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Friday March 16th 2012

President Glenn McFadzean

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The Hills are alive with the.....

sound of music - briefly

Steavenson Falls, once again looking absolutely beautiful, was the setting for the "final rehearsal" for the big Three Tenors Show this Saturday night at the Community Centre.

Accompanied by Lions President, (an out of form/practice) Glenn McFadzean, the Tenors belted out some tunes to ready themselves for this Saturday night's performance!

Marysville and District Lions are proudly presenting "The Three Tenors Show" this Saturday night from 6pm, and there are a few tickets left for those who are yet to make up their mind, so be quick and give Helen a call on 0448954667 to book your seat for

this fabulous 'Dinner and Show'!

The Three Tenors will be performing all the great "Opera Show Stoppers" and "Stage Hits", accompanied by Soprano and Band.

Being the first official evening function in the new Community Centre, this is a milestone event for us all, and the first of three major shows being brought to Marysville by the Lions this year.

On June 30 the prestigious Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow will be here, followed by a spectacular performance by Opera Australia's 'Oz Opera' on September 15, as they present one of the greatest operas of all time,

"Don Giovanni".

Marysville and District Lions look forward to presenting this exciting line up of events for the Community, and visitors to the region in 2012.

P.S. If you haven't been to the Falls recently, it's well worth a visit.

Below right, Glenn struggles to hold a note.



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Marysville Brownie Guide

AGM

Monday 26th March

9.15am

At Fraga's Cafe

What's on When in March

Thursday 15 - CFA Narbethong - General Meeting - 8pm
Monday 19 - MOPS AGM @ 7.30pm - Village Walk
Tuesday 20 - SES Marysville - Training/Meeting - 7.30pm
Wednesday 21st - Lions Dinner Meeting
Monday 25th - **Marysville Community Market**
- Buxton Reserve Working Bee
Tuesday 26th - Brownie Guides AGM, 9.15 am at Fraga's
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. 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
should be directed to the Booking Officer on:**

0408 593 633

**BUXTON RESERVE COMMITTEE
WORKING BEE**

Sunday 25th March 2012 at 11:00am

Buxton Reserve Committee of Management recently held a very
successful working bee to tidy up the river area of Buxton Re-
serve.

Another working bee is being held at Buxton Reserve on Sunday
25th March at 11am tidy up further section of the river bank.

This is a community Reserve and the entire community is invited
to participate in the cleanup. Please bring yourselves, gloves and
some hand tools if you wish.

Everyone is invited to a BBQ lunch at the conclusion. Food will be
provided Please bring your own drinks.

For further information, contact Peter Cureton, on 57747316
President, Buxton Reserve Committee of Management

CREATIVE TRIANGLE

Have resumed meeting on **Thursdays @ Butters**
Bring your current craft project or just come along for a chat and
a cuppa. Pick up new tips and make new friends.
Everyone welcome



**Marysville's
Cultural
Community Inc.
A.G.M.
Thurs., April 12th
7pm.
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All Welcome**

Town Meeting

Narbethong Community Hall

March 22nd 6pm

Narbethong Progress Assoc.
Re-Election of new committee.

No new committee!

No Progress Association!

No Community Voice!

Don't let Narbethong be SILENT.

Subjects and Items like... Town speed limits, picnic areas, town decorations, Town festivals, presentations, funding for town needs, safe bus stops, etc. All these things and much more are handled by the Progress Assoc.



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Motorhomer's February 2012 event

The annual Motorhomer's event held at the Buxton reserve in February was enjoyed by the 47 members who turned up from various parts of Australia.

The weather was kind to us. Several of the locals came to have a look at the 40 motorhomes and enquire about various aspects of motorhoming as well as discussing their plans to join us in the future!..

After a happy weekend we raised a donation of \$560 so were pleased to be able to donate \$280 to both the Buxton CFA and the Buxton Reserve Committee

Thanks Buxton..

Cliff

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You are warmly invited to join the people of Marysville Community Church to prepare for Easter this year. There will be a series of 4 evenings for prayer, sharing and Bible study.

We will meet on Wednesday evening the 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.

*Marysville & District Opportunity Shop Inc. trading as MOPS

MARYSVILLE PRE SCHOOL DUCK RACE

Saturday 24th March- part of the Wirreanda Festival

3pm- Steavenson River, near the Playground

CASH PRIZES- 1st \$200/ 2nd \$100 /3rd \$50

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.

All you have to do is buy a duck, or as many as you like for \$2. Please visit any of our local participating businesses to buy your DUCK or call Marysville and District Preschool & Kindergarten on 5963-3330



Good Luck and see you at the RACE!



The Alexandra Junior Soccer Club will be holding a special meeting on Saturday 24th March at 10.30am in the Leckie Park clubrooms.

Any persons in the district who are interested in the continuation of the soccer club are invited to attend.



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Church Service Times:

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Second Sunday
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Third, Fourth & Fifth Sundays
Buxton - 9.00 am
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Sunday Services: 10.00 am

Bible Studies: 2.00pm every Wed
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Further enquiries:

Pastor Ivor Jones: 0414 430 951
Secretary: Terry Calvert: 5772 3209
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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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Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Hi Arts Festival at Highlands. The festival has been a great success for many years not only for the artists and visitors, but also as a tremendous example of a small community that enjoys themselves through being creative and in doing so punches well above their weight. The paintings, drawings, sculpture, pottery and photography were a great mix of styles and techniques with a healthy smattering of adventurous imaginative work.

