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Friday August 31st 2012

President Neil Guscott

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Opportunity to comment on draft Regional Catchment Strategy coming to a close!

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) urges the catchment community not to miss out on commenting on the draft 2012-2018 Regional Catchment Strategy.

In a first for the Goulburn Broken Catchment, the Regional Catchment Strategy is now available for real time online comment using Wiki (web-based) technology.

The Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy (RCS) sets the direction for managing land, water and biodiversity within the Catchment.

We aim to achieve long-term resilience of the Catchment's natural assets so that they can continue to provide their abundant environmental, social and economic benefits.

"A critical part of our RCS renewal is communication and engagement. We are collaborating with our many partners and the community to write this RCS. We are interacting with new and existing networks and community groups, as well as general media. We have also been creating online opportunities" explains Goulburn Broken CMA CEO, Mr Chris Norman.

"Our WeConnect.gbcma.vic.gov.au website can be used to obtain RCS updates, access documents relevant to the RCS, comment on the RCS and in a first for the Goulburn Broken Catchment the public can register and comment on the actual RCS draft" says Mr Norman.

The Regional Catchment Strategy Manager, Helen Murdoch has been working hard to ensure this Regional Catchment Strategy is accessible to all.

"The full Goulburn Broken RCS draft will only be available to review and comment until 31 August 2012. During this time people can still view the Strategy draft online and/or they can download or request an electronic or printed copy from the Goulburn Broken CMA," describes Ms Murdoch, "We are also happy to provide a printed hard copy version to the public upon request for traditional review and comment"

"We aim to offer a variety of ways for members of the public to view and have their say on the future of natural resource management in the Goulburn Broken Catchment and we are very excited about using the technology available to enable the public to have a greater say" says Mr Norman.

For more information on the WeConnect site or to request a copy of the Regional catchment Strategy please contact the Goulburn Broken CMA on 03 5820 1100 or via email reception@gbcma.vic.gov.au

Marysville & District Lions Club continues their support

Pictured below, Barbara Owen, Step Ahead Director, is presented with a cheque for \$10,000 by Lion Neil Guscott.

Barbara came from Toongabbie on the night to accept the cheque, which were the profits from the Comedy Festival Roadshow event staged in Marysville on June 30th. Barbara and her husband George, an orthopaedic surgeon, initially founded the Spinal Cord Society of Australia, (now StepAhead), in response to their dismay to find that people with spinal cord injuries were considered untreatable and were merely kept as comfortable as possible.

Both Barbara and George have worked tirelessly towards finding a 'cure' for spinal cord injury, and are confident they are almost there.

The Club has previously donated to StepAhead.



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What's on When in August

Saturday 1	- Marysville Cricket Club Registration - 12 noon - MDF&NC Presentation Night 6.30 for 7pm
Monday 3	- Triangle Community Dinner 6.20pm - Narbethong Progress - Meeting @ Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 4	- Gallipoli Park Precinct C.o.M. AGM - SES Marysville - Training 7.30pm
Wednesday 5	- UGFW & Culture Group AGM - 7pm (see notice) - Lions Business Meeting - 8 pm
Thursday 6	- Buxton CFA - Training - 7pm
Tuesday 11	- Narbethong History Group - Meeting @ Hall 10am
Thursday 20	- Narbethong CFA - Meeting 8pm
Sunday Oct 7	- Buxton CFA - Meeting 9.00am

Annual General Meeting
Gallipoli Park Precinct
Committee of Management
(Special Committee of Council)



The Gallipoli Park Precinct Committee of Management advises that the
Annual General Meeting will be held **Tuesday 4 September 2012**,
commencing 5.30pm at the Marysville Community Centre, Gallipoli Park,
Marysville.

Murrindindi Shire Council seeks nominations for the following:

Community Representatives (x 3)

All interested persons and user group representatives are invited to attend.

