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President Neil Guscott

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## Opera In Marysville!

Opera Australia's 'Oz Opera' put on an amazing performance of the classic 'Don Giovanni' for a packed house at the Marysville Community Centre on Saturday night.

The 'Don' was chasing ladies all over the stage, and as the story was played out, he eventually backed himself in to a corner from where there was no escape – and met his fate!

Marysville and District Lions Club proudly presented this huge production, which included a great 2 course dinner prepared by Glen and Norman Fiske, for a crowd of nearly 300 who all seemed to have a great night. It was the last night of 'Oz Opera's' regional tour which had taken in 34 performances across eastern Australia.

The entourage arrived in Marysville on Friday morning, and put on 'The Magic Flute' for 90

school children at Marysville Primary, for kids from around the region.

They also spent time on Friday afternoon meeting teenagers at Alexandra High School, all the time with other members of their group setting up the incredible 'staging and set' in the Community Centre ready for Saturday night's unforgettable performance.

There was a 'buzz' all over town from the minute the trucks and coach arrived with the Opera stars and crew, and there is talk there was even an 'impromptu' performance over lunch at Fraga's! This was the third event presented by Marysville Lions in the new centre this year, and President Neil Guscott, who celebrated with wife Delice, 50 years of marriage on Saturday, thanked all members of the community that assisted this year with all



the events. Special thanks to all Lions for the many hours they put in to make the Opera a great success, and also to Trudi Ackerman who co-ordinated a great group of helpers who assisted in Bump-In and Bump-Out of 18 tonne of staging equipment for the spectacular!

## Bushwalking Back In Marysville – SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Maroondah Bushwalking Club (MBWC) is the official host for the 2012 Bushwalking Victoria 'Federation Walks'. The first Federation Walks were held in 1935 and have become a very much looked forward to event amongst Victoria's bushwalking community.

The expectation is that around 300 > 350 walkers will participate in the day, utilising a full range of walks available in the greater Marysville/Lake Mountain

area. The walks will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Participants are coming from across Victoria for this major annual event. It is anticipated that a number of attendees will choose to arrive in Marysville the day before or earlier and take the opportunity to explore the greater area around Marysville.

The new Marysville Community Complex will be the focal point as the registration and afternoon tea venue on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Catering for a BBQ the previous evening will be provided by the local SES group, while afternoon tea is being catered for by 'The Patisserie'.

'We have been delighted with the response from the Marysville community' says Col Rigg, Convener of the Fed Walks committee. 'They have been incredibly helpful in our organization of the event and it will give the members of Bushwalking Victoria an opportunity to see how well Marysville is recovering from the fires and put something into the community as well.', he adds.

For further information contact:  
Bruce Christison – [brucechr@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brucechr@optusnet.com.au) or phone 0412 900 539  
Col Rigg - [cri45278@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cri45278@bigpond.net.au) or phone 0434 224 004

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**What's on When in September**

- Thursday 20 - CFA Buxton - Training 7.00pm  
- Narbethong CFA - Meeting 8pm
- Sunday 23 - Marysville Community Market**
- Tuesday 25 - Gallipoli Park Precinct - General Meeting 5.30pm
- Wednesday 26 - Marysville & District Historical Society
- Monday Oct 1 - Narbethong Progress Assoc. Mtg - @ Hall 7.30pm
- Sunday Oct 7 - Buxton CFA - Meeting 9.00am
- Tuesday Oct 9 - Narbethong History Group - Narby hall @ 10.00am

**Intrepid Triangle Bushwalkers.**

Next walk Friday 28th of September 2012.

Meet at Narbethong Forest Park, Maroondah Hwy, Narbethong  
between CFA and Hall at 9am for a 9.15am departure.

Moderate fitness required. Allow 3 – 4 hours for walk depending  
on conditions.

For further details contact Nola on 57747576.

**LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS**

- Where?** Marysville Community Centre Falls Rd  
**When?** Thursday afternoon starting at 3:45pm – 5pm  
20<sup>th</sup> September  
**Cost?** Free for all ages (bring Mum, Dad, Grandma,  
Grandpa, friends and relatives!)
- Why?** Make a lantern to carry on the upcoming lighting of  
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nights (Thurs) 3 hours \$110 per person.

If you are interested in doing this course, or maybe a daytime  
course when children are at school contact Pauline Harrow  
0408 514 933



## Council lobbies for \$14 million support payment

Murrindindi Shire Council has requested a one-off \$14 million State Government support payment to meet costs associated with new and novated assets acquired by Council as a result of the 2009 bushfires.

