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President Glenn McFadzean

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Rail trail brings new opportunities for Murrindindi Shire

The official opening of the Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail will bring a new era for tourism and business opportunities across the Murrindindi Shire.

Mayor John Walsh said after a number of years of strong negotiations, productive community consultation and a willingness by key stakeholders to support the project, the rail trail had the potential to see significant on-going economic benefits for the region.

"It is a special day and Council has played a key role in ensuring that the Murrindindi Shire section of the trail has met expectations of landholders, businesses and our ratepayers," Mayor Walsh said.

"It has been at times a challenging collaborative approach to ensure the success of the project, but we have welcomed the close working relationship with landholders along the trail and the business community

who have been ardent supporters of the project.

"We will continue to work closely with our business communities and our neighbouring Councils in Mansfield and Mitchell to market and promote the benefits of this wonderful trail that truly provides riders, walkers and horse riders with a magnificent array of scenery and attractions.

"This is a proud day for all those involved in the Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail and it is important to recognise the contribution of the many people and organisations in bringing it to fruition,

particularly our funding sources through the federal and state governments as well as Council contributions.

"The popularity of the already opened sections shows that the trail will be a major drawcard to all three shires and showcase our wonderful natural assets."

Photograph: Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor John Walsh and CEO Margaret Abbey joined Minister for Regional Australia Simon Crean at the opening of Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail at Molesworth.



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Wednesday 13 - Chamber of Commerce AGM - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 20 - Lions Dinner Meeting
Thursday 21 - Narbethong CFA General Meeting - 8pm
Wednesday 27 - Historical Society Meeting
Sunday August 05 - CFA Buxton - General Meeting - 9.00am

Marysville/Triangle Men's Shed

We meet every second and fourth Wednesday in the shed at the Dickin-
son's at Crystal Journey, Buxton Marysville Road

Come at 6.00 pm for a tasty meal and good company.

**On Wednesday 13th June Sargeant Greg Paul will be guest
speaker. This promises to be a most informative night and
may be followed by a tour of the new police station.**

We will also be able to give an update on the progress of the new shed
and new projects.

To assist with catering arrangements contact either Grant 0419300230 /
email gstinear@live.com.au or call Dave 0407134277

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. , June 26, July 24,
Aug 28 etc.

Meetings will be held in the upper floor Community Room at the
Community Centre in Falls Road, Marysville at 5.30pm. Members of the
community are welcome to attend.

**All Bookings for the use of any area of Gallipoli Park
should be directed to the Booking Officer on:**
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Marysville & District Chamber of Commerce

Annual General Meeting

7.00pm Wednesday 13th of June 2012

(Please note change from previous date)

At the Crossways – Light Supper provided

Guest Speaker: Mr Paul Squires

CEO Lake Mountain Alpine Resort

Come along and support the role of the Chamber of Commerce for all retailers
and business people in the Triangle area.

You're welcome to attend.

Please email your **RSVP** to David Stirling: info@towermotel.com.au

Marysville & Triangle Youth Group
AGM

5.30 pm Tuesday, 24th July, 2012.

Pathways Office, Village Walk, Marysville.

All welcome.

83 Ladies Play In the Sandy Wilson Memorial Golf Event.

It was a busy day for the Marysville lady golfers last Thursday when they hosted the annual Sandy Wilson Memorial Bowl event.

Thirteen Dalhousie clubs were represented and also welcomed were teams from Warburton, Eastwood, Chirnside Park and Mansfield. The 83 players enjoyed playing on the lush green course in glorious sunshine. The winners of the Bowl were the ladies from Chirnside Park with 92 points just one point ahead of the home team. Gail Leigh (9) played very well on her home course and won the A grade section with an excellent 38 points. The combined team of Gail Leigh, Helen Howard and Rebecca Lee won the minor teams event. Congratulations to all the winners. Events such as these take many hours of planning and organizing. Our grateful thanks to Rob Christie and the volunteers for their work in preparing the course and to all those members who assisted on the day. Special thanks to non members Gwenda Martin, Jill Christie and Ann Barkla for their significant contribution to the smooth running of the event.

Last Wednesday the golfers played a stableford round and the winner was Alan Howard (13) with 34 points followed by Ian Wilton (20) with 31 points. The nearest the pin on the 18th hole was won by Yewls Kuan.

The Thursday nine holers played whilst the visiting ladies were enjoying the lunch and presentation. They played stableford on the front nine holes and the winner was Ken Whittingham with 20 points. The runner up was Roger Thomas on a count back from Sean Williams, Graham Page and Rob. Richards. Rob Christie won the nearest the pin competition with his tee shot on the fourth hole.

