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President Glenn McFadzean

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Murrindindi Shire Heritage Study Adopted

The Murrindindi Shire Heritage Study has been formally adopted by the Murrindindi Shire Council and will now move to the next stage in the process which will require an amendment to the Murrindindi Planning Scheme to include nominated places in the Heritage Overlay.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor John Walsh said that the progress of the study was delayed due to the need to make revisions following the February 2009 bushfires. Work recommenced in January 2011.

"It has been a long process with the first of three stages beginning back in 2004.

"We have systematically worked through the staged process of iden-

tifying sites with heritage potential; researching, assessing and documenting all the places identified and now implementing the Heritage Study and Planning Scheme amendment.

"Throughout the process Council has focused on consulting with the community reference group, all affected property owners, community members and Heritage Victoria.

"It's very important that we get this right for the sake of preserving our heritage.

"The amendment to the planning scheme is planned to commence in 2012 when funding is available and will give all members of the community, including people with properties

directly affected, a further opportunity to lodge a submission to the proposed overlay.

"The Murrindindi Shire Heritage Study has been primarily funded through grants provided by Heritage Victoria.

"Should anyone have any continuing concerns about the Planning Scheme amendment process we will provide an opportunity for their issues to be heard by an independent panel," said Cr Walsh.

Copies of the Murrindindi Shire Heritage Study are available for viewing at all Council offices and at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

Marysville Tree works

Council has been undertaking tree safety operations since the February 2009 fires across the Murrindindi Shire.

A recent tree assessment and scope of works has been carried out by a qualified arborist and has concluded that seven trees in the Marysville township need to be removed and one has been marked for major pruning of dead limbs.

The locations of these works are;

34 Murchison Street
(adjoining the old Cumberland site) – One tree to be removed and replaced with the same species.

25 Falls Road (in front of the Community Centre) - Two trees to be removed
Gallipoli Park (behind the Visitor Information Center/ Rebuilding Advisory Centre) – One tree to be removed

Settlers Park – Three trees to be removed and one marked for major pruning.

Works are scheduled to start on Monday 19 March 2012 and Tuesday 20 March 2012 (weather permitting).

To discuss the proposed works please contact Carren Hedger on (03) 5772 0352 or email

chedger@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

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Marysville Primary
School
Parent's Club A.G.M

to be held on Friday 9th March
2012
at 9.15am in the Staff Room at
Marysville Primary School.

What's on When in March

Friday 9th - Marysville P.S. Parents' Club AGM (see notice)
Sunday 11th - Marysville Community Market
Wednesday 14th - Taggerty Community Progress Group
Thursday 15 - CFA Narbethong - General Meeting - 8pm
Monday 19 - MOPS AGM @ 7.30pm - Village Walk
Wednesday 21st - Lions Dinner Meeting
Sunday April 1st - Buxton CFA General Meeting 9.00am

The **Committee of Management of the Gallipoli Park Precinct**, which
includes the Marysville Community Centre, have scheduled meetings
for the 4th Tuesday of each month, i.e. February 28, March 27, April 24,
May 22 etc.

Meetings will be held in the top floor Community Room at the Commu-
nity Centre in Falls Road, Marysville at 5.00pm. Members of the com-
munity are welcome to attend.

All Bookings for the use of any area of Gallipoli Park
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Mark in your diary - Monday 19th March at 12 noon
Our speaker is Peter Allen, if you were there last time you will
know how inspirational Peter is. Peter will talk on Permaculture,
growing fruit trees and anything else you care to ask him

Lunch is provided so please let us know if you will be attending.

Ph: Nancy 57747324 or Val 59634592

Town Meeting

Narbethong Community Hall
March 22nd 6pm

Narbethong Progress Assoc.
Re-Election of new committee.
No new committee!
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Subjects and Items like... Town speed limits, picnic areas, town decorations,
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We will meet on Wednesday evenings the 7th, 14th and 21st. of March at 7.30pm. at the home of Jamie and Roslyn Duncan, 1 Dickinson Track Marysville. Our contact phone number is 0457094752.

MOPS* AGM

Monday March 19, 2012

Shop 4, The Village Walk, Marysville

7.30pm – 8.00pm

**Agenda: Office Bearers Reports
Election of committee**

Please stay after the formalities for a cup of tea and a chat

It has been a fabulous year for the shop. Please come along and show your support. Nomination forms for committee members are available from Lisa Nolte, President on 0431450160.