Mayor John Walsh said the option is one of five presented by international accountant and auditor KPMG in a Risk Assessment and Modelling of Financial Assistance Report presented to the Council.

"The independent evaluation process has been extremely important in determining the best approach in Council meeting its future financial commitments, particularly with asset maintenance and reducing rate rise imposts on the community," Cr Walsh said.

"This evaluation process was initially facilitated by the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority (VBRRA) and had the full support of Council.

"There has been significant work take place involving many Council staff cross checking the information, formulas and assumptions contained in these reports.

"Council is supporting the single upfront appropriation of \$14.1 million."

In recommending Option 2, KPMG recommends:

Council will have flexibility to invest the upfront payment and earn a return to assist in meeting future recurrent obligations.

It will reduce the amount of external funding required over the time-frame of the analysis.

It provides funding certainty for Council and does not require an additional increase in rates over and above the assumed 'business as usual' rate increase of 6%, which are already incorporated in Council's Strategic Resource Plan.

"The KPMG report, in isolation is not the sole basis for Council's submission towards government support. And while the report will serve as a useful purpose in independently demonstrating how substantial is the financial sustainability issue faced by Council, as an organisation we have made significant changes to our operations as part of an overall service review," Cr Walsh said.

"Council has implemented a four-point action plan that has streamlined its operations, is considering a range of land and asset sales, increased fees and charges in line with similar sized councils and introduced policies that will deliver cost savings.

"Under these changes we expect to save \$1.6 million each year.

"The report is one of a number of advocacy tools Council is using and demonstrates that we are taking a proactive approach to seeking external support for the costs of the operation, maintenance, insurance and depreciation of the novated and gifted assets."

The report has been presented to the State Government.

The full report is available on Council's website [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au)

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## Marysville Golf Report

A number of members have returned from their travels and the playing numbers have increased accordingly. The ladies welcomed back Jenny Coleman and Bev. Bellman and were delighted to see Helen Williams complete 18 holes after a long absence.

On Wednesday a stableford round was played and the winner was Dave Robinson (17) with 36 points followed by Yewls Kuan (13) with 29 points. Dave also won the nearest the pin on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Stableford was also the game played on the front nine by the Thursday golfers and the winner was Bob Emblin with 17 points. Rob Christie was runner up on a count back and also won the nearest the pin on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole. Three ladies played in the Broadford Bowl on Thursday and had an enjoyable day. Congratulations to the Trentham team for winning the Bowl and thanks to the Broadford ladies for their hospitality.

During the winter months the Saturday golfers were rarely able to play without wearing their wet weather gear. It was a nice change on Saturday to be able to complete the game with dry clothing and equipment. The men played a stroke round and the winner was Laurie Wright (27) with nett 68. Travers Stow (19) was the runner up with nett 71. The ladies played a stroke round for the fourth round of the Barton Shield. Heather Jenkins (33) was the winner with nett 76 and she will compete in the final with Rebecca Lee and Lesley Rundle later in the year. The runner up was Gail Leigh (9) with nett 77.

The nearest the pins were won by Mark Hoffman, Ming Kuan, Laurie Wright and Russ Gueho a visitor from the Albury golf club. On Thursday three ladies will play in the annual Bowl event at Euroa. Next Saturday the men will play a stableford round and the ladies will play a stableford round for the Mavis Hadfield Trophy.

For information about membership, forthcoming events and room hire contact Barbara at the club on 59633241 or visit the website on

[www.marysvillegolfandbowls.com.au](http://www.marysvillegolfandbowls.com.au)

Good Golfing

LR.

### 2012-2013 Fire Season –Slashing Program

Murrindindi Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from slashing contractors from within the Shire to apply for the 2012-2013 Fire Season – Slashing Program.

This program is to reduce fuel loads on road reserves, vacant land parcels and other areas within the Shire as specified by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

Those persons wishing to apply should include the type of machinery that will be used for slashing works and the costs per hour to be charged.

Successful applicants will be included on a preferred supplier list to assist Council in its Fire Prevention Works Program

All expressions of interest should be forwarded to Murrindindi Shire Council by the 29 October 2012 and addressed to - Andrew Daly

Municipal Fire Prevention Officer  
Murrindindi Shire Council  
PO Box 138  
Alexandra VIC 3714

Any queries regarding the above should be directed to  
Andrew Daly on 5772 0376.