On Saturday 2nd June both the men and ladies played a stableford round for the monthly medal. The men's winner was Sean Williams (18) with 34 points on a count back from Ming Kuan and Joe Tricarico. The winner of the ladies monthly medal was Heather Jenkins (37) with an excellent 42 points followed by Jenny Coleman (23) with 31 points. Rebecca Lee (29) with 30 points won the final of the silver spoon. Congratulations to all our weekly winners. Our thanks to LJ Hooker Real Estate in Marysville for their sponsorship of the nearest the pin competition.

Next Saturday the men will play the second round of the individual match play (a stroke round for others) and the ladies will play the second round of their Club Championship.

Good Golfing.
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Exhibition closes June 29

At the RAC Building - Visitor Information Centre Marysville

Pastel Class with Janet Hayes

Thursday June 14 10 – 3pm

Well known artist Janet Hayes will give a pastel class in Marysville.

Pastels provided, paper can be purchased on the day.

At The Community Meeting Room
RAC Building - Marysville Information Centre
Murchison St, Marysville

\$10.00 fee

Bookings to Elizabeth Welch - ewelch@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Rainforest Gallery temporarily closed

The Rainforest Gallery in the Yarra Ranges National Park on Donna Buang Road is temporarily closed for public access.

Falling tree limbs have damaged a section of the galvanised walkway and associated timber hand railing. The entry gate to the walkway is locked until repair works can be carried out.

The Gallery is expected to reopen in approximately four weeks.

To stay up to date with the reopening and to find other great places to visit in the Yarra Ranges National Park and other nearby parks, please go to www.parks.vic.gov.au

JOWETT Elsie Maude "The Nanna"

03.03.1923 - 02.06.2012

In loving memory of our wonderful mother, the best Nanna and dearest friend. You gave us the greatest gift of all - your love. We will always love you and hold you close in our hearts.

—Leigh, Kaye, Damina and Mark, Erin and Christian, Matt, Doug and Pam, Carole and families.

A Service will be held on
Thursday 7th June @ 11.30am at the Marysville Community Centre.

JOWETT Elsie

Fond memories of Elsie— always a true and loyal Marysvillian - born here in 1923. She had many stories to tell. Long may "her tree" flourish in "Settlers Park" Marysville. Our condolences to Leigh, Kaye and all the family. She was much loved.

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Homebrew Legend gets Ultimate Honour

Home-grown homebrew legend Colin Penrose has been given the ultimate honour of being inducted into the Hall of Fame at *Beer & Brewer* magazine.

Keeping company with the likes of Michael Jackson – the Beer Hunter, not the singer – and Australian brewing royalty Chuck Hahn, Colin was inducted for his outstanding contribution to the homebrewing community of Australia.

Colin began his journey to homebrew guru as a frustrated beer drinker in the 1980s. Having migrated from England, Colin was disappointed by the lack of quality ale in his adopted home, and so, he turned to homebrewing to create his own.

Colin's obvious skills took him briefly down the road of professional brewing before he launched Ausbeer magazine in 1993 – copies of which are still highly sought after by homebrewing enthusiasts.



This was followed, in 1995, by the creation of the Australian Amateur Brewing Championship (AABC). The competition is still going strong to this day and represents the pinnacle of achievement for Australian homebrewers to this day.

These days Colin is content managing his brew shop, Brewers Choice Home Brewing Supplies in Woori Yallock, Victoria. And a rather successful venture it has been too, with the shop going from strength to strength. "We have had nearly 7 years of continued growth with customer service being the number one priority," he says.

Colin loves to see new faces in his shop and has vast amount of knowledge to share on his favourite subject. As the author of *The Homebrewer Survival Guide for Beginners - from Kit to Mini-Mash* and an accomplished homebrew recipe creator for *Beer & Brewer* magazine, he is an excellent resource for both those thinking of taking up homebrewing and those who have been at it for years.

Issue 21 of *Beer & Brewer* magazine is on sale nationally in Dan Murphy's, 1st Choice, BREW Cellar and homebrew stockists, as well as leading newsagents, and independent bottleshops and breweries. For subscriptions contact 1800 651 422

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Stan Larner's Miracle

My brother John (84) and I (70) have been farming in this area for nearly 50 years. We started out in the UK. There were 7 of us. The eldest was killed in the WW11 John was next eldest and I was the youngest. Mum and Dad when they retired, lived here too. Our farm is in Dyes Lane Buxton just over the Acheron River. I started my working life as a furniture store manager and John was a builder. We've always got on well together and farming became our life. We now have 15 nieces and nephews and they now have grandchildren who have children.