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MARYSVILLE PRE SCHOOL DUCK RACE

Saturday 24th March- part of the Wirreanda Festival

3pm- Steavenson River, near the Playground

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Marysville Preschool is having its annual DUCK RACE once again. The image of ducks waddling down the main street may be amusing but not quite our thing. We prefer our ducks to float-no we are not intending to flood the main street! We float them down our beautiful Steavenson River Everyone has the opportunity to become part of this thrilling and exciting event.

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Good Luck and see you at the RACE!

El Kanah's Open Weekend

We would like to thank the Community for all its support and encouragement over the Open Weekend. Despite the weather it was a wonderful weekend with many people coming through the building

For those who were unable to make it and would like to have a look round, please feel free to ring Peter (0414 864 329) or Vera (0414 564 309), you would be very welcome



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Further enquiries:

Pastor Ivor Jones: 0414 430 951

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11 am, Monday 19th March - RSVP Friday 16th March, 0417 299 160, lynne@bloomingthreads.info

Lampries, a very Special Occasion dish from Sri Lanka

Please bring a cup for drinks, a plate to put your meal on and a fork to eat it with.

Take a banana leaf, plop on a spoonful of Ghee Rice, a few Frikkadels (meatballs), some Curry made from lamb, beef, chicken and pork, eggplant pickle, chilli sambol, and prawn blachan then pour over the coconut milk. Wrap and heat in the oven.

Then stand back as your guests release amazing aromas as they open their steaming leaf-wrapped parcels.

If that is not enough, they can be made ahead of time - even frozen ready for a future special event or just kept in the freezer for an instant meal on a busy day.

Monday 16th April, 11am - RSVP Friday 13th April, 0417 299 160, lynne@bloomingthreads.info

"Beyond the Cornflake" or "Is there more to Breakfast than Porridge?"

Please bring a cup for drinks, two small plates and two small bowls to eat from, and a fork and soup spoon to eat with.

Eggs poached in spinach or tomato nests; Eggplant wrapped ricotta with mint and honey; Rice Congee; Noodle soup, Malaysian Coconut Rice bring the wide world into your kitchen and explore the breakfast foods of other cultures.

Monday 14th May, 11am

What I did on my Holidays. Some new recipes from my recent trip to Vietnam. Tofu with tomato, Fried Eggplant and I'll decide on the rest closer to the time.

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Mayor's Chair

In conversations recently I have heard statements along the lines of "The Council sets up community consultation sessions and meetings but we all know you've already made up your minds." This could not be further from the truth.

I am very pleased to say that the current Councillors take the process very seriously and the decision at February's Council meeting to refurbish the wooden Breakaway Bridge at Acheron provides a prime example of how the process works.

The purpose of consultation is to gain information from the community to support better decision making, however it needs to be remembered that consultation is not a referendum. Nor can it be. Consultation concentrates on key elements but often cannot cover all the linked legal, regulatory, budget and good governance matters that Council must also consider in many decisions. Consultation has always resulted in additional information that has improved the final decisions.

I raise this because we are having a series of meetings to gain the Community's views on the results of the Council's Service Review.

The Review was conducted as part of our commitment to advise on the impacts of limiting rate increases to 6 per cent or less while still operating and maintaining all the new assets built since the fires. A lot of work has gone into the report, a summary of which has been sent to all residents. We are in a time of very limited finances and we need to ensure that we live within our means and essential services continue to be provided. We need your feedback on the proposals within the report. If you don't like some cuts, be prepared to suggest where other savings could be made. Please take the time to read the report and come along to the meetings and tell us your views. The results will be used in confirming or adjusting the way ahead and in developing this year's budget.

John Walsh
Mayor.

Continuing the adventures of local policeman Greg Paul, on his World Loppet skiing tour of Europe.

In the Tartu Marathon in Estonia on 19th February he finished the 63km race in 1520th position out of a massive field of 5114 competitors

On 26th February he came 352nd out of 4006 competitors in a 90km race (yes, you read that correctly - ninety kms) at the Oppet Spar race of the Vasaloppet in Sweden on 26th February.