## CHURCH NOTICES

### Anglican Parish of Marysville / Buxton

Locum Priest: Fr Ian Clark  
Tel 5779 1835 (weekdays)  
5963 3281 (Weekends)

#### Church Service Times:

Every first Sunday of the month  
10.30am - Holy Communion - M-ville

Second Sunday  
Buxton only - 9.00 am

Third, Fourth & Fifth Sundays  
Buxton - 9.00 am

Marysville - 10.30 am

### Mt Cathedral Community Baptist Church Taggerty Hall

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Pastor Ivor Jones: 0414 430 951

Secretary: Terry Calvert: 5772 3209

Impact Youth: Daniel Kriss 57721409

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Mass 10.30 am  
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month.

enquiries to Chairman, Robert  
Chaffe 5772 1620

## Buxton Primary School

2208 Maroondah Highway Buxton

### 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:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2.00-3.30pm

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9.00-11.30am

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 9.00am-1.00pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am-1.00pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am-2.00pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am-2.00pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am-2.00pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am-3.30pm

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## Triangle Garden Club events.

Where: Marysville Golf Club

When: Friday Afternoons 12.00 - 3.00pm,  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$5 per person

The program includes lunch followed by a DVD from David Glenn of the exquisite Lambley Nursery Gardens.

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Applications close on **Wednesday 26 September 2012**

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Working in conjunction with the CFA and the Municipal Fire Prevention Committee, Council will allow an **'AMNESTY PERIOD'** for burning off in residential areas, in preparation for the fire season.

During this amnesty period, residents/landowners will be allowed to 'burn off' any vegetation material on their properties without requiring a permit from **29 September to 15 October 2012**.

Residents burning off need to ensure that smoke from their fires do not cause a nuisance to neighboring properties.

No windrows are permitted to be lit and all fires must be no larger than one metre in diameter or one metre in height.

The local fire brigades have been made aware of this 'amnesty period'.

For persons not wishing to burn off, Council is offering residents **free disposal** of their household vegetation material at all Waste Transfer Station sites from 29 September until 15 October 2012. Residents are reminded that they are required to present their Tip ID Tag or current rates notice to site attendants to be eligible to dispose of green waste free of charge.

The free disposal offer does not apply to commercial operators.

Residents wanting to use a commercial contractor to dispose of their green waste must make prior arrangements with Council's Coordinator Waste Management to utilise the free service provisions.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact your local Fire Brigade or Andrew Daly at the Shire offices at Alexandra on (03) 5772 0376 or mobile 0408 576 712.

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from 26th Sept - 11th Oct fraga's cafe will be closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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The meeting will provide community members with an update on the progress of the Triangle Shared Trails project as well as the opportunity to present alternative community projects.

The meeting will be held on Sunday 23 September 2012 at 2pm at the Taggerty Hall, Taggerty-Thornton Rd, Taggerty.

For more information on the Triangle Shared Trails project please visit [www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au) or contact Grace Daley at [gdaley@murrindindi.vic.gov.au](mailto:gdaley@murrindindi.vic.gov.au).

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## Buxton Reserve News

The redevelopment of the Buxton Reserve continues. The next stage with footpaths from the toilets to the rotunda area commenced last week. Due to begin soon is further plantings of shrubs and ground cover plants to enhance the entrance to the Reserve and toilet area. This work is part of the redevelopment funded by the Bushfire Recovery Fund and being overseen by Murrindindi Shire Council. The roadworks, bollards and tree planting have already completed as part of this project.

The Committee would like to gratefully thank Geoff Olive for his expert guidance and advice to the Committee and to Council on varieties of plants for the Reserve and the locations to plant them.

Another project currently underway at the Reserve is the erection of two new rotundas, one similar to the present one with electric barbeques and a larger one with tables and seating. These works are being done with funding from the Triangle Trails Project and is being managed by DSE.

In yet another improvement for the Reserve, planning is well advanced for a river nature trail along the river frontage that will include a walkway with boardwalk in low lying areas. This project was proposed by Buxton Progress Association and Buxton Primary School. It will be funded by a grant from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund and is being managed by DSE.

Once these works are completed the Reserve will look a picture that we can all be proud of.

The Committee is presently developing a management plan for the whole Reserve to maintain its beauty and critical to this to ensure parts of the Reserve don't again become a fire hazard that previously concerned many residents.

The Buxton Reserve Committee is holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm at the Buxton Hall. All office bearer positions will be declared vacant and elections held from within the Committee. In addition to the election of officebearers for the next 12 months, there is one casual vacancy on the Committee caused by a resignation. Nominations to fill that vacancy are being called by Shire Council.