We are conscious that farming is the most dangerous industry to be in. There are far too many accidents involving machinery and workers. We have always been so careful. We've both always been fit although John has a weakened knee and riding a 4 wheeled farm buggy.

The day of March the 8th started with agreement between John and I that he would do the shopping in Alexandra and I would stay home to finish pushing up the windrows on flat land. Huge heaps of logs, the result of damage from recent storms and the bushfires, needed to be burnt before the rain comes.

Our tractor, a recent model with only 2000 hours on the clock is in good condition. The tubeless front tyre on a half metre wheel, came up against a log at an angle, spilled air and sent the tractor into a roll, I was flung out, fracturing my spinal column on C3 and two lower vertebrae.

The tractor recovered quickly with a broken air cleaner, dented mudguard and it is quite OK. My recovery is longer.

I was rendered helpless, although within reaching distance of the mobile phone, I couldn't move.

I wasn't in pain but I was frightened. I waited and waited for John. John had long finished the shopping and was not far from home where a large white gum had fallen in Dyes Lane. It took time to chain saw through the tree and finally reached the house. Then he couldn't find me. By this time 6 hours had elapsed. John finally found the skid marks where the tractor had been but it took longer to find me. Finally the air ambulance came 3 hours later and I was lifted to the Austin Hospital and was told I'd broken my spine. It was touch and go with lots of X rays and conferring, while they placed my head and body in rigid immobilisation. I still had no pain except for an ongoing head ache from the skull superstructure. At first I couldn't talk for the tubes etc.

Then good things began to happen, first I regained the use of my arms and left leg and now some feeling in my right leg. Time went on and I got to know the cleaners and the huge roster of nurses, therapists, specialists, doctors etc. This was a steep learning curve as I recovered. They said I'd need rehabilitation but a space was not available in any of the rehab. hospitals so I was stuck in the spinal ward.

More than 8 weeks went by and I was still in the Austin Spinal unit. The turnover of patients was huge. I became the official "winding up person" in the hospital. I'm not given to depression so I set out to be cheerful and cheeky to anyone within my electric chair range. Others noticed the difference. One of the staff, a little Asian specialist, never talked at all, but he talked to me and began to thaw out. Sometimes the saddest cases came in and the cruel words "You've broken your spinal column you'll never walk" was followed by anger and tears. I spent time with these people, some like me recovering and some never to recover. I talked.....quite a lot, using my natural effervescence. This life was so different to home where there was just John and the dog and Sunday mornings at the fire brigade. A few days ago I was all set to be transferred to the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation and as my wheelchair rolled out into the corridor it was thronged with people, all staff specialists, nurses and cleaners etc all came to farewell me. It was a most emotional time. I'll never forget that moment and all the friends I made.

Now begins the hard work of rebuilding my muscles. First they put me in a "me push" wheel chair and I felt all at sea. I've tried myself out on the parallel bars and I think my right leg is getting quite strong although a way to go. It's a lot of physiotherapy exercise just to test it out properly.

There are pleasant surrounds and it is very quiet here and no friends to wind up yet, but I'll start on that part tomorrow. Who knows what comes next?

5th June update. The skull super structure has been removed and my right leg has greater mobility. I've got to get used to the weight of my head. I'm not quite ready to leave yet. I'd like to thank all the Hospital staff and my family and friends for their kindness and support.

It won't be long before I'm back complicating John's life and giving cheek at Fire brigade. Regards Stan Larner.



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The Murrindindi Shire Council, with the assistance of Context Pty Ltd, has completed a Heritage Study to ensure that heritage places are properly documented and protected for the future. The study was adopted by Council on 27 February 2012.

A full copy of the adopted study, including all the citations, is available on the Murrindindi Shire Council website, and at all Council offices.

Any additions to the Heritage Overlay will be done through an amendment to the Murrindindi Planning Scheme. An amendment to the scheme involves consultation with all the parties who may have an interest in the amendment, or may be affected by it. Usually, an amendment is placed on public exhibition for at least one month. All parties are able to write submissions to the amendment, which the Council must try to resolve. If there are submissions which cannot be resolved by the Council, the Minister for Planning will appoint an independent panel to consider submissions before the proposed amendment can proceed.

When funding becomes available, Murrindindi Shire Council will commence the amendment process, and all affected property owners will be notified directly when this occurs. Contact the planning department on 5772 0317 for more information in relation to the heritage study.