On 2nd March Greg took part in the Finlandia Hiihto Ski Marathon - a 50km race in the Finland. Again, he did us proud coming 626th in a very large field of which 2925 competitors. Huge congratulation to Greg. We can only imagine how his legs must ache after each race.

The World Loppet series is a series of marathon cross country ski races held around the world, and are regarded as the world's premier long distance ski races. Australia hosts one race in this series held at Falls Creek each August, called the Kangaroo Hoppet.

(Mystic Mountains Ski Hire in Narbethong is proud to have outfitted Greg with his warm-up clothing)

If anyone from the community has any excess fresh produce from their vegetable garden, and they would like to donate some to the kinder / pre school, we have a produce table which we sell to the families and staff at the centre, and the money goes into our garden to buy seedlings, and plants for the children to plant and nurture, what is grown at the centre from the vegetable patch the children prepare, cook and enjoy. Call - Sherrie 0417 036379

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Historic bridge saved

Murrindindi Shire Council recently voted to refurbish the historic Breakaway bridge rather than replace it with a new structure. This decision reflects a comprehensive community consultation process that showed strong support for the retention and repair of the existing bridge. Work to refurbish the existing timber structure will lift its load carrying capacity to 20 tonnes from the current 3 tonnes.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor John Walsh said that the bridge is currently in a very poor condition and it has been time critical to determine the future of the bridge before its condition forced its closure due to public safety.

"Council explored a number of options with regard to the Bridge including a new timber structure, a new concrete structure and a hybrid solution of both concrete and timber.

"Consultation with the community was one of the key steps in Council's decision making process. The process resulted in Council receiving 361 submissions being presented to Council in January, the overwhelming majority of which supported retention of the existing bridge.

"The community must be congratulated on the way they have participated in the consultation process and the quality of their submissions," said Cr Walsh.

Council also resolved to reclassify Breakaway Road to Access road status from the current Link Road status within Council's Road Management Plan.

The significance of this reclassification facilitates the refurbishment option and maintains the amenity and charm of the local area ensuring that the site will remain a tourist destination for years to come.

Included in Council's 2011/2012 Annual Budget is an allocation of \$700,000 towards the refurbishment of the Breakaway Bridge. Additional funds have been secured through the Country Roads and Bridges Initiative program to ensure the projects completion. Annual monies will need to be allocated in Council's budget for the ongoing maintenance of the bridge.

Marysville & District Sesquicentenary Celebrations

A preliminary meeting was held on the last Monday of February to have discussions re these celebrations.

Representatives were there from the Lions, MMT, Churches and Historical Society.

Approaches will be made to other groups and individuals to be represented in these ongoing plans.

Timing of such events needs a lot of thought. We don't want to clash with Footy Finals or the Sparkling Wine Festival.

Many ideas were put forward, but we need **YOUR INPUT**. This is a super special time to celebrate our Triangle Community recovery and spirit.

Next meeting will be at the Historical Society's Local History Centre, 39 Darwin Street, on Monday March 26th at 7.30pm.

The Historical Society is not running this committee! We are simply trying to get the momentum going.

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Murrindindi Shire Council

Services Review

Community Information Sessions



The Murrindindi Shire Council will consult widely with individuals and community groups in implementing the recommendations of a wide-ranging review of Council services.

The recommendations of the Services Review if adopted, will form the basis of a four point Action Plan to secure a sustainable future for Murrindindi by providing a framework to build a secure financial footing for the future, while minimising the impact on ratepayers and the broader community.

Members of the community are invited to these information sessions to find out more about the plan and how to make a written submission:

- Thursday 15 March, 7pm, Alexandra Shire Hall
- Tuesday 20 March, 7pm, Yea Shire Hall
- Wednesday 21 March, 7pm, Kinglake Temporary Kitchen
- Thursday 22 March, 7pm, Marysville Community Centre

MARYSVILLE PATISSERIE

We will be open for dinner from 6,30 pm over the Labour day weekend from Thursday 8th March to Sunday 11th March

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The past week, with high rainfall, was certainly a challenging one for golfers in Marysville but the fairways and greens coped very well with the deluge and most of the weekly competitions were held.

The Wednesday golfers played a Par round and the winner was Yewls Kuan (10) with +3 followed by Ian Wilton (23) with +1. Yewls also won the nearest the pin competition with his tee shot on the 18th hole.