Nomination forms are available from the Murrindindi Shire Council website
www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au and should be forwarded to Co-ordinator
Administration, Lisa Elward, PO Box 138, Alexandra 3714, or email
lelward@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

Nominations will be accepted until 5pm on Monday, 27 August 2012.
Enquiries should be directed to either the Deputy Chairman, Tony
Thompson on 0417 138 572 or Lisa Elward on 5772 0704.

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SPECIAL MARKET

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

9am - 12.30pm

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Leah Harrow
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Gallipoli Park Precinct
Committee of Management
(Special Committee of Council)



**RE-SCHEDULED TO
TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2012**

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Info:- Pastor Conrad 59633398 or 0404869582

Upper Goulburn Food Wine and Culture Group AGM - September 5 from 7pm

If you are a small operator passionate in what you do and produce, and a lover of all things food, wine and culture, the Group invites you to its annual general meeting to be held on Wednesday 5th September at the Yarck Hotel in Yarck at 7pm.

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Triangle Community Dinner Marysville Golf Club

Monday 3, September

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Castella Central Park – a place for all occasions

A brand new recreation reserve in Castella will serve as an important community recreation space as well as offering an attractive rest stop for visitors.

At a cost of \$553,000 Castella Central Park features a range of facilities catering to family outings, community entertainment and even horse enthusiasts.

Kinglake Ward Councillor Peter Beales said the park has been a number one priority project for the Castella community.

“The Castella Central Park Project Control Group was formed to oversee the park’s development and included representatives from Department of Sustainability and Environment, Regional Development Victoria, Murrindindi Shire Council and the Castella Community.

“The park was designed with a strong emphasis on sustainability. A grant from Sustainability Victoria, provided for the installation of solar panels allowing the park to run independently off the electricity grid. The park’s fencing has been constructed from recycled timber primarily from the trees that were removed from the site and milled and treated by the local Bushfire Garden Recovery Committee”, said Cr Beales.

Castella Central Park caters for many uses with adequate parking for cars, trailers and horse floats as well as disabled parking provisions, toilets including disabled access and baby change facilities, BBQ’s, picnic shelter and tables, large open lawn area and access to a 1km nature trail suitable for walkers, horse riders, cyclists, joggers and dog walkers. The trail can also be used as a linkage route to the CJ Dennis Centenary trail.

A stand out feature of the park is the dedicated horse precinct complete with loading and hitching area and day yards.

Landscaping and directional and interpretive signage will also add to the visitor experience.

“The new park is a vital space to meet and share leisure activities in groups and also provides an aesthetic and calming environment for rest and reflection”, said Cr Beales.



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Councillor passes on leadership life skills

Murrindindi Shire Council's youngest present serving Councillor Cris Ruhr traded his office role for one leading the Alexandra Secondary College as part of the popular Principal for a Day program.

It is a proven way for leaders in education and the greater community to share ideas, resources and a sense of responsibility for schools.

"It is a wonderful program and it provides a great opportunity to see our young leaders of the future in the school environment as well as experiencing firsthand the role our teachers are playing in developing our youth," Cr Ruhr said.

Holding Council's Community and Customer Services portfolio, Cr Ruhr has strong affinity with the shire's youth.

"It is a privilege to be selected for the program. My portfolio certainly has a strong focus on youth and the Principal for a Day program has allowed me to enhance that relationship with our young people.

"We have many outstanding youth in our shire, and I can see where that starts. Our educators should be proud of the work they do. I thank the Alexandra Secondary College for the opportunity to share my life experiences with the students. I hope the students have taken away something from the day. I certainly have," Cr Ruhr said.

Alexandra Secondary College Principal, Mr Andy Johnston also expressed his support for the program.

"Having Cr. Ruhr visit the College has had a positive impact on the students as well as helping to strengthen the relationship between the school and Council," said Mr. Johnston.

Cr Ruhr addressed students at the morning assembly, before taking the opportunity to tour the school with Mr. Johnston, taking in lessons and chatting with students about their long term goals and aspirations

"So many young people have a clear career path. I think Council can play a role in supporting our schools by lobbying and advocating on their behalf," Cr Ruhr said.