ADVENTUROUS COOKS

As some of you already know, I will not be in Marysville in June or July, so our regular Cooks sessions won't be happening. Instead, the group last month decided to meet for lunch at the Black Spur Hotel on Monday 18th June at 12:00 (Queens Birthday means we can't do it on the second Monday). At that lunch you may discuss the details of the July meeting, which will be a bring-a-plate-of-raw-ingredients Steamboat at Sue Carra's in Buxton. Or you may decide to do something completely different ... what matters most is that you do something.

Although I cannot be there, I am happy to arrange matters. So, for June, RSVP by Thursday 14th May to the usual email or phone (0417 299160), so that we can make a booking for lunch at the Black Spur.

Enjoy a lunch you don't have to cook yourselves!

Lynne

(currently in Tenant Creek and heading north sun, shorts and sandals!!)

Murrindindi Shire Council



Sport and Recreation Clubs and Organisation Funding Opportunities

Does your sporting club or recreation organisation operate within the Murrindindi Shire?

Would you like enhance your facilities or increase participation of your chosen sport?

The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) are offering Sport and Recreation funding programs in mid 2012.

Applications can only be made through Murrindindi Shire Council so now is the time to start preparing your submissions.

To find out whether your sporting club or recreational organisation is eligible to apply for this funding opportunity contact Council's Coordinator Recreation Development, Charlie Bisset on (03) 5772 0364 or cbisset@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.



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Detox your Home is a service provided by the Victorian Coalition Government to collect potentially dangerous and unwanted household chemical products. The service is funded by the Victorian landfill levy and administered by Sustainability Victoria in partnership with Murrindindi Shire Council.

Residents can deposit their unwanted household chemicals on:

Date: Saturday 16 June 2012

Time: 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Yea Saleyards, Cnr Flat Lead Rd & Whittlesea Rd, Yea

Materials for collection include:

left-over paints
brake fluids, fuels and coolants
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Energy Quotes Director David Perry said higher energy prices will add to the burden for many families and businesses but there are some steps people can take now to help reduce their costs. "Reaching a better deal on your power and gas bills will help save money and provide some comfort. Start with an audit to look at where you can reduce your energy usage in the home or business, and don't be afraid to shop around for a better offer based on your needs," said Mr Perry.

According to Mr Perry, some energy consumers don't realise they have a choice when it comes to their energy retailer and there are a range of different rates and competitive discounts on offer. "Making the right choice can help households and businesses save precious dollars on energy bills each year, particularly if they are still on a default contract," said Mr Perry. "For example an average household in the western suburbs of Melbourne on a quarterly power bill of \$300 with a default retailer could save at least \$200 a year by switching to a cheaper provider."

The catch is that comparing the range of deals available can be confusing and customers need to make sure they are comparing like for like based on their own energy needs. "Look at the entire bill including energy rate and service charge, check if a discount on offer applies to all or part of the bill, and make sure you factor in an exit fee where applicable," said Mr Perry.

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"We recommend customers act now and do their research before the price rise in July as it can take up to 30-90 days to change to a lower cost provider," he advised.

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Villains Support Auskickers

At the last committee meeting of the Marysville District Football & Netball Club, it was unanimously agreed to support the Marysville Auskick group on an ongoing basis.

Auskick returned after the 2009 fires, instigated by Sherrie Ackerman, and involving Vicsport with Michelle Fleming, who were a great financial support for the first 2 years, along with B S Ackerman Plumbing and Excavation. They wanted to restore some normality for the children, so organised Auskick as one of the activities. The children would come from school, where afternoon tea was supplied before the Auskick session, which starts at 4.00 pm.

Now the parents supply the afternoon tea, on a roster. Dads are there to help each week (Tuesdays), also over the last few years Chris Ronalds, Kellan Fiske & Jarrod Ackerman, mothers also as required, and this year Adam Littlejohn has joined in, along with the Marysville District Football & Netball Club who have provided financial support for 2012.

The Club has subsidised the parents Auskick subscriptions by \$20 per child, representing a donation this year of \$680.00 (34 children). It will also offer the group a dollar for dollar subsidy on approved purchases to the value of \$250.00 and has donated a set of Villains Polo shirts which the children wore proudly at Sunday's match when they met Radio 774's Lindy Burns and Bill O'Shea.

"We are delighted to be able to help the Auskickers in this way. Re-starting Junior Football has always been an important part of our overall plan and Auskick is the obvious way to prepare the kids for more serious football later on," Club President John Phillips said recently.

"We don't want to make the move until the time is right but maintaining a close link with the progress of Auskick will assist in the decision. The older Villains really enjoy having the kids around on training and match days and we look forward to assist in the development of Auskick in the future," he said.