Fourteen golfers played nine holes of stableford on Thursday and the winner was Andrew Wheeler with 20 points on a count back from Rob Christie. The nearest the pin competition was won by Ken Whittingham. During the presentation new member Adam Delarue from Croydon was welcomed by those present.

Last Saturday due to the inclement weather the scheduled final round of the Foodworks Murrindindi Masters at Alexandra was postponed and has been rescheduled for Saturday March 17th.

Most members with access to the Bureau of Meteorology's website and the rainfall radar decided to stay at home on Saturday but some hardy players decided to go to the club and assess the weather first hand. Whilst some were initially reluctant to don their wet weather clothes peer pressure prevailed and the players gradually took the plunge and walked to the first tee. A formal competition was not held but they all survived their soaking and after 18 holes retreated to the clubhouse for refreshments!

On Thursday six ladies will travel to Seymour to play in their Annual Phyllis Williams Bowl.

Next Saturday we will welcome 50 players from the Lakeside GC in Melbourne for the annual Lakeside-Marysville Challenge. All players will play a stableford game and after play, lunch and presentations will be held. Marysville are the holders of the Marysville-Lakeside Challenge Trophy and are hoping to retain it. All local golfers are invited to play for Marysville in this challenge and can obtain the details by contacting the club.

All community members are welcome to attend the weekly Friday night Happy Hour from 5-7pm in the clubhouse. Our thanks to Ron Denmead and Ron Jones for coordinating the Happy Hour and to all volunteers who are office bearers and committee members, and those who assist in the shop and on the course.

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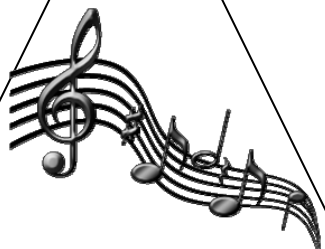
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Long lunch undercover

The long lunch, a sold out event was enjoyed by 150 attendees at the new Marysville Community centre. An inclement weather call was made on Thursday at 11.30 on site at hosts Maryton Park B&B Country Cottages and the small volunteer team of the Marysville's World's Longest Lunch made the hard decision to move the entire event and its infrastructure in to the village.

The popular lunch is the 8th one held in Marysville and part of the Melbourne Food and Wines Festivals 20th birthday year celebrations.

From 12 noon on the Friday the canapés presented by Luke Wakefield, Eildon Boat Club were circulating and being offered to the crowd courtesy of the Alexandra Secondary Colleges hospitality team and it was like the event had not moved at all.

The canapés comprised David Blackmore's Wagyu Beef miniature Big Macs and Eildon Trout Farm's Rainbow Trout cured with fresh local Wasabi, Enoki Mushrooms and Bean shoots. Yarallah Lamb Shoulder, Turnips Braised in Caramel, Coffee Biscotti and the elegant Roquefort Chantilly Swans circulated on platters. These gorgeous looking and tasting canapés were paired with Don Kinloch 2008 Sparkling White, Sedona Estate 2006 Merlot, Barwite 2008 Riesling and local beers and Cider.

With Paul Dillon singing and playing acoustic guitar in the background it encouraged attendees to settle in to the afternoon and enjoy the sensational food and wine courses to follow.



Entrees were presented this year with a joint effort from Maryton Park and Marysville Patisserie; Tony Thompson with his Maryton Platter with small selections of Yea Cheese, Thornton Butcher and Deli's Smoked Meats, Goulburn Strathbogie Olives, Maryton Pickled Onions, Buxton Trout and Salmon and Two Pickled Relish served with a crusty Croissant. The platter was paired with Little River Estate 2008 Chardonnay. Tony was assisted by guest celebrity chef Poh Ling Yeow who in her usual cheerful manner enjoyed the plating up and working with the team behind the scenes.

Christine and Ashraf Doos presented a marinated Molesworth "Bulls eye" Beef fillet served on a Thai salad tossed in a spiced coconut and local lime dressing was delightful and the crispness of the salad complemented nicely with the fillet and Ros Ritchie's 2010 Gerwurztraminer.

Mains were presented by Kim and Christian Bergmoser from The Magnolia, Mansfield with Slow roasted pink eye fillet of Mansfield Val-

ley Angus beef, wrapped in prosciutto, with pesto, served on a mini osso bucco ragout, served with High Country braised Autumn vegetables, there was also a second main with Rack of Mansfield Valley Organic Honey Lamb, served on a Lamb Shank Casserole with High Country braised Autumn vegetables. Both were very well received by all, most spoke about the fillet melting in your mouth. The mains were paired with Delatite 2008 Devils River and Murrindindi Family Reserve 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon.