"Importantly with the quality of our students coming through the ranks, we have some outstanding leaders starting to develop their skills. It augurs well for a good future for our shire."

Buxton Primary School

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**AN INVITATION TO PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
STARTING SCHOOL IN 2013**

Pre-school children who will be starting school in 2013 are invited to come along and join in the fun and activities on these days. The more experience children have in various school settings, the more comfortable they will be starting school, so all children in the Triangle area are welcome to join in.

Our Prep teacher Lyn Pope, and the students in the Prep-Year Two group, will be organising the activities.

There will be sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday 4th September 9.00-11.30am

Thursday 13th September 9.00-11.30am

Thursday 11th October 2.00-3.30pm

Monday 15th October 9.00-11.30am

Tuesday 23rd October 9.00am-1.00pm

Monday 29th October 9.00am-1.00pm

Thursday 8th November 9.00am-2.00pm

Monday 12th November 9.00am-2.00pm

Tuesday 20th November 9.00am-2.00pm

Tuesday 11th December 9.00am-3.30pm

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AFTER FIRE REVEGETATION WORK CONTINUES

Plantings to establish new native vegetation continue on both Crown Land reserves and private properties throughout the Murrindindi Shire.

Last weekend a volunteer group from the ANZ Bank's corporate headquarters in Docklands planted out 480 sedges, grasses and natives on the Hardy Bros Reserve on Break O Day Road Glenburn.

Chris Cobern the fire recovery land care coordinator for the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network in Yea says that the ANZ group came prepared for the wet day with their gumboots and suitable clothing.

They later shared a BBQ lunch at the new Alf Miller Park in Glenburn.

Chris adds that he has eight more volunteer groups who have registered for similar planting days.

"I have another eight days of planting already booked for the remainder of the year at locations throughout the Murrindindi Shire and I am hoping the project which commenced in 2010 will continue into 2013.

"We were fortunate in receiving an Australian Federal Government 'Caring for our Country' grant to purchase the plants.

"We have produced most of them, over 30,000 plants, grown out locally at Flowerdale from seed collected locally together with some more propagated for us at the Kevin Heinze Garden Centre in Doncaster".

The Yea River Landcare Group has also been strongly involved in the landscaping and layout of the Alf Miller Park to create an arboretum of local native plants.

For more information: Chris Cobern 0413 855 490 or 03 57736 0104

Photo Caption

The ANZ Bank corporate headquarters group enjoying their BBQ lunch at the Alf Miller Park at Glenburn after a wet day of planting on Break O Day Road.



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A fault in an electrical blanket nearly caused the loss by fire of a cottage in Ballina Court, Buxton on the evening of Sunday August 26th shortly before 9 pm. There was significant water and smoke damage but the fire itself was confined to a single room. A female occupant sustained minor burns when attempting to fight the fire with garden hose and was taken by ambulance to Maroondah hospital.

"The fire produced a lot of smoke inside the cottage", said CFA Incident Controller Graham Eddy of Buxton CFA. "You need to get inside to address the fire directly to save the building. Smoke is highly toxic - you see 'treated for smoke inhalation' a lot in news reports - so the internal attack had to be undertaken using Breathing Apparatus (BA). The initial attack pair of BA operators from Buxton CFA and supported by a pair from Marysville CFA as the fire was rapidly brought under control." Breathing Apparatus is a compressed air cylinder carried in a harness on the back with a full-face mask, something like a deep-sea diver with an aqualung.

The Buxton CFA was on the scene in minutes and was swiftly joined by brigades from Marysville and Narbethong. "We need to ensure sufficient fire fighters, water sources and special equipment such as Breathing Apparatus are available at the incident", said Graham Eddy.

Captain Mark Somers of Buxton CFA observed, "This is the third incident recently where having Breathing Apparatus in Buxton has made the difference between saving or losing a building. Buxton brigade worked hard to convince CFA to allocate this equipment to us a couple of years ago and it continues to prove its worth."