This meeting is open to the public and all residents are invited to attend.

If anyone requires further information contact me on 57747316 or 0432075264

Peter Cureton

President,

Buxton Reserve Committee

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## Narbethong Reserve is taking shape

It could be described as a hidden jewel with works progressing on an amazing family area being developed at the Narbethong Reserve.

Cathedral Ward Councillor Kevin Bellingham said a second stage of works had commenced on the site that would create a wonderful family-friendly precinct.

"The community had great expectations to create a precinct that would cater for those living in the area and the many visitors that come through Narbethong to explore our shire," Cr Bellingham said.

"Narbethong is a gateway to our shire and the community's desire to have an all inclusive area for visitors and locals alike is commended."

The reserve already boasts a playground and further enhancement works include a toilet block and a picnic shelter which includes a barbecue.



Councillor Bellingham inspects the progress of the barbecue shelter at the Narbethong Recreation Reserve.

"The latest works will transform the site," Cr Bellingham said. "Added to that, there will be a range of landscaping works that will really enhance the precinct."

"Of course the success of the project has been the community input, and the committee overseeing this project has been positive and constructive in their advice. It will make for a great community asset."

The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The \$360,000 project has been supported through the Department of Planning and Community Development, Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund and Murrindindi Shire Council.



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012

## **CFA CALLS FOR VICTORIANS TO REGISTER THEIR BURN-OFFS**

With property owners beginning their annual fuel reduction burns CFA is urging all Victorians to take extra care when burning off and to register their burn by calling **1800 668 511**.

CFA volunteers are already responding to burn-off related calls across the state, which turned out to be false alarms.

“If people register their burn-offs, we know what is happening in that area, which is very helpful when brigades are being dispatched to jobs,” CFA Chief Officer Euan Ferguson said.

“It reduces the chances of CFA being called out to a false alarm when the public calls about a fire they have seen.

“The community needs to understand that, for the most part, we’re talking about volunteers who have to leave their work or spend time away from their family by responding to false alarms.”

Mr Ferguson said people should also be careful with their burn-offs when weather heats up.

“It is important the community take extreme care when burning off. If a fire is left unattended in windy conditions it can spread quickly and can burn into bushland or onto neighbours’ properties.”

Mr Ferguson added although there had been wet conditions in Victoria, recent grassfires had demonstrated how quickly fires could take hold.

“Grassfires travel faster than you can run. They can threaten properties and even kill,” he said.

“People should have a fire plan and prepare for the event of fire - never be complacent.”

### **A few simple steps landowners must take when burning off:**

- Be aware of your council burn off by-laws;
  - Register the burn with CFA on **1800 668 511**;
  - Check weather conditions;
  - Tell your neighbours when you plan to burn-off to avoid brigades being called out unnecessarily by a neighbour or passer-by and;
- Never leave a burn off unattended.

“You should never burn-off in hot, dry, windy conditions or if these conditions are forecast within the time your burn-off is expected to take,” Mr Ferguson said.

“People should also leave a 3 metre fire break, free of flammable materials around any burn-off.”

If your burn-off does get out of control please call ‘000’ immediately.

For more information about burning-off, check [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

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# **Alexandra District Ambulance Support Inc.**



## **ADAS Inc. Membership & AGM Invitation**

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**ADAS Inc** was set up with the mandate to not only preserve the 60 years of history of volunteer service that provided exceptional emergency care to the communities of Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville and surrounding Communities, but also to seek to ensure the best possible emergency care is continued to be provided to our communities as well as supporting the Ambulance Officers and the volunteer Ambulance Community Officers that work to support these Ambulance Officers serving our communities.

**ADAS Inc** has worked hard to uphold this mandate over recent years and now requires your support and membership to continue this exceptional tradition of ensuring the best possible emergency care is provided to our somewhat remote communities.

**ADAS Inc** is somewhat similar to groups supporting our local CFA Brigades by providing extra equipment and support to provide a better service to our communities.

Each year ADAS Inc provides a Scholarship in the name of the late Life Member, volunteer & past CEO, Peter Savage, to assist in the training of a local person wishing to be trained in Paramedic Services.

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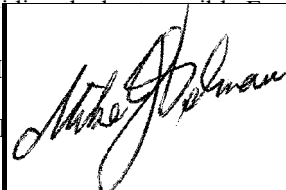
ADAS Inc assisted in providing emergency equipment for the CFA Emergency boat on Lake Eildon.