Sherrie and her 'team' are to be congratulated for their initiative and commitment to this fantastic program for the kids.

For enquiries about Auskick, call Sherrie Ackerman on 0417 036379.



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"Staying at a B&B is a very personal experience. From a customer perspective, there is also a high degree of risk. If you stay at a brand name hotel, for example, you know what you're going to get because the experience is all very standardized," says Danielle.

"It's much harder to assess the quality of an experience with a B&B so the customer really looks for clues that will help them. They don't just look at the quality of soap, towels, linen and so on. All physical material sends a signal to the customer about service quality. That includes business cards, brochures, menus, instructions and signage."

Graphic designer and print broker Leisa Dent from Alexandra Design works with many hospitality organisations to achieve quality printed materials.

"The quality of the materials needs to reflect the quality of the service you want to provide. For example, if you offer a gourmet breakfast but the menu in the room is printed on tatty bond paper covered with coffee stains, guests are going to wonder whether the breakfast will be any good. It's the little details that count."

Alexandra Design has created a number of custom branded items for three to five star hotels around Australia and now smaller guest accommodation businesses.

"There are many ways you can make the guest feel welcome and looked after. It could be beautiful drink coasters with local wildlife or landmarks, a thoughtful welcome card, even a hand-drawn map of local walks and activities can add so much to their stay," says Leisa who provides different stocks and finishes for different clients.

Danielle Spinks agrees that design and the small details are a worthwhile investment. "It doesn't matter what type of customer experience you want to create. It could be relaxed, exciting, creative, quirky, all of the tangible touchpoints should seek to reinforce that experience. Each of the elements adds to the guest's sense that they are receiving value."



Celebrate new track opening at Cathedral Ranges

People and Parks Foundation and Parks Victoria are inviting the community to celebrate the opening of the a new walking track at the Cathedral Range State Park on Sunday 3 June, marking another significant step in the recovery of the park from the Black Saturday Fires.

As part of the celebration, People and Parks Foundation Project Officer Amanda Daw and Parks Victoria Ranger Rhyl Shaw will lead guests on an inaugural 4km walk along the new track.

"We encourage all to join us with family and friends to celebrate the completion of this community project and discover some of the beautiful Messmate stands of forest that characterise the walk."

The new track will fill a missing link in the track network at Cathedral Range State Park — it connects the Sugarloaf Saddle visitor area with the Cooks Mill Heritage Site and camping area.

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This is effective immediately as I am unable to drive safely due to my condition and the medication required.

As the sole active committee member and employee / volunteer, ALL SESSIONS are on HOLD until a replacement committee is established and then a new employee / volunteer found.

Anyone who would like to see the Murrindindi Toy Library continue is urged to contact me. I need to know now if there is enough support to continue this service to the community. It will be very sad to see it go if no one steps up to keep it going. Much hard work has been done by many people in establishing and maintaining the Murrindindi Toy Library.

The position of Treasurer has been vacant for some months and now the Presidents role held, previously held by me, is open now too. None of the current committee will continue to serve in the next term. So all positions are vacant.

If we cannot fill all positions in the committee, the Murrindindi Toy Library will be closed and all borrowed toys recalled from members. The assets will be sold and proceeds donated back to the charities who funded us. Any member fees paid will be refunded by how many months a member has left on their membership.

As the next AGM was planned to be in September, I am only bringing what will need to be done then, forward.

Depending on the amount of interest I receive from members after this letter, I will plan an AGM that can suit the majority of those who are interested in taking a position. Please email, phone or write me very soon to let me know if interested and the days/ times you are available.

If a full committee is found a position for a new employee will be advertised. As the position of "Employee" has more voluntary hours than paid hours and is focused on the ability to store 3 trailers, it may take a while to find someone suitable to replace me. Anyone interested in the employee / volunteer role please contact me.

In the interim, I am happy for members to drop off toys to my home in Alexandra. I am pretty much stuck here at the moment so any time is ok.

I also would like to know if any members are happy to be a drop off point in their town for other members who can't get to Alexandra to hand in toys. These will then need to be dropped off to Alexandra where the trailers are.

This is a really fun thing to run, and brings much joy to kids. It would run easily and wonderfully between a group of friends or Play Group Presidents in the shire. I have had an awesome time doing this, yes a lot of hard work, but all it takes is communication.

Thank You all for your understanding and sorry for the suddenness, but I really can't continue at this time to drive so I need to step aside. Please forward to anyone else who may be interested in saving our Toy Library. Regards,

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