I also enjoyed a great night at Ruff Artz – good company, excellent entertainment and as always fantastic locally baked cakes during the interval. Another little treasure of small community drive and enthusiasm.

A key to the longevity of both organisations is that they have a very clear idea of their objectives; matched the objectives to the limitations on their resources; and then focused on producing high quality results. Over the years they have

gradually developed their venues to improve event presentations which further builds on, and ensures, their on-going success.

Whether it be music, plays, painting or sculpture, the arts entertain and challenge us. The arts let us escape the day-to-day but can also make us think differently about the status quo. Making each of us more rounded in our attitudes and contributing to community well-being, the arts are also a positive addition to the economy of the Shire. We are very fortunate with the variety and number of artists that live and work within Murrindindi. I encourage everyone to grab a copy of the Arts Guide and Calendar of Events from the Council offices, libraries and Visitor Information Centres then go out and strongly support our arts community. A great way to enjoy yourselves in the Heart of Victoria

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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.

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.

Three Major Facets of the Planning are: Administration
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Last Sunday Marysville hosted the Dalhousie District Captains President stableford game. A combined team of Eildon and Marysville players won the event and congratulations to Rob Christie, Ken Whittingham, Wendy Newman and Helen Findlay for their combined total of 89 points.

The Wednesday golfers played a stableford game and the winner was the in form Ian Wilton (32) with 36 points closely followed by Paul Hayden (30) with 35 points. Please note that now the weather is cooler the Wednesday competition will hit off at 10.00am.

The Thursday nine holers played stroke on the back nine holes and Laurie Wright had another win with nett 33 followed by Roger Thomas with nett 38 on a count back from Bob Emblin. Rob Christie won the nearest the pin on the 18th hole and Laurie Wright won the putting with 11 putts.

Some Marysville ladies played in the Seymour Bowl on Thursday and had a very enjoyable day.

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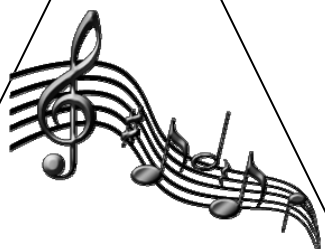
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Memorial preference confirmed

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The consultation, conducted between November 2010 and November 2011, identified the desired messages and meanings to be reflected through the memorials, as well as preferred options for their location and key features.

Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor, John Walsh, said the consultation had provided very clear direction to the memorials Working Group, allowing them to move forward into the next stage of development with a well-defined design brief for option development.

"The brief that has come out of this initial consultation identifies the need to convey honour, remembrance and reflection through the memorial, as well as survival, recovery and community spirit," Cr Walsh said.

"There was strong support for listing the names of those who were lost and for providing space on the memorials to list names in the future, should families not be ready to be involved in this when the memorials are first established.

"There was also overwhelming support for acknowledgement of the loss of pets and wildlife, with options suggested including interpretive information, paw prints, water features that double as drinking areas and wishing wells with contributions going to animal welfare organisations.

"Acknowledgement of the loss of property was also supported, but through general statements contained in interpretive information only."

Preferred locations for memorials in each community that suffered loss of life have been identified, with options for a single, larger memorial on either side of the Shire also suggested.

"While the bulk of feedback received has supported the development of individual memorials in each community that suffered loss of life, feedback received from members of the bereaved community suggested a desire for a more substantial memorial on the east and west of the Shire, which could also provide a unifying focus for the communities who faced this disaster together," Cr Walsh said.

"In recognition of our commitment to prioritise the desires of the bereaved community, a single memorial for the Triangle and another for the Kinglake Ranges/Flowerdale area will be investigated in parallel with individual memorial options.

"The key features that will be considered as part of this investigation include memorial walls, winding paths, water, gardens, rocks and stone cairns.

"Signage and other interpretive elements were another key suggestion to provide context for the memorials into the future and to provide the opportunity for visitors to the area to learn about the fires without having to ask locals to retell their stories.

"We anticipate the memorial design will be completed over the next 12 to 18 months."

Stage two of the consultation process will be commencing over the next few months. This stage will:

- further refine and distil the preferences and options identified in Stage 1
- facilitate community participation in the development of design concepts, ideas and examples
- translate those concepts and ideas into a comprehensive design brief which will be used to call for design submissions (Stage 3) for the final memorials
- finalise preferred sites
- identify additional funding to add to the existing state Government funding.

Further information on the memorials' development and upcoming consultation can be obtained by contacting Jenny Branton on 0417 532 344.

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Council's 'amnesty period' will commence from 24 March until 10 April 2012 (includes the Easter holiday period) and this will allow residents to burn off any vegetation material such as tree limbs, cuttings and dried leaves accumulated over the summer period.

Residents in residential areas are encouraged to carry out controlled burning, fires are to be no more than 1 metre diameter by 1 metre high. Council Local Laws prohibit lighting fires that cause a nuisance, such as excessive smoke.

No windrows are to be lit without a permit.

For further information contact your local fire brigade or Andrew Daly at the Council offices in Alexandra on 5772 0333 or mobile 0408 576712.

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