggerty: The Eastern loop is a 1.5 kilometre trail which creates a loop linking the existing path around the shop/ school with an attractive

section on Little River Reserve.

Narbethong Nature Trail: This trail is about 850 metres in length and is located within the Narbethong forest reserve. It will be constructed, owned and managed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).

Mayor Peter Beales said the project cost was estimated at \$1.5 million.

"There has been a lot of consultation on the trails project. We have reached a significant point, as Council had previously raised concerns about the costs of maintaining the trails," Cr Beales said.

"We have reached a good compromise and while we do expect on-going costs to be around \$15,000 a year, the construction of the trails will come at no cost to ratepayers.

"Importantly the on-going costs have been factored into our efficiency review and our forward financial planning."

Cr Beales said the benefits of the project would be both community and tourism based.

"The benefits will be easy community accessible infrastructure for health, fitness and enjoyment as well as the tourism aspect on taking in some of the wonderful natural attractions of the triangle area," Cr Beales said.

DSE has agreed to manage the delivery of the entire project, working with Council and a Project Control Group arrangement.

Construction work is expected to take some time with DSE needing to obtain various approvals including cultural heritage assessments.

Colourful lining to Marysville Streets

Japanese Dogwoods, tulip trees, acacias, eucalypts and two pine varieties are just some of the 40 different tree species that will be planted in Marysville during October.

In total, 308 trees will be planted across the town as part of the Marysville Town Amenity project.

Cathedral Ward Councillor Kevin Bellingham said the project would continue to enhance the town.

"There is a wonderful, eclectic mix of exotic and native tree species that will be planted mainly along road reserves," Cr Bellingham said.

"With many being mature stock, they will immediately stand out being some one and half metres to three meters high.

"The selection of species was agreed through a range of community consultations and we want to place identification plaques on some of the trees that will be planted in the main commercial area of the town."

The plantings will occur in mid October to take advantage of the spring growing conditions.

Small marker flags and stakes will soon appear in Marysville showing

the exact locations of the plantings.

Planting locations can be modified slightly depending on road reserve width, underground services present, visibility, proximity of powerlines and other infrastructure.

Residents wanting to slightly modify the location of planting locations adjacent to their property can contact Council's Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Unit on 5772 0352 or Council's contract arborist Chris Spencer from ENSPEC on 0417702190 to discuss or arrange a site meeting.

Parks Victoria rangers are extremely disappointed following extensive vandalism to the recently completed facilities at Sugarloaf Saddle Day Visitor Area in the Cathedral Range State Park.

Damage to the site included:

The recently built toilets and two water tanks were damaged with an axe

One of the toilets was set on fire rendering it unusable

Newly installed signage was also destroyed

Native garden beds recently planted by volunteers from the Jewish National School and their Israeli visitors were uprooted

The visitor facilities, including a day shelter, toilets, landscaping, picnic tables, water tanks and signage were installed as part of the fire recovery program, after the original facilities were destroyed on Black Saturday.

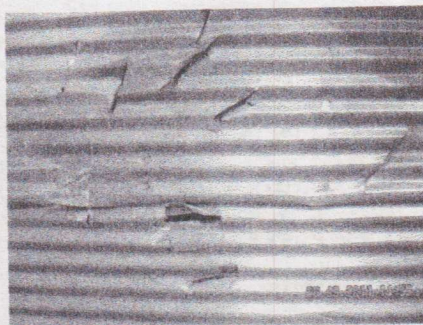
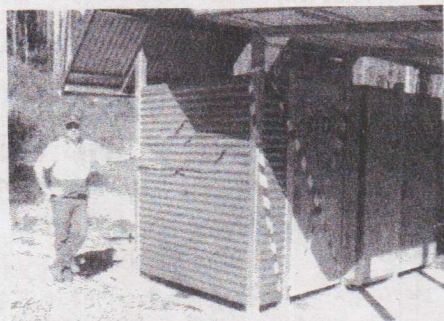
"To say this vandalism is disappointing is a vast understatement", said Parks Victoria Ranger in Charge Julie Flack.

"These amenities were top quality and were installed by Parks Victoria with extensive input and involvement from local Licensed Tour Operator and community groups. Many park visitors were enjoying and appreciating these new facilities, and now the site will need significant repairs," said Julie.

"We were so proud to be able to get this site rebuilt and open after Black Saturday. The contribution from the locals made this site extra special. The repair work we now need to do will take our rangers away from other work in the park at a very busy time of the year."

The site has now been made safe and there are facilities available for public use including the visitor shelter and one toilet. Further repairs are now underway. Members of the public who have any information about the vandalism, which occurred on 24 or 25 September, are asked to contact the Police on 000.

"The park continues to be a fantastic place to visit. The bush has recovered well from the fire and at the moment there is a wonderful showing of Spring flowers. The school holidays have seen a steady flow of visitors enjoying the park, which we expect to continue," said Julie.



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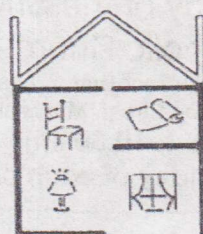
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