Buxton CFA is actively recruiting fire fighters available 9-5 on weekdays, truck drivers for the fire trucks and persons interested in becoming Breathing Apparatus operators and we are especially interested in the women of Buxton, a highly talented but largely untapped community resource for emergency services.

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| 13 | Storytime for under 3's, rhymes, stories, activities & songs | 11 - 12 |
| 14 | Storytime for 3 - 5's stories, fun, activities & songs | 11 - 12 |
| 17 | Vintage Readers - grey power book discussion group | 2 - 4 |
| 18 | Tuesday Show - Myths and Legends Evening Session | 7-9 |
| 25 | Blokes Night - drinks and a yarn with mates | 6.30 - 8 |
| 27 | Murrindindi Writers - all aspiring writers welcome | 10 |
| 27 | Holiday Activities - Indians | 3-4 |
| 28 | Acoustica - lunchtime concert | 12.30 - 1.30 |
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On Wednesday the golfers played a stableford round which was won by Murray Edwards (16) with 33 points on a count back from Dave Robinson. Dave however did have a victory in the nearest the pin competition with his second shot to the 9th hole. Ian Wilton played a gobbler on the 2nd hole.

The Thursday nine holers were beaten by the poor weather and the competition was cancelled.

On Saturday the men and ladies played Canadian Foursomes. The game is played in pairs with each player in the pair teeing off. The players then decide which ball is in the best position and the other ball is taken out of play. Play continues with players hitting the selected ball alternately until the hole is completed. The winning pair on Saturday was Willy Williams and Cameron Bell who played on a combined handicap of 15 and finished with a score of 71 nett. The runners up were Steve Krueger and Mark Hoffman with a combined handicap of 16.5 and a nett score of 71.5. The nearest the pins were won by visitors Alan Larkins and Cameron Bell. After play captain Sean Williams welcomed Alan and Cameron and Steve Roker and Brett Williams.

Congratulations to all our weekly winners. Next Saturday a stableford round will be played for the monthly medal and the competition fees will be donated to a local charity.

On Thursday two ladies will travel to Strathbogie to play in their annual ladies tournament.

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Festivities kicked off at around 9.30am with free face painting and Lenny the Leadbeater's Possum (Lake Mountain's Friendly Mascot) giving out helium balloons and his very own Facebook business cards!

Toboggan races begun at 11.30am sharp. The under 6's were first up competing in 2 heats and a final race to decide the winners! Next up were the under 12's followed by the under 18's and Open Men's and Women's. The Open Men's was a sight to see! With two extremely competitive heats, followed by a very close final resulting in a tie for 3rd place.

Presentations took place at 12.30pm on the Village Toboggan Run where the first place holders were awarded their cups, and second and third their show bags full of goodies. After a quick cool down, competitors hiked up to the top of the Village Run where the snow sculpting competition took place in a huge pile of fresh manmade snow.

This event would not have been possible without the support of Tourism Victoria, who have helped fund this along with many other events in the region.



Murrindindi Shire Council



DRAFT MUNICIPAL FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN READY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A draft Municipal Fire Management Plan (MFMP), which sets out a new approach to fire management across Murrindindi Shire and Lake Mountain is now available for community comment and input. The plan puts in place an integrated fire management strategy for the shire, as recommended by the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission Report. It also links into the Hume Regional Strategic Fire Management Plan to enable planning across municipalities.

This draft plan has been developed over the past 12 months by the Murrindindi Shire and Lake Mountain Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee, which comprises representatives from Murrindindi Shire Council, CFA, Department of Sustainability and Environment, and Lake Mountain Alpine Resort

The draft Murrindindi Shire and Lake Mountain Fire Management Plan is available for community comment and to allow input into the draft plan.

A draft copy of the proposed Murrindindi Shire and Lake Mountain Fire Management Plan will be on display at all council offices and on council's website www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au from 1 September to 31 October 2012.