MC Andrew Embling called on President of the Upper Goulburn Food and Wine Group Mitch MacRae to present last year's luncheon

proceeds for Charlton Chamber of Commerce to Bendigo Bank Group manager Mike Fleming to assist with Victoria's flood recovery.

The recipients of this year's fundraising efforts were announced by Mitch as the Alexandra Secondary colleges' hospitality team to assist with fitting out their restaurant room with equipment.

Principal Andy Johnston was invited to speak about how the project came about and said the funds would assist the students and the project greatly.

So with assistance from kind sponsors and local businesses and groups donations and with Andrew Embling as auctioneer nearly four thousand dollars was raised with many auction items that were hotly contested – including a signed painting from Poh.

The raffles included the popular Two Pickled hampers and items of local



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Megan Knapps, from Pure Taste in Mansfield was the final course with her dessert of Strathbogie Ranges Hazelnut and Walnut Tart with Marinated Murrindindi Figs and Praline Cream Curl. This beautifully presented and tasting dessert was paired with Delatite 2010 Catherine.

4pm seemed to come around way too quickly; coffee was served and supplied by Great Divide Coffee and then it was homeward bound for our local and Melbourne visitors.

Photos and more information on www.uge.asn.au

Taggerty Trail under review

Murrindindi Shire Council is seeking community feedback on three trail routes being proposed for the Taggerty section of the Triangle Community Trails project.

The project is being jointly managed by Council, and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and is funded by the Victorian Bush-fire Appeal Fund and Department of Planning and Community Development.

Council and DSE recently held a community meeting to discuss the proposed Taggerty section of the Triangle Community Trail. The meeting was well attended with more than 45 members of the community present.

Mayor John Walsh said: "Council and DSE have investigated three trail options as a result of community concerns about the proposed loop, and nearby landholders have been consulted."

The three proposed trails are:

- The existing proposed trail, with the trail to be located on the southern side of the Little River and an additional section to run east from Wylie Street along the northern side of the river
- A wider trail in the Taggerty township running down the SEC road easement from Webbs Lane to the Little River and across to Maroondah Highway along the southern side of the river
- A single direction trail on the western side of the Acheron River from Maroondah Highway

Community comment on the proposed trails is open from 7 March to 23 March 2012.

Maps of the three trails and feedback forms are available at the Taggerty General Store and can also be downloaded from Council's website at www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

The preferred trail will be presented to the community at a public meeting on Monday 2 April 2012 at 6.30pm at the Taggerty Hall, Taggerty.

For further information about the project and the proposed trails contact Simon Gough, Project Manager at triangle.communitytrails@dse.vic.gov.au.

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The Fire Danger Period will end at 01.00 hours on Tuesday 13th March 2012. It was originally scheduled to end 1 May 2012.

Hume Regional Commander Peter O'Keefe said the decision was made in consultation with DSE, local councils and brigades and reflected the changed on-ground conditions.

"The heavier than expected rains and milder weather informed CFA's decision to declare an early end to the Fire Danger Period," Mr O'Keefe said.

"This decision will allow rural landholders to undertake burning off of weeds, grass or undergrowth on their properties without the need for a council permit. This is an early opportunity for them to start cleaning up and preparing their properties for next summer.

"It's advised, however, that property owners contact their local council in the first instance as local laws on burn-offs do apply, even outside of the declared Fire Danger Period," he said.

Mr O'Keefe said that burn-offs should also be registered with the VicFire Burn-off notification line (1800 668 511) and that property owners should:

- notify neighbours of their intention to burn
- check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards
- ensure there are enough resources on hand to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.
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Mr O'Keefe added the Department of Sustainability and Environment would also be looking to undertake planned burns in the region in the coming weeks. More information is available on the DSE website: www.dse.vic.gov.au

For further CFA Farm Fire Management information: "*On the Land: Agricultural Fire Management Guidelines.*" Fire management advice for people living and working on rural properties and for those new to farming. Available at www.cfa.vic.gov.au. Or contact the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) on 1800 240 667 to order your FREE copy.

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