ADAS Inc advocates to Ambulance Victoria and our State Members of Parliament on our community concerns and has an excellent relationship with the management of A.V.

These are some of the examples of how ADAS Inc continues to support the best possible Emergency Care in our Communities.

You are warmly invited to attend the **ADAS Inc AGM on Wednesday 26th September at 7.00pm**, at the **new Alexandra Ambulance Station** and be shown over this impressive new facility and enjoy a supper after the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the AGM your support by filling out and returning the attached Membership / Donation Form would greatly assist ADAS Inc carry out its mandate of seeking to continue 60 years of tradition of this Community of providing emergency Care to our Communities.

ore, please contact me.

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## Council joins chorus in calling for defined super exemptions



Murrindindi Shire Council is joining regional councils across Victoria in calling for Federal Contributions Tax and State Work Cover liabilities relief as a result of forced payments to the Local Government's Defined Benefit Plan which requires Victorian Councils to top up superannuation contributions.

Mayor John Walsh said Murrindindi Shire Council was facing a significant unforecast impost of a \$1.9 million contribution to the scheme.

"We are joining with other councils in requesting Rural Councils Victoria pursue exemptions on scheme contributions, facilitate a legal fund and seek legal advice on behalf of contributing councils," Cr Walsh said.

"While we accept that we will be forced as a result of commitments back in 1998 to make payments to the super scheme, we want the imposts of further State and Federal taxes removed.

"We have also supported the Municipal Association of Victoria's approach in establishing a Defined Benefit Superannuation Taskforce that will provide advice to the MAV Board in trying to get the best outcomes for all councils.

"It is an unfair and unfortunate position, but Murrindindi Shire Council is not alone in this super call."

Council expects a full briefing on the scheme on 24 September with executive of the State's Vision Super Scheme addressing Council.

The Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (LASF) Defined Benefit Plan was a compulsory State scheme for council employees that closed in 1993. In 1998 all councils were required to sign legally binding agreements to continue funding defined benefits for members of the closed fund.

A review of defined benefit funds shows Victorian Councils owe \$396.9 million to top up the superannuation scheme. All Victorian Councils are required to contribute to the call.

"Local Government's Defined Benefit Plan must have sufficient funds to meet the benefits accrued to members through a combination of authority contributions, member contributions and the fund's investment returns. Unfortunately that has left Murrindindi Council and all Victorian councils exposed," Cr Walsh said.

"We are investigating the full details on the way in which our liability has been calculated. We are seeking the full details and we will develop the plan and will advise the impacts on the budget when we have all the information.

"We are working closely with the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) in identifying a number of measures to challenge firstly the cause and attribution of the unfunded liability and also the method of payment.

"As a Council we believe that we should not be forced to meet the super contribution and call on the State and Federal Governments to intervene. When the Victorian Government set up the Defined Benefits Plan in 1982, it was compulsory for all councils to subscribe to the fund. The scheme was transferred to the Commonwealth in 1993, at which time it was closed to new members.

"It is a huge impost on small councils such as Murrindindi Shire Council.

"Payment, once confirmed is not expected until July 2013, giving Council some time to look at the best case scenario to limit impacts on our ratepayers."

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## Mayor's Chair – Cr John Walsh



As the Council Election caretaker period is about to commence, this will be my last "Chair". I thought I'd look back over the life of the current Council.

Clearly it has not been uneventful. We have faced the worst disaster in the region's history and the response, recovery and reconstruction has completely dominated everything involving Council and the community. It will be a major factor in all decisions of the new Council.

We have faced up to difficult economic decisions and developed major reforms in the way Council does its work. We have implemented the Rail Trail, (without compromising on earlier commitments); been recognised for our procedures in handling natural disasters; undertaken major road and infrastructure projects; demanded tight business cases to be the basis of any project decisions; and just about completed phase one of the Yea Saleyards upgrade.

We have encouraged a community consultation culture to ensure community views are a major factor in decision-making. From observation and discussions with other councils, I know that this Council is one of the most open and hard working in the state. We could only undertake that work with the support of the Council staff.

Here is a team who, from day one of the fires, has not only increased their service to the community but in response to the shire's financial difficulties has been working to maintain a high output and look for increased efficiencies.

It has been a privilege to work with all the Councillors and Council staff over the past four years. On behalf of the community, I thank them all for their valuable contributions. It has been an honour to be Mayor and I am greatly appreciative of the support I received from the CEO, Margaret Abbey and the Deputy Mayor, Cr Chris Healy.

We can look back with a true sense of achievement.



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