Written submissions should be addressed to Murrindindi Shire Council, Municipal Fire Management Plan submission, PO Box 138 Alexandra VIC 3714 or by email to msc@murrindindi.vic.gov.au with Municipal Fire Management Plan submission as the subject.

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Call for women in Victoria's central and north east Hume region to join the sprint to the October 27 local government elections

Only 29% of councillors in Victoria are women and it's a statistic that Cr Rozi Parisotto from Rural City of Wangaratta would like to see cast into the dustbin of history at the October local government elections.

"Five councils have no women representatives at all and 14 – including Mansfield Shire Council in our Hume region – have only one. A lot of women do lack confidence and they think they need to do a course to have the requisite skills, not realising that they already exercise leadership through community and business involvement. I say don't be deterred. Councillors are not experts. We're there to listen and learn and be advocates for our communities. People who go onto council thinking they know it all, don't make the best councillors in my view. The best are open-minded, ready to learn and willing to ask questions," Cr Parisotto said.

Cr Parisotto, who has served twelve years on council, said women needed the opportunity to say how their communities should progress into the future in terms of economic development, planning, education and child care.

"It's fundamental that women stand for council as we bring a different perspective to decision-making," she said.

As the daughter of Italian migrants who arrived in Australia in the early fifties, Cr Parisotto is passionate about equity in all spheres.

"No-one should be disadvantaged by virtue of their culture, ethnicity or religion. I was delighted to speak in Shepparton just recently at a session for people from non-English speaking backgrounds who are interested in standing for council," she said.

Eugenie Barima, who attended an earlier Shepparton forum just for women, has already decided to stand for Greater Shepparton. Hailing from the Ivory Coast, she grew up speaking French in Montreal Canada and has lived in Australia for 14 years, the last two in Shepparton.

Ms Barima has a BA in Business Administration from RMIT University and was the youngest African woman to graduate with a Masters of Business Administration from Bond University. She has worked all over the world as a training and quality assurance manager for a global company. Unable to get work in Shepparton, she has set up Hair Africa, the first local salon designed to meet the specific hair styling needs of the African community.

"I love Shepparton's multiculturalism. It's a good place to live but could be better. I want to help build a more inclusive council," she said.

Both Ms Barima and Cr Parisotto support the call for 700 women candidates across the state to join the sprint to the 2012 local government elections.

Cr Samantha Dunn, President of the Victorian Local Governance Association which is leading the State-funded *Think women for local government 2012* campaign, said the aim was to get women to stand in 90% of wards.

"We're in the sprint to the local government elections. Women might make up 51% of Victoria's population but we're only 29% of local councillors across 78 different municipalities. Numbers actually went down at the 2008 elections and no women stood in a quarter of wards and subdivided municipalities. If the electorate is un-subdivided or multi-member, numbers of women need to stand otherwise the chances of even one woman getting elected are slim," she said. "This time round, we're determined to narrow the gap with women candidates to 10% – it's a big ask but women have big things to offer."

Cr Dunn, who is serving her second term at Yarra Ranges Shire, said many women are involved in local issues and organisations and don't realise they already have the necessary personal skills and knowledge to be effective councillors.

"Some women I've spoken to doubt they have the skills to do it, but many come from a kindergarten or a school committee and those are the things that give you the skills you need. I say if you can handle a household you can handle this," she said. "Women bring different experiences and a promise of better diversity to city and shire halls. It's about bringing balance to the decision-making table."

Cr Dunn stressed that local government offered great opportunities to get things done for the community as well as develop personally.

"Being a councillor is volunteering with benefits. It's also the equivalent of a practical MBA – not to mention a stepping stone to other levels of government, business and public life. "Women need to start thinking hard and fast now about the possibilities now. The elections may not be until October 27 but with nominations need to be in by Tuesday 25 September," Cr Dunn said.

More info: Carmel Shute, Shute the Messenger for Think Women for Local Government

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